



# School News



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## Running Springs *Elementary*

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### **BYOD Expansion**

Our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program is designed to help students keep up with 21st century demands. Helping students become responsible digital citizens will enhance what we do in the classroom and give students authentic experiences to build their 21st century skills: collaboration, creativity, communication and critical thinking—to prepare them for college and career.

This year, we're extending the program in the first, fourth and fifth grades. A BYOD Parent Information Night was held to discuss the goals of the program, structure for professional development and importance of digital citizenship. Student projects that demonstrated the possibilities of technology integration were displayed.

With the OUSD's Educational Technology team's guidance, our teachers will continue their coaching cycle in iTeach, digital-portfolio development, project-based learning and blended learning environments, allowing our teachers to continue to develop enriched learning environments that encourage students to use devices they're familiar with while increasing their engagement and time on task.

