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## Congratulations to all the 2005 Broward County School's Quality Award Participants

Various schools and district departments were recognized on March 31, 2005 for their improvement projects and initiatives at the BCPS's 4th Annual Quality Award Ceremony. Each team of dedicated employees utilized the Plan-Do-Study-Act cycle to improve or create work site processes.

Written applications and story boards were submitted that detailed continuous improvement best practices within district schools and departments. Three divisions of participants included School, Collaborative, & District Applicants,

In the School Applicants' Category, **Ramblewood Elementary** won the 1st Place

Exemplary Award for their Written Application titled "Mission Science: Orbiting the Strands." **Falcon Cove Middle School** received the 1st Place Intermediate Written Application for their Writing Camp Project, and First place Novice went to **Griffin Elementary** for their Collaborators in Action Project.

**Millennium Middle** took the 1st Place Storyboard Award for their FCAT Saturday Learning Gain Train. **South Plantation High** took 2nd Place Storyboard that detailed their Increasing the Offerings, Enrollment and Success Rates of Minority Students in Advanced Placement Classes and **Seminole Middle** snagged 3rd Place Storyboard for their project titled "Seminole's Bloomin."

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**Got technology infusion?**

**Apply to VTRP!**

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices>

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## Quality Awards Recognize Superior Programs within Broward County Schools

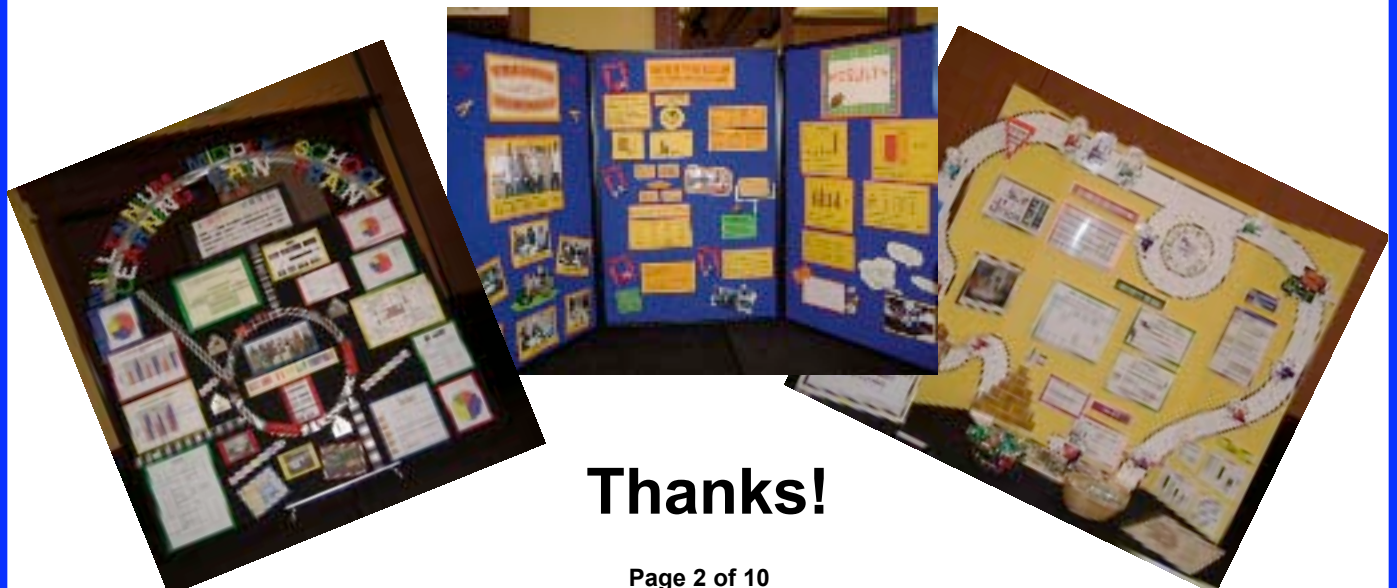
Among the Collaborative Applicants, **School Boundaries / Facilities and Construction Management / Capital Systems Reporting & Control / Area Offices** won the 1st Place Exemplary Award for their Written Application entitled, "Class Size Reduction-Classrooms for Kids." First Place Intermediate went to **Cypress Bay High School / South Central Area Office / ETS** for their project - "On-line Student Scheduling" and 1st Place in the Novice category went to **Advanced Academic Programs / Core Curriculum / Guidance** for their project on "Increasing Access and Enrollment in Advanced Academics."

