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BjB: Rosemary, I know you have a lot of exciting information to share. Would you like to get started with introductions?

RosemaryEH: I of course am Rosemary Harris and am a computer teacher in Detroit, MI

RosemaryEH: I like to find bargains on the Internet and in dollar stores.

BjB: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In. I'd like to welcome you to the Frugal Educator discussion. Rosemary is our discussion leader

TerrieM: I am Terrie McCallister and I am an Instructional Technology Facilitator working with 8 school districts in Central Louisiana

SusanR: K to 8 Occasional Teacher from Ottawa, Canada and K to 3+ Great Resources Presenter here at TI.

RosemaryEH: I've thrown a few sites together for freebies for teachers.

RosemaryEH: First up is ?

RosemaryEH: C-SPAN in the Classroom is pleased to offer its members a ***FREE*** Electoral College Map classroom poster

RosemaryEH: <http://www.c-span.org/classroom/enroll/index.asp> or if already a member <http://www.c-span.org/classroom/2004vote/promotion1.asp>

TerrieM: sounds great....

SusanR agrees

RosemaryEH: Polaroid has a great site where you can order and/or download some creative educational guides. ?

RosemaryEH: Polaroid Education Program (PEP) <http://www.polaroid.com/education> for ideas on using instant pictures in your classroom. Includes grant information for classroom and school projects and visual learning guides.

RosemaryEH: These guides are really well crafted .

TerrieM: I just looked at the photo face die idea here, my teachers will love these ideas...

RosemaryEH: Terrie I don't know if you already receive this but at Technology & Learning Magazine <http://www.techlearning.com/> Teachers can sign up for a free monthly magazine.

TerrieM: Yes, Rosemary I already receive that magazine... thanks, I tell teachers about it every chance I get

RosemaryEH: Another free monthly magazine for anyone (teachers, students, etc) can be found at Lego Magazine <http://club1.lego.com/registration/signupmagazine.asp>? For a free 2 year subscription.

SusanR: I always check out their site of the day, Rosemary. I will subscribe.

RosemaryEH: Terrie do your students use the Internet? If so do they have email accounts?

TerrieM: Yes, they use the internet ,but our district policy doesn't allow them to have email accounts at this time

RosemaryEH: Well if they ever do Oracle Corporation (makers of Oracle database products) administers filtered email for whole schools and districts free of charge at <http://www.think.com/>

SusanR: What is your district policy, Rosemary, regarding student accounts and email

TerrieM: That sounds great, I'll keep it in mind, I am hoping the policy will change because I feel there are so many benefits to students if they have their own e-mail

RosemaryEH: I'm in a parochial school and my bosses let me do whatever I want. I made the computer program what it is and they trust my judgment -- thank goodness.

RosemaryEH: One benefit Terrie is that they can correspond to schools from other states or countries such as at E-Pals.

TerrieM: Wow, Rosemary sounds like a great place to teach.

RosemaryEH: Little \$ but great co-workers

SusanR: That's impressive!

TerrieM: I am looking at the site now, will add to my favorites.

RosemaryEH: Now to shift gears a little, our school uses Operation Respect: Don't Laugh at Me (DLAM) <http://www.operationrespect.org> Through music, video, and classroom activities, the DLAM programs help sensitize children to the painful effects of behaviors that too often are accepted as necessary rites of passage in childhood? ridicule, disrespect (or "dissing"), ostracism and bullying.

RosemaryEH: Bullying seems to be at an all time high in schools these days. Do you find that to be so in your locations?

SusanR: Great for Character Education.

TerrieM: Yes, it is a problem where I am located.

SusanR: Yes, Rosemary, bullying, teasing and harassment....

RosemaryEH: Are K-3 usually end the year singing some of the songs from DLAM

RosemaryEH: Another character education-type materials can be found at Share the World <http://www.sharetheworld.com/> which is a free educational program (includes a video) designed to help your students better understand and appreciate the animals with whom we share our world. In the reproducible activities that form the heart of this program, your students will use their thinking and writing skills to imagine the feelings and consider the incredible abilities of other animals, examine how our relationships with them have changed through history, discover alternatives to their use, and respond to situations in which their well-being is threatened.

TerrieM: Have ya'll heard of I-SAFE? <http://www.isafe.org> it is a program to teach students and parents how to be safe while on the Internet, I just attended a training and it is really good and the materials are free.

