

InTech T.I.P.S.*

*Technology Integration Promotes Success

Weekly Newsletter

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The next few weeks are busy ones in our schools!! Teachers and students are gearing up for this year's administration of the FCAT!! Be sure to take advantage of all the resources that are available to you and your students. The Florida Department of Education has posted FCAT Released Tests & Questions in reading, math, and science that are available for anyone to download at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/fcatrelease.asp>. These tests can be used to increase a student's comfort level as well as a parent's understanding of the FCAT. [FCAT Explorer](#), [Destination Success Reading and Math](#) (elementary grades), and [Compass Odyssey Explorer Florida](#) (secondary grades) are all available to students 24/7.

School Spotlight

Blogs can be a powerful communication tool for educators in a variety of ways. Take a look at the blogs that Christine Cowan, a teacher at Louis Sheffield Elementary, created. She uses one to communicate with [students and parents](#) and another to post resources and encourage the teachers at her school to [integrate technology](#) in their classrooms.

Louis Sheffield Elementary School



Web 2.0



Looking for a podcast to use as a resource for you or your students? The [Education Podcast Network](#) is a good place to start your search. The Education Podcast Network contains a wide range of podcast programming and conveniently makes it available in one place. The podcasts are produced by educators who are willing to share ideas and content knowledge as well as their passion for teaching and learning!!

Site of the Week

Great news!! [netTrekker](#) is back!! The district subscription to [netTrekker d.i.](#) has been renewed for a three year period. This academic search engine gives all DCPS teachers, students, and parents 24/7 access to over 300,000 educator reviewed resources that are aligned to the Sunshine State Standards.



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