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TIPS - the 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



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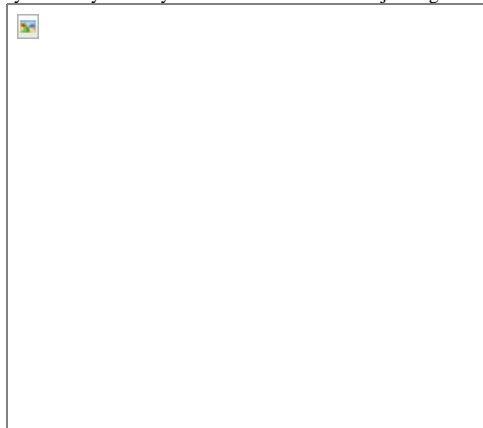
Saturday, October 07, 2006 1:26 PM: A Veritable Plethora of Media!

Students are all different. It's almost a truism in education today...the age of multicultural education, differentiated instruction, multiple intelligences, learning styles. The old adage "If you do what you've always done, you'll get what you've always gotten" is even more in vogue today. But most teachers are good at particular instructional practices, and, without outside motivation, will continue to go to the same well over and over again, even as it goes dry.

But there is always one way in which teachers can easily and quickly differentiate, without stretching their own skillsets or interests: **student presentation of their learning**. When students are allowed to select their method of assessment and knowledge display, many more will be willing to engage, to participate, and ultimately, to learn. The theoretical research on this is over 40 years old. Today, when digital and computer-based media production is within the technical and conceptual reach of virtually every student, there has never been a better time to apply this research!

This month, The Point, and Fayette County Schools Forums, add multimedia support for student expression. Ordinary text is the easiest way in which students can display their knowledge and exchange information. But this platform now supports those students with verbal expression challenges, or others with skill or interest in voice, artistic, or technical expressions using other media.

Podcasting, vodcasting, multimedia blogging...all student-driven, and Internet-displayed! Fayette County moves into the 21st Century! Ask if you and your class are interested in [joining us online!](#)



...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

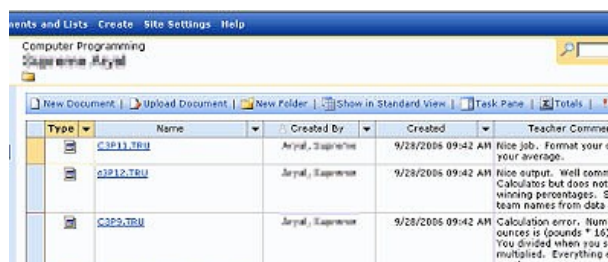
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Sunday, October 01, 2006 9:31 PM: Get your students in!

The most common use of SharePoint in Fayette County is to support work - committee work, curriculum development, clerical tasks. The largest site, by far, is the [Curriculum Framework](#) area, where the new Program of Studies and Core Content 4.1 resource development process is on display. Several offices (including Title I and Special Education) have largely moved their paper trail online, greatly reducing redundancy, standardizing recordkeeping, and allowing for work from home.

However, the fastest growing area is for students - quizzing online, threaded discussion, and virtual "turn it in" processes. Many students (considerably more than you would think!) are increasingly using this resource from home - getting and doing assignments directly online! Of course, SharePoint is a great deal easier to use at school than at home, since home computer software and access varies wildly. If you are considering using SharePoint for students, the Feedback/Help document library [Support documents and helps](#) has handouts you can use, to help your students get in and work from home.

Featured use: This month we feature Steve Combs, math and computer science teacher at Henry Clay High School. Steve is using individual student document libraries as a fully interactive homework submission area, where he can evaluate student work, track submission date and time, and leave comments, all in one virtual location! See the screen shot below for his layout!



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The Forum Blog

The Forum Blog (and other e-communication stuff)



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Friday, October 06, 2006 11:28 AM: US Regions Project Underway!



The US Regions Project is up and going! Classes are currently practicing how to use our forum and blog system. We will be discussing how the geography of where we live differs from others in the group. We anticipate participation from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Texas, Wyoming, and North Dakota and of course Kentucky.

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