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JoanFB: Hi, is this the Arts site online session?

BJ nods to Joan. Yes, this be the place!

JoanFB: So, what happens here?

BJ: We usually start all discussions here with introductions.

BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for TAPPED IN

JoanFB: I'm an elementary music teacher in Perth Amboy New Jersey.

CorrinGuest7: I'm a student teacher in San Jose, CA

MarcB: former video teacher in Apple Valley CA

BJ smiles...sounds like a nice group with some interesting backgrounds!

BJ: I'm assuming none of you are familiar with the Blanket the World with Peace Project?

JoanFB: No, I'm not familiar with it.

BJ: This discussion is about the Peace Project and some related sites

MarcB: tell us about it BJ

BJ: The Peace Project was started two years ago by a teacher in North Carolina...

BJ: she met with a group of educators here in TAPPED IN...

BJ: and we developed a project with the theme of Peace through the resolution of conflict...

MarcB: very cool

BJ: before I continue...you might want to make your text larger so it's easier to read...

BJ: click on the ACTIONS drop down menu and scroll down to larger text

CorrinGuest7: This is interesting

MarcB: big letters for old eyes

KayE joined the room.

BJ: There are some urls I'm going to show you...

MarcB: hi Kay

CorrinGuest7: I want some urls

BJ: When I enter the urls they will be hyperlinked. Just click on the url to open a new window

BJ waves hi to Kay

KayE: hi

MarcB: ready for url's

BJ: Kay, we've just started. I'm explaining the Blanket the World with Peace Project

BJ: There was an article in the last TAPPED IN newsletter about the project. You can read it at <http://tappedin.org/info/teachers/hatsoff/article.html>

BJ: The Peace project is located at <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

MarcB: Congrats on the award, BJ

BJ smiles...thanks, Marc
CorrinGuest7: that's a good article
MarcB: nice graphics
MarcB: very pretty
BJ: The hats off to peace project my boys did is at <http://www.tappedin.org/info/teachers/hatsoff/>
MarcB: how does one join the project
RocioFB joined the room.
CorrinGuest7: the crown is silly!
BJ: Hi, Rocio. Welcome
CorrinGuest7: Hi Rocio
MarcB: I like the crown
MarcB: Hi Rocio
CorrinGuest7: Rocio, what's up?
BJ: Marc, you just get your kids to do a project based on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict
MarcB: very cool
MarcB: tape crown looks like my work
BJ: then submit a digital square to Anna ...
BJ: You can have the square link to a webpage with more information about your project
MarcB: did not get sharp scissors till 5th grade
RocioFB: What crown are we discussing?
BJ: <http://www.tappedin.org/info/teachers/hatsoff/>
BJ: click on that hyperlink, Rocio
CorrinGuest7: Crowns are, for me, peaceful
MarcB: BJ is Anne still involved?
CorrinGuest7: So it really works for the theme
CorrinGuest7: Except the crowns of violent kings
BJ: Yes, Anne did the Peace Blanket site
MarcB: Good for her
BJ . o O (and she's still involved)
BJ: eventually, we'd like to have a lot of squares rotating
MarcB: now many members nationwide
CorrinGuest7: How many people visit your site every day, BJ?
BJ: the project is still getting off the ground...
BJ: I don't have any idea, Corrinne
CorrinGuest7: I bet at least 11
JoanFB joined the room.
BJ: I'd like to see some music and other arts disciplines represented in the quilt squares.
BJ: welcome back, Joan
MarcB: Hi Joan
CorrinGuest7: You people are so dull!! Robots!! Robots!!
BJ: Rocio, the Peace Blanket is at <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>
BJ: I'm sorry you find us dull robots, Corrinne. Do you have any suggestions for adding to the peace project?
CorrinGuest7: yes.

CorrinGuest7: pictures of majestic landscapes

CorrinGuest7: and plenty of them

RocioFB: This is a wonderful way for kids to express themselves in a way they can understand also.

MarcB: yes Rocio it is

BJ: All you have to do is get a class to do the landscapes...keeping in mind that the theme is peace through the resolution of conflict, Corrinne

BJ: thanks, Rocio and Marc.

CorrinGuest7: Ok, thanks BJ

BJ: Joan, when you officially log out, you'll get your transcript in your email

CorrinGuest7: I'll do that, um, never

RocioFB: Call me patriotic, but The US hat probably has more meaning to me because I currently serve in the Naval reserves (cheese).

BJ: Corrinne, if you feel this discussion is beneath you, you are welcome to leave.

CorrinGuest7: Sorry, BJ

RocioFB: Ditto

CorrinGuest7: I guess I'm just opinionated

BJ cheers for Rocio...we're honored to have you with us.

CorrinGuest7: Forgive me?

