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Presentation Overview

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- What are blogs?
- About Farringtonblogs.org
- Challenges & Rewards
- Future Directions
- Q&A

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Intro

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“Technology is only a medium, it’s
neither rare nor well done.”

- Milton Chen, Ph.D., *Exec. Director,*
George Lucas Educational Foundation

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What are blogs?

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Blogs are:

- Short for weblogs.
- Written for an audience/purpose.
- Easy to **create and maintain**
WYSIWYG publishing from any Internet
connection, no FTPing.

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Are these blogs?

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These “blogs” are popular among our
students...but are giving blogs in education a
bad rap.



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Example:  **myspace**
a place for friends

As of 4/1/05 **10,519,909**
My Space “blogs”

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Teens & Young Adults

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From mspace.com

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Hawaii Politics

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From http://www.brianschatz.com/blog/blogger.html

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Academia

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From http://www.lessig.org/blog/

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Corporations

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From http://www.google.com/googleblog/

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Nonprofits

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From http://www.hosef.org

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Even NBA basketball blogs

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From http://www.nba.com/blog/blog8.html

Blogs in Education

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**My passion:
K-12 Educators
using blogs**

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From <http://www.weblogg-ed.com>

About Farringtonblogs.org

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Who: About 10 Teacher Bloggers from Farrington H.S.

What: Integrating Blogs into Teaching & Learning

When: Farringtonblogs.org launched 2/6/05

Why: 1. PDERI Course Event 966
2. Lifelong Learning

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Ms. Taira
Marine Science Teacher

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Ms. Shimizu
Business Education

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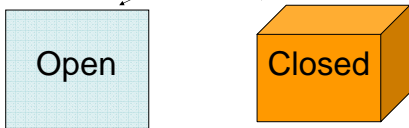
Ms. James
ESL Teacher

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Teachers choose level of transparency:



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Challenges & Rewards

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First the Challenges

- Time to Integrate
- Student Access to Computers
- Fear of Risks: Liability/Transparency

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Now the Rewards

- Transparency in Education
- Writing for Authentic Audience
- Writing for Purpose
- Extend Learning, Teaching and Collaboration

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Future Directions

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SY 2004-05 (Year 1): Farrington HS

- **Blog. Blog. Blog.** Course ends 5/23/2005
- **Integrate RSS aggregators in blogs.**

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SY 2005-06 (Year 2):

- **Scale-up to Farrington/Kaiser Complex? via PD course.**
- **Continue to share experiences, advice with other educators.**

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Q&A

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If I don't have enough time answer your question, please talk with me or email me after the session.

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