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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, May 01, 2008 1:42 PM: Going...going...

As we plunge into the final month of the school year, things get really crazy...and the Office of Instructional Technology is no exception! Besides the state-wide STLP Competition and Showcase held at Rupp Arena (May 6-7), there are dozens of other events crowding the May stage! Be sure to check out the [Video-Linked Classroom](#) blog for other big events coming next week!

TIS Conference:

Look to Ms. Gaskin's Announcements blog entry for notice of this wonderful one-day summer workshop on June 5th. Join us!

Training in May and the Summer:

Now is the time to start thinking about getting your "back office" in order for next year! There are several trainings coming up. Besides two immediate titles (Thursday, May 1, 4:30: Fayette's iSchool and Monday, May 5, 4:30: Videoconferencing), look at the [PD menu](#) for technology offerings on these two topics, as well as Office and Front Page this summer. During June and July we can offer workshop-style trainings, where you'll have time to actually create tools you'll use in the fall. Come join us!



...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

Wednesday, April 23, 2008 12:09 PM: TIS Conference: Registration Open

Registration Open!

Conference:
June 5, 2008



Registration deadline: May 21, 2008

This is the fifth year we've offered the conference. As in the past, it's **FREE** and teachers may receive PD credit for attending. The PD credit would count for the 08/09 school year.

A few things are changing this year:

- The sessions will be a little more advanced than in the past.
- The conference is geared toward Technology Integration Specialists (KDE's new name for Technology Resource Teachers) but it is also appropriate for other educators to attend.
- The conference is shortened to 1 day.
- We are featuring a series of live interactive videoconference sessions.
- We are featuring one session as a webcast. Conference attendees will see the session live and in person, but other people who can't attend the conference will be able to view the session from any computer with high speed Internet access.

[Click here to register.](#)

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

The Video-Linked Classroom

Videoconferencing, Live Streaming, and Internet 2 in Fayette County



...from the desk

Thursday, May 01, 2008 1:10 PM: Women in Engineering - VC Event Thursday, May 8

After the original meeting was snowed out in February, this meeting of women executives/engineers based at LexMar and girls from all five high schools was re-scheduled for videoconference on Thursday, May 8th. This will be the biggest event of its kind in Fayette County, involving 6 videoconference sites, over 100 people, and leveraging an important Lexington community partner!



of Jeffrey L.
Jones, Site
Admin

- **When:** Thursday, May 8th, 10:30 a.m. -12:00 p.m.
- **Where:** The event will be held at all five high schools.
- **Who to contact:** If you'd like to watch this meeting, please contact me (Jeffrey L. Jones). Most sites do not have space enough for observers, but some do, and I can provide an alternate site for visibility, if there's an interest.

Other upcoming events:

- **French Connection** (Tuesday, May 6th, 8:00 a.m., TCHS theatre): This event connects Tates Creek French teachers Nicki Shelton and Cheryl Irwin's French classes with Sylvie Surrel's English class in France.
- **New York Connection** (Wednesday, May 7th, 2:00 p.m., Northern): Jennifer Hurst will be connecting to a partner class in New York as a follow up to a poetry project they have been sharing between their students.
- **Michigan State Crabtree Science Museum** (Friday, May 9th, 9:00 a.m., Veterans Park): Jiminy Cricket: Exploring the scientific method, with Kathy Roberts' class.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=16775>

Internet Safety

Information regarding digital citizenship in our schools.



...from the desk
of Leanna
Prater

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 9:46 AM: Developing an I-Safe Community Project.

👤 **The TIS Conference will include a session on the new and successful implementation program in I-Safe between high school mentors and middle school students. This year Stu's Crew and the Mayors Youth Council developed presentations based on a specific topic within the I-Safe Curriculum. Many juniors who participated in this program have expressed a desire to return next year and build upon their experience.**

A discussion between STC's/TRT's in high and middle school will be set up during this session to determine how this new implementation will be addressed in the 2008-09 school year. Student presentations and interviews will be given. Schools who participated in this project and would like to share their experiences with others are welcome along with those who did not participate.