RosemaryEH: No, it sounds great! Thanks for the URL!

SusanR: Thanks Terrie and Rosemary. These are valuable resources for the classroom teacher.

TerrieM: It is worth checking out, we plan to train all teachers and students in my district.

RosemaryEH: Terrie is this your 1st time at Frugal Educator?

TerrieM: Yes, my first time here.

TerrieM: I just learned about Tapped In about 3 weeks ago.

RosemaryEH: I might bore Susan and BJ a little but I have a couple of really great sites for you to check out. Let me retrieve my notes just a sec.

TerrieM: Sounds great to me. THANKS!!

BjB: another alternative to retrieving your notes, Rosemary, ...

BjB: is for Terrie to look at the archived transcripts at www.tappedin.org/transcripts

TerrieM: cool

RosemaryEH: Thanks BJ, I always wondered where those were. I too learn something new everyday.

SusanR: When I was an Educational Technology Integrator for our school board I found TI invaluable in terms of acquiring high quality web resources and successful integration strategies

TerrieM: I am there.

RosemaryEH: Now on to food ... Mmmmm check out <http://www.dole5aday.com/>

TerrieM: I love this site and have used it with my teachers on many occasions!

RosemaryEH: Or how about Organic Valley Farms <http://www.organicvalley.com/> which offers a free activity book for the young ones. Schools and organizations can order multiple copies.

SusanR: Shucks....USA only!

RosemaryEH: Now on to something different please tell me everyone has heard of Education World!?!? their Writing Bug (creative writing starters) and 5-minute fillers are outstanding <http://www.educationworld.com/>

TerrieM: Yep.. I have heard of that one and I use it!

RosemaryEH: I love Writing Bug!

SusanR: A great substitute teacher's resource!

RosemaryEH: The kids come up with so many interesting and creative stories.

RosemaryEH: Terrie does your school ever get donated computers?

TerrieM: Yes, they do.

RosemaryEH: Do you know about Microsoft's Fresh Start program where you can put Windows 98 or 2000 OS on the computers for FREE?

TerrieM: No, I don't know about that.. please tell me.

RosemaryEH: <http://www.microsoft.com/education/?ID=FreshStartQA>

TerrieM: WOW! This has made my evening, thanks so much! A great christmas gift for my schools.

RosemaryEH: I guess I could add the bow!

TerrieM: Perfect!

TerrieM: Rosemary, can you recommend a good listserv or mail list for technology instructors in the K -12 setting?

BjB: edtech is good, Terrie

TerrieM: How do I join?

RosemaryEH: One of the best email newsletters I get is The Classroom Flyer from Riverdeep. While there you can also sign up for the home school solutions which I find equally as valuable. http://www.riverdeep.net/current/classroom_flyer/index.jhtml

BjB: <http://www.h-net.msu.edu/~edweb/>

SusanR: Library Hot Five... as well

TerrieM: GREAT.. you guys are super !

SusanR: <http://connectedteacher.classroom.com/library/hotFive.asp>

RosemaryEH: also Kim Komando <http://www.komando.com/> not exactly educational focused but more technically focused for computer users of all skill levels.

TerrieM: Susan, I can't get the Hot five site to come up, any ideas?

SusanR: <http://www.classroom.com/community/email/index.jhtml>

RosemaryEH: Well as usual I had a great time with all of you. Even though it was a small group, I hope everyone was able to glean some new resource. Terrie keep coming back! Susan and BJ, I know you will keep coming. I'll try to come up with some more Canadian sources for you, Susan. Did you ever follow up on that one site I gave you with freebies for Canadian teachers?

SusanR: Yes, Rosemary, I have it bookmarked.

TerrieM: I'll be back Rosemary.. Time for Football.. Green Bay Packers play tonight.. hope they win so they can get in the playoffs.. Good night all Happy Holidays!

RosemaryEH: Night and Happy Holidays!

SusanR: Thanks Rosemary. Some practical resources!

RosemaryEH: Always good to "see" you Susan!

BjB waves goodnight. Thanks, Rosemary. Happy Holidays, everyone

TerrieM: Nice to meet you Susan and **BJB**, I am sure I'll chat with you again..

SusanR: Happy Holidays all!