This is Me!

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EDTECH 554 - Introduction
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- Family and Pets
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**Work**

**School**

**Family and Pets**
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**Fun**
Work

- K-5 General Music Teacher
- District Web site and Blog (SharePoint)
I expect to graduate, with my M.E.T. degree in May, 2012.

Jenna is a sophomore at Bradley, majoring in violin performance.

Kate is a freshman at EIU, majoring in Special Education.

James is a junior at Warren Township HS
Family and Pets

- Jenna and Zeek
- Jenna, Kate and James
- Husband Bryan with Skeeter
- Disney World Vacation
- Homework Helper Zeek
- Hyde and Skeeter

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Fun

• Technology
  • Fun with Web sites
    • Mary’s site
    • Master Chang’s site
    • Ferdonmusic.com
  • Fun with Blogs
    • Music EdTech
    • Boise Blog
  • Fun with Farmville
  • Fun with Multimedia
    • GarageBand
    • iMovie / YouTube Channel

Fun with Web sites
I just love making Web sites. Whether it's for work, for school, for a friend, or for fun, I spend a lot of my free time with Web design.
  ~ Mary’s site: This Web site is the first one I made for someone else. I used RapidWeaver (Mac) to create the site and taught the owner how to update and add pages.
  ~ Master Chang’s site: This is the most recent site I created. This one is on Wordpress and I made it for my kids’ Taekwondo school. I am currently the Webmaster but will be teaching my son to take er.
  ~ Ferdonmusic.com: My first Web site was on TeacherWeb and in 2008 I created my first Dreamweaver site. I converted it to CSS after taking EDTECH 502 and have played with it off and on since. My district has since moved to SharePoint sites so the site is now a personal one.

Fun with Blogs
  ~ Music EdTech: Before enrolling in Boise State, I took 9 hours of independent study tech courses through University of San Diego. That experience inspired me to start my first non-school blog (linked) and enroll in the M.E.T. program.
  ~ Boise Blog: When I started the M.E.T. program, portfolios were all Web sites on the EdTech2 server. With the switch to blogs, I started a Wordpress blog last summer (’10).

Fun with Farmville
Farmville is my one and only vice. When I’m busy with homework or schoolwork, I have a farm manager (my sister) who tends the crops and animals.

Fun with Multimedia
  ~ GarageBand: Even if I didn’t love the other applications, I would keep buying Macs for GarageBand alone. I do TONS of audio editing for use with my students. GarageBand and AmazingSlowDowner are the programs I use the most. Click the link above to view my GarageBand tutorials (project for EDTECH 503).
  ~ iMovie / YouTube Channel: I have been an avid user of iMovie ’06 and finally made the switch to 09. I started out making videos of my kids, and now make instructional videos for work/school as well.
Fun

• Taekwondo
  • Kate, 18
  • James, 16

• Music
  • Jenna (19) and her violin teacher.

Taekwondo
For fun I watch my children kick things (and each other) at Taekwondo.

Kate, 18
Kate started Taekwondo about a year after her younger brother did. She earned her first degree black belt right before heading off to college.

James, 16
James is a first degree black belt (black-brown) and is an instructor at Chang's Martial Arts Academy.

Music

Jenna (19) and her violin teacher.
As a violinist myself, I especially enjoy watching and hearing Jenna play violin. After spending 14 years driving her to LOTS of lessons and rehearsals (violin lessons, flute lessons, orchestra, concert band, jazz band, marching band and contests), I am happy that she now manages her own transportation!