Storyboard winners in the Collaborative Applicants Category went to First Place - **North Central Area Assistant Principal Council** for their "ASPIRE" project, 2nd Place - **North Central Area Superintendent's Office** for "Working Collaboratively to Increase Student Achievement and Attendance by Reducing External Suspensions, and 3rd Place went to the **Digital Education Teacher Academy** project - "A Standards-based Professional Development Partnership."

Within the District Applicants Category for their Written Application, **Instructional Staffing** won 1st Place Exemplary for "I. S. Express," **Supply Management and Logistics** won 1st Place Intermediate Level for their project - "Purchasing Card Program" and **Risk Management** took 1st Place Novice for their project - "Workers' Comp Works for You!"

The Storyboard Awards for the District went to 1st Place, **Teaching and Leadership Center** for their "No Teacher Left Behind" project, 2nd Place to **Equal Educational Opportunities** for their project - "Maximizing Training for Optimal Results", and 3rd Place to **Grants Administration & Government Programs** for "The Grant Liaison Network: Using the Sterling Process to Increase the Number of Schools Submitting Grant Proposals and Receiving Funding."

Nearly 140 schools and departments submitted continual improvement projects this year, which definitely shows that the entire District is benefiting from dedicated staff who collaborate to make Broward County Schools the best possible.



Thanks!

## ***Wizards of the Month***



***Ralph Bucci***  
***Teacher***

**Coral Glades High School**

VTRP 2003-2004 Winner

***“Life’s Big Question: VOL. III”***



What makes us human? Is there a universal purpose to life?  
Why do some people long for something that this world cannot satisfy?

***LIFE'S BIG QUESTIONS: VOL. III***, a WebQuest on the Theory of Knowledge, challenges high school seniors to journey through a series of online activities and research and then debate some of today's most complex issues about life and man's place in the Universe.

Discover the ***MAGIC*** in this winning lesson @ <http://web/bestpractices> (Intranet) or <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices> (Internet).

**Submit your lesson or unit plan by May 27, 2005  
and you could be a VTRP Wizard as well!**

## **Spark in the Park II Set for May 27**

Technical support staff from schools and district offices will have the opportunity again this year to participate in “Spark in the Park.” This staff development event will offer various workshops related to technology projects for the 2005-06 school year.

To obtain further information on workshop titles and registration, please refer to the TLC web site at:

<http://web/tlc>



TLC's “network” prior to workshop sessions at the 2004 Spark in the Park event.



# Keep the Digital Fires Burning!



**Thanks** so much for your participation in the  
2004-2005 DETA Learning Community!

Wednesday and Thursday, April 13 & 14, marked the last DETA LC meetings for the 2004-05 school year. For those teachers who attended the learning community during the second semester, please do not forget to complete the HRMS appraisal and follow up requirements to earn your inservice points.

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**Peggy will  
send Picture**



## Web Sites of the Month



[www.mos.org/sln/Leonardo/LeoHomePage.html](http://www.mos.org/sln/Leonardo/LeoHomePage.html)

Exploring Leonardo? How much do you really know about Leonardo

DaVinci? Did you know that he wrote all of his journals in backward script? Visit this excellent web site to learn more about the great master.

<http://bensguide.gpo.gov/3-5/symbols/>

This site is a great resource for information and pictures of our National Symbols and Landmarks, including Government Buildings, Statues and Memorials, and Songs and Oaths. Although it is geared for intermediate, secondary will find it interesting as well.

