

Wizard Wire

Volume 1

Digital Learning Wizards



Welcome to the magical debut of the **Wizard Wire!**

Each month, we'll be sharing stories, spotlights, and shout-outs celebrating the spellbinding work of our Digital Learning Wizards (DLWs). These tech-savvy sorcerers are casting powerful spells of innovation across FUSD—leading the charge in transforming classrooms with educational technology that enchants learners from all grade levels.

Whether it's brainstorming with their peers, enchanting staff with tech tips, or waving their wands to troubleshoot digital dilemmas, our DLWs are the unsung heroes behind the scenes. So, grab your cloak, hop on your broomstick, and join us as we journey through the wizarding wonders happening at our school sites! Let the magic begin!

Wizards Roundtable



In September, the magic was real! We summoned our **Digital Learning Wizards** for their first in-person meeting of the year, and the energy was electric! Seeing everyone face-to-face was a refreshing change from the virtual realm, and the room buzzed with collaboration, creativity, and camaraderie.

The training was all about peer-to-peer power! Wizards teamed up in small groups to swap spells...aka best practices, tech tools, and classroom strategies to supercharge instruction across FUSD. The district's tech team also dropped by with a treasure chest of updates and hands-on training, arming our DLWs with the latest digital gear to take back to their schools. Some of the updates and training were on:

- Reading Coach
- Verbo ai (translation tool)
- Learner Profile
- Maker Technology
- Microsoft
- Esports



This wasn't just a meeting, it was a magical convergence of minds, mission, and momentum.

Wizard Spotlight



Marco Gonzalez
Truman Middle School
8th Grade Science Teacher
Digital Learning Wizard

What is one interesting fact about you?

As a young man, I had the rare chance to speak often with Eldridge Cleaver, a founding member of the Black Panther Party. His stories and insights gave me a front-row seat to history, illuminating the civil rights struggle, the movement's inner workings, and his own powerful evolution. Those conversations were unforgettable and profoundly eye-opening.

What is your favorite tech tool and why?

In college, I majored in Computer Science and quickly developed a passion for Linux and open-source software. I was drawn to the transparency, flexibility, and collaborative spirit of tools built by dedicated communities. That appreciation has remained a guiding principle throughout my tech journey.

The Digital Learning Wizard network is stronger than ever, and the tech transformation is just getting started! Stay tuned for our next edition!

What advice would you give another teacher?

When using technology, teachers should remember Moore's Law—not for its technical detail, but as a reminder that tools constantly evolve. Don't wait for perfection; use what helps students now. Focus on lasting principles like collaboration and engagement, not just mastering specific platforms. These skills will carry forward as technology changes.

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