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**LynneW:** My name is Lynne Wolters. I am an assistant professor of educational technology and Concordia University - Portland, OR

**LynneW:** I host this group room and facilitate guest speakers and discussions monthly.

**LynneW:** Please introduce yourselves by name, geographic location, and teaching assignment.

**MelissaLe:** Melissa Lee, Houston, student teacher

**FredK:** I am a tutor for the Pushmataha County Literacy Council in SE Oklahoma. I am looking for ways to enhance our program. Web 2.0 Tools sounded like it might do that.

**DavidWe:** I'm David Weksler - I'm one of the HelpDesk volunteers and I lead a discussion about math education and technology (next Tuesday at 7:30pm EST). I'm in soggy Pennsylvania this evening

**MichaelM:** My name is Michael Misovec in Reedville, VA. I am the founder of [helpingstudents.org](http://helpingstudents.org)

**CarolN:** I'm a librarian in Traverse City MI

**SusanR:** I am Sue Roseman from Ottawa, Ontario, K to 8 Sub and host of the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here at TI

**SuTuanL:** I am in LA, teacher and student

**LynneW:** For those of you who just joined us, please introduce yourselves by name, geographic location, and university affiliation.

**LynneW:** Welcome to everyone this evening.'

**KevilinaB:** I am Kevilina Burbank, Portland OR, student at Concordia

**RodHe:** I'm Rod Heiser, I live in Troutdale, Oregon and I am an MATE student at Concordia University.

**JenniferLB:** My name is Jennifer Bones and I am currently working as a Health

Promotion Specialist and am also a student in Concordia University's Teaching program in Medford, Or.

**JosiahL:** Josiah Lute, Portland, OR, Concordia University

**WayneRS:** My name is Wayne, I am a Masters student at Concordia University. I currently live in Medford, OR

**StephanieM:** Stephanie, pdx, Concordia

**LynneW:** Thank you all for joining us this evening!

**SusanR** waves a hearty hello to the Concordia group

**JeffC:** I'm Jeff Cooper, on Tapped In Helpdesk and Concordia Adjunct (many of the students here are mine). They're all in CU533w which is a course designed by Lynne that I feel very fortunate to be teaching.

**KevilinaB:** you're welcome 25 times.

**LynneW:** I like to start our sessions with a quick discussion about what web 2.0 tools are all about and how they can be used in schools.

**LynneW:** This room has a wealth of free resources to web 2.0 online tools.

**LynneW:** They are organized in folders by function.

**LynneW:** Web 2.0 is used to describe the fairly recent development of free browser-based applications.

**LynneW:** There is usually a connection to some type of collaboration, publication, and/or social networking.

**LynneW:** Questions?

**SuTuanL:** Must it be free?

**LynneW:** No, however they usually are free. I have stipulated that the resources posted here be free.

**LynneW:** Any other questions about Web 2.0? I know I gave you a very cursory definition.

**LynneW:** Tonight I have two different resources for you.

**LynneW:** First is an intentionally designed social networking community- a healthy

alternative to MySpace that is "family friendly".

**LynneW:** I just heard about this space on NPR two days ago.

**JulieAF:** Hello, I am from Sandy, Oregon up by Mt. Hood, going to school in Portland, Oregon Concordia University. However I am originally from Scobey, Montana

**LynneW:** Great.

**LynneW** projects <http://www.worldwidenest.com/index.php>

**DavidWe:** Cool, Lynne

**LynneW:** Yes, take a look at the site. You need to register before you can go in. I was just going to explain what this site does.

**LynneW:** When you are back, please let me know.

**LynneW:** Are you guys and gals with me?

**JeffC** is registered.

**MichaelM:** I'm back

**LynneW:** Great Jeff and Michael

**MelissaLe:** yes

**WayneRS:** yep

**JulieAF:** Yes

**SuTuanL:** I am here

**JosiahL:** yeah I am hanging in there

**LynneW:** Very good!

**LynneW:** A "nest" is like a group room here in Tapped In.

**LynneW:** You can invite anyone you want to be a member just as we do here.

**RodHe:** Yes.

**LynneW:** The nest includes a calendar, a blog, and a photo sharing space.

**LynneW:** The creator/admin can maintain a list of contacts also.

**JosiahL:** in what ways is it different?

**LynneW:** It is just an alternative to TI but different because of the personal calendar and shared blog.

**LynneW:** As a teacher, you could use it for your students' parents and/or your students.

**SuTuanL:** Could be used for class teaching.

**JulieAF:** That's cool

**LynneW:** It is protected as a "family friendly" site but has some features that make it a little different.

**LynneW:** Here in TI it is very education focused.

**JulieAF:** So, could you build a nest that only parents could access, and not students

**LynneW:** These "nests" could be for multiple groups - church, family, athletics, cheerleading, student government, etc.