[www.pbs.org/wnet/savageearth/](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/savageearth/)

The site, which is sponsored by Thirteen WNET and PBS, features terrific articles, video clips, and animations of earthquakes, volcanoes, and tsunamis. This resource can be just the ticket to add dimension to a science lesson.

# Virtual Technology Recognition Project 2004-2005

**SHARE** your classroom-tested, **LESSON** and **PROJECT PLANS** that ...

- Infuse technology into the curriculum!
- Engage students in real-life problem solving experiences
- Provoke thoughtful inquiry
- Promote collaborative learning
- Support the Sunshine State Standards and National Educational Technology Standards



Qualify to **WIN GREAT**  
**Technology-based**  
**prizes such as a *digital***  
***camera and***  
***multifunction color***  
***printer!***

**10 Winners will be recognized and showcased!**  
**A *SPECIAL* celebration will be held in the Fall of 2005. Location and**  
**time TBA**

***NOW through May 27, 2005***

Participation in **VTRP** is EASY! For Project details and information, *log onto:*

***Best Practices: Integrating Technology into Teaching and Learning @***  
**[www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices)**

OR

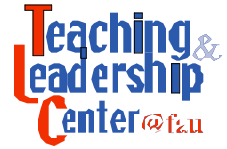
Contact Michele Rivera @ Customer Staff Development Services  
**[michele.rivera@browardschools.com](mailto:michele.rivera@browardschools.com)**

**754-321-0318**



**DIGITAL EDUCATION TEACHER ACADEMY**  
**Summer 2005 COURSES NOW AVAILABLE!**  
**SIGN UP NOW!**

**Limited Availability for Some Sessions!**



BET 10127314 BE #	Dates	Open House Registration - Presentation FAU Davie LA Bldg. Rm 139 Starts at 4:30 pm Date
10254327	June 6, 7, 8, 9, 10	May 25
10254329	June 13, 14, 15, 16, 17	
10254330	June 20, 21, 22, 23, 24	
10254332	July 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	
10307680	July 18, 19, 20, 21, 22	
10254335	July 25, 26, 27, 28, 29	

**PREREQUISITES:** Candidates must have intermediate technology skills, **MUST ATTEND ALL 5 FULL DAYS** and must complete all prerequisites as listed on the DETA web site: <http://www.coe.fau.edu/tlc/content/about-index.htm>

**Attention Teachers!**

Come together as a team to learn and collaborate on best practices in integrating technology into the curriculum.

**FAU GRADUATE LEVEL COURSE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SBBC**

**TUITION WILL BE PAID BY SBBC!**

***For Contract Teachers Only!***

- Graduate Credits (3 Hours)
- Held at FAU Tower (111 East Las Olas Blvd)
- Hours: 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM

**Description:** Participants of the Digital Education Teacher Academy (DETA) will use technology to improve student achievement in the core curriculum areas; learn strategies for integrating technology that can be incorporated into daily practice; and learn how to use new technologies such as Internet-based curriculum and digital tools. Participants will also receive a digital toolbox of resources (software, CDs, online subscriptions and more!)

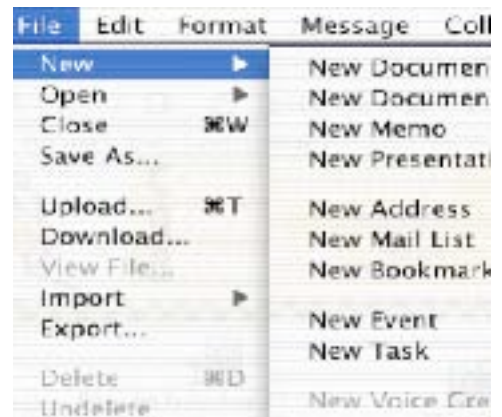
For more information, please call **Customer Staff Development Services** at **754-321-0475** or visit: <http://www.coe.fau.edu/tlc/content/about-index.htm>



