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TIPS - The Technology Feed Vol 6, #1 (September, 2006)

...maintained by Jeffrey L. Jones, Site Admin, last updated 8/30/2006

TIPS enters its 6th year! This Technology Office newsletter moved to a blog feed in the fall of 2005, delivering ideas and instructional support for Fayette County teachers through blogs maintained by Technology Resource Teachers in the Office of Instructional Technology. For a look at this e-zine before the fall of 2005, look to <http://teach.fcps.net/tips/>.

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

Monday, August 21, 2006 1:24 PM: Welcome back!

The new school year has brought many changes...a new state-wide Program of Studies, and enormous work on a new Fayette County Curriculum Framework using it, is driving change this year! Look for lots of other new things, and improvement of old things!

- **Fayette County Schools Forums** is all new for 2006-07! We may look the same, but a lot of new things are going on, including...
 - **Teacher control of creation and management:** you can instantly create your own forum, and change settings and permissions for your forum yourself!
 - **Integration with *The Point* - Fayette's blogspace:** You can share classes, display names...even deliver your discussion in both formats simultaneously!
 - **Integration with Fayette County login:** Like The Point, there are no accounts to set up for students in Fayette Count - their usernames and passwords work instantly!
 - **Look for new media uploading soon** - podcasting comes to Fayette County!
- **The Point:** This district blog initiative enters its 2nd year, with new book clubs, online journalling, and other discussions. See what all the buzz is all about!
- **Sharepoint and Content Management:** See why this technology is exploding across the district, and why it's being used directly in the classroom!

...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

Friday, August 18, 2006 10:07 AM: We're off and running for a new year of Content Mangement!

With over 500 user-controlled sites, and intense activity and storage, Sharepoint is now the **fastest-growing technology in Fayette County!** In this blog we'll feature some creative uses people like you have developed - including classroom use, portfolio management, school calendars, and more! Watch this space for announcements and hints!

- **URL Change:** At the request of the Systems Support folks (and out of concern for privacy over the Internet), Sharepoint's web address will soon be changing to <https://sharepoint.fcps.net> (note the s). We're hoping this change will be easy and transparent...but you know how that sometimes works! After the change, let us know if there are problems with links, or error messages when pages first open.
- **Email migration:** The new email addresses are in place, and Sharepoint is instantly out of date. **Not to worry!** We'll be updating Sharepoint ourselves - there is no reason for you to change your email address there, and we ask that you don't. Mistakes are compounded when thousands of folks are typing in such changes, and since the old email addresses will continue to work for another 5 months, we're not in a big hurry! We'll be updating things automatically in the next week or so.

Featured use: This month our featured users are Morton Middle School - they're using Sharepoint as a way to manage student portfolios! Students can add documents, work from home, work from labs or classrooms, or anywhere else, with their portfolio writing! A new template is now available which provides support for individualized security through student document libraries (see in [Feedback/Help](#)). Let us know how we can set up your school or class!

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

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Website of the week

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



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Leanna Prater

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Monday, August 28, 2006 9:25 AM: Molecularium

<http://www.molecularium.com/kidsite.html>

Atoms and molecules come alive in this fun and interactive site based on a movie created by Rensselaer Nanotechnology Center in Troy, NY!

The site states:

Our interactive Kid's Site gives children a chance to explore and learn more about the nanoscale world while having fun with Oxy and her friends. They can zoom into the molecular level, build molecules, and transform matter in the Nanolab. They can download songs from the show and sing along with the atoms to popular favorites, like "Carbon is Incredible".

The Molecularium™ Teacher's Resource Guide (pdf file) provides hands-on experiments and activity-based lessons for classrooms and museums to introduce, reinforce and expand upon key concepts.

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

The Forum Blog

The Forum Blog (and other e-communication stuff)

...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Monday, August 28, 2006 10:00 AM: US Regions Project

The US Regions project is starting soon! In it's fourth year, 4th grade students across the United States share information about where they live (serving as an expert) with other students using our own Fayette County Forums to communicate! Check out the project page for an outline of what your students will be covering: <http://teach.fcps.net/trt14/usregions.htm>

What are kids saying about the project?

From Kentucky:

"I love the US Regions project. It is so cool knowing about other people and where they live!"

From Illinois:

"My favorite part was when I read about the Green River. It was GREAT!"

Facts students have learned from the project:

From Alaska:

"We have the Homestead Museum. People came and built a log cabin. It is still there!"

From Texas:

"In Texas we have many industries like health care and oil. We have cattle like long horns and horses. There are many attractions like Six Flags and the Alamo."

From Wyoming:

"We have some great historical moments like when John Colter explored in the mountains and he decided to stay (AKA Mountain Man)."

Interested in participating? Drop me an [e-mail](#) for more information.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=122>

STLP in FCPS

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



...from the desk of
Paula Whitmer

Wednesday, August 30, 2006 11:07 AM: Welcome to a new school year!

I'd like to welcome everyone back for another wonderful year in STLP!! STLP stands for Student Technology Leadership Program and its mission is to advance individual capabilities; to motivate all students; and to create leadership opportunities through the use of technology. STLP is open to all interested students at every school. STLP is a project-based program which focuses on projects falling into the categories of instructional, technical, entrepreneurial and community. If you would be interested in working with students at your school in STLP, please contact [me](#)! A love for children and an interest in technology is all that is required!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=131>



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