**MichaelM:** The registration says I must have a six char login. Apparently my email address is too long

**LynneW:** Yes

**LynneW:** The login is different than your email.

**JosiahL:** and they are exclusive (invite only)?

**LynneW:** Like here your login is Michael M

**LynneW:** Yes Josiah, they are exclusive. No one gets in unless you invite them.

**MichaelM:** oh

**LynneW:** You can choose to make your nest public or private.

**MichaelM:** Like ours at [helpingstudents.org](http://helpingstudents.org)

**KevilinaB:** are we to go ahead and create accounts on this "nest?"

**LynneW:** It may be a nice alternative for middle schoolers who have an eye on MySpace.

**LynneW:** Only if you want to. Our sessions are just to share web 2.0 resources that could be used by schools

**LynneW:** Creating a nest is extremely easy and user friendly.

**LynneW:** Any other questions about worldwide nest before I move on to another resource?

**JulieAF:** Yes

**MelissaLe:** do you have to have e-mails of those you wish to view

**MelissaLe:** the site?

**LynneW:** Not necessarily. If the nest is set up to be public, you can search for it from the home page.

**JulieAF:** Is it a good alternative, because we can control it, and keep them busy in a more guarded arena?

**LynneW:** Each nest is created within a category. Education is one of the categories.

**LynneW:** Yes Julie

**JulieAF:** Awesome!

**LynneW:** Also very low impact so family members who are not computer savvy could use this site successfully.

**LynneW:** Now, I want to switch gears on you.

**LynneW:** The next resource was added to our group room by a new member from Berlin.

**LynneW:** The web site is called "Slidestory"

**LynneW:** It is a free site that will host photo-based story telling coupled with audio tracks. They also host podcasts for free.

**LynneW:** Again, you need to register and then download the "publisher" interface.

**LynneW:** I will project this web site and give you a minute or two to check it out. Please let me know when you return.

**LynneW** projects <http://www.slidestory.com/?page=index>

**JosiahL:** that is a cool site

**LynneW:** I'm glad you like it.

**KevilinaB:** I clicked on a picture, and it looked like she had a great bottle of wine.

**LynneW:** You are required to add an audio track to each slide before you can "publish" your slide story.

**LynneW:** So you need to have an audio input device on your computer (mic of some kind)

**BJB2:** when the slide show is published, do you have to log in to be able to view?

**BJB2 . o O** ( or can anyone view )

**LynneW:** No, anyone can view it.

**LynneW:** All they need is the link.

**LynneW:** Wouldn't that be a great resource for student art work projects?

**MelissaLe:** back - what a cool site

**SusanR . o O** ( reminds me of Bubbleshare )

**LynneW:** It is like looking at a PPT presentation viewed from a browser.

**LynneW:** Yes - Bubbleshare - I agree

**JosiahL:** yeah a great blog link

**SuTuanL:** Cool, Flickr can do similar slideshow, too.

**LynneW:** I have a resource for you to go along with Slidestory.

**SusanR:** although it is a Windows only program

**MelissaLe:** under the education link, it tells how you can save a PPT presentation into a slidestory

**MelissaLe:** that way you won't have to re-do you PPTs

**LynneW:** It is a web site with a full list of modules and pdf documents about integrating digital storytelling in the classroom.

**LynneW** projects <http://its.ksbe.edu/dst/>

**LynneW**: This could be used as a professional development resource for teachers as well as an instructional resource for learners.

**JulieAF**: Awesome, this would be great for creating cultural awareness, or for foreign language classes.

**LynneW**: And your connections are exactly what Web 2.0 Tools for Schools is all about.

**LynneW**: Using these resources in creative ways for engaged learning in the classroom.

**SuTuanL**: This is even greater.

**LynneW**: This is all I have to share with you this month. Next month we will not have a session.

**LynneW**: Our next session will be in January, 2007

**MelissaLe**: do you do different resources each session or each month?

**LynneW**: Yes Julie for one year

**JulieAF**: Cool

**CarolN**: thank you Lynn. I'll be trying some of these tools.

**RodHe**: Thank you for the links and ideas, Lynne.

**LynneW**: If any of you run across other web 2.0 tools, please be sure to post them here in our group room or send them to me via email.

