

TechNotes



TECH NOTES...

A monthly newsletter to communicate trends in technology integration, quick tips, useful sites, and other relevant educational technology integration information.

CURRICULUM FEATURES...

Blackboard, a learning management system that has seemed to have caught the attention of many teachers as a tool for 21st Century Learning.

EVENTS...

Kapālama High School straps up for a Technology Bootcamp.

MORE RESOURCES...

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ENHANCED LEARNING THRU TECHNOLOGY

Top Stories

Blackboard..

What is Blackboard? Blackboard is a learning management system that allows teachers to create and maintain a virtual classroom by providing students with the opportunity to communicate and collaborate with their teachers and peers online.

Blackboard has become the premier on-line classroom management system throughout our enterprise. According to ETS-OPS, 108 teacher accounts and 1116 students accounts have been created since August 2008. This is not merely static accounts because the percentage of activity "page views" has increased by 75% since August 2008 as well (*Page views account for the number of times a Blackboard account has been viewed*).

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New Blackboard Users to share their mana'o....

"Blackboard (BB) has definitely allowed me to communicate to my students and peers with more *"flexibility"* and it allows *"instantaneous"* communication. I can post something up days/weeks/months early or even hours before and the students can plan their day. I can constantly change information after information and not worry about them not getting the message. BB has definitely changed the way our boarders communicate with what's going on in the dorms."

~Keahi Kahana, Head Dorm Advisor, Maude Post Dorm, KMS

According to Keahi, the integration of BB into his Boarding program & Boarding Department has allowed him to communicate more efficiently and effectively with other Dorm Advisors, Students and Parents. For students, information is readily available to them for changes in meetings, dinners, study hall, etc. Parents are kept in the "loop" at all

times because they are off island and have access to our Boarding program through BB. BB extends our reach into the households of our haumana and keeps each family in touch with our program.

"One of our goals this year has been to put our **Boarding Residential Curriculum** online for our staff. BB has become a great tool for this because it is easy to post items on the site and it is very *"interactive"* where staff can access curriculum lessons as well as post their comments whenever necessary."

~Bronson Lopez, Head Dorm Advisor, Kamehameha Dorm & Residential Curriculum Committee Member, KHS

Bronson also states that BB is very effective when communicating with students and parents. It (BB) will be useful in many aspects of our Boarding program both now and years to come as we continue to integrate it into our curriculum.

For more information on Blackboard, please contact your ETS representative.

Technology Integrated Resources

World of Teaching



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