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BjB : Welcome to this month's Blogstreams Salon!

BjB : we have the privilege of having world famous presenter Bee Dieu leading this discussion :-)

BeeD : So..let's start with intros for the record

AlyssaYS : I'm from Kingsville, TX and I am a music education major.

DavidW : I'm David Weksler. I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers. I lead a math education and technology discussion in TI. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

BeeD : I teach EFL in a secondary school in Sao Paulo, Brazil (where I also live) and am presently visiting New Orleans, Louisiana, where I was invited to give a keynote for the Merlot International Conference on Friday 10th

CristinaCo : I am from Portugal, now living in the UK, and I am an EFL teacher and a Learning Technologist

PaulaGst2 : I am from Brunswick, GA (the coast), and I teach 7th grade math.

FernandaR : I'm Fernanda Rodrigues, a webhead in Portugal

BeyzaY : I'm from Turkey and I'm an instructor of English

CristinaCo : I am also a webhead! LOL

JoanieP : I'm from McAllen, Texas becoming an English teacher

NelbaQ : I am from Argentina. I am a teacher of English and Public translator but at present I work with blogs

FernandaR : I'm also an EFL teacher

AlyssaYS : I am originally from McAllen, TX

AdrianB : I am from the Valley (south Texas) and going to be a seventh grade Spanish teacher

SasaSi: I am from Slovenia, teaching EFL at a small college

KristinR: I'm from TX an English major

BeeD: Hi Adrian..had not seen you entering the room

BeeD: Right...so usually at blogstreams

BeeD: we talk about blogs and all that comes together with it...webpublishing in general

BeyzaY: it's my first time here

BeeD: Is there anything in particular anyone would like to discuss tonight?

NelbaQ: Sasha and I are working with Vance in a project

JoanieP: How can blogging be brought into the classroom?

BeeD: I had shrimps creole for lunch and a hurricane

NelbaQ: Joanie, it depends on what kind of blog you want to create

BeeD: so do not think I am going to eat much this evening

FernandaR: a hurricane?

KristinR: Are many classrooms using blogging nowadays?

NelbaQ: it may be a class blog or

KristinR: or is this still a new concept?

BeyzaY: sts' own

NelbaQ: every student may have his own blog

BeyzaY: nlogs

PaulaGst2: I have never done any blogging or web publishing, so I am interested in anything you all have to say about them!

BeeD: a hurricane is a typical drink here made of rum and grenadine

DavidW . o O (hurricane == alcoholic drink)

JoanieP: I am interested in making a classroom into a "smart" room

BeeD: Sorry..let me go back to the blogs

PaulaGst2: thank you

NelbaQ: I have two classroom blogs if you want to have a look

BeeD: this is some of the things students could be blogging about

JoanieP: ok Nelba

BeeD: their own interests

NelbaQ: what level are you teaching , Joanie?

BeeD: reporting on what they did

JoanieP: Planning on teaching High School

NelbaQ: well, the blog for teenagers is

NelbaQ: http://jovenes4ma.motime.com

NelbaQ: the problem I have is that they read it but are lazy to make comments :(

JoanieP: Thank you Nelba

NelbaQ: You are welcome

BeeD: I have been using blogs with my high school students since 2003

BeeD: in different ways

BjB . o O (as a side comment, the Cyber 3 discussion on August 6 is on the pros and cons of blogs)

CristinaCo: why don't you make commenting part of theirs tasks!

BeeD: and different results

KristinR: It's neat Nelba

CristinaCo: I did that with my students

NelbaQ: Are you looking at the blog?

AlyssaYS : how could you use blogs for fine arts classes?

CristinaCo : they had to comment on their peers' posts

PaulaGst2 : Nelba, could you post that address again? I teach middle school and would like to see some examples!

FernandaR : that wouldn't be spontaneous writing

KristinR : yes

BeeD : posting the process of their work Alyssa

BeeD : adding photos of their work

NelbaQ : sure

BeeD : explaining their difficulties and reflection on the artistic process

NelbaQ : http://jovenes4ma.motime.com

BeyzaY : feedback?

BeeD : this is one way I would see it Alyssa

NelbaQ : You and your students are invited to leave comments

AlyssaYS : what about music?

