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PRESS RELEASE

Technology Booming at Springwood!

Technology at Springwood School took another leap forward this summer with the installation of Interactive Whiteboards throughout the campus. Interactive Whiteboards are touch-sensitive screens that work in conjunction with a computer and projector. These boards allow students to interact with electronic content and multi-media which captures their attention and increases student achievement.

Springwood now has a total of nineteen Interactive Whiteboards on campus, some of them are Smart Boards and others are Promethean Boards. Thirteen new Promethean boards were installed this summer thanks to the generous contributions by Springwood supporters, Springwood staff, funds from the Wildcat Workday, and a grant from Diverse Power. These thirteen boards, plus the six existing boards were distributed throughout the campus. Interactive Whiteboards are now in every classroom from Pre-K through sixth grade. They are also in place in many junior high and high school classes and in two computer labs. Twenty-five Springwood staff members took part in training on the use of the boards at Columbus State University this summer.

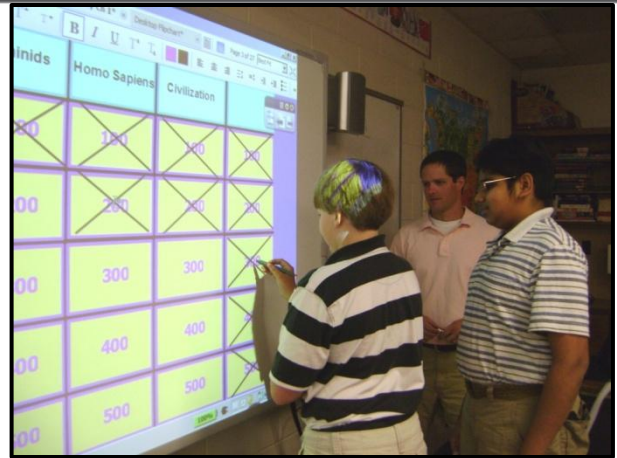
Springwood's student tablet computers are being used in conjunction with the interactive white boards in the classrooms. Because the information projected on the Promethean or Smart Board is interactive, it means that students can interact by writing answers, adding notes, or working math problems and then storing them on their tablet computers or even sharing them with others. Springwood teachers have a way to connect with every student in their classroom through the student tablets. This technology is creating learning opportunities at Springwood School with endless possibilities.

Headmaster, Bill Parsons, sees the impact the boards are having on instruction. "It is exciting to see our students and staff interacting with this state-of-the art technology throughout the campus. There are only a handful of Pre-K classrooms in the State that have this technology available to students, and most schools do not have nineteen boards throughout an entire campus. As I observe their use by our teachers

I can see how these boards stimulate multi-sensory learning. I am convinced that their use will lead to long term memory retention of new learning and increased achievement. God has richly blessed our school and we look forward to the many things our staff and students will achieve with the use of these boards."



On the left, a Springwood K4 student is shown participating in a letter recognition activity at the Promethean board in her classroom. K4 teacher, Mrs. Dewberry commented, "the possibilities of using interactive whiteboard technology in the K4 classroom are endless."



Students in Mr. Hill's 8th grade history class are enthusiastic and eager to participate in lessons using the interactive white board. Above, the students are taking part in the game of World History Jeopardy. The incorporation of this new technology in the classroom enables teachers to enhance instruction and inspire students.