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Innovations for Learning Conference and More -- it's TIPS for April, 2010!

...maintained by Jeffrey L. Jones, Site Admin, last updated 4/10/2010

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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

Friday, April 09, 2010 10:37 AM: The IFL (formerly TEC) Conference Is Open for Registration!

Each June for the last several years Fayette County has provided a 1-2 day conference for teachers interested in innovative classroom practices. This year's conference, titled "Innovations for Learning," will be the biggest yet. With over 75 presenters providing nearly 200 sessions, this year's offerings will include a variety of "effective practice" experiences for teachers wanting to learn how technology can impact your instructional practice. Here are some quick features from this year's conference offerings:

Conference 2011



- **Leadership.** Reflecting the inclusion of the Fayette County June Leadership Workshop attendees, we'll have a "Leadership" thread which provides topics and practices appropriate for principals and other district leaders.
- **Interactive Videoconferences.** Again this year, we'll be offering videoconference content, with presentations from NASA, CILC, Atlanta's Center for Puppetry Arts, and the Cleveland Institute of Music. Watch what this technology can deliver directly to your classroom!
- **Virtual Learning.** The use of learning management systems and Web 2.0 tool will, once again, be an important thread in this conference. *New this year:* see Fayette County's new ePortfolio and social networking system, "Fayette's iNetwork!"
- **Hands-On Sessions.** This year's conference will be heavily tilted towards hands-on, lab-based sessions. There are over 10 active labs, two with laptops. There are interactive presentations on the use of iPhones and iPods as well!
- **Presenter Diversity.** Our presenters this year include 5 representative from the Kentucky Department of Education, 5 from the University of Kentucky, 3 principals, several technology vendors...even students!
- **Vendor Fair with Prizes.** This year's conference will include, for the first time, a vendor hall. Our vendor partners have graciously donated prizes which will be awarded to attendees during the closing ceremony.

The conference is open to any educational professional in Kentucky, but we've currently only sent notices to Fayette County teachers. We have a conference cap, and individual sessions have caps as well. Register now!

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

Internet Safety

Information regarding digital citizenship in our schools.



...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Wednesday, March 24, 2010 11:54 AM: Internet Safety Mentors Share Tips

This month, Internet safety mentors from Bryan Station High School shared important information about cyber predators and the importance of keeping your personal information offline to a captivated audience of 6th graders at Bryan Station Middle School. The mentors' session, presented through a video conference, included a combination of videos, facts and games. Keeping yourself safe online can be as easy as reviewing what information you are sharing in your screen name, how many "friends" you have online that you know face to face and to never agree to meet an internet friend in person.

...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

Monday, April 05, 2010 1:00 PM: STEM Fair 2010 - A Wonderful Success!



STEM Fair 2010 was a wonderful success! Please check the [STEM website](#) for more information and a [list of winners](#), to see the [student created digital art](#), and to [watch the winning student videos](#).



Highlights

Thanks to:

- Hundreds of students
- 80 student showcases
- Our 2nd annual Robotics Expo
- 6 student presentations
- Digital art
- Videos
- And more!



- Bryan Station High School IT Academy
- Amy Johns, Ian Gainey, Brett Owens and the BSBS staff and student crew who provided technical support
- Volunteer judges
- Community partners
- Supporting vendors

Friday, April 09, 2010 5:41 PM: Innovations for Learning Conference 2010 - Sessions just right for STLP!

Fayette County's [Innovation for Learning \(IFL\) Conference](#), held on June 8-9, 2010, has sessions perfectly suited for STLP Coordinators. Five FCPS STLP Coordinators will be presenting as well as Elaine Harrison Lane, State STLP Coordinator. Julius Marks and Southern Elementary STLP coordinators have sessions with STLP students co-presenting and the Paul Laurence Dunbar High School group will be instrumental in making things run smoothly!

If you're available on June 8th and 9th, you might want to look for sessions about:

- STEM and the inclusion of LEGO Robotics
- Movie creation and editing sessions
- Free art and photo editing software
- Ideas to have a successful STLP program
- Web 2.0 tools
- Students using Atomic Learning - recently purchased for all FCPS students and staff

With almost 200 sessions to choose from - you can't go wrong!

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

The Virtual Elementary Classroom

A place to showcase virtual activities in the Elementary Classroom.



...from the desk of Jamie Burch, District TRT

Tuesday, April 06, 2010 3:04 PM: The Kentucky Historical Society presents Lewis & Clark and the Land

Some lucky students at Garden Springs Elementary participated in a highly engaging event on March 22nd. Amber McClellan's 5th grade class connected with the Kentucky Historical Society in Frankfort, Kentucky to extend their classroom discussions on Lewis and Clark's adventures. The students took notes, reviewed primary sources and interacted with the presenter. Following the video conference the students used their notes to help them complete a open response question on the content covered in class as well as in the conference. As you can see from the photos below, the students were very interested and focused on the event that lasted about an hour. Thanks to the fabulous presenter and the classroom teacher for making this connection for the students.



...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=28445>

The Video-Linked Classroom

Videoconferencing, Live Streaming, and Internet 2 in Fayette County



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

Saturday, April 10, 2010 2:29 PM: Celebrate a Group Effort! Liberty and Arlington do Waves of Immigration

This email from Joni Maloney at Liberty came to me last week...