BeeD : adding music

BeeD : making their own music

NelbaQ : if you have time, I will look for a fantastic blog about art+music

NelbaQ : I will look in my delicious bookmark

BeeD : and having others comment

BeeD : explaining how they came about it

AlyssaYS : cool thanks

BeeD : how they created it...what it took them to create

BeeD: this is what I have done with the wiki for the keynote I am giving next week

BeeD: we usually only have access to the finished product

BeeD: the result

BeeD: we rarely document the process

BeeD: the difficulties

BeeD: the aha moments

BeeD: the contributions from other people

PaulaGst2: anyone have any ideas how this might be used in math?

BeeD: which helped us come to this conclusion

AdrianB: that is great

BeeD: Paula..I believe there are a number of Math bloggers out there

BeeD: let me see if I can find the addresses

NelbaQ: Look at this wonderful blog by Aiden

NelbaQ: http://ienglish2006.blogspot.com/2007/04/group-1.html

BeeD: David...you are into Maths..any recommendations?

DavidW: ah...

DavidW thinks

NelbaQ: It is a song illustrated with paintings

DavidW: I believe I know of one, Bee

DavidW: let me check

BeeD: I think Doug...do not remember his family name

DavidW: This one is pretty good, I think, Bee

DavidW . o O (if it is the one I believe it is)

KristinR: how does one use a blog for creative writing?

DavidW: http://futureofmath.misterteacher.com/

DavidW: I think lots of ways, Kristin

PaulaGst2: thanks, David

DavidW: just by the nature of it being a written form...

KristinR: I'm very new to blogging, so I wouldn't know how to go about finding them

BeeD: Kristin...I would advise you to use a wiki for creative writing

KristinR: wiki?

DavidW smiles

DavidW . o O (another 4 letter word, like blog)

BeeD: because creative writing is something that evolves

KristinR: I see

AdrianB: what's a wiki ok

BeeD: a wiki is a page you can update and modify easily

KristinR: never heard of that term outside of wikipedia

PaulaGst2: this site has some good info....thanks Bee and David! It will be useful!

BeeD: It also keeps a history

DavidW: Kristin, just to keep you in the know, we have a regular discussion about wikis for Teachers here in Tapped In

BeeD: of the modifications you have made

BeeD: you can also ask other people to edit it with you

KristinR: great. I'll check it out, David.

NelbaQ: a blog is individual work, whereas you usually work with a group in a wiki

BeeD: ok

AdrianB : thanks Nelba

NelbaQ smiles

NelbaQ : not at all

BeeD : you can work on your own on a wiki as well

BeeD : blogs are usually used for shorter posts

NelbaQ : yes, of course... but a blog is more personal than a wiki

DavidW . o O (free sites for educators to create blogs, wikis, etc.)

NelbaQ : yes, that is another difference

BeeD : and the posts are updated in inversed chronological order

BeeD : so it's more like a reflection

BeeD : on your learning journey

NelbaQ : yes, but in meantime you can do any way

BeeD : or sharing your impressions

BeeD : with others

KristinR : where can I view a wiki?

NelbaQ : in chronological order or not

BeeD : http://merlot.wikispaces.com

BeeD : this is the wiki I put up for the keynote

BeeD : I am making this week

BeeD : and where I record my process

BeeD : the contributions other people have made

BeeD : tools I have used

KristinR : thanks Bee. I'll check it out.

BeeD: http://lycee.wordpress.com

BeeD: this is my class blog

BeeD: where I model

BeeD: posts

BeeD: and where you can find links to my stds blogs on the side

DavidW: Kristin, here is the web page for the education-oriented wiki that Michael Misovic introduces to people in Tapped In

BeeD: see 2007 classes

DavidW: http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=K12

BeeD: Quentin d Souza has a wonderful wiki

KristinR: thanks David

BeeD: full of resources for teachers

BeeD: it's called Teaching Hacks

BeeD: in the wiki..he compiles the resources he has found

BeeD: and keeps adding and transforming

BeeD: it's a work in progress

BeeD: http://www.teachinghacks.com/wiki/index.php?title=Blogs_and_ESL/EFL

KristinR: very neat! You all have introduced me to a new and interesting concept.

BeeD: http://www.teachinghacks.com/wiki/index.php?title=Weblogs_in_Education

BeeD: wikispaces is for free

BeeD: you just create an account and there you go

KristinR: even better

BeeD: if you teach k12

BjB . o O (so is A K-12 Teacher Wiki)

NelbaQ: This is the wiki we are making with Sasha, Vance, Rita, Doris ... in case you want to have a look

BeeD: they offer a wiki without ads

NelbaQ: http://writingmatrix.wikispaces.com/

SasaSi: writingmatrix is my first blogging experience - I like it very much

BeeD: When you use blogs, there are a number of things you have to take into account

KristinR: legal matters?

