

Aloha Kihei Charter O’hana,

My name is Phill Schmidt and I am the IT Director for KCS. In this edition of The KCS Experience I am discussing the role of technology in our schools.

Students and Teachers receive great benefits from technology in the classroom. Technology can decrease the divide between the rich and poor while budget cuts are making its effective implementation, maintenance, and use more challenging. We must invest wisely to ensure that any crucial budget devoted to education technology delivers a return year after year.

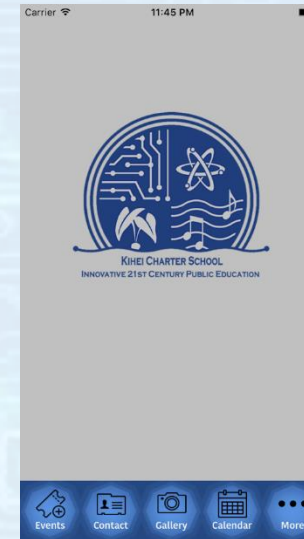
We must look at how students are benefiting from the use of technology in and out of the traditional classroom and how it is aiding teachers to meet their goals. E-safety and data protection are key for administration and IT staff.

The school implements state of the art firewalls, web security appliances and monitoring tools. These too are

expensive and costly to maintain but necessary to provide safe learning environments in a modern world. Safety of students is the priority of our systems but closely followed by exposure and competency with the latest technological offerings from AutoDesk Inventor software to app controlled drones built and operated by students. We deploy technologies that improve our schools ability to help students prepare for life beyond the classroom. This technology empowers student collaboration, understanding of other places and ideas and the competency to be a productive citizens. The great educational and support staff here at Kihei Charter are dedicated to this mission.

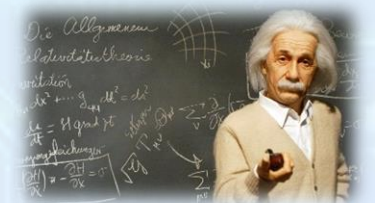
We are dedicated to all of our O’hana and will continue to improve and provide technology that helps communication, productivity and success.

I am pleased to announce that our school now has it’s own app available for both Android and iPhone. Simply go to your preferred app store and search for KCS. We are just rolling it out so many features will evolve quickly and please feel free to suggest others.



Kihei Charter School App

“Words of Wisdom”



“be persistent in the face of adversity.”