Barb Carter at Arlington and I recently completed a collaborative project through our libraries that the students really enjoyed. One fifth grade class from Arlington and one fifth grade class from Liberty participated in an American immigration research project. Classes from both schools took part in a "Waves of Immigration" videoconference from the Western Reserve Historical Society in Cleveland. District TRT Diana Hendrix made all the arrangements and came to each school to manage the Cleveland videoconferences for us. After the videoconference, each class completed library research on different groups of American Immigrants. Students worked in groups to discover some reasons immigrants left their home countries, where they settled in America, and other details of the immigration experience. Upon completion of the research, students created posters and letters to share what they learned. District TRTs Jamie Burch and Jeff Jones came to each school and supervised a videoconference between Arlington and Liberty schools so that students were able to share their projects with one another. The students were so excited to see and hear what students from another school had learned! The videoconference sessions were motivational for the students and the classroom teachers enjoyed utilizing a fresh way to deliver content. Thank you to Greg Drake who found funding for the Cleveland videoconference, Mark DiMascio for delivering equipment, Diana Hendrix, Jamie Burch, and Jeff Jones for managing the videoconferences and the classroom teachers for their willingness to try something new. If I left out anyone, please forgive me. It really does "take a village...!"

Joni Maloney, LMS
School Technology Coordinator

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

Atomic Learning

Monday, April 05, 2010 2:25 PM: SMART Board Tutorials

An introduction to some of the online tutorials and lesson ideas available from Atomic Learning.
...from the desk of Julie Gaskin, District TRT



Atomic Learning offers short, online, video tutorials and lesson ideas to help you embrace technology and integrate it into your classroom. AL has been purchased for all FCPS students and staff.



SMART Board

Many schools now have SMART Boards or will see them in the near future. It's wonderful to be able to turn to Atomic Learning as an electronic tutor to learn more about [SMART Board Notebook software](#) - and AL's available 24/7!

Atomic Learning offers tutorials with SMART Board Notebook versions 10, 9.5, and 8. Watch short videos to learn more about SMART basics, using SMART tools, working with objects, working with the gallery, adding links and media, capturing, working with pages, or using advanced tools. Most videos run between one to two minutes.

? Navigation Tip: Remember you'll need your login and password from your school STC. I've provided a direct link to the [SMART Board Notebook software](#) tutorials but you may also like to go to [Atomic Learning](#) and discover the multitude of tutorials offered!

💡 Would you like help learning to navigate Atomic Learning? Register to attend Fayette County's [Innovation for Learning Conference](#) and reserve your spot in an Atomic Learning session.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=41976>

Video Conferencing Events, PD's and Collaborations

Tuesday, March 09, 2010 3:11 PM: Collaborations Around the Planet

Upcoming video conferencing events, PD's and collaborations from CILC, MAGPI and more.



...from the desk of Jamie Burch, District TRT



CAPspace is a social networking tool for educational videoconferencing. Login to find colleagues and schools interested in collaborative videoconference projects. Create and advertise your own collaborative videoconference projects to educators around the world. CAPspace also provides registration for collaborative events and projects such as TWICE's Read Around the Planet. There are currently 6010 educators from 26 countries registered with CAPspace.

Upon creating a free account with CAPSpace, you can received e-mail alerts when new collaborations have been added. Below is an example of upcoming collaborations, click on the links for more information.

Title: Creative Writing:
 Status: Open
 URL: <http://projects.twice.cc/?l=collaboration&id=740>
 Connections: H.323
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Subjects: Language Arts/English
 Dates: During the month of May from 9:30 to 10:30 or 1:30 to 2:30 EST
 Description: High School Creative Writing Class is looking to collaborate with a partner school to share stories and exchange ideas. We are available to participate in a videoconferencing during the month of May from 9:30 to 10:30 or 1:30 to 2:30 EST.

Title: Singapore Math User Unite:
 Status: Open
 URL: <http://projects.twice.cc/?l=collaboration&id=742>
 Connections:
 Grades: 4
 Subjects: Mathematics
 Dates: March 8, 2010 to June 8, 2010 9-10 EST or 2-3 EST M,W,F
 Description: One of our fourth grade (9-10 year olds)classes would like to collaborate using the program Singapore Math. If your school does Singapore Math, please contact us. English only, please.

Title: The Wizard Of Oz:
 Status: Open
 URL: <http://projects.twice.cc/?l=collaboration&id=743>
 Connections: H.323
 Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12
 Subjects: Business, Career Education, Fine Arts, Language Arts/English, Performing Arts, Social Studies/History, Technology/Information Science, World Language
 Dates: May 17 7:30-12 noon
 Description: The impact of Frank Baum's novel and the 1939 MGM movie on American Society both today and in the past

Title: Virtual High School Project:

Status: Open

URL: <http://projects.twice.cc/?l=collaboration&id=744>

Connections: H.323

Grades: 9, 10, 11, 12

Subjects: Business, Career Education, Family & Consumer Science, Fine Arts, Health, Industrial Technology, Mathematics, Performing Arts, Physical Education, Science (Life), Science (Physical), Science (Earth), Social Studies/History, Technology/Information Science, World Language

Dates: May 18, 2010 7:30-12 noon

Description: This a video conference for teachers who are interested in finding out more information how they could teacher virtually in schools all over the world. The Virtual High School Project is here- and we are ready to change the world. Are you ready? If so please come by and find out more about this concept. If you ready to change the world, let us help you.

...for more, visit this blog at <https://edtech.fcps.net/blog/blogs.aspx?blogid=33972>



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