Tech Notes

Technologies to Enhance Learning

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Kūkulu Kaiaulu 2.0

Building Global Communities, Kamehameha Schools Education Technology Conference 2008.

Register today!

Our focus is on "Harnessing the Power of Web 2.0 Applications" in the classroom.

In addition, to our internationally renowned speakers, Will Richardson and David Warlick, we have an excellent line up of local speakers that will be sharing classroom strategies and experiences for integrating new technologies.

Breakout Session Topics:
- *Virtual Strategies and Distance Learning*
- *Voicethread and Wikispaces*
- *TeacherTube Student Projects*
- *Introduction to Web 2.0*
- *Podcasting*
- *iCan Cafe'*
- *JEM Project*
- *Garageband*
- *Blogs*
- *Emerging Issues, Tools and Trends*
- *Jot & Evernote*
- *Celtx Program*

For more information on our Breakout sessions, visit our blog at:

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

Our Ed Tech Conference will be held at Neal Blaisdell Center on Monday- and Tuesday, June 9-10, 2008.

Non KS Faculty & Staff, $100
KS Faculty & Staff, $50

Online Registration:
https://eventville.com/catalog/eventregistration1.asp?eventid=1003593

For more information contact Dean Tomita, 808.842-8092 or detomita@ksbe.edu.

Featured Teacher

Kawika Rose, Math Teacher, KS Hawai'i

Kawika is a graduate of Kamehameha '82 and has been teaching for the past 9 years, the last 5 at our Kea'au campus. He lives in Kea'au with his wife and 6 year old daughter and enjoys most outdoor activities like camping and fishing.

He teaches AP Calculus, Pre-Calculus and Trigonometry. In the past, he has integrated Geometry's Sketchpad and experimented with blogs.

Most recently, he has been using the Smartboard technology for his lesson plans. The Smartboard has definitely helped when there is a substitute teacher.

There are not too many substitutes that is prepared to help with Calculus. Kawika records his lesson plans for the substitute. Using the Smartboard recorder to tape his lessons allowed his students to hear his voice as well as follow his explanations much like class as if he was present.

Kawika has found that recording his lessons for the sub takes very little effort and saves time rather than a written lesson plan which is very manageable for both himself and substitute. This technology has worked so well that Kawika introduces new material in his absence. To think, he attended one workshop on using the Smartboard.

Curriculum Integration

Liana Honda, Elementary Computer Teacher, KS Hawai'i

"Students are becoming creators of knowledge rather than consumers of knowledge.."

Meet Liana Honda in her first year of teaching technology at KS Hawai'i. Although not a stranger to KS, she has been with our ohana for over 15 years in various divisions with a con-
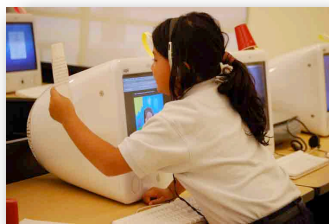
centration in Hawaiian language and literacy. Liana is a passionate reader, cook, gardener and techy.

Liana is the Computer/Technology teacher for grades K-5. Her favorite Web 2.0 application is *Voicethread.* She has integrated *VT* with book reviews for 2nd graders and soon to be a project with 1st graders.

The classroom teachers agreed to give *VT* a try and provided support for this project. The teachers allotted time in their class to discuss different sections of the book review and assisted the students with their writing. As students began to record their voicethreads, they elaborated further from their written scripts. They experienced a lot of fun especially in hearing their own voices in the playbacks.

The collaborative effort made the project a success. These students now have a global audience besides having family and friends near and far appreciating their work by utilizing *Voicethread.*

"Students liked the instant gratification, real time sharing and creating for a real audience..." Liana Honda

Voicethread has been a great experience for me and the students. I can see many other ways how it can be used to benefit our students. I'm certain that I will be using it many more times. Also, I didn't let the fact that not knowing an application keep me from learning it together with my students.

To visit the 2nd Graders Voicethread go to:
http://voicethread.com/#q+kshawaii

For information on VoiceThreads from Liana, please visit her blog at:
http://kamanu.wordpress.com/

QuickTIPs

Scrolling Up or Down in a web browser

Need an easy way to scroll down or up in a web browser without using a mouse? Here's the tip for you.

To scroll down in a web browser (ie. Safari and Firefox), press the **SPACE BAR.** Continue to press the space bar to view the entire webpage.

To scroll up, press the **SHIFT** and **SPACE BAR**.