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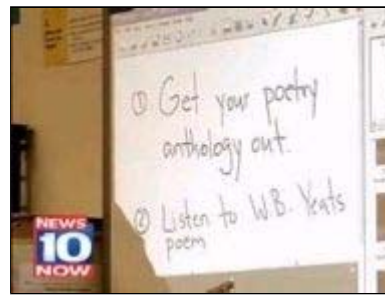
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### Technology taking over chalkboards

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APALACHIN, N.Y. -- Students actually want to be called on in Mr. Newman's fifth grade class at Apalachin Elementary School. A high tech tool has these kids raising their hands for more.

Student Matt Marsili said, "You can access the internet and research stuff and do math problems on it, show poetry, do a lot more stuff than a regular old chalkboard."



This interactive white board, called a Smart Board, is one of seven at the Owego Apalachin Central School district and, according to the company that makes them, one of 350,000 in classrooms nationwide.

Teacher Keith Newman said, "Anything that goes from this screen can be projected on the touch screen up there, which would be the Smart Board, and I can access pretty much anything I want to."

This equipment makes teacher Keith Newman's job easier. Not only can he access the internet and computer software through the display, but he can save documents for classes to come and even write on the screen with a digital pen. A classroom setting he never imagined in his eight years at the district.

Newman said, "This is beyond anything I would have ever believed, anything."

The last time a real chalkboard was used was weeks ago. And Newman said paper and pencils could be a thing of the past.

"I do see us using it daily and going to laptops at some point," said Newman.

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### Technology taking over chalkboards

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Newman said because his students are participating more in class than ever before, he believes it's the wave of the future in classrooms.

Newman said a Smart Board costs between \$600 and \$1,000.

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