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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

Monday, December 03, 2007 4:43 PM: The Office of Educational Technology's Fabulous New Labs!

Nothing else is more important in the world of technology than managing change. Ten years ago, a phone was a phone...now it does everything from making airline reservations to recording YouTube video questions for presidential candidates! It took me until November before I stopped referring to my work place as "Ambrose Center," even though it stopped being that in August. But just like those wonderful little iPhones, the new digs in the 3rd floor of the Annex are an improvement over the old digs in Ambrose, and things are still improving! (Let's stop for a moment of silence over the now-missing Lab Monolith - that wonderful support post positioned directly in the middle of the Ambrose Computer Lab...OK, that's long enough. 😊) Here's what our new digs now provide for folks needing somewhere to go with their technology training or collaborative needs:

- A new but slimmer computer lab, with 16 workstations in a traditional row arrangement.
- A new collaboration lab, with workstations along two walls, and round tables throughout.
- New flat panel displays in both labs - see what the future of digital display will be!
- Videoconferencing support - both labs now can support interactive videoconferencing, connecting you with anyone in the world!
- Our offices now include a small meeting area, and shared large flat panel display.
- Full wireless access in both labs, and the offices.



IC data entry in the new Collaboration Lab

Contact us if you want to use these resources for your training!



Many thanks to Eastside Technical Center students Justin and Sean...much of the wiring and connectivity work was completed by these students free of charge! Come visit us soon...and watch for new training announcements!



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

Announcements

Technology News ...from the desk of Julie Gaskin, District TRT



Science Technology Engineering & Math Fair

Fayette County is hosting its first ever STEM Fair (science, technology, engineering, and math) at Dunbar High School on the morning of March 15, 2008. The event will build on the success we've had over the past several years with the district Technology Fair, and it will focus on how all 4 areas are closely connected. We're excited about this new event and we're looking forward to every school participating!

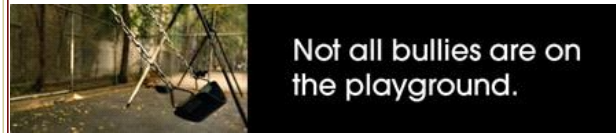
For details and registration, go to <http://teach.fcps.net/stem>

Registration is open and runs through January 11, 2008. There's a limit on how many students can register in each category so the STLP Coordinator at each school has been asked to coordinate registration within the building. Please see your STLP Coordinator about registering. If you aren't sure who your school's STLP Coordinator is, contact [Julie Gaskin](#) or [Greg Drake](#).

Thanks for considering the STEM Fair and I'm looking forward to seeing the great things all our schools are doing with science, technology,

engineering, and math!

Tuesday, December 04, 2007 1:43 AM: The 2007 Cyberbullying Public Service Announcement



Call For Entries

Deadline:
January 11, 2008

Help end cyberbullying by creating a 30-second Public Service Announcement on the issue. [Sony Creative Software](#), the National Crime Prevention Council and the Ad Council are seeking entries from independent producers and academic institutions (K-12). The top submissions may be eligible for national broadcast, and their producer or sponsoring academic institution will receive a complete multimedia editing suite for their facility or school valued at over \$18,000. Prize sponsors include Sony Creative Software, Sony Electronics, and Sony VAIO. To learn more about cyberbullying watch this 5 minute video, [Cyberbullying - a discussion with Justin Patchin, Ph.D.](#)

How neat to make a video and be able to enter it in the [Sony Contest](#), the [Reel School contest](#), the [STEM Fair](#), and submit it to the [STLP State Championship](#)!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=18376>

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*

Thursday, November 29, 2007 3:30 PM: Use Garage Band in this sample lesson plan

I was listening to Kidcast.com and came upon Dan Schmidt's site of classroom ideas for using podcasts in the classroom. He shares a lesson he titles "A Poetic Landscape" where he uses Garage Band to create a musical track and to record a student's interpretation of a poem.

Students used various sections of Garage Band to create four separate tracks (vocal, jazz, drums and horns) to enhance their interpretive reading of the selected public domain work, "Not in Vain" by Emily Dickinson.

If you would like a copy of this lesson, go to http://www.intelligenic.com/blog/?page_id=41, click the link to the sample chapter and print.

More ideas to come!
Rosemary McFarland, DTRT

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

Student Technology Leadership Program

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

...from the desk of *Julie Gaskin, District TRT*

Sunday, December 02, 2007 1:49 PM: Fall Showcase Schools



STLP Fall Showcase
University of Kentucky
November 8, 2007



We are very proud of all of our Student Technology Leaders who participated in this year's STLP Fall Showcase. Those moving to the state competition in May include:

- Julius Marks Showcase: On the Go Video with JME-TV
- Johnston Showcase: Johnson Elementary School Yearbook
- Eastside Showcase: Mods
- Henry Clay Showcase: Students Teach Programming
- Dunbar Showcase: The Power of Clustering Computers
- Fayette County District Showcase (multiple schools): [Fayette's iSchool](#)
- Fayette County District Presentation (multiple schools): [Fayette's iSchool](#)
- Dunbar Presentation: Radio Servers
- Fayette County District Presentation (multiple schools): MATTS - Making All Teachers Technology Savvy
- Engineer Alternate: Eastside



Many others were very close! Way to go to everyone!