## CAB TIP – Creating a Bookmark Folder to house your Bookmarks

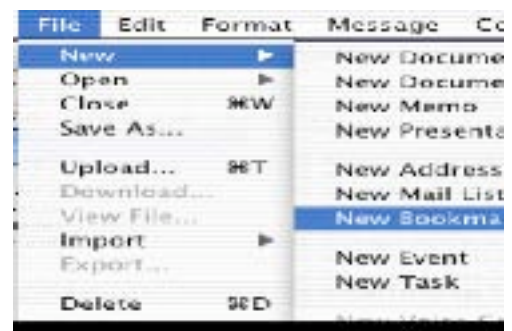
What is a bookmark? A link, stored in a special Bookmarks folder, that points to another object.

Create a new folder on your CAB desktop by selecting **File>New>New Folder**.



Name your folder by selecting the “new folder” icon, then selecting **File>Get Info (Mac) or File>Properties (Win)**.

Open your newly created folder and begin creating your bookmarks by selecting **File>New>New Bookmark**.



From the Bookmark “Info” window, **name** your new bookmark and give it a “subject”.

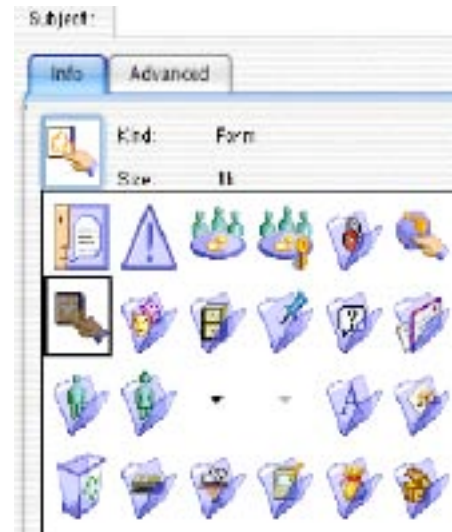


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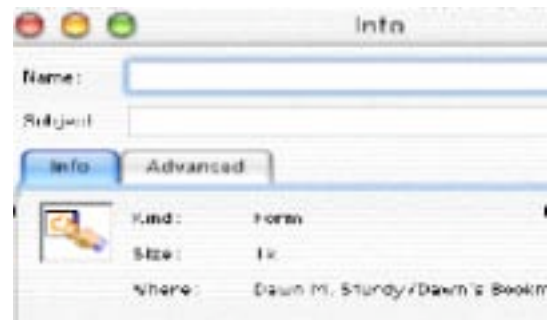
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You can change the icon of your bookmark by clicking and holding the mouse in the square below.



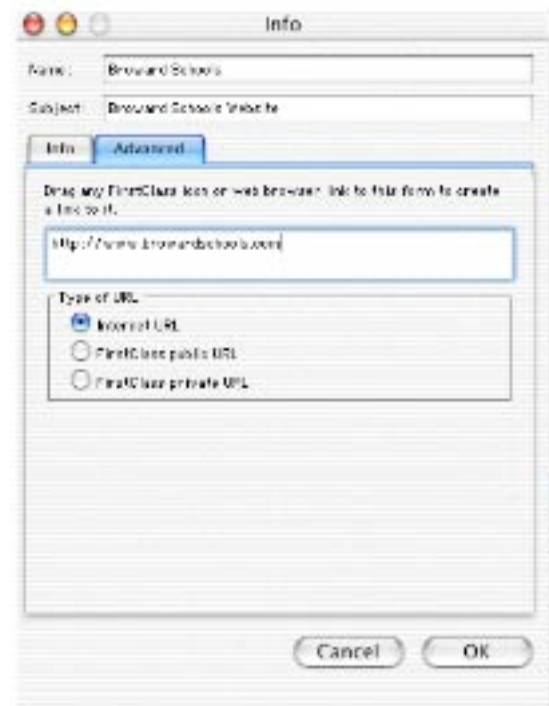
Next, Select the “**Advanced**” tab.



