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MichaelCo: While we're waiting for anyone else to arrive, can I ask those of you who have a Twitter account, to go ahead and login www.twitter.com

SharonWB: Let's get started.

BJB2: sounds good, Sharon

SharonWB: It's SO good to see some familiar faces

SharonWB: And ... Nancy ... welcome to this group.

NancyEC: Dolores had trouble with the other computer

SharonWB: Ah ... welcome back to Pat!

PatriciaLE: Yes But I am on a different machine.

NancyEC: only four of us at SMMA

SharonWB: Michael and I want to thank you all for coming back ... to dig a little deeper into LearniT - TeachiT resources.

SharonWB: And ... to explore ways to use Twitter for instructional purposes.

SharonWB: Before we jump into new directions.

DoloresG joined the room.

SharonWB: Just wondering ...

DoloresG: made it!

DianneA cheers for Dolores and SMMA crew

SharonWB: Did any of you have a chance to revisit the 21eTeacher site ... and take another look at what's there?

NancyEC: no.....sorry

PatriciaLE: No

SueGC: no

JanetM: no

DoloresG: no

DianneA confesses overload and regrets

SharonWB: No apologies needed ...

NancyEC: ditto

SharonWB: It's a busy time of year ...

ShayneTr: Not too much -- you've put up a slide show.

SharonWB: And we're just excited that you're here today to dive back into the resource.

DianneA and I don't have live classes as my reasons for overload!

NancyEC: life can be a reason

SharonWB: By my notes ... these are the folks that told me last time that you have twitter accounts

SharonWB: Dolores ...

DianneA grins to Nancy

SharonWB: Shayne ...

SharonWB: Dianne

SharonWB: BJ ...

NancyEC: no

JanetM: no

SharonWB: Sue?

SueGC: no

PatriciaLE: no

BJB2 lives half her life in twitter!

DianneA nods to Sharon about Twitter

SharonWB: Oky doky ...

ShayneTr: Yes - 2

SharonWB: Michael ... will you help Janet, Sue, Pat, and Nancy register on twitter now?

MichaelCo: You bet...I'll ping them separately.

PatriciaLE: don't want to register

NancyEC: Can we go as a guest

DoloresG: how much will be doing on twitter

SueGC: not really interested

JanetM: Really I don't want to register on twitter

MichaelCo: I can create a demo account on Twitter.

NancyEC: demo is good

MichaelCo: Sharon, if you will go ahead and outline the activity I'll get that set up.

SueGC: ok

BJB2: Perhaps we need to explain what happens when you open a twitter account and what it allows you to do

ShayneTr: You can be very selective with whom you add as friends... I add teachers.

BJB2 nods to Shayne

DianneA notes that Twitter exercise planned earlier has probably been overtaken by a more comprehensive PD design for the Learning Hub

ShayneTr: Nobody in a bikini :-)

BJB2: you can also block followers

DianneA looks to Bj to explain Twitter account effectiveness in PD environment

ShayneTr: I have a group JUST for me and my students, made with GroupTweet

SharonWB: While Michael gets demo accounts for folks, will the rest of you follow me back to 21eTeacher

BJB2 nods to Sharon

NancyEC: we wait then

SharonWB: If you don't remember the link ...

SharonWB: follow me here ... <http://eteacher.nortellearnit.org/>

SharonWB: Nancy ... we'll go ahead ... and they'll meet us there.

SharonWB: Please let me know when you get to the first page.

ShayneTr: I'm on it

SharonWB: Others?

NancyEC: We are waiting.

SharonWB: Nancy .. you're at 21eTeacher?

DoloresG: the link does not work

JanetM: We can'

NancyEC: no, it would not work for any of us

SharonWB: BJ ... is there something we need to do special ... here's the link ... <http://eteacher.nortellearnit.org/>

BJB2: I got in

BJB2: does everyone remember their username and password?

SharonWB: Yikes ... sorry ... bounced out.

MichaelCo: You can also reach the site by going to <http://21eteacher.org/>

SharonWB: Nancy ... did you get in this time?