**LynneW**: I try to preview everything before I add it or feature it in a session.

**MichaelM**: Please post ours Lynne

**SuTuanL**: Thank you, Lynn. Are you focus on k-12 teaching?

**LynneW**: Post ours what?

**MichaelM**: I'm not sure how to add our wiki to your folder

**LynneW**: Yes

**FredK**: I think you said we could research your group room?

**SuTuanL:** A teacher program?

**LynneW:** Yes!

**LynneW:** The group room is an open resource that anyone can come into at any time.

**LynneW:** Anyone can post resources here.

**LynneW:** It is totally open 24/7

**MichaelM:** Ok I'll try it

**MichaelM:** thanks

**LynneW:** SuTuan, I teach educational technology in the College of Education at Concordia University.

**MelissaLe:** thank you Lynne

**SuTuanL:** Hmm... I teach in teacher university in Taiwan. interesting

**LynneW:** Thank you for coming tonight. Happy holidays to each of you. I hope to see you again in the new year.

**MichaelM:** Thank you Lynne. Gives me some ideas

**JulieAF:** Happy Holidays

**LynneW:** I'm glad to meet a colleague from Taiwan.

**SuTuanL:** My honor. Thank you for the wonderful experience, Lynn.

**SusanR:** You may want to look at tastyword....yet another blog

**LynneW:** Please feel free to look around at the resources here in this room.

**LynneW:** You are very welcome.

**SusanR:** <http://tastyword.com/>

**SuTuanL:** I will.

**FredK:** I appreciate the resources you have shown us. The "projection" is magic

**LynneW:** Sue this looks interesting.



**LynneW** smiles at Fred

**LynneW**: Sue do you use this blog space?

**SusanR**: someone posted it in one of my blogs

**SuTuanL**: I'll have to be excused now. Bye.

**SusanR** . o O ( an apple for the teacher )

**LynneW**: Love it!

**SusanR**: I did a quick post

**LynneW**: Thank you Sue.

**SusanR**: <http://tastyword.com/sroseman/> ..which took me all of 3 minutes

**FredK**: Thanks Lynne. Now I need to absorb what has happened.

**LynneW**: I'll hang here to answer any questions or just to chat.

**MichaelM**: I'm trying to add <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=States> to your wiki folder

**LynneW**: Are you having a hard time with it?

**MichaelM**: Yes. I added links in my own office but do not know how to add to yours

**LynneW**: OK, I'll add it. What category do you think it belongs in?

**MichaelM**: Wikis Education

**LynneW**: OK

**MichaelM**: Thanks

**LynneW**: Give me a short description of your wiki.

**SusanR**: Thanks Lynne

**LynneW**: You bet. Thank you for your resource.

**LynneW**: Have a lovely Thanksgiving.

**MichaelM:** We have a wiki space for every state, school district and other over 11000 pages password protected

**LynneW:** The link has been added under Wikis

**LynneW:** It is understood that these resources are for education purposes.

**SusanR:** the editing features feel very much like Microsoft Word

**LynneW:** In Tastyword?

**MichaelM:** We are a non profit called Helping Students Education Corp

**SusanR:** yes, Tastyword

**LynneW:** The site seems very clean and simply elegant.

**LynneW:** I like that.

**LynneW:** Michael how did you come to create the non-profit and what is your mission?

**MichaelM:** I started in 1998 by going to Java conferences

**MichaelM:** Our mission is to promote education and empower communities as stated in our articles of Inc.

**LynneW:** What do you hope to empower communities to do or be?

**MichaelM:** We empower communities by providing information and free wikis to teachers

**LynneW:** I am often asked how these services can be free.

**LynneW:** How would you answer that question?

**MichaelM:** It is not just another Wiki but a Wiki specifically designed for education.

**LynneW:** Is it a significant amount of money needed to host these spaces for "free"?

**MichaelM:** Good question. We are growing, but get paid from google adsense

**LynneW:** Ahhh

**MichaelM:** I have spent much of my own

**LynneW:** In what ways has "education" informed your user interface and site policies?

**MichaelM:** thousands

**LynneW:** What motivates you to provide these resources and to do this work? I'm often asked that question as well.

**MichaelM:** I love organizing data

**LynneW:** Bless you for that.

**MichaelM:** and it provides a great community information resource

**MichaelM:** Thank you. God bless you as well

**LynneW:** Thank you for your contributions to the education community. Thank you for joining us tonight.

**LynneW:** Please come back.

**MichaelM:** I sent you a username and password. Will you try it out and customize the OR area

**LynneW:** Absolutely.

**MichaelM:** Great Thank you.

**BJB2:** Michael is leading a discussion on December 13, Lynne

**LynneW:** I might not get to it for a few weeks. My semester ends the second week of December.

**LynneW:** What time is the session?

**LynneW:** I went to the last one.

**LynneW:** Checked out the site.

**MichaelM:** Dec 13th 6:00 PM PST

**LynneW:** OK, I'll put it on my calendar.

**MichaelM:** Bye all

**BJB2:** I'll not keep you...thanks for leading the session.

**LynneW:** I love doing it.

**LynneW: Bye**