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**TIPS - The Editor's Desk**

Brief musings on the implementation of technology integration in Fayette County Schools...from the Office of Instructional Technology



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**Monday, January 30, 2006 8:16 AM: Fayette County and the The Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference**

KTLC is one of the oldest and largest education conferences in the country, providing professional development, technology, and support for student and teacher successes and hard work. Here is a partial list of the presentations and workshops being contributed by the technology resource teachers of the Fayette County Office of Instructional Technology. Check with the [KTLC site](#) for dates and times.

- **Intel Teach to the Future** (Session - Guyanne Vaughan, Rosemary McFarland): Learn about this unit development process which uses a variety of technology tools!
- **Standards Based Units Made Easy!** (Session - Kim Overstreet, Lucinda Sanders): How to create units using Unit Mapper and KDE's online resources!
- **Using the Internet for Enhancing Weather Study** (Session - Richard Forston): Use Internet government and private meteorology and climate resources for middle school weather lessons!
- **Interactive Math - Making Math Fun for the Elementary Student** (Session - Julie Gaskin): explore interesting word problems with Go Solve and Math Mysteries!
- **Do U Txt Msg? IM? Chat? Blog? Your Kids Do! Just What Are Kids Doing Online?** (Session - Amy Johns): Discover the basics of student online communication - why, as educators, we need to be more "educated!"
- **Using Technology to Enhance your Literacy and Math Lessons** (Session - Paula Whitmer): Simple technology tools to revive Elementary Literacy and Math!
- **How's Your Vision?** (Session - Greg Drake): Using Fayette County's 2020 Vision as a discussion point, learn how to increase support, improve focus, develop initiatives that are beneficial to your schools and your community!
- **Ready for Prime Time! PC-based Video Production in the Classroom...** (Workshop - Jeffrey L. Jones): Learn how to use video production in support of collaborative learning over a wide range of subjects!
- **Creating Multiple Technology Infused Units** (Workshop - Suzanne Weaver): Learn how to use Smart technologies and Classroom Performance Systems for technology-rich classroom instruction!
- **The Amazing Geocaching Race with Core Content** (Workshop - Paul Weaver, Suzanne Weaver): Go Geocaching for core content treasures in math, science, social studies and English!
- **Simulations! Get Involved in History** (Workshop - Leanna Prater, Diana Hendrix, Dayna Lykins): Learn how virtual and real simulations can enrich history lessons!
- **EncycloMedia: Using It in the Digitized Classroom!** (Workshop - Diana Hendrix, Leanna Prater, Dayna Lykins): Learn about this rich instructional resource from UnitedStreaming!
- **Blogs, Forums, Wikis: Writing and Collaboration Across the Curriculum with E-Communications Tools** (Workshop - Leanna Prater and Jeffrey L. Jones): How to use Internet-delivered tools in the support of writing!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=10067>

**Sharepoint - Content Management in Fayette County**

A discussion of the district roll-out of the [Fayette County Intranet](#) using Microsoft's Sharepoint Services

...from the desk of Jeffrey L. Jones, Site Admin

**Sunday, January 29, 2006 8:33 PM: What is "Content Management?"**

Increasingly, much of the business of doing work - writing, researching, discussing, deciding - is being done through computerized tools. If you wish to write - lesson plans, letters to parents - you'll use a word processor. If you need to keep track of numbers, you'll probably use an electronic spreadsheet. If you want to present information to your class or a meeting, chances are PowerPoint will be involved. If you want to reach out and touch someone professionally, you'll probably use email.

"Content Management" is just a central place where all of these things can be developed, stored, and distributed. A file cabinet can handle all that...so can your school computer's hard drive. But with the Internet being available almost anywhere, at any time, content management and the Internet was a marriage made in heaven. That's what Microsoft's Sharepoint Services can do, and in Fayette County it's been rolled out as the new district Intranet.

But it supports a great deal more than that. In addition to being an online, secure place to store your documents, links, and other resources, Sharepoint supports instant survey creation, threaded discussion, picture libraries, and a host of other services...all in a package tied to district network security and the state Exchange email system. Sharepoint sites can be constructed as exclusive workplaces for your school, department, club, committee, SBDM Council, or classroom. You can instantly include or exclude individuals or groups, including students...anybody with a Fayette County login address. **You are in control...every adult in Fayette County can instantly have his/her own Sharepoint portal, for his/her own work and purposes!**

To find out about this exciting new service, and how it might support your work in Fayette County, go to <http://sharepoint.fcps.net/help>, take a look, and ask for your Sharepoint site!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=1621>

