

TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Demetrius Irving

Demetrius Irving ("D") is the Systems Foreman for Ascension Public Schools, responsible for making sure every teacher, student, and administrator has a working device at all times so that they are able to complete their daily tasks on time and efficiently. He is a graduate of Opelousas High School (1991) and Louisiana Technical College in Information Systems Technology. "D" began his career with Ascension Public Schools in the late '90s as a contract worker for GE Capital IT Solutions. He was hired by the school board in 2008. His certifications include: A+, Microsoft, and Dell. He has a daughter, Zana, who will soon be graduating from Texas Woman's University School of Nursing.



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Taking Ownership of My Device

Students have the option to purchase their own device after 4 years.

Beginning this 2017-2018 school year, students in 5th and 9th grades were given brand new devices; Chromebooks in 5th grade and Dell PCs in 9th grade. After keeping the same device for four years, the student will be given the opportunity to purchase the device for a small fee. Knowing that you will be using the same device for four years and that it will become yours, eventually, will hopefully foster a greater level of care for the device.



Melissa Langlois, Instructional Supervisor Honored as a Finalist

On Thursday, January 11, 2018, representatives from Illuminate Education* arrived on Central Middle School's campus to interview Melissa Langlois, an Instructional Supervisor for the district. Melissa has been named one of three finalists from around the country for the Administrator Illuminator of the Year Award. The award is given to recognize hard-working colleagues who are "illuminating" in their communities and exemplify Illuminate's mission to promote student and educator success. This person uses Illuminate resources to promote student and educator success.

Winners of the award will be announced at the Annual Illuminate Education User Conference in San Diego, CA, on February 1, 2018. As a finalist, Melissa will attend the conference in February.

The district is very proud that Melissa has been selected as a finalist and wishes her the best of luck in San Diego.

*Illuminate is a district-chosen software, used to create and administer Benchmark assessments and track the data these assessments provide.

What is **Kami** ? Your Paperless Classroom Hero

Kami is your digital pen and paper where you and your students can learn, create, and collaborate.

Kami is on a mission to give teachers and students the power to change classroom learning and interaction so they can achieve more together.

Kami is an edtech application that provides educators and students tools to view and edit documents and PDF files.

Their web application offers easy-to-use and valuable tools to millions of educators and students needing a document and PDF solution. Kami also enables the increasing number of American K-12 schools to edit and collaborate worksheets and interact with publisher-supplied PDF files in their Chromebooks.

Aside from their web application, Kami is also available in the Chrome Web Store and Google Apps Marketplace, attracting millions of installs and gaining high user ratings.

Kami is a proud Google Partner, a 2012 The University of Auckland Velocity 100K Challenge finalist, and the 2015 New Zealand Innovation Award winner.



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Google remains deeply committed to bringing the best of Google to education and to expanding learning for everyone. Look below at some of the things Google has to offer.

The Doodle 4 Google Contest is Now Open

It's time to put your students' imaginations to work, because the Doodle 4 Google contest is now open. This year's contest is open to K-12 students until March 2 with the theme "What inspires you?" We'll feature the winning doodle on the Google homepage! Prizes include college scholarships, a behind the scenes experience with the Google Doodle team, and a \$50,000 Google for Education technology package for the winner's school. Submit your doodles [here](#).

CS Educator Grants Applications are Open

Our CS educator PD grant applications are now open to school districts, universities, and education nonprofits around the world for the 2018-2019 school year! This year we're celebrating the program's 10th anniversary by offering funding for even more educators. Applications now include PD funding for primary, secondary, and middle school teachers, as well as teachers who are still in school. Read more [here](#).

Coming to a Classroom Near You

Which sounds more exciting: reading about genetics in a science textbook or staring directly at a strand of DNA? With the Google Expeditions augmented reality (AR) program, you can bring lessons to life in the classroom. Take your students on a journey to explore the eye of a hurricane or watch virtual volcanoes explode right on their desks. For a limited time, the Google Expeditions AR Pioneer Program is traveling the country to give teachers and students a sneak peek into these AR educational tools. Learn more and sign up for a visit [here](#).

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