Monday, December 03, 2007 11:44 AM: LEGO Robotics Regional Competition - University of Kentucky



Fayette County had four schools participating in the Lego League Exhibition at the University of Kentucky on Saturday, December 1, 2007. We are



Very proud of our students from Dixie, Maxwell, Millcreek, and Stonewall. The competition involved three matches with robots, a technical interview, and a project presentation.



First Lego League Core Values:

- We are a team.
- We do the work to find the solutions with guidance from our coaches and mentors.
- We honor the spirit of friendly competition.
- What we discover is more important than what we win.
- We share our experiences with others.
- We display gracious professionalism in everything we do.
- We have fun!

★Stonewall received the "Rookie of the Year" award...given to a new team. Yeah, Stonewall!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=16314>

Internet Safety

Information regarding digital citizenship in our schools.
...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Thursday, November 15, 2007 9:57 AM: Stu's Crew + Mayors Youth Council = Superb I-SAFE Presentations

🤩 At last, the moment has arrived. Stu's Crew and the Mayors Youth Council will be giving their presentations to 6th graders across the district! These high school students have worked very hard to address the topic of Predator ID within the I-SAFE program. Video clips, skits, raps, and technology will be used to instruct 6th grade students about Internet safety.

Here are the following days and schools which will be in the first round of instruction:

Wednesday, November 28th, Bryan Station High at Crawford

Thursday, November 29th, Dunbar at Beaumont

Friday, November 30th, Henry Clay at Edyth J. Hayes

Wednesday December 5th, Tates Creek High at Tates Creek Middle

These students have worked very hard on their projects, and their presentations will show that effort. The sixth grade students across the district will gain sufficient knowledge and learn to be "webwise" about Internet Safety.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=16411>

CyberSchool

A list of web activities for the elementary classroom.
...from the desk of Julie Gaskin, District TRT

Monday, December 03, 2007 1:16 PM: Web Information: Science



WeatherEye is sponsored by Central Iowa Power Cooperative.
<http://weathereye.kgan.com/index.html>

This site offers prepared lessons with online quizzes, a teacher's guide, a parent center, and weather photos. Just be careful if you click on "Current Weather" because it won't be Lexington weather!

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=17580>

KET EncycloMedia

Explore resources and community tools for educators -- including exclusive content for members of the Discovery Educator Network (username and password required).
...from the desk of Julie Gaskin, District TRT

Monday, December 03, 2007 12:45 PM: Science: Weather




In Fayette County, grade 4 students will represent and interpret weather and weather data in order to make generalizations and/or predictions about weather changes from day to day and over seasons. (SC-04-2.3.3) You may find the following [KET EncycloMedia](#) video helpful when introducing this topic.

Video: [Weather Smart: Forecasting and Weather Instruments](#) (15:00)

This video has 13 segments which can be viewed individually or continuously and ends with a video quiz. The segments cover:

1. The Importance of Weather Forecasting
2. Thermometers: Measuring Temperature
3. Anemometers and Wind Vanes: Measuring Wind
4. Compasses: Finding Direction
5. Barometers: measuring Air Pressure
6. Hygrometers: Measuring Humidity
7. Weather Satellites: Seeing Earth from Above
8. Radar and Rain Gauges: Locating and Measuring Precipitation

9. How Maps, Graphs, and Charts Help Meteorologists Observe the Weather
10. Forecasting the Weather
11. Weather Balloons: Measuring Weather Above the Earth
12. Using Weather Instruments to Forecast Weather
13. Video Quiz: Forecasting and Weather Instruments

 Be sure to print the blackline master of the video quiz before viewing.

This video also includes closed captioning, a teacher's guide, an online quiz, and a listing of the Kentucky Standards associated with this video.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=18374>

Author's / Illustrator's Corner

A web connection to children's authors and illustrators.

...from the desk of Julie Gaskin, District TRT

Monday, December 03, 2007 12:19 PM: Laura Numeroff



[Laura Numeroff's website](#) offers activities for kids and teachers, and recommended books for parents. Listen to her interview, read her bio, color, email the author, send an e-postcard, or help Pig through the maze to find the pancakes! Website: <http://www.lauranumeroff.com>

You may also enjoy visiting a [website](#) where students from Delmar Elementary School in Wicomico County, Maryland, wrote letters to Laura Numeroff and received a reply. Be sure to read the student's story "[If You Give a Penguin a Popsicle](#)."

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=18372>



The contents of this website are intended for the enhancement of instruction only. "It's About Kids"