Hope to see you at the TIS Conference on June 5th at Edythe J. Hayes Middle School. 😎


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

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, April 27, 2008 4:55 PM: School Board Recognition

Rosa Parks Elementary and Julius Marks Elementary represented Fayette County's STEM Fair winners at the April 28, Fayette County School Board Meeting. Rosa Parks' students recreated a portion of their winning presentation about their student run radio station including actual sound bytes from a recent broadcast. They thanked Dunbar's STLP for helping to get them up and running. To listen to a sound clip, click the play arrow:  . Julius Marks' students spoke about their winning video production, *Recycling*, and ended with a viewing of the video. To see the video, [click here](#). Well done JME's & RPE's STLP!



💡 If you would like to have your students featured in TIPS, please submit images and a description to [Julie Gaskin](#). We would love to know more about our wonderful leaders!

Monday, April 28, 2008 2:00 PM: STLP State Championship



STLP State Championship

May 6, 2008

Open to the Public 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Lexington Convention Center

May 7, 2008 - Awards Ceremony

10:00 AM -1:00 PM - Rupp Arena

Join more than 4,300 students and adults at the State Championship, where 94 school districts and 310 schools will be represented. Some of the best STLP projects in the state will be on display for parents and the public to view. Students will also bring digital music, video, writing and art products to the event and will compete in many areas of technology during live demonstrations, presentations and panels.

Thursday, May 01, 2008 10:08 AM: Dunbar Doing For Others



Six student representatives from Dunbar's STLP group, visited the University of Kentucky Children's Hospital to hand out stuffed bulldogs wearing Dunbar T-shirts. The bulldogs were purchased with proceeds from the student-manned concession stand at the STEM Fair. If you



purchased something to eat or drink at the STEM Fair, you may count yourself as a contributor!

A few of the children in the hospital only spoke Spanish but Dunbar was well prepared with two students who could practice their Spanish language skills while conversing with these kids.

One Dunbar student also received a thorough lesson about Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles from one of the patients. The kids really enjoyed conversing with the high school students.

The remaining bulldogs were donated to the Emergency Room at the University Hospital. At the time of the donation, the Emergency Room was completely out of stuffed animals to give to the children requiring their services. The hospital patients and staff were very grateful to the Dunbar STLP students and Fayette County Public Schools are proud these students!

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

Intelligent Classrooms

Promoting the use of intelligent classroom tools and connecting them to your content.



...from the desk of Diana Hendrix, DTRT

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 3:12 PM: Cool Tools and KETS's Encyclomedia: It's De.lici.ous!

Have you heard of a Wiki? (like Wikipedia 😊). You too can have one! Recently I went to a Web 2.0 tools session with Missy Baker from KET. She has De.lici.ous ideas for your classroom. De.lici.ous is not just ice cream and chocolate anymore. There are many delicious social bookmarking tools that some of your students are probably already using. To get up to speed, check out Missy's wikispace at: <http://missibket.wikispaces.com/KET+EncycloMedia+and+Web+2.0+Tools> to find out what these web 2.0 tools are all about and how you can use them in your classroom!

Have you created a Voki to put on your Wiki for your classroom lately????

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=16514>

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

Tuesday, April 29, 2008 2:28 PM: Update on Vodcasts

We have three classes at Tates Creek Senior high creating both podcasts and vodcasts using the iMac. Mrs. Embry's IB Humanities classes have researched artists and music, and will create vodcasts about the artists. Ms.Call's macroeconomics class and Mr.McQuerry 's math classes are creating podcasts in each of those respective disciplines. They will be posted on various sites. The students have really enjoyed learning to use both the PC and Mac platforms to create their presentations and said they hoped more teachers would start to use this - not only as a project, but as a means to deliver their class content. If you would like to learn how to do this, read February's TIPS article or email me and I will glad to work with you.

Rosemary McFarland
DTRT, Fayette Co.

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

CyberSchool

A list of web activities for the elementary classroom.



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

Sunday, April 27, 2008 4:04 PM: Teacher Resource: My Wonderful World

National Geographic has launched [My Wonderful World](#) to provide resources for parents and teachers to help kids 8 - 17 become more geo-savvy. It includes suggested activities, links to geography games and quizzes, and classroom materials.



My Wonderful World
A National Geographic-led campaign

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



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