

TECH TIME TRIBUNE

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******Welcome to the first edition of technology tips for the teachers of the Diocese of Metuchen. This will be our newsletter—to share the best of technology in the classroom with each other.**

“We need to teach our students to their future, not our past.” Share your best lesson plans in the next issue! Information on how to submit your ideas is on the next page.

HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED TEACHERSDOMAIN.ORG?

As teachers we are constantly looking for ways to incorporate technology in our classrooms. There is a wonderful website called Teachersdomain.org that has many technology inclusive lessons and the best part—it's free! I registered our diocese so you can use it using the diocesan log on or you can log on yourself.

So what's on this site? Many wonderful lessons for all grade levels on all types of subjects. Each lesson has an easy to follow lesson plan, the state standards for the parts of the lesson and video components.

Here's part of a lesson plan for sound vibrations from grades K-5:

Before the Lesson

- Depending on the skill level of your students, you may want to make



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the straw kazooos for them. Follow the instructions in the [Pitch: Straw Kazoo](#) [handout](#).

- Make a demonstration drum, as follows: Open and clean the cans. Cut off the neck of a balloon. Stretch the body of the balloon tightly over one end of

a can.
 • Make a copy of the [Testing Solids Chart](#) (PDF) for each student.

The Lesson
Part I: Introduction to Vibration

2. Introduce the word *vibration* and define it: a rapid back-and-forth movement. Demonstrate vibrations by blowing air through your lips and making "car sounds" or a "horse snort". Then show the [Sound and Solids: Visualizing Vibrations](#) video.

WHAT'S NEW ON THE TECHBLOG? HTTP://DOMPSTECH.BLOGSPOT.COM

Have you visited the Diocese of Metuchen Technology Blog? It has great information on the best software, Internet programs, and wikis in a blog. The first entry for March is a link to a free trial of Kidspiration. Kidspiration is a software program that can be

purchased for your school with the technology monies from the commission. What's great about it?

Students will be able to organize ideas and use the charts and pictorial designs

they create to prepare for more formal writing.

This is a great tool to help students who are unsure of a starting point or are more visual learners.

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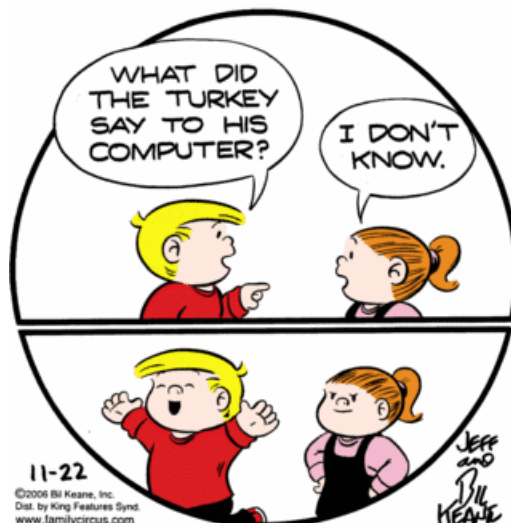
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What else would you like to see in the Monthly Tech Tribune?

Do you have anything you'd like to contribute?

**Complete the form on the Teacher page of the Diocesan website,
address listed above.**

TECH TIPS



“Google Google Google!”

Using the “Print Screen” function is great for creating technical-looking worksheets, diagrams, and creating hyperlinks to introduce a website.

Here’s how:

PC Users:

- 1) Press the Print Screen key once you have the website in view that you want to copy
- 2) Open the program you want to copy the screen into: Word, Publisher, Paint, etc.
- 3) Click on the blank page and then either

- go to Edit>Paste or you can “right click” and then choose paste.
- 4) For those of you who know a little about “shortcuts”, click on the

blank page and then hold the “Control” key and click on the letter “V” to paste into the program.

- 5) Position the copy on the page and resize as necessary.

Are you a MAC user?

- 1) Press Shift + Apple key +4 together (the pointer will turn into a bullseye icon).
- 2) Drag cursor around an area on the screen and release to take the picture.
- 3) Picture will be saved on desktop and will be named as “Picture 1.”
- 4) Open program to place the picture.
- 5) Drag the picture icon into the program to copy it to the new page.