

Title of Session: NOAA Resources for Teachers and Students (1)

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Room: NOAA Group (K-12 Student Campus)

BJB2 waves hi to Ruth. Glad you could join us for the 'official' opening of the NOAA room!

MichaelWev joined the room.

BJB2: Hi, Michael. Welcome

MichaelWev is sorry he's late

BJB2: we were waiting for you, Michael

MichaelWev: Thank you

BJB2: as with the NASA room, I'd like you take a moment or two to view the resources that are posted here

BJB2: and I must repeat, this is not an NOAA officially sanctioned room...they just got sick of me asking and told me to create it myself

BJB2: most of the resources were provided by Timothy Schott...

MichaelWev laughs

BJB2: a meteorologist from NOAA who led a discussion here for the Hurricane Central Mini Conference we had in the spring

BJB2: welcome, Lora and Hala

HalaH: hi all

LoraAB: hi

MichaelWev waves to Hala and Lora

HalaH waves back

BJB2 hopes that if anyone is with NOAA they recognize my disclaimer and forgive my snatching of their logo

MichaelWev: If not forgiven, you're busted.

BJB2: this is hurricane season so the NOAA folks are kind of busy

BJB2 nods solemnly to Michael

BJB2 . o O (better to ask for forgiveness than to ask for permission?)

MichaelWev chuckles

BJB2: any questions about the resources here?

BJB2: what we're hoping is that teachers who bring their classes to the student campus...

BJB2: will allow their students to enter this NOAA room and the NASA room to do research and check out the resources

BJB2: Sharon Bowers has led a tour of the NASA resources and will lead another later today.

BJB2: if you don't want your students wandering around the SAC (student activity center)...

BJB2: then you can collaborate with this room

BJB2 . o O (limits the students to their group room and the collaborating room)

MichaelWev . o O (students need limits...)

BJB2 . o O (boy, this is a quiet group!)

HeatherAB smiles

MichaelWev . o O (deferential)

BJB2: how about if everyone introduces themselves

HalaH smiles while listening

RuthN: I don't talk much but I absorb a lot!

JoshWG joined the room.

BJB2 grins. Thanks, everyone. I thought I had put you to sleep!

DoloresG: I am a little confused about what we are doing here.

HalaH: I am Hala, a teacher from Sudan

LoraAB: middle school math science and social studies teacher in NJ

BJB2: Dolores, will you be bringing students to the student campus?

HeatherAB: I'm a middle school Tech teacher in Texas

PatE: Hi - I'm from St. Louis and am an elementary teacher.

BJB2: I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania

BJB2: welcome, Josh.

MichaelWev: Michael from Southern California. High school math and computer literacy.

DoloresG: I am interested for my science teacher and I am in St. Louis

RuthN: Ruth just north of St Louis elem tech ed

JoshWG: I am a student In Texas

BJB2 nods to Dolores. The purpose of this room is to provide resources for classroom teachers...

EmilieD joined the room.

BJB2: they can use the resources in a variety of ways....

BJB2: welcome, Emilie. Glad you could join us

EmilieD: thanks

BJB2: the teacher can come to the room and browse the resources

BJB2: or the teacher can create a student group in the student campus and bring their class here to do research

DoloresG: Sounds good, can you explain more about these resources?

EmilieD: sounds great - so I should just look around?

BJB2: this gives students a little structure in their search for sites

BJB2: you are welcome to do that, Emilie!

LoraAB: What resources are available?

BJB2: most if not all of the resources were provided by Timothy Schott

BJB2: who is a meteorologist for NOAA

BJB2: Tim led a discussion in Tapped In during the spring Hurricane Central Mini Expo

BJB2: you can view links and files above this chat window

BJB2: . o O (there is a file of the transcript from Tim's Expo presentation)

MichaelWev wondering how to access transcript

BJB2: just click on the file, Michael.

MichaelWev: 20060320nws?

BJB2: it's in featured items

BJB2: right

MichaelWev: ty

HeatherAB: I can imagine using this resource with my Tech Apps kids

HeatherAB: letting them create Science projects

HeatherAB: and using the tech classroom to put it all together.