SharonWB: Shayne is there ... and BJ

PatriciaLE: Won't let me in

SharonWB: BJ ... what might be happening?

DianneA is having the same problem as last time, with a 'connection timed out' message ... is working on PC and Firefox ... still has an internal connection glitch .. and when trying to connect at Nortel

NancyEC: we opened another window.

SharonWB: And that worked Nancy?

NancyEC: And are at 21eteacher

SharonWB: great!

BJB2: I'm not sure...conflict with Java and TI?

ShayneTr cheers!

SharonWB: Pat ... please open a second window ... and then try to get there.

DoloresG: we are at eteacher

SharonWB: Sue?

SharonWB: Janet?

JanetM: yes at e teacher

SharonWB: wonderful

MichaelCo: Sharon, can I please interrupt for one second...

SharonWB: of course

DianneA carry on without me

MichaelCo: Anyone who does not have a Twitter account, would you please open a new Tab (or window) and go to www.Twitter.com/tappedin_demo

MichaelCo: When you get to this page, please login with the username tappedin_demo and the password learntit

MichaelCo: Sharon, thank you.

SharonWB: No prob ... Pat ... did you make it to 21eTeacher?

SharonWB: And ... Sue ... are you with us at 21e?

SharonWB: Pat? Sue?

SueGC: I'm in!

SharonWB: Wonderful!

SharonWB: Pat?

JanetM: I am getting site error

SharonWB: Janet ... at the Twitter site? or 21eTeacher?

JanetM: 21 e teacher

SharonWB: let's try this ...

SharonWB: if you're having trouble getting into the course ...

SharonWB: use this username: learnit

SharonWB: and this password: teachit

SharonWB: And then ... please let me know when you're inside the site ... and you can see Course 1 and Course 2 in the left hand nav bar.

JanetM: I'm going to try learnit teachit

NancyEC: I tried that also and did not work

SharonWB: all lower case?

NancyEC: I am in

PatriciaLE: I am in

SharonWB: Yipee skippeee.

SharonWB smiles

SharonWB: Shayne ... you're in?

JanetM: It worked!

ShayneTr: Oh yes

SharonWB: Dolores?

BJB2: if you learn NOTHING from the learning hub, everyone, at least you do learn persistence and the fact that sometimes tech is a pain in the butt ;-)

NancyEC: yes, we did

DoloresG: I am in

BJB2: . o O (but when it works, it's great!)

JanetM: thanks so much

SharonWB: wonderful

SharonWB: Whew ...

SharonWB: One of the key purposes to the learning hub

BJB2: thanks, Sharon, for being so patient

SharonWB: is to explore this site ...

SharonWB smiles

SharonWB: and to find tools that you can integrate into your instruction

SharonWB: last time we were here.

SharonWB: you were asked to explore different modules within course 1

SharonWB: and ... just to refresh our memories a little.

SharonWB: can you shout out some of the tools you found there that you could use with your students?

SharonWB: If you've forgotten ... open up Course 1 ... and look at the 5 modules

MichaelCo: Sharon, if I could interrupt once again...

SharonWB: yessssss.....

SharonWB smiles

MichaelCo: May I ask who is logged into Twitter at this point?

SharonWB: I am

ShayneTr: I'm logged in, Michael

BJB2: I am

DianneA: I am logged in to Twitter

BJB2 . o O (hmhhh)

MichaelCo: Thank you Sharon. One other comment then, once you're logged in, you can hit the "Home" text link and a text entry window will appear.

MichaelCo: To facilitate a group sharing of all posts, you will use what are referred to as "Hash Tags".

NancyEC: skype

MichaelCo: this is a fancy way of saying a pound (#) sign followed by a username. In our case, the hash tag that you will put at the start of your post is #learnit_teachit {then you add your post}

MichaelCo: If you're logged into Twitter, or in the demo account try it!

NancyEC: how should we log in to the demo account

ShayneTr: I see 3 tweets from this group!

SharonWB: Nancy ... Michael will come help you.

NancyEC: hi, Michael

SharonWB: We're going to use Twitter as a way to gather info ...