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<p><b>Website of the week</b></p> <p>People who surf the web come across some great sites! I plan on posting my finds here.</p>  <p>...from the desk of Leanna Prater</p>	<p><b>(missing feed)</b></p> <p>This blog entry apparently has been removed...</p> <p><b>(missing feed)</b></p> <p>This blog entry apparently has been removed...</p> <p><b>(missing feed)</b></p> <p>This blog entry apparently has been removed...</p> <p><b>Thursday, January 26, 2006 2:24 PM: Reading Strategies for Social Studies</b></p> <p><a href="http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/readquest/strat/">http://curry.edschool.virginia.edu/go/readquest/strat/</a></p> <p>This site is full of reading strategies to help students better understand social studies content. There are loads of graphic organizers to assist with vocabulary and summarizing. You'll also find QAR, KWL and lots more.</p> <p>...for more, visit this blog at <a href="https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=696">https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=696</a></p>
<p><b>The Forum Blog</b></p> <p>The Forum Blog (and other e-communication stuff) ...from the desk of Leanna Prater</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 30, 2006 9:47 AM: Regions of KY Project</b></p> <p><a href="http://teach.fcps.net/trt14/RegionsofKY/Kentucky.htm">http://teach.fcps.net/trt14/RegionsofKY/Kentucky.htm</a></p> <p>Looking for a new way to study the regions of KY and integrate technology? This project promotes a safe way for teachers and students across KY to communicate about the regions in which they live.</p> <p>This is an excellent opportunity for your students to learn about primary and secondary sources as well as learn about the regions of their state first hand.</p> <p>Enrollment is open and the project is gearing up to start toward the middle of March. Click on the link to enroll.</p> <p>...for more, visit this blog at <a href="https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=122">https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=122</a></p>
<p><b>STLP in FCPS</b></p> <p>A discussion of STLP activities, issues, and projects in Fayette County Schools.</p>  <p>...from the desk of Paula Whitmer</p>	<p><b>Monday, January 30, 2006 12:47 PM: edVenture Grant Recipients</b></p> <p>Fayette County has seven STLP groups working on entrepreneurial projects through the entreSchool's edVenture project! These projects received funding to pursue very unique projects which have an entrepreneurial spirit to them.</p> <p>Read below for the project titles and brief descriptions:</p> <p><b>Learning Activities for Children with Moderate to Severe Special Needs - Crawford Middle School:</b> The idea we wish to pursue is making CD-ROM learning activities for children with moderate to severe special needs. The members of Crawford's STLP will video tape themselves doing various self-help/social skills and/or perform educational concepts, upload them onto the computer, use Windows Movie Maker (or comparable program), add graphics, sound, etc., and produce CD-ROMs for purchase by Fayette County (and other) school districts.</p> <p><b>For more information, contact <a href="#">Gina Blair</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Toy capsule or interactive machine - Henry Clay High School:</b> Develop a Rube Goldberg device (Toy capsule machine) which will incorporate the use of mechanical systems, electrical systems and may also include hydraulics or pneumatics systems. The purpose of this challenge is to demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills to select appropriate application of energy and power, to select the appropriate materials for the fabrication of a solution, and to demonstrate the application of the solution.</p> <p><b>For more information, contact <a href="#">Gary Springwater</a>.</b></p> <p><b>Tiger Paws Publishing Company - Julia R. Ewan Elementary School:</b> The STLP members of J. R. Ewan Elementary School would like to expand the services provided to the school community by establishing a school publishing company. STLP team members would establish the <i>Tiger Paws Publishing Company</i> to assist with various school printing projects. Our current plans include assisting with the school yearbook, PTA cookbook,</p>

flyers and programs for school events, student portfolio binding, and business cards for staff and community members.

For more information, contact [Joni Maloney](#).

**Star Struck at Squires - Squires Elementary School:** The proposed project consists of students creating T-shirts to sell to other students, staff, and parents in the school. These shirts would be the school's official STARS (Steps for Success) shirts. They would include the Squires STARS motto and be personalized with a digital picture of each student on the front.

For more information, contact [Jill Downing](#) or [Diana Hendrix](#).

**Training/Gaming Resource - Bates Creek High School:** The Student Technology Leadership Program (STLP) and TCHS Intramurals are applying for a grant under the entreSchools Initiative to obtain a high-definition 32-inch LCD monitor. This monitor, with a useful life of over 10 years, will be used for training, building a stronger school community, and raising money to support both the STLP and Intramurals Programs at TCHS.

For more information, contact [Scot Gill](#).

**Spirit Store - Bates Creek Middle School:** We wish to pursue a spirit store for the students, staff, and parents at Bates Creek Middle School. We wish to embark on this adventure in order to give everyone at school an equal opportunity to show their school spirit. The outcome we hope to achieve is for the students to take pride in their school as well as embarking on the adventure of running a small business.

For more information, contact [Janice Roberts](#) or [Leigh McDowell](#).

**DVD Yearbook - Bates Creek Middle School:** The TCMS STLP, with help from the TCMS Yearbook committee, wants to give students the opportunity to relive those precious middle school moments through the use of technology. We are proposing to create a Yearbook DVD which includes yearbook pictures, video from dances, talent shows, band performances, and various sporting events.

For more information, contact [Josh Holley](#).

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