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Robots, STLP, and a Summer PD Blitz! -- TIPS for May, 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

Monday, May 03, 2010 10:39 AM: It's a Summer PD Bonanza!

The school year is going...going...bringing thoughts of beaches, amusement parks, boats, highways, and lots of time recharging batteries with family and friends. And, of course, like the end of the calendar year, it's time to think about those "new year's resolutions" -- the things you can do now to make your professional life better, more productive, and full of the wonderful things for which your students next year will love you!

The Office of Instructional Technology is mounting a PD blitz for the summer!



- **Summer Professional Development Offerings.** Through a generous Federal stimulus technology grant, we can offer 15 (yes, 15!) [PDs this summer](#). For the first time, we're offering 3 fully-online -- you'll be able to earn your summer PD hours any time, anywhere!
- **IFL Conference.** Speaking of "going...going..." the [Innovations for Learning Conference](#) has almost reached its attendance cap. If you want to attend this two-day conference (12 hours of possible PD/EILA credit), **don't put it off**. Register today!



And have a great end-of-year, and summer!

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Announcements

Technology News



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

Friday, April 30, 2010 1:12 PM: It's Almost Summer! Summer PDs! Great Opportunities! Fabulous Prizes!

The new summer PD menu from the Office of Instructional Technology is "in the wild!" There are lots of wonderful titles, with some great twists for 2010. (To sign up for any, [follow this link](#) to the Fayette Co. PD menu.)



- **Get PD credit at home!** For the first time, Fayette County is offering fully-online professional development classes!



- **Materials!** All of the summer offerings will include the possibility of getting FREE materials for use in your classroom: books, Flip Camcorders, resource CDs, software. (Exact awards will be in the course descriptions on the Fayette Co. PD Menu.)




Just a reminder:

- Professional Development credit awards are contingent on school approval.
- All resources and materials awarded to participants are for use in their classroom, regardless of school assignment, and are to be returned to Fayette Co. only upon leaving the district.









Here is a quick synopsis of the summer's offerings. Featured prominently amongst them are trainings on Fayette's iSchool, but there are several other topics as well.

Fayette's iSchool Summer PDs

- **Beginners**
 - **Introduction to Fayette's iSchool (Workshop)**, June 15-17, Jeffrey Jones/Julie Gaskin/Leanna Prater. This workshop-style training will cover a wide range of beginning tasks. *Image Collections*
 - **Introduction to iSchool**, July 20, Jamie Burch/Julie Gaskin. This single-day overview provides a good first exposure to forums, journals glossaries, and other basic topics. *Image Collections*
- **Intermediate**
 - **Fayette's iSchool Development Workshop – Unit Development**, June 21-23, Jeffrey Jones/Jennifer Humble. This 3-day workshop will support a full unit-development process with specific trainings arranged as needed. *Image Collections*
 - **iSchool – Quizzes, Wikis, Questionnaires, Assignments & Media**, July 13, Jamie Burch/Julie Gaskin. This one-day session focuses these intermediate iSchool topics, with trainings for each.

- Specifics
 - **The Power of Online Assessment through Fayette's iSchool**, July 21-22, Jeffrey Jones. This two-day session focuses on the use of quizzes in iSchool for formative and summative assessment, as well as instruction.  *ExamView Software*
 - **Make your Online Course (and Your Students) Come Alive! Multimedia in Fayette's iSchool**, July 26-27, Jeffrey Jones. This workshop will look at how video, sound, and other multimedia resources can be used for student "consumption" as well as student assignments.  *Set of Flip Video Camcorders, Headset*
 - **Channeling the Chat – Getting the Most Out of Your Fayette's iSchool Discussions**, July 12-29 (fully online), Jeffrey Jones. In this online course, learn how you can maximize the instructional impact of online forums, chats, and other communications platforms.  *Books on online learning.*