SharonWB: Here's your Twitter assignment.

PatriciaLE: GCompris looks interesting

SharonWB: Here's our goal.

SharonWB: Look through any of the modules in Course 1 OR Course 2 of 21eTeacher ...

SharonWB : and find one technology tool that you'd like to use with your students

SharonWB : and then ... tweet your "find"

SharonWB : And ... please tweet ... in 5 minutes.

SharonWB : Got it?

BJB2 nods

SharonWB : Everyone understand your task?

SharonWB : Let me know where you're heading ... who's going back into Course 1?

SharonWB : Who's going to peek inside Course 2?

NancyEC: We just got into twitter

BJB2: I like the Course One info on Career Bytes

BJB2: for those new to twitter, make sure you type #learnit_teachit at the beginning of your post.

NancyEC: I am trying

ShayneTr: I've posted a tweet on Course 1, Module 3, collaborative tools.

MichaelCo : There ya go Shayne!

SharonWB : Shayne ... while we're waiting for others ... please tweet one idea for how you'd use the collab tools with kids

ShayneTr: For my next discussion in computer lab, I was going to get everyone to Tweet their ideas, so everyone could have a say. Not just one or two students.

SharonWB : let me round you all up ...

SharonWB : and ... please post your tweets ...

ShayneTr: I've set up a protected twitter classroom using GroupTweet.

SharonWB : Can you explain to the group how you did this Shayne?

MichaelCo : Shayne, that's great.

MichaelCo: Exactly.

PatriciaLE: I can't get into twitter but would like to look at skype

SharonWB: Pat ... Nancy was also interested in Skype.

SharonWB: Has anyone used Skype in their classroom?

ShayneTr: Go to www.grouptweet.com and follow instructions. Create a new account on Twitter, then enter the name into grouptweet.

NancyEC: I used it when my son was in London, but not in the classroom yet

ShayneTr: Talked to my niece in Australia.

ShayneTr: How would you use this in the classroom?

SharonWB: I'm working with some teachers in several states.

NancyEC: it would be great to talk to someone from the DC holocaust museum

ShayneTr: I was just there!

SharonWB: And they want to use Skype so that their students can share scientific observations

ShayneTr: How would that work, Sharon?

SharonWB: They've been talking about tracking weather as it moves across the country

DoloresG: are you giving us a group name or is this for our group here

SharonWB: And ... they've also talked about using Skype ... just so students to find out more about another section of the country.

SharonWB: Like a cultural exchange

SharonWB: Great idea about connecting with museums

SharonWB: You could also use it to talk with other experts

JanetM: we could also speak with children authors

ShayneTr: Don't they also need to use Skype?

SharonWB: The folks on the other end would also need Skype.

NancyEC: I am sure they would need Skype

ShayneTr: Is there such a thing as a "registry" of skype users for education?

NancyEC: Great question.....does anyone know?

SharonWB: But ... imagine this ... within this group ... we could connect our classrooms via Skype

JanetM: We had one come last year to speak with the students but he lives in New York

SharonWB: I don't know about a registry

JanetM: The students sent fn letters and he happened to be coming through St. Louis we could touch base gain

SharonWB: great example

NancyEC: nice idea, Janet

SharonWB: using technology to connect with folks ... that's a powerful use of the tool

SharonWB: and ... let's us do something that we couldn't do WITHOUT the tool

SharonWB: and ... let's our kids interact with experts ... and other kids

SharonWB: have you all been keeping up with the tweets that have been posted?

NancyEC: Some

SharonWB: if you refresh the page ... you'll see more

PatriciaLE: no

ShayneTr: Yes

MichaelCo: Shayne, and everyone. If you will go back to Twitter, you will see a post with a reference tool on using Skype in the classroom.

NancyEC: Good idea

DoloresG: I will check it out later

MichaelCo: Sharon, everyone needs to SEARCH for #learnit_teachit on the Twitter site to be able to see the Real Time feed

BJB2: <http://www.teachingdegree.org/2009/06/30/50-awesome-ways-to-use-skype-in-the-classroom/>

ShayneTr: That's one of the things I like about Twitter - linking to interesting sites.

