

Superintendent's Highlight of the Week April 21, 2017

I am always intrigued when a student decides to contact me to share a community project idea. Such was the case when Amaya Tandon, a junior at POBJFK HS, emailed me to discuss how she could expand her project of opening access to coding and computer science to children in Africa. I made an appointment to meet with her to see how this interest was sparked and was very impressed with her passion and commitment to see this project through to fruition.



Amaya is part of a network of “Girls Who Code”, having participated in this program this past summer. During the winter break she visited the Amboseli National Park in Kenya and was introduced to a group of students at the Esiteti Primary School. She noticed the lack of resources and the abundance of enthusiasm for technology. This school operates the scarce technology available through the use of solar power and an elephant had destroyed their cell tower. Wheels were turning in Amaya’s head as she thought of a way to help this village restore their source of power. She established a Go Fund Me page and connected with the Land & Life Foundation to see how she could further help this village. She had a host of ideas including

providing laptops for their classroom and writing coding curriculum for them. If you would like to hear more you contact her amayatandon@gmail.com.

I have always said that the children of POB will be the ones to flatten the world. I think we have evidence of that here.