BJ: Corrinne, it doesn't have anything to do with being opinionated...it has to do with contributing constructively to the dialogue

CorrinGuest7: Exactly

RocioFB: There's nothing to forgive. All you have to do is talk about what is laid out to you, not what you feel you should be talking about.

CorrinGuest7: I think that it all boils down to the children

CorrinGuest7: They are our future

BJ: yes, children are deeply affected by conflict...of all kinds

MarcB: anything to provide them with a creative way of understanding peace

CorrinGuest7: Even our conflict right here

BJ: the project was started when Anne saw the art of children of war

MarcB: violence is a way of many children's lives

BJ: but conflict can include bullying, abuse, as well as war

CorrinGuest7: I have my students recreate famous battles from the Vietnam war

CorrinGuest7: They're in 3rd grade

RocioFB: I'm sure there was one point in our youthful lives where we needed to express our feelings with others like us and we didn't know how. This is a great way for children to do just that.

CorrinGuest7: It really helps them empathize

BJ: Corrinne, I'm sure your students would be able to express a lot of thoughts about peace through the resolution of conflict

MarcB: number two killer of people under 20 in cal is murder

CorrinGuest7: Yes.

BJ: I work in a correctional facility...so I'm well acquainted with what violence kids experience

MarcB: yes BJ what is it like

MarcB: to teach there

RocioFB: Bj, what outlets do you offer your kids at the facility? What ways are they allowed to express themselves>

BJ: The kids are the same ones you have...they've just been caught

MarcB: LOL

MarcB: true

BJ: Rocio, they have my art class every day and get a lot of counseling

BJ: I have one more resource I want to show you...

BJ: are any of you familiar with backflip?

JoanFB: No

KayE: I am. It's great!

MarcB: so many of problems in our country seem to be getting pushed into systems

MarcB: YEP

BJ: Joan, backflip is an online bookmarking site...

RocioFB: On a sidebar to outlets, I had my students dance and sing today while learning to conjugate verbs in Spanish.. It may not be the ultimate outlet for them, but it's a different way of letting them express themselves through dance.

BJ: you can enter your bookmarks, make them public or private, and you can put the bookmarks in folders....AND...you can access the bookmarks from any computer

MarcB: clap for Rocio

BJ: that's great, Rocio.

MarcB: Kay and Rocio I missed where u where from

RocioFB: Has anyone come up with an extremely successful teaching/outlet technique they would like to share? I'm always looking to steal other ideas

BJ: I just edited the Language Arts discussion from yesterday and they thought of lots of physical ways to teach...hopscotch, passing a ball, etc

BJ . o O (you will be able to access the transcript in about a week at

www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

BJ: any more questions or may I show you one of my backflip folders?

KayE: There's another site similar to Backflip. It's at: <http://www.mybookmarks.com/>

BJ nods...thanks, Kay

KayE: I haven't used it, came across it recently. I've used backflip.

BJ: The backflip folder I'm going to show you...

BJ: was created for the Peace Blanket project

RocioFB: I was born here in the US, but I was raised in Spain. My dad was American who used to read the daily US paper to us so we would be well informed about US issues and develop a sense of Patriotism. Reflecting on it now, I grew up with a sense of pride in our US. I also developed a sense of belonging to Celtic Spain (Galicia)

BJ: <http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist/9639445>

MarcB: smile at BJ and Rocio

BJ: nice sense of multiculturalism, Rocio

RocioFB: Thanks. I'm proud of both my roots. My mom is from Spain, Galicia.

BJ: someone had asked for teaching ideas....I think you may find one or two in those backflip folders

RocioFB: Thanks again. I will go visit once I finish with this chat

MarcB: Spain is lovely

BJ . o O (plus some interesting ideas for different peace projects)

BJ: Rocio, you are a Spanish teacher?

RocioFB: Yes, it is, and yes I am. I love Spain. It's not easy being from Spain, though. People from other parts of the world think you're arrogant because of how you present yourself

BJ: oops...in California!....I was going to suggest that you join the WebHeads discussions on Sunday, but they are at 5am for you

MarcB: OOOOO

MarcB: no 5 am's

BJ . o O (several of the webheads are in Spain...as well as Brazil, Portugal, Denmark, UAE, Australia, etc)

BJ: You might want to try the EuroLang discussions...that would be at 1pm for you on Sunday

JoanFB: Are they all teachers?

BJ: both groups are ESL/EFL teachers

BJ . o O (webheads is 8am Sunday EDT. EuroLang is 4pm EDT Sunday)

RocioFB: I'm new to this internet stuff, so I 'm hoping you guys can give me some ideas on where to go from here for Spanish Literature chats, as well as other types of literature chats.

JoanFB: How is a topic chosen for the online sessions?

