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TIPS - The Technology Feed Vol 6, #9 (May, 2007)

...maintained by Jeffrey L. Jones, Site Admin, last updated 9/2/2007

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

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

Wednesday, May 02, 2007 10:55 AM: Internet 2, videoconferencing, and connecting

As Fayette County's Video-Linked Classroom finishes its 6th year, thanks go to teachers Judi Day (a 5-year veteran of this program) and Kara Barnett for taking on students at other schools than their own. For an overview of this program, go to TIPS, April 2002.

Next year, this technology will be available to connect any class in Fayette County to any other, as well as to other classes and students across the state, the country, even the world! Kentucky Department of Education has provided the connection support, and the Council on Postsecondary Education is providing logistic and content connections. This resource is now a part of Internet2, the University-level network of connections and content providers.

With several projects under our belt (Alex's Lemonade Stand/Squires, Ky Regions Project [underway], amongst others), we'll be looking to expand these opportunities to include any class in Fayette County. Equipment will be available for loan, and technical and content support will be coordinated by the Office of Instructional Technology.

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

The Forum Blog

The Forum Blog (and other e-communication stuff)
...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Wednesday, May 02, 2007 10:19 AM: KY Regions Project is underway!

Learning about Kentucky from each other!

We are starting the KY Regions Project this week! The project is aimed at elementary students and focuses on learning all about the state of Kentucky from each other. Students serve as an "expert" in regards to where they live and share their knowledge with others using Fayette County's blog, The Point. We have schools in Fayette County, Carter County, Bardstown Independent, Anderson County, Hopkins County and Calloway County planning on participating. Still in the works....a plan to connect as many classes as we can with a video conference sometime in May. You can check out the project page here: http://teach.fcps.net/trt14/RegionsofKY/Kentucky.htm .

...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, May 02, 2007 10:41 AM: Thanks for a great year!

Since this is the last edition of TIPS for this school year, I want to say a very special thank you to all STLP coordinators and students for everything you have done this year! The impact on our schools and school communities has been huge! I see school needs being met as well as individual students pushing themselves to learn and grow in their leadership and technology skills.

It is, and always has been, a privilege for me to work with such a great group of adults and students. You make a difference!! Thank you for all you do to prepare our students for their future.

Wednesday, May 02, 2007 10:37 AM: State STLP Championship

The State STLP Championship is next week, May 10th-11th, at the Lexington Convention Center. We are excited that we have so many students involved in either group or individual competitions. We want to say good luck to the following schools and **all** individual students competing:

Bryan Station High School's "UberGeek" and "TechnoGeek" projects

Eastside Technical Center's "Computer Mods" project

P. L. Dunbar's "Boomerang" project and the following student presentations: "Dunbar Leadership", "rElements", and "Moodle"

Morton's "What Life is Like for Me" project

James Lane Allen's "i-SAFE i-PARENT i-S Your Child Safe?" project

Johnson's "What Do You Want to Know About Technology?" project

Julius Mark's "JME-TV" project

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

Website of the week	**Wednesday, May 02, 2007 10:54 AM: Young Investor**
People who surf the web come across some great sites! I plan on posting my finds here. *...from the desk of Leanna Prater*	Younginvestor.com Are you looking for a site to help teach children about money management? Then younginvestor.com might help you out! Young Investor is a site supported by Columbia Management, that helps children learn all about money: investing, planning and earning. Students can read about how to be a profitable and responsible babysitter, what NASDAQ is, budgeting money and how to save for college. There are links for kids, teens, parents and teachers. *...for more, visit this blog at https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=696*
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Sharepoint - Content Management in Fayette County	**(missing feed)**
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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*	**Wednesday, May 02, 2007 11:13 AM: Technical Issues, and the Future of SharePoint**
	As we move forward into the summer, SharePoint has proven to be one of the most pivotal and successful technology initiatives in Fayette County! With over 900 SharePoint sites, 4,000 registered users (and hundreds of thousands of others with access), and over 500 gigabytes of stored data, this space is quickly becoming a pivotal part of many educator's working day.
	As you prepare to wrap up the semester, a few technical "heads-up" issues to which you should pay attention:
	Dead Sites: If you have a SharePoint space that's not being used, move what you need and delete it (or have it deleted). Over the next few weeks, I will be contacting folks as I find sites that haven't been updated for over 6 months. **Scheduled Upgrade.** SharePoint still has not received its scheduled upgrade. Since the sheer size of SharePoint has nearly outgrown our ability to provide backup, we're waiting for new software before doing the upgrade. Look for an announcement in June. **Office 2007 issues.** Many folks who have already upgraded to Office2007 have discovered that it doesn't always work well with our current version of SharePoint. If you attempt to open a doc and Internet Explorer "...has to close..." (crashes), you're a victim! You can always right-click, "Save target as...", and work on a doc on your own computer just fine. Contact your STC or the TRT office if you need help. **Template development:** New template development for classroom support has temporarily been suspended until the fall. Look for hybrid classes and full courseware support in August!
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Use this blog to post media (sound, video, etc.). Be sure to use the scaffold! *...from the desk of Leanna Prater*	**Tuesday, May 01, 2007 12:14 PM: Have You Seen SnapKast?**
	For those who love PowerPoint, yet want to venture into the world of podcasting/vodcasting, let me invite you to try SnapKast. It is a Windows desktop software solution for fast, easy MP3 audio and MPEG-4 video content creation and delivery. Sessions are shared online, delivered via RSS podcasts, and played back on any computer or podcatching device. The ultimate podcasting creation tool for Microsoft Windows and PowerPoint.

Works on any PC, ideal for tablet PCs, and intelligent whiteboards. If you order, and say that you saw it on Podcast for Teachers, the price is discounted until the 22nd of May at @ $28.00. If you don't know about Podcast for Teachers, it is a great listen for teachers, by teachers at Fordham University. http://www.podcastforteachers.org is the site.
Lots of podcasting ideas working at the Creek and students are really asking teachers to use it for assignments along with Movie Maker. Keep the ideas flowing!
Rosemary McFarland, TRT

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