

# TechNotes



## TECH NOTES . . .

A monthly newsletter to communicate trends in technology integration, quick tips, useful sites, and other relevant educational technology integration information.

## EVENTS . . .

JEM students to attend Earth Summit conference in Lahaska, Pennsylvania at Buckingham Friends School. Students from USA, Russia, Australia, Kenya, India and China meet to form global friendships, promote world peace, and discuss global environmental issues. Six students from KES will attend. Visit [Sheryl Kahue's Blog](#).

## MORE RESOURCES . . .

[eBooks on the Kamehameha series can be found in our library system.](#)



For more information, please contact your ITRT.

## 21ST CENTURY LEARNERS

### Top Stories

*“Blah...blah....blah.....  
Oops, it's blog....blog.....blog.”*  
(Quote from KES 2nd Graders)

Welcome to blog central with KES 2nd graders. Tina Nakamoto in her first year of teaching here at KES has her students blogging with an author, administrator, teachers, parents and grandparents.

### Kumu 2 Kumu

It all started with a surprise comment by the author of “Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat,” Lynne Jonell. A book recently read by Tina’s students.



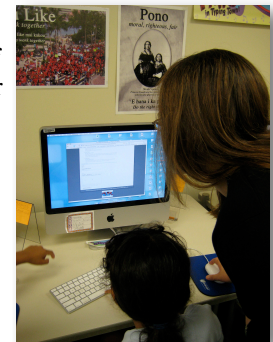
Her students have responded enthusiastically to comments made by Lynne. They are asking in-depth questions about the book and why she wrote about certain aspects. Tina has allotted class time for her students to go to the computer lab to blog, but it has not stopped there. Her students have blogged from home when sick and in the evenings.

They have solicited Holoua Stender, KES Principal and Jay Tschillard, PE teacher to join their blog. Their lack of typing skills did not deter them from blogging. They are improving in their typing skills and spelling while blogging on a consistent basis.

Several students have expressed their themselves more openly while blogging rather than in a traditional group discussion.

They are not afraid of sharing their ideas. and are excited to view comments from both adults and peers.

Blogging has sparked their reading habits, participation and collaboration with their audience.



Tina uses her blog to communicate with her students to get their feedback on books that they have read, field trips, guests speakers and everything else.

They have shown higher level thinking in their comments. They feel empowered by blogging to a larger audience. Blogging has leveled the playing field with adults and peers alike. They show no signs of backing off....

[Visit Tina Nakamoto's blog](#)

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