From the “**Advanced**” tab, enter the url in the window below or drag a url link directly into this field.

Select OK to save your bookmark.

You can edit your bookmark at anytime by double-clicking it , which will open the Bookmark info window.



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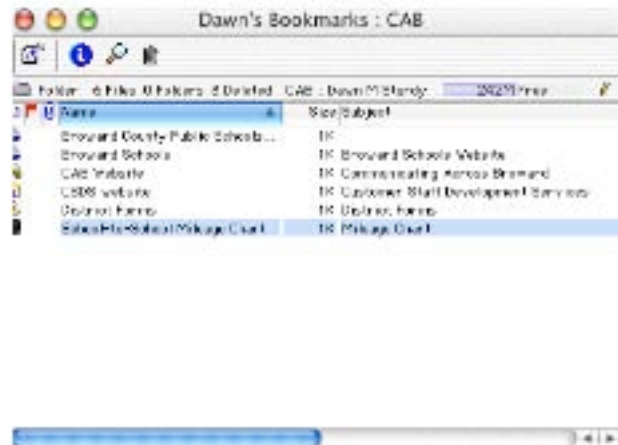


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To use a Bookmark, just open your Bookmarks folder and select a bookmark from your list.

You can now double-click on your bookmark to open the specific website.



For more CAB TIPS, open BCPS Resources, then open CAB Q & A, then CAB TIPS. You can add any conference to your CAB desktop by highlighting the conference and selecting Collaborate>Add to Desktop. This places an alias(shortcut) of that conference directly on **your** CAB Desktop.



## Change of DETA Web Site...

The DETA web site has changed from <http://web/deta> to <http://www.coe.fau.edu/tlc/content/deta-index.htm>



Have you submitted your lesson / unit plan and/or WebQuest to the Virtual Technology Recognition Project?

Deadline is May 27, 2005!

<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/bestpractices>

## Quote of the Month

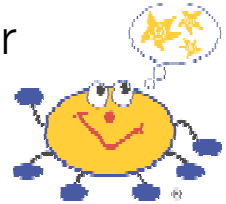
On accomplishments -

Let us not be content to wait and see what will happen, but give us the determination to make the right things happen.

- Peter Marshall

# New Inspiration/KIDSPIRATION RESOURCE CENTER

Introducing our new SBBC Inspiration and Kidspiration Web Site. The address is <http://web/inspiration> or <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/inspiration> (from outside the SBBC network). This site contains installation information, curriculum guides, and links to a wealth of resources and training materials.



**General Information**  
Installation Overview Presentation  
Installation Instructions  
Promotional Flyer  
Downloads and Updates

**inspiration • kidspiration Training Resources**  
Inspiration Workshop Resources  
Inspiration Presentation Scripts  
Using Inspiration in Your Classroom  
Using Kidspiration in Your Classroom

**Online Resources**  
Achieving Standards with Inspiration 7  
Sample Lesson Plans and Resources  
Sunshine State Standard Matches

**Online Tutorials**  
Interactive Inspiration Demonstration  
Inspiration Diagram Archive  
At Home Learning Online Tutorials  
Interactive Kidspiration Demonstration  
Kidspiration Diagram Archive

**Link to Curriculum Resource**

Curriculum Resource Link

The **Curriculum Resource** page includes immediate access to a wealth of lesson plans, templates, sample concept maps, and Sunshine State Standard matches. Simply click on an item to download resources directly to your desktop.

**inspiration • kidspiration Achieving Standards with Inspiration**

**Language Arts**  
Lesson Plans  
Templates  
Sunshine State Standard Matches

**Social Studies**  
Lesson Plans  
Templates  
Sunshine State Standard Matches

**Science**  
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Thanks for reading!  
Rose Parsons, Editor