

Wikispaces project at Lou MacNarin School

Lou MacNarin's Grade 7 F.I. Science students are participating in a collaborative technology project with other Grade 7 Science classes within the district. The project was created by our district's technology mentor, Mr. Richard Daley and developed by five district teachers sharing the same assignment. By creating intentional collaboration, both the educators and the learners have greatly benefited because of the broader school community and the shared language and curriculum. Collaboration among specific groups like this allows for teachers to develop together best practices and offer more authentic projects for students in order for them to become more engaged in their own learning process, since it plays such a pivotal part.

In this initiative, students had to create a model of their own unique 'creature' with specific adaptations justifiable by body systems and environment. Students prepared text accordingly, to be shared with the other classes. This is a great way to encourage students to read and write in French while collaborating with their peers. They enjoyed sharing their new species with the participating classes through a video linkup.



Wikispaces is a hosting service, safe and secure for educational use, which provides interactive exchanges for both teachers and students. Through this teacher monitored space, students have the opportunity to further discuss such topics, through a scientific type blog. Students even completed homework assignment on their classroom's wiki! (Contact Annette White, 856-3411)