

WHO'S MAKING A SPLASH IN OUR SCHOOLS THIS MONTH?

NOVEMBER FEATURED SPLASH GRANT TEACHER



Geoff Freymuth, Jefferson Middle School, Unit 4

Geoff Freymuth of Jefferson Middle School, has been teaching in Unit 4 schools for 11 years and is in his 3rd year as an Instructional Technology Specialist for the school. Mr. Freymuth believes that the goal of using “SMART” technologies like the wireless slates he purchased with his CUSF grant money is to create an enhanced learning environment to teach 21st Century skills such as higher-order thinking, communication, inquiry, and innovation to his middle school students.

Geoff wants to meet his students where they are and feels that doing so is vital to capturing or recapturing their natural curiosity and desire to learn. The wireless slates allow his students and other teachers to use different types of multimedia tools, reach the many different learning styles of students, and allows for participation and interactions for all students. SMART technologies such as the wireless slates, Smart boards, and student response systems are truly transforming the way students and teachers learn and teach. The portability of wireless slates allow them to be used in many classrooms, too, and expose both teachers and students to new technologies. **Congratulations, Geoff!**

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