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Welcome to the 7th edition of **TIPS, The Feed**, for 2005-06! This accumulator contains blog content created by **Technology Resource Teachers** from the **Office of Instructional Technology**, covering a variety of topics and interests concerning the integration of technology into instruction.

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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



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

Friday, March 31, 2006 2:44 PM: TEC Conference open for registration!

The Third Annual **Technology Enhanced Classroom** is "open for business!" It's chock full of excellent technology integration ideas and classroom best practices, from sessions and workshops provided by teachers like you!



This year, the conference has expanded to two days - you'll be able to sign up for one or both days.

- **When?** May 31st - June 1st
- **Where?** Edythe J. Hayes Middle School
- **How?** Go to the [TEC website](#) to register

A complete list of sessions and workshops is available on the site. Reigstration is completely online, and is open to any educator in the state of Kentucky. See you there!

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

STLP in FCPS

A discussion of STLP activities, issues, and projects in Fayette County Schools.



...from the desk of Paula Whitmer

Friday, March 31, 2006 11:59 AM: STLP Spring Competitions - coming soon to Lexington!

The new **STLP Spring Competitions** will be at the [Lexington Convention Center](#) in Lexington, KY on May 11-12, 2006. There is no fee to attend. Schools must cover expenses for meals. Parents and other staff are welcome to help chaperone. All schools that participate in competitions must send a judge. The event is open to any school employee who wants to visit to learn more about STLP.

Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
Thursday, May 11, 2006		
10:00 AM; 12:00 PM; 2:00 PM; 6:00 PM	Robotics Tour by Ticket <i>Must be scheduled, provide own transportation; must wear STLP badge</i>	Toyota
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Basketball Museum (45 min.) <i>Group Rate: \$1.00 per Student, \$3.00 per Adult; must wear STLP badge</i>	Shops at Lexington Center <i>Second Level in corner</i>
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Explorium Museum <i>Part of Playground and must wear STLP badge</i>	Victorian Square through Pedway
12:30-3:00 PM	Check in/Registration <i>No one admitted early</i>	Lexington Convention Center (LCC)
1:00-2:00 PM	Display Art <i>Velcro Art Pieces to Wall</i>	Exhibit Hall <i>Carpeted Wall</i>
1:00-4:00 PM	Technology Playground	Outside the Exhibit Halls & LCC Center
1:00-3:00 PM	Set Up Showcase (1:00-1:30); Competition - Middle and High - Judged Tier 1 (1:30-3:00)	Exhibit Hall LCC East and Center
2:00-9:00 PM	Presentation Competition (Each Hour)	Upstairs Trainer Rooms Video Conference
3:00-5:00 PM	Set Up Showcase (3:00-3:30); Competition - Elementary - Judged Tier 1 (3:30-5:00)	Exhibit Hall LCC East and Center
5:00-7:00 PM	Set Up Finalist (5:00-5:30); Competition - Elementary, Middle and High - Judged Tier 2 (5:30-7:00)	Exhibit Hall LCC East and Center
2:00-3:00 PM	All Products due to check in	Elkhorn Meeting Rooms
2:00-3:30 PM	VIZ Center Tours	KU Building
2:00-5:00 PM	Programming Competition and Ag Tour	University of Kentucky

	<i>Go to UK</i>	
2:00-9:00 PM	All products scored	Elkhorn Meeting Rooms
3:00-5:00 PM	Web Design Competition	Hyatt Ballroom E
4:00-6:00 PM	Bench Challenge Competition <i>Written qualifying test 1:00-3:00</i>	Hyatt Ballrooms A & B
7:00-9:00 PM	Quick Recall	LCC Center Ballroom
7:00-11:00 PM	Gaming Competition	LCC Center Ballroom
10:00-11:00 PM	All Finalists Posted <i>Products, Showcase, Contests</i>	
Friday, May 12, 2006		
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Meet the Finalists; "Birds of a Feather" Sessions	Upstairs Trainer Rooms
10:30-12:00 PM	Awards Program	Upstairs Ballroom

Where can people eat?

There is a food court in the same building as the competitions. There is also this online guide to eating: [80 Places to Feed Your Faces](#).

The event is made up of the following areas:

1. Qualifying Fall Showcase Projects in instruction, community service and entrepreneurial thinking will compete for the Best in the State and earn the right to be a showcase at the National Education Computing Conference (NECC) in July 2006.

2. Students will compete in the following areas:

- Digital Art
- Digital Music
- Digital Video
- Digital Writing
- Web Design
- Bench Technical Challenge
- Technology Quick Recall
- Programming
- Gaming
- Presentation Skills

Adults and students will also be demonstrating activities in the **Technology Playground**. The playground is for all students and adults.

Selected 2005-2006 **Jr. and Sr. IT Engineers** will assist with any technical need during the event.

Fall 2005 selected **Cyber-Reporters and Video Stringers** will record the event and post the coverage of this event to their school's web sites. Watch for the new links on the cyber-reporter page to the left.

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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

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Thursday, March 30, 2006 11:49 AM: Sharepoint and your classroom!

Jonathan Livingood, tech resource teacher at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School, sent me a note recently asking "What's the difference between Sharepoint and Blackboard?" Good question! Of course the short answer is, "Sharepoint is here, now, and Blackboard is not!" Blackboard requires a pay-for-service contract, so Fayette

County isn't looking at it right now.

Other than that, Blackboard is specifically used to support instruction - usually, online instruction, but not necessarily. It does so by providing a virtual space where teachers and students can "chat," post assignments, take quizzes, and maintain schedules and other resources. Blackboard is used by the University of Kentucky to support its face-to-face classes as well as its virtual ones.

Sharepoint isn't quite as slick, but it does support all of the above! If you are interested in online resource management and delivery to your students, it's your ticket in Fayette County! To get started, look at Feedback/Help (linked from every Fayette County Sharepoint site). There are example templates for classroom management linked there...we can instantly create one for you and your class...just ask!

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

Website of the week

People who surf the web come across some great sites! I plan on posting my finds here.



...from the desk of
Leanna Prater

Friday, March 31, 2006 2:46 PM: 3-D Geology

<http://3dparks.wr.usgs.gov/education.htm>

Do you need to get a different view of Mammoth Cave or Yellowstone Park? Do you need to view some picture of gypsum or limestone? Get your 3-D Glasses ready!

The website states:

Choose images to print or download by either browsing individual park websites. Each park also has a [thumbnail gallery](#) (this link is to a gallery list), or use the topical [subject list](#) or [map index](#)

Students enjoy looking at photographs, especially in 3D! Prints of photographs can be posted around a room, or projected on screen. Select a dozen or more images that present aspects of what landscape features might be appropriate to you current lesson. You can choose from a variety of topical ideas from the subject list or map for ideas. It is good after giving a review to quiz students about:

- 1) what landscape features or types of vegetation they see in the image?
- 2) what part of the country, which state, and possibly which park it is?
- 3) be sure to have them explain "Why" they made their choice?

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=696>



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