



Jefferson Township Public Schools Office of Instructional Technology

"Developing 21st Century Skills One "Byte" at a Time"

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Introduction

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to everyone. My name is Doug Walker. I will be working for the school district as the Supervisor of Instructional Technology.

I am very excited about the opportunity to work here in Jefferson. I have been a resident of Oak Ridge for 5 years. I am looking forward to contributing to the district and the technology program of the town that I live in.

My experience in education has been acquired through various roles in two districts. I have worked as an elementary teacher, middle school teacher, district technology coordinator, and supervisor of instruction/technology.

Having the opportunity here to focus my efforts on instructional technology is very exciting to me.

I hope to spend the upcoming weeks getting to know everyone around the district. I also plan to become better acquainted with the hardware, software and current technology integration successes.

It is my intention to put together numerous professional development opportunities moving forward. I am also looking forward to meeting with individual faculty members to plan technology infused lessons and projects as well as to provide individualized training. I am most excited about setting up co-teaching opportunities with everyone.

This newsletter is one example of the literature and training resources I will be providing. Each month I will highlight a particular technology. I will also provide information on instructional technology tools, tricks and resources.

I welcome the opportunity to start working with all staff members immediately. I would like to hear feedback from everyone regarding areas of concern, professional development requests, and technology initiatives that you would like my assistance with. I would also love to hear about some of your success stories in using technology. Please do not hesitate to contact me immediately with anything. My contact information is below.

I look forward to working with all of you! I will be visiting each school over the next couple of weeks to introduce myself.

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What's Cool on the Web?

Academic Earth

www.academicearth.org

This site hosts thousands of lectures from some of the world's top scholars. All lectures are free to view. Listen to lectures and courses from top Universities.

Interactive Site - Human Body

Take your students on an interactive tour of the Human Body. This site will explore the organs, muscles, skeleton, and nervous system. This is a great site to use with an interactive whiteboard or projected computer image.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/humanbody/body/interactives/3djigsaw_02/

Tikatok

Create an online book.

<http://www.tikatok.com/>

Tikatok is a site where students can create online books. The books can be published on a wiki or teacher website.

They also can be viewed right on the tikatok site. Teachers can easily create and manage student accounts. Students can purchase print copies of their books for \$20.00.

My Blogroll

(Blogs of interest to educators)

Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day

Larry is a teacher of beginner, intermediate, and advanced English language learners (as well as native English speakers) at Luther Burbank High School in Sacramento, California.

Larry provides an amazing list of websites each day. Although the primary focus is on resources for English language learners, many of the sites are useful for all students.

PC Tips and Tricks

If you are like me you may have a tendency to open files on your computer and leave them all minimized on the bottom of your screen. Eventually the amount of space provided to hold these minimized websites and applications is not enough. They become layered. Now you have to take time to find the one you are looking for.

By holding down the **ALT** key and pressing the **Tab** key you can sort through **open windows**. Let go of the tab key when you have selected the window you are looking for. It will open for you.



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