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JeffC joined the room.

KelliJM joined the room.

JeffC waves to Susan and Kelli

KelliJM: Hi Jeff

JeffC: Are you both here for the Science Forum?

KelliJM: yes

JeffC: cool

JeffC: Although officially this is 7-12... I pretty much support *all* grade levels.

JeffC: Especially if the teachers are elementary teachers.

JeffC: Let's give people a couple of minutes to show up... in the meantime... you might want to type in a little bit about yourselves... what you would like from this meeting (and meetings in the future), etc.

TerryMa joined the room.

KelliJM: I am a pre-service teacher at the University of Houston. My major is 4-8 science. I will be doing my student teaching in the fall

JeffC: My name is Jeff Cooper and I have been an educator for 12 years. I am not a science teacher, but for the past three years I have supported Masters of Education students and professors at Pacific University as the Education Technology Specialist. I have put together a number of resources for Science teachers that I would like to share with you.

GinaSo joined the room.

MichelleRG joined the room.

JeffC waves to Gina, Michelle and Terry. People are just introducing themselves a bit right now.

JeffC: Please feel free to do so yourselves.

MichelleRG: hello. I am a Biology teacher in Alief ISD, Houston Tx

TerryMa: my name is Terry Maulhardt. I am a pre-service teacher in California, just finished my student teaching in h.s. life science

JeffC: Thanks Michelle and Terry.

JeffC: I'll repost my info for those who came in after: My name is Jeff Cooper and I have been an educator for 12 years. I am not a science teacher, but for the past three years I have supported Masters of Education students and professors at Pacific University as the Education Technology Specialist. I have put together a number of resources for Science teachers that I would like to share with you.

GinaSo: hello Jeff

JeffC: OK... let's get started.

JeffC: My goal is to facilitate collaboration and support educators on all levels and subject areas... using Tapped In as a hub.

GinaSo: as a hub?

JeffC: Over the years, I have accumulated about 1600 K-20 links on all subject areas... today I want to share some of the science links with you. Yes... Tapped In is a Virtual Learning Community... and by using this site as a central meeting area... I hope to facilitate support between members...

GinaSo: ok

JeffC: What I have done is create a public bookmark account at <http://www.mybookmarks.com>

JeffC: If you click that link, you can *login* with the login: mathscience and the password: tappedin

JeffC: This means that you can add links yourself as you find them... you can also *copy* all the science (and math if you like) links to your own mybookmarks account if you choose to create one.

TerryMa: do you want us to login now?

JeffC: Sure... go ahead and do that.

KelliJM: I am logged in

JeffC: OK... once logged in... you can take a look at the Science links. If you are having any trouble... the link that will take you directly to those bookmarks is

<http://www.mybookmarks.com/public/mathscience>

JeffC: Is anyone having trouble getting there?

KelliJM: no

MichelleRG: nope - logging in

JeffC: OK... I've mentioned this before... but the greatest resource on the Net is *people*... we are the best search engine... now... I have about 100+ science links... but... *so do you*! I would like you to (not now) consider adding your resources to mine... so that they become *ours*.

JeffC: My goal here is to get Science educators to collaborate and support each other laterally... rather than from a top-down scenario as is fairly status quo... after all... that is the wave of the future in education... isn't it?

TerryMa: this is terrific

KelliJM: yes, in one of my classes at the University of Houston, we are taught to "steel" from the best

JeffC: With BJ's help, I have also created a K-20+ Science Resource room here at Tapped In... we will go to it later. That way... we can support each other throughout the month... not just as a one time "staff development day"... which this meeting is analogous to.

JeffC: OK... any questions so far? I know I move somewhat fast... of course... I don't have much time to spend with you!

GinaSo: oh

KelliJM: no

JeffC: OK... I would like to share a site with all of you... it's the Eisenhower National Clearinghouse. Rather than just posting the link here... I am going to *project* it onto your computers... by opening a new window. This is a particularly useful feature here... you can use it with your own students some time. I want you to take a look at the site... then come back to this window and we'll talk about it.

JeffC: OK... here goes...

JeffC projects <http://www.enc.org/>

KelliJM: that was cool!

JeffC nods

JeffC: To project a url, type: /project (url)

JeffC: I use it sparingly... but it is *incredibly useful in the K-20 classroom*.

JeffC: If all your students are logged into Tapped In you can make sure they are on the same webpage.

KelliJM: very useful

JeffC: ENC is a *must site for science teachers*.

TerryMa left the room (signed off).

JeffC: There is a mailing list... the Digital Dozen is also incredibly useful.

