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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, June 02, 2009 12:41 PM: Welcome to Summer!

As you prepare for 2.5 months of rest, relaxation, and rejuvenation, the Office of Instructional Technology is gearing up for its busiest summer on record! This editorial will be a very short list of things.

Announcements

- **STLP Competition Results:** Look to Julie Gaskin's blog on STLP for this year's Gold Schools, and some announced winners from the state-wide STLP Competition in May. Celebrate our kids!
- **First Tech Challenge/First Lego League:** Robotics is sweeping Fayette County! See Leanna Prater's Robotics blog for these competitions.
- **NEW Fayette's iSchool Moodle Upgrade Scheduled:** See the Fayette's iSchool blog for details, and a list of end-of-year tasks for iSchool teachers.

Attention, SharePoint Users!

Please help us prepare for a summer upgrade, and move/delete unused or old content from your SharePoint site!

Professional Development

- **NEW Smart Interactive Classrooms.** See Diana Hendrix's blog for two new PD listings for the summer!
- **TEC Conference, June 12.** Registration is about to close the books on this wonderful conference...[sign up now!](#)
- **Fayette's iSchool Summer Workshops.** Space is filling up fast in these summer workshops, available for up to 24 hours of PD credit!

If we don't "see" you, have a great summer!

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

Intelligent Classrooms

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



...from the desk of Diana Hendrix, DTRT

Wednesday, May 27, 2009 2:35 PM: Smart Interactive Classroom PD June 24th!

There will be two 3 hour sessions offered this summer at Tates Creek Middle School in the library.

Please go to the PD schedule to sign up for 1 or both sessions!

<http://webapps.fcps.net/pd/>

For more information contact Diana Hendrix, DTRT at diana.hendrix@fayette.kyschools.us

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

Fayette's iSchool - The blog for FCPS's Moodle Project

Watch this space for updates and announcements connected to this powerful resource!



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

Tuesday, June 02, 2009 1:07 PM: EOY Procedures, and Upgrades

Here are the tasks you should do before you leave for the summer!

- **Request new courses for summer use!** Applications might be...
 - Summer reading lists
 - Book clubs
 - Social Interests, including vacation picture sharing
 - _____ (things I haven't thought of!)
- **Dead Courses.** Identify which courses you will no longer use next year...
 - If you would like to preserve the course structure for later use, use "Backup" under "Administration" to create a copy. Download that copy to somewhere else. If you'd rather not, let us know and we'll do it for you.
 - Move any content you'd like to save, and store it somewhere else.
 - Export quizz questions you'd like to save using the "Export" tab under Administration/Questions."
 - Send me a list, and I'll delete them.
- **Recycle/Reuse:** Identify which courses you'd like to re-use...
 - Export any grade data you need to save.

Attention! Upgrade Scheduled!

iSchool will be upgraded to Moodle Version 1.9.4 on Tuesday, June 9th. **iSchool will not be available on that day.**

...then [sign up for an iSchool workshop!](#)

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=15975>

Student Technology Leadership Program

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



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

Tuesday, June 02, 2009 9:20 AM: STLP State Champions 2009



Julius Marks Elementary's showcase, JME-TV Presents: Faces From Other Places, Places 2nd in the state.

Julius Marks Elementary's STLP was recognized as a Top 10 Runner Up with three other elementary schools at the May 21st STLP State Competition held at Rupp Arena. Scores were based on a 10-minute student interview and showcase display where students explained this year-long project.

Bryan Station High School's showcase, Des Ex Machina - Hydrogen Fuel Cell, placed 3rd with nine other high schools in the state. Bryan Station was recognized as Best in Group at the May 21st STLP State Competition.

Check out this article from the Lexington, Herald-Leader: <http://www.kentucky.com/181/story/804074.html>

Additional students, coordinators, and schools were recognized at the awards ceremony. These will be posted as soon as the official list arrives from the Kentucky Department of Education.

Monday, June 01, 2009 11:36 PM: 5 New Gold Schools for Fayette County

Bryan Station High School,
Lansdowne Elementary,
Lexington Traditional Magnet School,
Russell Cave Elementary, and
Stonewall Elementary



were recognized for achieving Gold STLP status at this year's STLP State Championship held on May 21, 2009 at Rupp Arena. Gold status signifies that these programs are among the best in the state, benefiting not only their students and school, but also their community. Congratulations to these students and their STLP coordinators. Chick [here](#) to see a list of all Fayette County gold schools.

💡 If you are reading this in TIPS, click the link below to reach the original blog location so you can see the comments that have been added and post your own.

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

Robotics

(Personal blog)



...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Tuesday, June 02, 2009 9:34 AM: FIRST Tech Challenge for High School

Are you interested in a robotics competition for high school students?

FIRST has a competition which may interest you:



Photos and Information Courtesy of FIRST

The FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) Intermediate Robotics Competition for High School:

Provides an affordable, accessible opportunity to participate in FIRST
Creates a bridge between the FIRST LEGO® League and the FIRST Robotics Competition

[How FTC Works](#)

[What FTC Offers](#)

- High-school-aged young people
- Up to 10 students per team
- Adult coaches and mentors
- Teams use a modular robotics platform to design and build robots to compete in a FIRST-designed game
- Schools, home schools, after-school groups, churches, civic groups, neighborhood groups
- Parents, teachers, community volunteers
- Corporate sponsors
- Sports-like events with judges and awards
- Up to 48 teams per event

- Discovery of the fun and excitement in science and technology
- Real-world application of science and math concepts
- Hands-on problem solving
- Working alongside engineers and other professionals
- Programming experience
- Teamwork skills
- Self-esteem and confidence
- Qualification for college scholarship funds

For more information about the First Tech Challenge, including costs and registration, please visit the First Tech Challenge website: <http://www.usfirst.org/community/FTC/default.aspx?id=968>

Tuesday, June 02, 2009 9:28 AM: Junior FIRST Lego League for Ages 6-9

Are you interested in starting a LEGO Robotics team for students under the age of 10? FIRST has a competition which may interest you:



Information about Junior FLL from the [FIRST website](#): (Elementary Competition)

Junior FIRST LEGO League (Jr.FLL) is a hands-on program designed to capture young children's inherent curiosity, creativity and direct it toward discovering the possibilities of improving the world around them.

- Jr.FLL focuses on building an interest in engineering and science in children ages 6-9.
- Teams work for 6-8 weeks on the Jr.FLL Challenge.
- Children work with adults to build a model using LEGO elements, based on the year's theme, with both a simple machine and at least one moving part.
- Teams research the Challenge theme and present their findings through a Show-Me poster.
- Teams follow the same Challenge theme as [FIRST LEGO League \(ages 9-14\)](#)
- Registered teams have access to purchase [Jr.FLL base kit and optional items](#).
- Team can participate in [Jr.FLL events](#).

Learn more about registering by purchasing a [Jr.FLL Team Access Pass](#)

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=40708>



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