NancyEC: Thanks

MichaelCo: Simply use the search box on the right hand side of the screen and type in #learnit_teachit and click the search icon, that will bring up the real time search results and all of the posts we've made during the session.

SharonWB: Some great ideas came out of our time together

SharonWB: Skype can be used in many different ways

NancyEC: yes

SharonWB: BJ mentioned CareerBytes from Course 1

SharonWB: Shayne talked about other collab tools from Module 3 in Course 1

SharonWB: We're just about to wrap up this Learning Hub session

ShayneTr: Next session? Homework :-)

SharonWB: oh ... do you want previews of coming attractions?

PatriciaLE: yes

SharonWB: We're going to focus in on a free, online tool that will help you create music videos with your students.

SharonWB: And ... homework ... if you want ...

SharonWB: take or organize 15 digital images about anything you want.

SharonWB: download them to your computer

SharonWB: and store them in a folder on your desktop

SharonWB: if you don't have time to do this ... we can give you images to use next class

NancyEC: Okay

PatriciaLE: there seems to be more times than we thought. meetings are too often

NancyEC: We can leave it for now.....but maybe every three weeks

SharonWB: That would be fine for us ...

ShayneTr: Oh oh, I teach until 5:30 on Thursday. So I may not be able to join in any more.

NancyEC: So the 24 - Thursday

SharonWB: How about this ...

SharonWB: before you leave ...

SharonWB: please tell me which of these dates would work for you the week of 21

SharonWB: 21, 22, 23, 24

SharonWB: And ... I'll keep a list ... and we'll advertise the date that works for all.

NancyEC: Monday or Thursday for me

BJB2: at the 5pm EDT time?

MichaelCo: Sounds like a plan is coming together!

SharonWB: yes ... at the 5 pm EDT time

PatriciaLE: Thursday

JanetM: 21 would be best for me

SueGC: Tues. Or Thurs. OK for me

DoloresG: not on Wednesday, but any other

ShayneTr: Monday 21 or Wednesday 23rd. Later is better cause I have 4 kids who want supper. Go figure.

SharonWB: Would later be better for all?

NancyEC: Hi

PatriciaLE: no

DoloresG: no

NancyEC: no

SueGC: no

SharonWB: I've heard from everyone except Dianne

SharonWB: better days for you, Dianne?

SharonWB: Sue, Pat ... any chance that Monday would work for you ...the 21st?

PatriciaLE: no

SueGC: I teach at 4

SharonWB: Janet ...Shayne ... any chance that Thursday the 24 will work for you?

JanetM: yes

SharonWB: Shayne?

PatriciaLE: yes

DoloresG: after the 24th, can it be once a month?

ShayneTr: Nope, I teach Thursdays until 5:30.

SharonWB: yes ... that can happen ... we're planning this to meet your needs

SharonWB: Shayne ... we may have to miss you on the 24 ... but then we'll move to once/month on a different day.

SharonWB: We want you back!

NancyEC: Good compromise

SharonWB: Okay ... next meeting ... Thursday, Sept. 24 ... 5 - 6 ET

NancyEC: Vary the day of the week and have it once a month

SharonWB: Bring 10-15 digital images on your computer.

NancyEC: Sure...

SharonWB: And ... before then ... I'll talk with BJ, Dianne, Dolores ... to set a monthly varying schedule.

JanetM: fine

SharonWB: thanks to all ... great to work with you.

NancyEC: Thanks;0

ShayneTr: Hey, maybe I'll let the kids go early? Ooh, wouldn't they love that....

NancyEC: Bye

PatriciaLE: thanks

SueGC: bye

SharonWB: Tweet about today ...

JanetM: thanks for your patience and understanding

SharonWB smiles

DoloresG: Thank you - I have many things to go back over

ShayneTr: Thanks Sharon and Michael

SharonWB: Thank you for your patience and flexibility

SharonWB smiles

MichaelCo: Thanks Sharon! You're the best!

BJB2 second's Michael's comment

BJB2: Thanks, Shayne and Dianne for your support