TerryMa joined the room.

SusanSi left the room.

JeffC: Gail Hoskins is a member here at Tapped In... and has given guest speeches during the science meetings... she is Executive Director of ENC. I recommend it 100%

JeffC: How's everybody doing so far?

TerryMa: fine

KelliJM: just great!

GinaSo: not bad

KelliJM: I am having fun just exploring the websites

JeffC: cool

JeffC: OK... I tend to treat these sessions as sort of a Table of Contents for resources... and I'd like to continue by having everyone here join the Science Resources K-20+ group I just created.

KelliJM: ok

TerryMa: how do we do that?

MichelleRG: alright

JeffC: This way... we can support each other throughout the month (and the years to come)... ok... here's how you do it:

JeffC: 1) Click the "Tapped In" tab (above) 2) Click: Groups 3) Click: S-V 4) Click: Science Resources K-20+

JeffC: You will then be able to join the group.

JeffC: Unfortunately... guests may not join groups.

JeffC: Let me know if any of you are having trouble doing that.

SusanR joined the room.

JeffC waves to Susan

SusanR: Hi Jeff.

JeffC: I'm going to continue this meeting in the Science Resource room (just created a group).

JeffC: OK... Michelle has joined...

TerryMa left the room.

JeffC: And there's Kelli (I get an email when a new member joins)

JeffC: And Terry

MichelleRG left the room (signed off).

MichelleRG joined the room.

JeffC: Good... I'll go there now... Susan and BJ... have people follow if you would be so kind.

BJB nods to Jeff

JeffC left the room.

Room: K-12 Science Group Room

JeffC joined the room.

JeffC waves to Terry

KelliJM joined the room.

MichelleRG joined the room.

SusanR joined the room.

TerryMa: I would wave back if I knew how. . . :)

JeffC: type a colon : (then type "waves" or any other action)

TerryMa: ohhhh

KelliJM: I've always wondered about that too, thanks

JeffC: OK... we're still missing a few... but I'm pressing on...

TerryMa waves

KelliJM Kelli waves back

JeffC: If you click the "Welcome" link on the left... you will refresh the top frame... and see that I have added a link (with login info) to the Math/Science bookmarks.

JeffC: My goal here is to get more and more science educators to be part of this collaborative resource.

JeffC: You are free to come back here any time... and also encouraged to have your peers register at tapped In and join this group as well.

KelliJM: I will talk to my fellow pre-service science teachers and let them know about the resource.

JeffC: You will note that there is a threaded Discussion board here... as members of this group you will automatically receive emails posted as discussion threads (you may unsubscribe if it ever becomes burdensome... Discussions here tend to be few though).

SusanR joined the room.

JeffC: Again... this is one way to facilitate communication and collaboration.

JeffC: Especially throughout time... if you have a topic you would like to explore... help you need... you can create your own Discussion. I will create a welcome message today... and post it to the Discussion board... that will be emailed to you.

JeffC: Questions?

KelliJM: Jeff, I have never posted to the discussion board, is it hard?

BJB joined the room.

JeffC: I think I've given enough info to make most brains explode... such is my info on brain based research...

JeffC: Oh... it's very easy Kelli.

KelliJM: ok, I'm sure I can figure it out

JeffC: When you click the Discussion link... you will see a link to Post New Topic (or Reply... when there is a topic). I'll post one now.

KelliJM: thanks Jeff

KelliJM: Jeff, is there anything else?

MichelleRG: Thanks for all of the resources

JeffC: I just posted it... and actually featured the discussion so that it is on the Welcome page. You will have a message in your email account as well.

JeffC: If you click the "Discussion" link on the left Kelli, you will have access to that thread I just started... you can then reply to it if you like.

KelliJM: ok thanks

JeffC: OK... I think that's about enough for one day. I want to thank everyone for coming... and I will stick around and field any and all questions, requests for further support, etc.

TerryMa: thank you for all the information, looking forward to the Group.

KelliJM: Thanks for all of the great new resources Jeff

JeffC: You can come back here any time by clicking the "Favorite Places" menu above (select this room... then click: Go!)

MichelleRG: is there any way for you to e-mail me a transcript of the discussion? I'm worried that I won't get one and I need it for a class.

KelliJM: Is there a particular site you can suggest for some very interactive lessons?

JeffC: I will post a transcript back to this room Michelle.

BJB: Michelle, click on the ME tab at the top of your screen

JeffC: You will also get a transcript by logging off.

JeffC: But I will format it in Word and repost it.

