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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, March 04, 2011 10:41 AM: The Pace is Picking up!

This copy of "The Editor's Desk" will be newsy rather than topical. We're late, and we have lots to celebrate and advertise!



Michelle Lee Receives Outstanding Teacher of the Year Honors

Michelle teaches 4th grade at Russell Cave Elementary. This Wednesday, she received the Kentucky Society for Technology in Education (KySTE) award for Outstanding Teacher of the Year, before 1,500 conference attendees. Michelle has consistently been a forward-thinking technology user, both for her own self-improvement, but even more importantly for the improvement of student learning. We are proud to celebrate Michelle's achievements!



Innovations for Learning (IFL) Conference Looking for a "Few Good Presenters!"

IFL is a 1-day conference celebrating innovative classroom practices using effective technology integration. The application to present window is [currently open](#)! Join an elite collection of presenters for this June 10 conference!



CILC Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration

Videoconferencing Opportunities!

The Office of Instructional Technology will pay the fees associated with any videoconference experience which have them, and is listed with the [Center for Interactive Learning and Collaboration](#) (CILC). Don't miss this opportunity! Reserve your event now! (See [Jamie Burch's blog](#) for details.)

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

The Virtual Elementary Classroom

A place to showcase virtual activities in the Elementary Classroom.



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

Friday, March 04, 2011 8:57 AM: Kentucky Regions Project - Sign up now!



A study of Kentucky Through E-Communication

With the US Regions project winding down, we are ready to jump into the **Kentucky Regions Project**. This 4th grade project will run from March 21 - April 15. If you are interested in connecting with classes from other regions of Kentucky and sharing information with them about your region, please e-mail me and we will get you enrolled in the course. If you would like to preview the project before committing, please visit this link: <http://ischool.fcps.net/course/view.php?id=1162> Once the project begins on March 21 you will no longer be able to access the course unless you have joined the project. I look forward to hearing from you!

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

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, March 04, 2011 3:06 PM: Deadlines - State STLP Competition

Is your STLP chapter participating in the **State STLP Championship**, Friday, May 13? Here are some important deadlines!

- **Thursday, March 10:** All State products are due.
- **Tuesday, March 15:** Registration for the State Championship closes.



Don't put them off!

[See the state site for more details.](#)

...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

Monday, February 28, 2011 12:01 PM: Smart News

On March 30th there is a Smart Board PD for intermediate users who want to go to the next level with Notebook. You'll also learn other great things your board can do.

See the [Professional Development Menu](#) to sign up! There are only 15 spots per class so sign up early!

If you would like to use the Smart Exchange, you will now have to join and sign in. This is a free resource, and it's easy to sign up. A new feature you can use to browse for lessons is the Accredited Titles tab. The companies listed there have been approved by SMART for use on the boards. Just look to the right of Free Resources and you will see the tab. It will show you correlated software for your subject.

If you have questions, contact
Diana.hendrix@fayette.kyschools.us.

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

Video Conferencing Events, PD's and Collaborations

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

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

Friday, March 04, 2011 3:16 PM: Center for Puppetry

Just a reminder that every school has the ability to conduct videoconference sessions dealing with content that is covered in our classrooms. Normally there is a cost associated, but the district will pay for one videoconference session per school. Most sessions are highly engaging. For example The Center for Puppetry Arts in Atlanta, Georgia offers several topics. Below are some descriptions provided by the Center. Feel free to email me with any questions.



Spring is in the air and if you haven't booked yet we still have openings for some of your springtime favorites (PreK-12th) Programs serving individual sized classes (multi-points are allowed) Cost: \$145.00:

- **Butterflies** (K-2nd) Build a Butterfly Marionette and learn about the lifecycle, camouflage, and insect characteristics of butterflies! TEACHER FAVORITE*
- **Plants** (1st-3rd) Build a Pop-Up Plant puppet and learn about parts of plants, photosynthesis, and plants and food! GREAT for EARTH DAY
- **Rain Forest** (3rd-5th) Build a Tropical Bird Rod Puppet and learn about the diverse life of a Tropical Rain Forest! GREAT for EARTH DAY
- **Spiders** (1st-6th-tailored to grade level) - Create a Spider Marionette and learn about web builders, hunters, the lifecycle of a spider, and the differences between spiders and insects! PRESENTER FAVORITE*
- **Anansi the Spider: A West African Folktale** (PreK-2nd) See a live shadow play and learn about the trickster- Anansi! Traditional African drum beats and narration by Ramatu Sabbatt, a native of Nigeria, bring this story to life. GREAT for language arts curriculum.
- **Dinosaurs** (K-2nd), Native Americans (3rd-6th); Discovering Puppetry in Other Cultures (4th-12th) are also popular favorites!

Don't forget about our other programs that highlight social studies curriculum:

- **Mexico!** (3rd-6th) Students build an Eagle Mask and learn about Mexico's culture. The influence of the Aztecs & and the Spanish are explored through the art of the mask. This can be tailored for middle school & high school audiences as well.

- **Exploring Africa** (1st-3rd) Learn about the diversity of the African continent & its animals! Build a Giraffe Rod Puppet.
- **Africa/Mali** (4th-6th) Tailored for older students! Explore the diversity of the African continent through its, people, homes, and environments! A large part of the program focuses on Malian puppetry and it's utilization by the farming & fishing communities through a celebration known as CHEKKO. Students build a Malian Rod Puppet. This can be tailored for middle school & high school audiences.

All programs meet national curriculum standards and have downloadable study guides available on our website: www.puppet.org/edu/distance.shtml. You can also call us at 404-881-5117. JUST EMAIL A BOOKING FORM (download from our website/ www.puppet.org/edu/distance.shtml),

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

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

Friday, March 04, 2011 10:37 AM: Fayette's iNetwork – Stonewall Kids Speak Out!

Recently, I had occasion to go to Stonewall Elementary and chat with several students about their experience with Fayette's iNetwork, the ePortfolio and social networking platform available through iSchool. A video collection of excerpts (including comments from tech teacher Amy Ford) are below. The high points include...



- Student ownership of the work done there,
- The support of multimedia and other niceties,
- Safety and parent approval,
- Educational use.

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

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Friday, February 25, 2011 1:34 PM: Resources from FETC 2011



This February I had the opportunity to attend the Florida Educational Technology Conference (FETC) in Orlando. Not only was the weather fabulous, but the sessions were very informative. Below is a list of resources that I thought might be helpful for our classroom teachers.

Online Reseources:

- **Big Brainz.com** - Free website that focuses on multiplication skills in a gaming environment. Very engaging for our 21st Century Learners. <http://www.bigbrainz.com/>.
- **Kerpoof** - Multimedia software used by kids to create original artwork, animated movies, stories, greeting cards and more. Teachers can click on the apple to access lesson plans and create student accounts. <http://www.kerpoof.com/>
- **Adobe Education Exchange** - Teachers can meet, access and share reseources, discuss challenges and collaborate on solutions. Registration is free. <http://edexchange.adobe.com/>
- **Printliminator** - This is a bookmarklet that will allow you to delete things off of a website that you do not wish to print. Great way to save paper. <http://css-tricks.com/examples/ThePrintliminator/>
- **Tagxedo** - If you like Wordle, you'll like the opportunity to make a Wordle in any shape you choose. <http://www.tagxedo.com/>
- **LiveBinder** - Your 3 ring binder for the web. Collect, organize and access your resources online. <http://livebinders.com>
- **PollEverywhere** - Poll your students using their phones or the computer. <http://www.polleverywhere.com/>

Apps for the iPod Touch, iPad and/or iPhone:

- **Puppet Pals** - Create a digital story with animation and audio.
- **Earth Observer** - View various maps of the Earth.
- **Toontastic** - Draw, animate and share cartoons
- **MeeGenius** - Children's Books
- **Go Sky Watch** - Identify, locate stars, planets, constellations and more by simply pointing to the sky
- **Math Circus** - Short video clips introducing multiplication facts to students

***Note: I have not tested all of these apps to see if they work within the Fayette County WAN.

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