Other Topics

- Multimedia
 - **Lights, Camera, ACTION – Your School News**, June 23-4, Brett Owens and Julie Gaskin. This two-day session will help you set up professional-quality news broadcasts for your school on a budget.  *Kodak Video Camcorder, Software*
 - **Creating Digital Stories in the Classroom**, July 12-23 or July 26-August 6 (fully online), Leanna Prater and Jamie Burch. This fully online course will explore how stories delivered as videos with images and voice-overs can serve as excellent project assignments for your students.  *Set of Flip Video Camcorders, Headset*
 - **Editing and Publishing Using Flip Video Cameras**, July 14, Julie Gaskin. This quick, 3-hour session will teach you how to shoot videos and publish them online easily and quickly.  *Set of Flip Video Camcorders, Headset*
 - **PodCasting and VodCasting using Voice Recorders & Flip Videos**, July 20, Jamie Burch, Leanna Prater, and Julie Gaskin. This one-day session will get you into the world of producing and publishing online media using simple tools.  *Set of Flip Video Camcorders, Headset*
- Miscellaneous.
 - **CPS Work Time/ExamView with CPS – Classroom Performance System**, June 25, Keith Frank with Julie Gaskin. This represents two 3-hour PD sessions with Keith Frank from [Proven Learning](#) on this powerful eInstruction classroom tool.  *Interwrite MOBI + ExamView software*
 - **5th Grade Planning with the New Math Core Content Standards**, July 27, Jamie Burch, Peggy McKee, and Julie Gaskin. This one-day session will get you into the new math standards, and get you started planning and sharing for the use of tech tools in delivering and assessing for them.  *Math software*
 - **Introduction to Robotics**, July 28-29, Leanna Prater and Julie Gaskin. Spend two hands-on days learning about robotics with LEGOS, and how your students can apply math and science concepts.  *LEGO NXT Robot and software (as needed)*
 - **Critical Thinking in the Age of Wikipedia and YouTube**, July 11-29, Jeffrey L. Jones. In this short, fully-online PD you'll be applying critical thinking skills to online content and media, with a goal of designing a lesson for your kids.  *Books on online learning.*

To sign up for these sessions, see the [online Fayette Co. PD Menu](#). Be sure to watch your email for communications relative to your selected session!

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

Student Technology Leadership Program

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



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

Friday, April 30, 2010 2:04 PM: STLP State Championship 2010



STLP State Championship

May 11, 2010

Open to the Public 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Lexington Convention Center

Awards Ceremony

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - Rupp Arena

Join more than 3,500 students and adults at the State Championship, where 84 school districts and 303 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, digital citizenship, animation, and art products to the event and will compete in many areas of technology during live demonstrations, presentations and service to the event.

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

Robotics

(Personal blog)



...from the desk of Leanna Prater

Friday, April 30, 2010 12:09 PM: Robotics Teams Advance to the State Tournament

Fayette County was well represented with twenty-three teams competing at this year's STLP RCX regional robotics competition at Georgetown College on April 7th! Teams have been practicing for months building and programming an NXT LEGO Robot to autonomously complete missions for points.

Taking first place in the Elementary Division was Northern Elementary's Northern Knights team. Members of the team included fifth-graders Austin Whitson and Zack Mink and fourth-graders Alex Clark and Christian Jones. They are coached by parent Jerry Whitson and by Laura Checa, coordinator of the Student

Technology Leadership Program at Northern.

Taking second place in the Middle School Division was the Iron Giants from Jessie M. Clark Middle School was runner-up in the middle school division. Team members included sixth-grader Mikal Kinley and seventh-graders Benjamin Bossert, Ben Stevens and Aaliyah Chapman. Teacher Mark Evans is their coach.

Both teams advance to the STLP state robotics competition May 11 at Rupp Arena.

Schools that had participating teams compete:

Elementary

- Ashland
- Athens- Chilesburg
- Clays Mill
- Harrison
- James Lane Allen
- Rosa Parks
- Stonewall
- Veterans Park

Middle Schools

- Beaumont
- Leestown
- Lexington Traditional Magnet
- Winburn

High Schools

- Lafayette High School

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

Internet Safety Friday, April 30, 2010 11:29 AM: Internet Safety Mentors Visit Beaumont- Virtually

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

This past month, our internet safety mentors from Lafayette High School shared important information about cyber predators and dangers of sharing too much personal information on the internet with sixth graders at Beaumont Middle School. The mentors shared their information through videos, games and discussion through video conferencing. The mentors helped the sixth graders understand that keeping yourself safe online can be as easy as thinking about what information you are sharing in your screen name and through online conversations and only being online friends with people you know face to face.

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

Atomic Learning Friday, April 30, 2010 11:00 AM: Windows 7 in Atomic Learning

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.



Windows 7

All new computers coming into the district will be equipped with Windows 7, and in the near future many schools will upgrade their current computers to Windows 7 as well. Thankfully, Atomic Learning has a whole series of tutorials on Windows 7 including Introducing Windows 7, Customizing Windows 7 and Updated Features in Windows 7. Within each of these titles are several 1-3 minutes tutorials on how to do very specific things - and Atomic Learning is available 24/7!

? Navigation Tip: Remember you'll need your login and password from your school STC. I've provided a direct link to the Windows 7 tutorials but you may also like to go to Atomic Learning and discover the multitude of tutorials offered!

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



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