



Forestview Grade 6 classroom uses wireless microphones developed by Frontrow, a technology company that has been around for 18 years. Teacher Deanna Hopkins (left) uses a microphone that is placed around her neck that allows her voice to be equally distributed around the class and student Grayce Stevenson (right) talks with a hand-held microphone.

WIRELESS MICROPHONE MAKES TEACHING EASIER

Principals from the Niagara region converged at Forestview school to learn more about a product that makes teaching a whole lot easier.

Frontrow is a global company that has been in the technology field for 18 years. They have developed a wireless microphone and speakers that surround the class and helps the students focus on the teacher and the subject being taught.

Principal Todd Bright from Forestview said he is very pleased with the company and the product, he added that since they purchased it they have seen improvements in their students.

"At this point we have the younger grades using the system, but every year we are introducing it to more students," he said.

Bright said they have seen students confidence in public speaking grow. The microphone also allows the teacher move around the classroom and still have his or her voice equally distrib-

uted.

Librarian Dave Elia said he loves having the product especially since he teaches in such a big room.

"My voice used to get really fatigued having to yell from across the room and I have definitely noticed an improvement in my voice as well as the students paying more attention," he said.

Janice Agnew from Oak Ridge Public School in St. Catharines said she thought the presentation was excellent and it has been something she has been reading about for a while.

"Using classroom amplification benefits all," she said. "This engages students in their learning and creates less stress on the teacher's voice."

Agnew said she would definitely get this product for her school.

"The ability for children to listen and hear crucial learning material is so important," she said. "This product has been shown to close the achievement gap."