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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/>.

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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

Tuesday, November 28, 2006 2:09 PM: Professional Development - The Easy Way!

Professional Development...that wonderful teacher requirement that everybody loves...after school or during the summer, when you'd almost rather be removing all your fingernails than sitting listening to someone else talking endlessly about how best to teach your kids!

Well, I might have overstated things just a bit - a lot of PDs do a great job of being relevant and just-in-time. But there is another way to do this - online PD! Kentucky Virtual High School isn't just for kids - they offer a whole slate of PD experiences aimed at dozens of instructional ideas and practices, and taught by teachers just like you! Taking PDs online have several advantages:



- You can pick a topic that's important to **you!**
- You can do them at home, sitting at your own desk, or with a laptop on the couch in your den (if you're one of those lucky wireless users!).
- You can work on it anytime day or night!
- If you know something already, you can skip it, and focus on the information which is really new, relevant, or important to you!
- You will be "talking" about the course topic and other issues with other teachers just like you...from across the state!
- **They're free!!!**

The PDs are available for EILA credit as well, and offer up to 12 hours credit each - some as high as 24. Of course, since PD falls under the purveyance of site based decision making, be sure you get approval in advance from your PD coordinator - if you need the hours. However, if you don't, you can take the classes just for fun, or to better your understanding of something!

Below is a current list of titles starting up in January. There will be another offering in March, timed to start with the Kentucky Teaching and Learning Conference in Louisville (though you don't have to attend that either). [Click here](#) to sign up for most below. (* = [Click Here](#)).

KVHS Available PD Classes:

- *Community And Family Engagement
- *Using KET EncycloMedia
- *Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse: Awareness and Intervention
- *Reading First 2 - Reading Fluency: What, Why and How
- *Reading First 3 - The Explicit Teaching of Comprehension Strategies
- *Reading First 4 - Providing Effective Phonics Instruction
- *Reading First 5 - The Explicit Teaching of Phonemic Awareness
- *Reading First 6 - Enhancing Vocabulary Instruction
- *Reading First 7 - Integrating Reading and Writing Instruction
- *Reading First: Building Blocks 1: Introduction to Effective Reading Instruction Approaches and Tools for Developing Web Enhanced Lessons
- Classroom Assessment Enhanced by Technology
- Data Based School Reform
- Designing a Virtual Field Trip
- Differentiating Instruction to Accommodate Learning Styles
- Finding the Best Educational Resources on the Web
- Getting Ready for Algebra by Using Virtual Manipulatives
- Improving Reading and Writing in the Content Areas
- Inquiry in the Science Classroom Using Internet-Based Data Sources
- Instructional Approaches for Teachers of ELL
- Integrating Primary Sources into the Social Studies Classroom
- Making the Most of Adolescent Literature
- Mentoring Virtual Students
- Special Students in the Regular Classrooms: Technology, Teaching & Universal Design
- Transforming the Classroom with Project-Based Learning
- Using Technology in the Elementary Math Classroom
- Using Real Data in the Math Classroom
- Using Patterns to Develop Algebraic Thinking
- Using Technology to Support Research and Presentation

...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

Monday, November 27, 2006 3:53 PM: University of Kentucky Competition Results are in!

Fayette County had seven schools competing in various events at this year's University of Kentucky Competition and all seven are heading to the May Statewide Competition! The schools competed in three different categories: showcase booths, student presentations, and student engineer interviews. Join me in congratulating the following schools and individuals:

- Bryan Station High School - Two showcase projects ("UberGeek" and "TechnoGeek") are heading to state! Congratulations, BSHS!
- Eastside Technical School - One showcase project ("Computer Mods") is heading to state and one student engineer (Philip H.) qualified as an alternate engineer. Way to go, Eastside!
- P. L. Dunbar High School - One showcase project ("Boomerang") and three groups of student presenters ("Dunbar Leadership", "Code Monkey", and "Moodle") were selected to go to state as well! Great job, Dunbar!
- Morton Middle School - One showcase project ("What Life is LIke for Me") is moving on towards the May competition. Congratulations, Morton!
- James Lane Allen Elementary School - One showcase project ("i-SAFE, i-PARENT, i-S Your Child Safe?") was selected to compete in May as well. Way to go, JLA!
- Johnson Elementary School - One showcase project ("What Do You Want to Know About Technology?") was selected to move to the May competition. Super job, Johnson!
- Julius Marks Elementary - One showcase project ("JME-TV") is taking their show on the road to the May state competition! Spectacular, Julius Marks!

These students are distinguished student technology leaders in our district and we offer them our congratulations!!!

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Podcasting on The Point

Use this blog to post media (sound, video, etc.). Be sure to use the scaffold!



...from the desk of Leanna Prater

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Tuesday, November 28, 2006 2:45 PM: Podcasting comes to Fayette County!

Are you game? Is the prospect of using multimedia (or having your students use multimedia) in support of core content exciting? Are you following the world of podcasting online, and are ready to give it a try? The time has come! The **Office of Instructional Technology** is offering training on the world of podcasting!

The easy part is finding somewhere to deliver your file. The hard part is producing the content - writing, recording, editing, adding music, and saving the file for delivery. In this professional development experience, you will do all of these things, using tools you have or can use for free. This PD will start in January, and will deliver 6 hours credit through three sessions spread over the next two months. Sign up through FCPS's [online PD registration page](#). Here are the particulars....

3-day Podcasting Workshop
Instructors: Greg Drake, Jeff Jones, Kim Overstreet and Leanna Prater
Jan 29, Feb 12, and Feb 26
4:30-6:00
at Lexington Traditional Magnet Middle School

Have you heard about podcasting and want to know more? Want to learn how to create podcasts with your students to demonstrate their learning? Then this workshop is for you. Participants are required to attend all 3 sessions for **6 hours of PD credit (contingent upon principal approval)**—4.5 hours of class time and 1.5 hours of homework. In this workshop you will learn what podcasts are already out there available for you and your students to use. You will work through the entire process of creating and posting an audio podcast. Participants are encouraged to bring a laptop from your school to have available during class and for homework. **All participants will receive a headset with microphone to keep and use for future podcasting.**

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=2267>

