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Technologies to Enhance Learning

Kūkulu Kaiaulu 2.0

Building Global Communities, Kamehameha Schools Education Technology Conference 2008.

Our Ed Tech Conference Headline Speakers are Will Richardson and David Warlick (You can watch a podcast of Will Richardson on our ETS Blog and visit David Warlick's website).

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to learn more about Web 2.0 applications, share & network with others. Dates: June 9-10, 2008. Cost: \$50 for KS Teachers & Staff. Plan on attending!

ETS Blog - Conference Information:

<http://blogs.ksbe.edu/ets/category/ed-tech-conference/>

Will Richardson podcast:

<http://blogs.ksbe.edu/ets/category/podcast/>

David Warlick:

<http://davidwarlick.com/2cents/about-david-warlick/>

Curriculum Integration

Google Earth is a virtual globe that can be integrated into your curriculum by creating Virtual Tours. For example, a virtual tour can be created for Cultural sites throughout Hawaii and or follow the travel of an ex-

plorer. Placemarks are created to catalogue information concerning that site. Google Earth combines the power of Google Search with satellite imagery, maps, terrain and 3D buildings to put the world's geographic information at your fingertips. To learn more about Google Earth and creating Virtual Tours, please contact your ITS Representative.

New Faces of Learning at Kamehameha Middle School - Kapālama



It has been a mere three months since the KMS seventh graders received their laptops, and although there have been a few technical challenges to resolve, the 1:1 Learning program is revealing its promise.

The ITRTs, or Instructional Technology Resource Teachers, have been busy facilitating

projects like the Pauahi podcast project, which is being produced by all seventh graders, the Kamapua'a project using Google Earth, and the Hawaiian Proverbs project using Comic Life. According to the teachers who have orchestrated these exciting learning opportunities, the students seem to be enjoying all phases of the projects from researching to producing to sharing, which are all supported by the functionality of the laptops.



Although it is too early to quantitatively assess the 1:1 Learning program's effect on student learning and instructional transformation for teachers, we are able to video capture anecdotal evidence of people's thoughts and insights on the KMS 1:1 Learning program. You can view these short video clips at our Education Technology Services (ETS) blog:

<http://blogs.ksbe.edu/ets/category/11-learning/>

Please feel free to comment on any of the videos as a way to actively participate in KMS' exhilarating educational journey.

Featured Teacher

Melia Tauvela, Human Relations,
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I wouldn't say that I am a whiz at technology by any means but there is one thing for sure, I am unafraid to try something new. Thus, this summer, I ventured away from my "safe" eClassroom, the Moodle online classroom which I have used for the last 4 years, and tried out Blackboard for the very first time with my Speech Communication class in summer school. At first, I had an eClassroom and then started up the Blackboard midway through the class because I just wanted to try it. I felt Blackboard was instrumental in their learning because they were able to check their project deadlines, complete their homework assignments, send email through Blackboard to others, see the grade they received on their assignment with comments from me, and have online discussions somewhat like blogging.

What initially drew me to Blackboard was the testing feature but honestly, I haven't used that yet. However, I believe I have tapped into every other application of Blackboard and for the most part, I am very happy with the results.

I believe the students like the interfacing better than eClassroom and they are much more apt to go there to check for their assignments than call me or email me. Not only that, like any other online classroom, all assignments are time stamped and I can grade them through MS Word and then resubmit it to them with comments for improvement or encouragement. Another cool feature is that I don't have any chance of losing their work as well because all assignments and comments are saved in Blackboard. Thus, if you are not afraid to try something new, give Blackboard, or eClassroom for that matter, a try! The students will buy into it...guaranteed!



QuickTIPs

Quickly Highlight Web Addresses in Safari & Firefox Browsers.

*simply type **Command** (Apple) + **L**. You don't even need to move your mouse to take advantage of this cool shortcut!*