BJB2 nods to Heather. Thanks

LoraAB: I could use this for webquests.

BJB2: absolutely, Lora. Good idea.

BJB2 listens to the brains whirring

MichaelWev whirrs

HalaH: In a science class :weather vocab+ for summary about Tim's discussion

BJB2: I really liked the quote I put on the welcome screen under the rainbow...about how science should be fun!

BJB2: we kind of get wrapped up in dire warnings about destructive weather events

MichaelWev: good weather isn't news

BJB2 smiles.

MichaelWev . o O (the media just loves a disaster)

DoloresG: Science IS and should always be fun!

BJB2 nods sadly. True about all aspects of the news

BJB2 agrees with Dolores

MichaelWev nods

EmilieD: I'm interested in having science students (9th graders) connect with experts to teleconference - using something like Skype. Is that a possibility with NOAA?

BJB2: you'd have to contact someone at NOAA, Emilie. I think you'd have better luck trying to contact someone local...like a TV weather person

EmilieD: ok

PatE: There seems to be a lot to download from the links.

BJB2: yes, Pat. the links are deep

BJB2: if anyone wants to join this group or collaborate, send an email to bjb@tappedin.org

BJB2: and I'll make you a member

RuthN: I'm finding great stuff for making a weather station and reporting weather.

HalaH: What level do you think will be comfortable here?

HalaH: of Students

BJB2: I think upper elementary to adult, Hala

JeffCoop: Emilie, you have a 9th grader in this room right now... Josh is entering high school... perhaps you'd like to chat with him about your ideas at some point.

JoshG: yes

LoraAB: to join we just email and say we want to join

BJB2: Josh is an exception He has offered to be a student helpdesk volunteer

BJB2: yes, Lora

BJB2: what do you think about the resources in the room, Josh?

JoshG: I know that when school starts and if I have problems with science I'll come here

BJB2 smiles. Thanks

DoloresG: A teacher has to bring in the students, correct? A student does not join on their own?

BJB2: that is correct, Dolores. Josh is an exception

JeffCoop: Josh has worked his way up to becoming a Helpdesk volunteer here... it's very rare that this happens.

DoloresG: Josh seems like a very mature person. So, he contacted you about volunteering?

JeffCoop: We contacted *him*. He was a student of HeatherBu.

BJB2: The teacher has to create student accounts...once the student has a student membership then he can log in by himself

JeffCoop: But, perhaps we should move the conversation back to NOAA?

BJB2: I think it's important for teachers to understand how to bring their students to the group rooms like NOAA, NASA and P.A.T.H and Robotics

BJB2: we're hoping to add more of these resource rooms to the student campus

RuthN: Are all those rooms available to teachers

BJB2: because students are not permitted to enter any other tapped in buildings

BJB2: yes, Ruth

EmilieD: is this a permanent room, or collected here only for today?

BJB2: and they are listed in the student Reception room under featured passageways.

BJB2: Permanent, Emilie

EmilieD: this is great!!

BJB2: . o O (hopefully, new resources will be added as we find them)

LoraAB: all of these deal with science

BJB2: P.A.T.H. is a homework helping site

RuthN left the room.

EmilieD: where is PATH? I don't see it

BJB2: Emilie, click on the passageway to the student reception room

BJB2: that is where the featured passageways are to the other group rooms I mentioned

EmilieD: ok thanks

BJB2: there is also a passageway back to tapped in reception if you get totally lost!

PatE: Thanks for the featured items.

BJB2: you're welcome, Pat. Any other comments or questions?

DoloresG: Thanks, BJ, I will be back later.

EmilieD: me too

MichaelWev: Thank you for your time and effort.

BJB2: great...that's all part of SUSTAINING prof dev online

HalaH: Thanks

HeatherAB: Thank you, BJ

BJB2: you're welcome, Heather

RuthN: Thanks Bj

MichaelWev waves goodbye to all

LoraAB: thanks this is a very useful site

HalaH: Thank you Bj

BJB2: you're welcome, Hala!