BJB: then click on SETTINGS and check to make sure your email is Correct.

BJB: if it is, when you log out, you'll get your transcript

MichelleRG: thanks - my e-mail is correct

KelliJM: I have always got mine

MichaelHo: Thanks...nice to be here BJ

JeffC: Glad you could make it Michael.

MichaelHo: Thanks Jeff...I forgot about this until 3 minutes ago! Been a busy day!

JeffC: In a nutshell... I'm trying to make this a Science Educator resource collaborative... making it easy for science educators to communicate and collaborate.

JeffC: I bet!

BJB waves goodnight

BJB: thanks, Jeff.

KelliJM waves also

JeffC: I will stay logged in if people would like to continue.

MichelleRG: bye & thanks

KelliJM: Thanks for everything Jeff

KelliJM: Bye

JeffC: You're more than welcome... thank you for being part of this.

KelliJM: I hope to talk to you again soon

MichaelHo: Jeff...I was just interested in seeing what you are doing here at Tapped In...and meeting some other people.

JeffC: Let's continue this discussion in my office then... you will see more about what *I'm* about there.

MichaelHo: Ok...sounds good.

JeffC: Do you know how to join?

MichaelHo: How do I get there...go to....?

MichaelHo: Out to the reception then into the offices?

KelliJM left the room (signed off).

JeffC: I'll go there... then you 1) Click the Online tab 2) Single click: JeffC 3) Click the door icon

JeffC: Here I go

MichaelHo: Ok...great thanks Jeff

JeffC left the room.

Room: Jeff Cooper's Office

JeffC joined the room.

MichaelHo joined the room.

MichaelHo: Nice

JeffC waves

JeffC: Thanks

MichaelHo: That's very cool.....

JeffC: If you want to see what I'm really about... you might want to download a few of my files.

JeffC: Oh... you can add this room as a "Favorite Place" and are welcome back any time.

MichaelHo: Sure...where do I find your files?

JeffC: Scroll down the top frame

MichaelHo: Yes...

JeffC: I'd recommend the CollaborationTools6 article (a draft for the NWREL Journal to be published soon)... the Educational MUVES2 article as well...

JeffC: And... if you need help getting acclimated around here... the "tipsandtricks" from 8.23.03 is good.

MichaelHo: Ok...great...is that first one for the Northwest Regional Education Lab?

JeffC: Yes

JeffC: Are you familiar with it?

MichaelHo: Yes I am...I think they are in my hometown.

JeffC: I'm in Forest Grove... you're in Portland?

MichaelHo: Yep!

JeffC: Cool

MichaelHo: My company is Renaissance Education Group, Inc. and the online learning community is PersonalProfessors.com

JeffC: I'm going to look at it right now.

MichaelHo: We provide online learning for a couple of different private alternative homeschool resource centers here in Oregon...HomeSource in Eugene, and Village Home in Beaverton.

MichaelHo: So what are some upcoming events, plans for TI?

JeffC: Take a look at the Calendar... 1) Click the Tapped In tab (above) 2) Click the Calendar subtab

JeffC: There are staff development activities almost every day.

MichaelHo: Wow..and these are all live chats?

JeffC nods

JeffC: All are live... all are archived and posted back here.

MichaelHo: That's a lot of action....

MichaelHo: So what's the difference between a forum and a discussion group?

JeffC: nothing really

JeffC: The Math Forum I believe is linked to the actual Math Forum site.

MichaelHo: I was noticing that today there is a k-12 Math Discussion, then 7-12 Science Forum..

JeffC: Yeah... that's because there is another Math Forum (I think).

MichaelHo: Ok..well I'll learn all about this as time goes by....now, the Webheads..is that the same Webheads group I see on Learning Times?

JeffC: I think so... it's ESL oriented.

MichaelHo: Ok...funny the interconnections.

JeffC: BTW... I will be giving a presentation at Learning Times about Tapped In on Thursday

MichaelHo: Yes..I saw that. I'll be attending.

JeffC: cool

MichaelHo: I'd like to do one of those myself...hopefully I'll be able to this summer.

JeffC: good idea

MichaelHo: Well Jeff...I'll look around and learn more about Tapped In....thanks for taking the time to talk to me. And let me know if there is anything I can do to help folks with science in TI.

JeffC: Any time

JeffC: You're welcome back here.... I have been to your site before.

JeffC: I am interested.

MichaelHo: Yes...a rather different approach to online learning, that's for sure.

MichaelHo: I'll see you soon.....Thursday!

JeffC: excellent

MichaelHo: TTYL

JeffC waves