



# SVRTC Newsletter

## Fall 2019



### Mission Statement:

The Southside Virginia Regional Technology Consortium will assist members with coordinating the acquisition and effective integration of viable up-to-date and emerging technologies, valuable training for K-12 students, staff and other citizens in our communities to enhance learning at all levels and encourage economic development in Southside Virginia.

## Spotlight on Brunswick County Public Schools

### *Brunswick High School Transforms Library into a Media Center*

Innovation is kicking off in a unique way at Brunswick High School. The learning environment is shifting from a traditional setting with desks and little movement to one where students have non-traditional seating and are free to move and collaborate. Students are excited and motivated about learning in these new spaces designed with colorful themes and an abundance of materials for peer collaborations and creativity. Ms. Tiffeney Brown, BHS Principal has led this

transformation in the high school to facilitate 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning.



This transition includes the creation of an interactive lab, a Maker Space room that includes a separate area for circuits, coding, design and robotics, a multimedia room for video production and an open working space equipped with laptops and a ClearTouch interactive board. This space has a great deal to offer and provides an inviting environment for mental relaxation, creativity, and stimulation. The new media center is a popular area of the high school and has been reserved by teachers of all

subjects. Recently students visited the Maker Space room to paint and create crafts as a way to release stress and mentally prepare for SOL testing. Spanish students are using the interactive lab to participate in Skype sessions with their Colombian penpals. Both groups are using their foreign language skills to learn about each other's culture. Teachers have also so been busy with learning how to use the ClearTouch interactive board and facilitating SOL review using the board. The media center has proven to be a valuable part of the high school as students now have the opportunity for creation, design, production and real world learning experiences.



**VSTE2019: Technology in Education  
Conference**

**December 8 - 10, 2019**

**Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center,**

This premier education conference features keynotes, spotlights and breakouts as well as a full exhibit hall of the latest technology innovations.

<http://www.vsteconference.org>

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## EdTechRVA 2020



The EdTechRVA 2020 conference will be held at the Academic Learning Center, Virginia Commonwealth University, on Wednesday, March 11, 2020. ***EdTechRVA 2020 Conference Call for Proposals is now open!***



**24th Annual Children's  
Engineering Convention**  
**The Hotel Roanoke and Conference  
Center**  
Feb 6-7, 2020

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### SVRTC Members

Amelia County Public Schools  
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Charlotte County Public Schools  
Colonial Heights Public Schools  
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