Learning in a Digital Age:

An often-quoted phrase in educational circles these days is:

"The top 10 jobs in 2010 did not exist in 2004. We are currently preparing students for jobs that don't yet exist... Using technologies that haven't been invented... In order to solve problems we don't even know are problems yet."

The quote comes from a Youtube Video called "Did You Know", posted in 2006 by Carl Fisch, a US educator who was hoping to increase the awareness among colleagues about the impact of changing technology and its implications for today's students. This video has been remixed and updated in an effort to keep it current - and the last time we checked, it was in its 6th version. This goes to show the rate at which our society is changing as result of technology! Our current generation of students has been given several names including Netgeners, Net Generation, Generation Next and Digital Natives. Each one of these names seeks to address the important influence that technology, from computers and netbooks, to smart phones and tablets, has on their daily lives.

The Wolf Creek Administrators Association and the Wolf Creek AISI team are looking at best practices to better meet the needs of today's digital learners. We are looking at the types of skills we would like our students to have when they leave our schools, ways to integrate and use technology in our daily routines and lesson planning, and how to incorteaching strategies that will help to better prepare for their future.

A few of the different practices and uses of technology you might see or hear about around the school include:
- Student connecting wirelessly through out the school using Wolf Creek laptops
- Many teachers have begun developing their own websites
- Students now have access to Wolf Creek Email
- Teachers have begun exploring online communities for staff and students called Wolfden
- Increased awareness and discussions around Digital Citizenship
- A Student and Staff Device Zone (SSDZ) which would allow student to connect to the Wolf Creek network using their own computers/devices (Coming sometime next school year)

More information about what the school is doing to prepare students for learning in a digital age will be discussed at January's parent council.