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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

Thursday, March 01, 2007 9:50 AM: Blogging the students

On the state-wide tech resource teacher discussion list, a discussion is raging (again!) about the evils of MySpace and Facebook, and how to manage the fallout from inappropriate postings there. And, as usual, the discussion has tended to side-step the fact that such spaces represent more than just a psycho-social concept, but a collection of technologies our students are dying to use right now in their own education! The problem isn't that kids use those tools...the problem is that teachers don't, and that lack of use is quite conspicuous to students in its absence.



The Point represents many of these tools. Often, the ratio of student logins to contributions is quite high - students want to participate here, but have little to do. In that spirit, The Point is beginning to promote general blogs and discussions in which they can participate. Here are two...



• The FCPS Film Club - general discussions about movies and videos

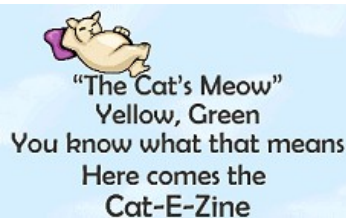


• The Big Dance - All things basketball, NCAA, and March Madness

Registration is required, but is instantaneous for all Fayette network logins. We would love to include your, or any students' ideas for blogs, and encourage you to promote these with your kids. The way to address the MySpace excesses is to get our kids to connect here, where we can monitor and participate with them!

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 12:47 PM: Yates Cat-E-Zine

This submission is from Guyanne Vaughan, Tech Resource Teacher...



The Yates Cat-E-Zine (online magazine) was constructed as a way to help students publish some of their written work, and to help them share ideas of Yates events with other students around the district. Writing specialist Sarah Brummett and Technology Resource Teacher Guyanne Vaughan constructed the website, with work the students prepared during the second grading period. This edition of the Cat-E-Zine includes

DARE Essays,

- Memoirs,
- Artists in Residence Projects,
- Bully Free Zone Project,
- Grandparents of the Year, and
- Personal Narratives.

The students and teachers of Yates are very proud of their accomplishments and hope you will take a few moments to look over their site at the following URL http://staff.fcps.net/yates%2Dzine/



...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

Tuesday, February 27, 2007 1:38 PM: Templates! We need templates for our classrooms!!

Content management is useless without flexibility, but "flexibility" usually translates into "steep learning curve!" SharePoint will allow you to change the functionality and appearance of any site, or of any "web part" (calendar, link list, etc)...but that process isn't always that easy. However, once changed, the results can be saved as templates and reused by others with the same interest.

Next week, a couple district tech resource teachers and school-based folks will be meeting to design templates - both web parts AND whole sites - specifically in support of classroom use. If you have an interest or request, or, if you want us to contact you with what we've developed, leave a comment below!

Featured use:

Stonewall Elementary has moved their

school events calendar online, and has established sub-sites for each of its teachers. There are also calendars linked on the site for the Library Media Center, the Intelligent Classroom Cart, computer hardware, and writing labs. It's our featured SharePoint Site of the month!

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



STLP in FCPS

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



...from the desk of Paula Whitmer

Thursday, March 01, 2007 9:43 AM: Technology Fair 2007!

Hey, folks! This year's **Technology Fair** is going to be held on **Saturday, March 24, 2007**, at **P. L. Dunbar High School**. Again, at **P. L. Dunbar High!!!!** (*Don't show up at Tates Creek - we won't be there!*) 😞 We are really excited about seeing every school's booth (or booths). Stu will be coming again, so tell your students to be ready to tell him what they are doing and why. We are also hoping to have more visitors from the general community this year. So - have you registered your booth yet? If not, you have until Monday, March 12th. Go to the [Tech Fair website to register](#). You can get the schedule and guidelines there as well. If you have questions, then just drop me an [email](#) or a phone call (381-4656).

Coming very soon is this year's **STLP State Championship** on May 10th and 11th. The deadlines for registering were in last month's blog entry. The deadline to register for anything and everything is **March 15th**. The schedule is going to be a little different and the layout of the event has been revised - hopefully for the better. More info in next month's TIPS e-Zine. Just make sure you get your students and their products registered if you are planning on participating. Don't forget to make your transportation arrangements as well. If anyone wants to send products for judging but is actually unable to attend, let me know and I should be able to help you out.

Questions? You know where to find me. 😊

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

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

Thursday, March 01, 2007 9:51 AM: Collaborative Projects

Are you looking for a collaborative project to participate in? TechnoSpud website might be the answer!
<http://www.technospudprojects.com/>

This website hosts many projects which allow the teacher to teach the concepts needed to participate in the classroom and then share the results with other classes in the project.

Currently, K-3 classes can sign up to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Project. Classes sort and count the number of marshmallows in a box of Lucky Charms and then report the results to the web.

Past projects include The Incredibly Journey, From Me to You mail exchange and The Great Egg Roll.

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

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