BeeD: first the blogging platform you are going to choose

JoanieP: How safe is blogging?

BeeD: safe enough

JoanieP: can anyone see it, or do you need to be a member of that community?

BeeD: as long as your stds do not use their family names

JoanieP: OIC

BeeD: or post confidential information

NelbaQ: sorry, people I have to leave. bye

NelbaQ left the room (signed off).

BeeD: or revealing photos

KristinR: what about copyrights?

BeeD: I always tell them that what is on the net

BeeD: stays there forever

BeeD: so they better not post sthg they would be ashamed of in 20 years

JoanieP: true true

SasaSi: I have a problem with the copyright issue...

BjB : If you are majorly concerned about privacy and security, an alternative is to create a student group in Tapped In and use the threaded discussion board

KristinR : really?

BeeD: We use a Creative Commons License

BeeD: here is a language exercise I have prepared for my stds

BeeD: to get them acquainted with the concept

BeeD: http://lycee.wikispaces.com/CC+License

BeeD: what was the pb you had Sasa?

SasaSi: although I warn students to cite the source they very rarely do it

BeeD: this MUST be done

BeeD: it's one of the issues that we must discuss in the classroom

BeeD: together with safety

AlyssaYS : would parent consent have to be asked for the students using blogs?

BeeD: I think that if you have teenagers

SasaSi: yes, I know, and I'm very unhappy because very little attention is paid to this

BeeD: the school should provide a form

BeeD: for parents to sign

BeeD: when they enroll

AlyssaYS : ok just wondering with all these new securities being implemented in schools

BeeD: Administrators and the technical dept do not know much about it

BeeD: so you may face obstacles and resistance

BeeD: the best way is to get to know more about it

BeeD: and then explain your project to the administrators

BeeD: showing examples of what can be done

BeeD: and how other schools and institutions are using it

AdrianB: good idea

BeyzaY: I had a meeting about the changing trends in CALL with my coordinator

BeyzaY: and showed some examples and he loved it

BeeD listens to Beyza attentively

BeeD: There is a myriad of tools out there on the web

BeeD: for teachers to use

AdrianB: like you can create a power point and show it

BeeD: there are some that combine different resources

FernandaR: so many that you have difficulty in choosing

BeeD: sound, photos

BeeD: have you tried Voicethread

BeeD: I found it fantastic

BeeD: http://voicethread.com

BeyzaY: I haven't used blogging much; just with one of my classes and I need some feedback about my only class blog. Would u like to check the blog and comment on it?

BeeD: sure

BeyzaY: http://wonderfula2b.blogspot.com

BeyzaY: it was just an experimental blog

BeeD left the room (signed off).

BjB: whoops....pesky connection

DavidW . o O (oops!)

BjB assumes Bee will be back as soon as she can

BjB : any questions while we wait?

FernandaR: what's the difference between voicethread and a podcast?

AdrianB : nope

BeeD joined the room.

BjB is impressed by the interaction of the group

BeeD: oops sorry..Flock is playing tricks on me

BjB : wb, Bee....just had a question about the difference of voicethread and podcasts

BeeD: shoot :-)

BjB : what is the difference between voicethread and podcasts?

BeeD: podcasts are recordings you put on the web

BeeD: with rss enclosures

BeeD: so people can receive them

BeeD: automatically

BeeD: if they have aggregated the address

BeeD: the podcast downloads automatically to your hard disk

BeeD: if you have aggregated that channel

BeeD: it's a single recording

AlyssaYS : I enjoy podcasts

BeeD: made by one or more people

BeeD: but which does not allow interaction

BeeD: from a third party

BeeD: it's a bit topdown

BeeD: I would say

BeyzaY: Sorry I need to go and get sleep thanks for the nice chat cya all soon

BeeD: as the content is thrown down on you (well..you have subscribed to it, it's true)

BeeD: a voice thread

BeeD: is interactive

BeeD: See you Beyza

BeeD: thanks for coming

BeeD: in the sense that you record a bit and put it on the web

BeeD: and another person can comment on what you have said

SasaSi: so chinswing is an example of a voice thread

BeeD: so you create conversations online

BeeD: yes Sasa

BeeD: chinswing is one of such

BeeD: now the beauty of the Voicethread tool

BeeD: is that you can add photos

BeeD: and written comments

FernandaR: like a voice forum?