BJ: the webheads choose their topic. The leaders of the discussion groups usually choose the topics for their groups

MarcB: Rocio Amazon as some neat lit chat links

BJ: I've led this group for 4 years

MarcB: so the group started in tapped in 1

BJ . o O (I also lead the Arts and Literacy discussions, Alternative/Correctional Ed, and helpdesk tours and tips)

MarcB: when did u move to 2

BJ nods to Marc

RocioFB: Question, are we still talking about the crowns???

BJ: Marc, the move started in January

BJ grins...no, we've dropped the crown discussion, Rocio

MarcB: smile

RocioFB: Oh

BJ: I guess I should bring that discussion to closure...any questions about the peace project?

MarcB: so u all moved in BJ

MarcB: thank you for sharing BJ

BJ: Yes, I'm all moved in, Marc..have an office even!

RocioFB: Is it too late for my class to submit anything?

MarcB: also may I give you my yahoo addy to visit your other class

BJ: Rocio, the peace project will continue for many years, we're hoping

BJ . o O (until there is no longer a need for a peace through the resolution of conflict)

BJ: You still with us, Joan and Kay?

BJ . o O (you're awfully quiet!)

JoanFB: Yes, I'm here.

MarcB: smile at Joan

KayE: yes, I'm still here. Reading. Will explore the peace sites on backflip tomorrow at work.

MarcB: reading and talking at the same time always a prob in Tapped

KayE: grin

RocioFB: Is that work related?

KayE: sure

BJ nods to Marc

JoanFB: I haven't had a chance to explore the sites yet, so I don't have much to say.

RocioFB: ha ha ha

BJ: Oh, Kay, I just read your ID...very cool!

KayE: I send an electronic newsletter to teachers of the deaf with grants, conference info, web sites, etc

BJ: I'll bet you could contribute a wonderful square for the quilt

BJ: do you all know how to ID someone?

KayE: So I share great sites with them. Most of our teachers are already on summer vacation, but I'll share info about the quilt with them for next year.

MarcB: HOW do we ID someone

RocioFB: yeah how?

BJ: single click on the name and then click on the green i in the lower right of the frame

KayE: Why do we ID them?

BJ: Kay, it helps us know who we're talking to. In a virtual text environment this helps us build community...just like the intros we did at the beginning

RocioFB: I don't know about you guys, but I'm boring

BJ: gracious, I think not, Rocio!

MarcB: smile no one is really boring

RocioFB: thanks, I think

BJ: One of the most valuable features of TAPPED IN is the members!

MarcB: we are all special unique in life

BJ: and we all have something to contribute to the community

MarcB: and to the world

MarcB: greatest gift of being human

MarcB: and my speeling isawful

MarcB: LOL

BJ: I hope you will think seriously about contributing to the peace project. If you have any questions, get in touch with me here or at bjb@tappedin.org

BJ . o O (no spell police here :-)

MarcB: thanks BJ

KayE: thanks, BJ

MarcB: hand BJ a blue rose

MarcB: great project

JoanFB: How could a music teacher work with the quilt?

BJ smiles and graciously accepts the blue rose

RocioFB: Kudos for KayE

MarcB: Joan add a music url link

MarcB: to a patch

BJ: Joan, you could do something with multimedia...and have the art class...or the music students design the digital square that links to your multimedia presentation

MarcB: piece of music about peace

JoanFB: what does that mean? Pardon my computer ignorance

MarcB: url is web address

BJ: each digital square on the quilt can link to a webpage

RocioFB: I'm glad somebody cleared that up for me. I did not know that either. Big Smile!

JoanFB: So, I would have to create a webpage of my own?

BJ: you could do a music composition that you put in an audio format...wave or midi or something like that

MarcB: ok I need to go feed my wife

BJ waves goodnight to Marc...and his wife

MarcB: no just a link Joan

RocioFB: I gotta feed my canine daughter Osita, she's whining outside my window

MarcB: everyone take care and be well

MarcB: wave back at BJ

KayE: bye, MarcB

JoanFB: Thanks, I'll think about this. The Cedarnet site is the place to view the quilt?

BJ: Joan, you might be able to work with someone techie in your district to design something

RocioFB: I'm with you Marc, I cannot spel either

BJ nods to Joan

BJ: thanks for coming, everyone..it's been fun

MarcB left the room (signed off).

KayE: thanks, BJ

BJ smiles

JoanFB: Thank you. Do we have to do anything to officially sign off so we can get the transcript?

BJ: Joan, you just have to click on the orange LOGOUT in the upper right of your screen

BJ: you'll get your transcript in a few minutes

JoanFB: Thanks, it's been an interesting first time.

BJ: glad you enjoyed it, Joan.

KayE: Me, too. I came to check the calendar and wandered in. It was worth it.

BJ smiles happily...thanks, Kay

RocioFB: Ok guys, I'm outta here. See you later gaters. Thanks for the memories