

September Board Report

Director of Educational Services

As a district we are working on bringing innovative learning opportunities to both our students and staff wherever the opportunity arises. With the new textbook adoption, the science department has begun incorporating some of this with the use of STEMscopes as an add on to traditional classroom activities. With STEMscopes students are able to use labs that provide authentic cross-curricular connections to STEAM subjects. The science teachers K-8 will also have an opportunity in September to work with a professor from OSU in developing engaging lesson plans and classroom activities at an NGSS workshop sponsored by the ESD and GO-STEM.

In October we also have several math teachers attending the Northwest Mathematics Conference where they will be able to take part in several workshops geared around STEM and math. They will also have the opportunity to hear personally from Dan Meyer of TED Talk "Math Class Needs a Makeover".