

Title of Session: ArtsSites - Blanket the World With Peace Project

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Guest Speaker:

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JayR: Other than the acute shortage of peace, what do you talk about in Peace Blanket?

BjB: The peace blanket theme is peace through the resolution of conflict...

BjB: which includes child abuse, bullying, and any other topic that is related

JayR: Novel approach.....sorry I don't want to sound cynical but the last few months have reduced me to late 60's levels in terms of confidence in my species.

BjB understands. This project was started before 911

JayR: Bullying is such an incredible problem. I endured bullying from the 3rd or 4th grade until middle school.

JayR: and the school NEVER acknowledged a problem

BjB nods. We have a School Counselors group that meets once a month...the topic last month was bullying and it's going to continue for this month

BjB . o O (April 24 in T11)

JayR: I'll try to join that one if it's open.

BjB: yes, all the ASO events are open

BjB: would you like to see the embryonic Peace Blanket webpage?

JayR: I would like to see the webpage

BjB: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

JayR: That's a cool site I'll explore it more at leisure.

BjB: make sure you check the links...it's my backflip site :-)

JayR: The blue bird they did in Coon Rapids (?) was really pretty

BjB: The bird was done by Kevan Nitzberg's students. He's one of the original group for the blanket. He's the president elect of the Minnesota Arts Ed Association

JayR: The bird is beautiful

BjB: yes

MattW joined the room.

BjB: Hi, Matt.

BjB . o O (I was just going to come to reception to join you, Matt.)

BjB: can we help you with anything, Matt?

MattW: hey

MattW: I'm looking for a forum

BjB: The Peace Blanket discussion?

MattW: yes, that's it

BjB smiles. You've found it!

JayR: You're here

MattW: this is it?

BjB Nods.

BjB: we're meeting here in the ASO.

BjB: Hopefully, there will be more people logging in...

MattW: what is the ASO..I'm new to all this
BjB: but, if not, I'm delighted to share the project with you, Matt
MattW: ok :)
BjB: ASO is After School Online. That's the name of this room
MattW: Ah ha
BjB: Matt, can you please introduce yourself?
MattW: sure
BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for TAPPED IN
MattW: i'm a elementary pe in Redlands CA.
JayR: I work for the Kentucky department of education--use to coach track and football
MattW: I'm taking a technology course to get me credential clear
MattW: That's great
MattW: i coach basketball
JayR: I coached for 20 years and I loved it... and I don't really miss it
BjB: if you work with health and safety, then you might be interested in the Peace
Blanket project, Matt.
MattW: sure.....what is it?
SusanR joined the room.
BjB: The name of the project is actually, Blanket the World with Peace.
BjB waves hi to Sue. Welcome!
JayR: Hi, Susan
BjB: Sue, can you introduce yourself to Matt and Jay, please?
SusanR: Hi BjB.
MattW: Hi susan
SusanR: I am a K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa, Ontario.
BjB: are you familiar with the Peace Project, Sue?
JayR: Canada! Where I'd be if they had hired me in 1969! I work for the KY department
of education
BjB . o O (seems to me you've participated in the discussions before)
SusanR: They were in desperate need for educators at that time in Ontario.
JayR . o O (not that desperate)
SusanR: Are you Canadian, Jay?
SusanR: eh??
JayR: I was trying to get on at UT and they had more Americans than they were
comfortable with.
JayR: I'm from KY but Canada had such great universities. I even tried to get on at
Alberta!
SusanR: I went to McGill and Carleton University.
JayR: Great schools!
SusanR agrees
JayR: I did my graduate work at the University of California but I always envied the great
canadian schools.
BjB: since Matt has to join a discussion here, may I tell him a little more about the peace
project?
JayR: Please
BjB . o O (unless Matt would rather discuss something else?)

SusanR: I love California!

SusanR: Oops

BjB wonders if Matt is being shy

MattW: i'm from WA state, but California is ok. The winters are really nice

SusanR: You have the floor BjB

BjB: thanks, Sue

MattW: So what is this project?

BjB: the Peace Project was started two years ago by Anna Martin

BjB: she met in TAPPED IN with a group of educators who planned the project

BjB: the theme is peace through the resolution of conflict...

JayR nods

MattW: I see

BjB: a topic that can include child abuse, safety issues, and bullying...a hot topic right now

SusanR nods

BjB: participating groups create a digital quilt square...

BjB: on the theme

MattW: Maybe off the subject...but how do you create a digital quilt square???

SusanR: I believe students create a patchwork quilt using digital photography

BjB: Right, Sue. The digital square can be a digital photo or a scanned image

BjB: I started to say that each group can link their square to a school webpage

BjB: the school page can have more images or contributions of poetry or literature or a video related to the theme

BjB: the project has a starter webpage.

MattW: What is that webpage?

BjB: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

BjB: you can click on that hyperlink to open a separate page with the peaceproject

BjB: as you can see, it's only got a few squares right now

BjB: The Peace Blanket has a group room here in TAPPED IN

BjB: the webpage has a link to resources...other peace projects, ideas for topics, etc

BjB: the group room also contains resources. There is a discussion list so participants can keep in touch between meetings

BjB: any group, school, discipline can contribute to the quilt

BjB: questions?

JayR: Has anyone tried video yet?

BjB: not yet, Jay. I'd love to see some quick time movies linked to a square!

BjB: I'd also like to see some literature and poetry

JayR: I uploaded a flash file the other day and it worked just fine.

BjB: video could include dance

BjB: and music would also be a wonderful addition

JayR: ;nods

BjB: the group room has a form for a lesson plan to submit with your square

SusanR: Is there a grade level restriction.. or is it open to all grade levels?

BjB: there is also a student release document

BjB: Sue, it's open to any grade level

MattW: This is great! I'm going to check out the website. See you all later

BjB nods to Matt

MattW left the room.

SusanR: Thanks for sharing the Peace Quilt. I will pass it along to my peers, Goodnight.

SusanR left the room (signed off).

BjB waves goodnight

BjB left the room (signed off).

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