BeeD: much more than that

BeeD: it's a beauty

BeeD: check their demo

FernandaR: have you used it with students?

SasaSi: I haven't used it yet with students

DavidW: Have any of you heard about Gcast.com?

AdrianB: I'll try it when school begins

BeeD: I made a post about it here

BeeD: http://dekita.org/weblog/a-figment-of-your-imagination

NinaAL joined the room.

AlyssaYS: never heard of gcast

BeeD hugs Nina

AdrianB: nope

DavidW: This was VERY cool

KristinR: nope

SasaSi: no, what's that David?

DavidW: Friend of mine in California called me up (we were going to have a chat about technology and math education)

FernandaR: I was asking if you have used it with your students

DavidW: He asked me if he could record the conversation

DavidW: I said, "Sure"

NinaAL: Hi everybody! Nice to get here. I had a problem.

DavidW: So, we recorded a test for a minute ("How's the weather?", etc.)

BeeD: Welcome..good to see you

DavidW: And, then, we recorded a 25 minute conversation on the phone and in 10 minutes, the recording was on the web

DavidW waves to Nina

DavidW: Let me show you the web page

BeeD: please do David

DavidW warns people it will start playing the audio when the page loads

BeeD: I went out on the town this morning with my small recorder

NinaAL: Dear Bee, I am happy to see you and invite you and everyone to take a look at our Greetings blog at http://greetingsfromwebheads.blogspot.com/

BeeD: and recorded the guide giving info about the French Quarter

BeeD: do not know now if it came out right

BeeD: let's hope it did

DavidW . o O (oops - think it moved...hang on...1 minute to find it)

BeeD: so I can share it with you later on

BeeD: together with the pics

BeeD: Nina..this is sooooo nice of you

BeeD: hugs and hugs

BeeD: what a beautiful birthday present

BeeD: I am going to link it to the wiki

NinaAL: Hugs and GREETINGS to you, dear Beee!!!

NinaAL: I am happy you like it.

BjB smiles. We should sing happy birthday to Bee?

BjB . o O (and to Nina's son!)

BeeD: Carla posted a little film

NinaAL: When can I join you at your presentation?

BeeD: You can join at Alado

BeeD: here is the info

NinaAL: Dear Bj, can I have a transcript of this session later?

SasaSi: I need to go now... I plan to join you too at Alado

BeeD: http://merlot.wikispaces.com/

BjB looks at the clock on the wall

NinaAL: Hi Sasa and bye

DavidW searches harder

BeeD: lot.wikispaces.com/Help

BeeD: oops

BeeD: cut it out

SasaSi: bye Nina and all

DavidW: hang on a minute folks, if you can

BjB : Bee, your next Blogstreams Salon will be on September 2?

NinaAL: when at alado?

BjB hangs

VanceS joined the room.

SasaSi: thanks for all the wealth of info

VanceS: hi

BjB waves hi to Vance

NinaAL: hi Vance!

SasaSi: Hi Vance

VanceS: just landed in California

AlyssaYS : bye very informative

VanceS: was here an hour ago

BeeD: http://merlot.wikispaces.com/Help

BeeD hugs Vance

VanceS hugs back

BeeD: Thanks Bj

BeeD: I will be here

BeeD: Nina...you can join either at Alado, or at SL or at the Webheads in Action webcast/chat

NinaAL: I can't at SL

BeeD: Alado or webcast then

NinaAL: only at Alado, but when?

BeeD: all in the wiki Nina

BeeD: and add yourself to the Frappr Map and Twitter

NinaAL: ok, thanks I will see.

DavidW: Okay, Bee - found it, finally....sorry...

NinaAL: I am added, not?

DavidW: http://www.portical.org/podcasts/

BeeD: I think so

BeeD: Thank you David

DavidW: scroll down, below the group photo with the motorcycle

VanceS: Bee, two questions

DavidW: there's a link to the audio

DavidW waves to Vance

AdrianB: hey guys thanks for the info. it was great

VanceS: hi david

BeeD: My photos of Nola are here

BeeD: if you care to have a look

BeeD: http://flickr.com/photos/bee/sets/72157601235531313/

BeeD: Yes, Vance?

DavidW: but Gcast is www.gcast.com - pretty cool technology to record phone conversations

VanceS: three questions

VanceS: 1. who's Nola

VanceS: 2. can you send me a transcript

BeeD: my connection is fickle

BeeD: Thanks for coming

VanceS: 3. what do you want me to do

BeeD: all and see you on September 2nd

DavidW: New Orleans == NOLA

BeeD: for the next Blogstreams Salon

BeeD: I hope you have lots of questions

DavidW . o O (New Orleans*)

JoanieP: this was a great and knowledgeable event. Thanks Bee

VanceS: ah

JoanieP: Sorry I did not ask a lot of questions.

JoanieP frowns

BeeD: thank you Joanie and you will next time :-)

JoanieP: This was extremely new to me.

BeeD: feel free to join the group and consult all the resources

AdrianB : me 2

BeeD: surf the links

JoanieP: Thank you once again. and I hope you have a great day.

DavidW: Kristin, do you know how to view the Tapped In calendar?

BeeD: and get immersed in the environment

JoanieP: BYE

BeeD: See you

VanceS: if you send me a transcript I'll try to catch up

BeeD: I got disconnected sometimes

BeeD: we did not talk about merlot

NinaAL: Bye Joanie

DavidW: Mention it, Bee!

BeeD: but about webpublishing in general

BeeD: Mention, what David?

VanceS: ahhh I see

DavidW . o O (Merlot!)

BeeD: I did

BeeD: at the beginning

DavidW smiles

VanceS: ok I thought it was an organizational meeting

DavidW joined yesterday

BeeD: and gave the address of the wiki

BeeD: So did I Vance

VanceS: I have the info you've given already

KristinR: bye

KristinR: thanks for the wiki advice

BeeD: Bye Kristin

DavidW waves to Kristin

BeeD: and nice to see you

NinaAL: bye

FernandaR: thanks for all the info

VanceS hugs Fernanda

BeeD: there were many people here today that are not interested in merlot

NinaAL: Well, thanks Bee for info. I am leaving, it's far midnight here

BeeD: so I did not want to rub it in

BeeD: Thanks for being here Nina

FernandaR: Fernanda hugs Vance

NinaAL: I will join you at Alado

BeeD: and hope you can join the keynote

BeeD: great

VanceS: should be an interesting keynote

BeeD: it'll be good to have you all there

BeeD: with me

VanceS: are you feeling better about it?

BeeD: about what?

DavidW smiles

VanceS: about preparations etc?

NinaAL: bye everyone.

BeeD: I went to the voodoo shop this morning and did my prayers...lol

NinaAL: Hugs

BeeD: hugs Nina

VanceS: that should work

BeeD: have bought all kinds of incense and bead necklaces (kidding)

BeeD: have not met the Louisiana Board of Regents nor the organizational committee though

BeeD: this is why I am feeling so relaxed

BeeD: lol

DavidW: is there a conference web site, Bee?

FernandaR: no need to be stressed

BeeD: yes..google..merlot international conference 2007

BeeD: no stress

BeeD: just joking

BeeD: Bernie Dodge will be here

FernandaR: http://conference.merlot.org/

BeeD: he is the only person I know

BeeD: and Laura Franklin, who invited me, is a virtual buddy

BeeD: so..that makes two

BeeD: http://conference.merlot.org/2007/

DavidW: Thanks, Fernanda, Bee

BeeD: need to shop for some business casual clothes tomorrow

BeeD: only have my barcamp Tshirts...lol

FernandaR: Friday, August 10, 8:00AM ... are the times GMT?

DavidW: Bee, anything we can do for you during your keynote?

BeeD: on the wiki

DavidW: Are you going to demo anything?

BeeD: all is on the wiki

BeeD: I am planning to bring you all to the conference room

BeeD: connection permitting

VanceS: well I'll let you go

DavidW smiles

BeeD: if it does not permit

BeeD: well then hell will break lose

VanceS: plan B

BeeD: and ..voodoo help me

VanceS: is that Plan B?

BeeD: plan B is still on the making..argh

BeeD: need the context

DavidW . o O (if I leave now, I can be in New Orleans by...)

BeeD: and the people

BeeD: hehehe David

BeeD: it would be nice to have you here

DavidW smiles

DavidW 's only time in NoLa was 10 years ago

BeeD: it's a fine city

BeeD: great atmosphere

DavidW: tough times for many people there

BeeD: yes

BeeD: very

DavidW: it's great that the conference is taking place there

BeeD: tomorrow morning I am doing some volunteer work in a school

BeeD: helping to bring it back to order so that kids will find it nice when they start again in September