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**BJB2:** Welcome to today's Web 2.0 discussion

**BJB2:** We usually start all the Tapped In discussions with brief introductions.

**BJB2:** please let Lynne and Melanie know where you are located and what brings you to this discussion

**AmandaCG:** I am from u of h

**DavidWe:** Lynne, my first ever telephone-recorded podcast when up on the web this afternoon - pretty cool

**DavidWe:** Do you know about GCast?

**KathleenJ:** I am from Bergen county New Jersey

**RobertFa:** I'm Robert. I teach HS Math in rural, Southwest Kansas.

**LynneW:** My name is Lynne Wolters - ed tech professor in Portland Oregon.

**AmandaCG:** I am here to get professional development credits for an educational class

**DavidWe:** I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer and I lead a math education discussion in Tapped In. I'm in New Jersey, close to Kathleen

**AmandaCG:** I will be teaching eighth grade science

**AmandaCG:** I graduate this spring

**LynneW:** Congratulations Amanda

**DavidWe:** Congratulations in advance, Amanda

**LynneW**smiles

**AmandaCG:** Thanks

**LynneW:** I don't know what happened - our guest speaker, Melanie Salisbury, has dropped off map. Hopefully she will return shortly.

**CandyMo:** hi, I am an elementary assistant principal in corpus texas, just chatting for a course grade, doctoral class

**BJB2** smiles. You're all in for a treat...Lynne always shares such wonderful resources

**LynneW:** How did you find out about our group meeting?

**LynneW** blushes

**CandyMo:** our professor

**KJackieO:** I was knocking about on TI and saw it.

**LynneW:** Yes

**LynneW:** This special interest group is Web 2.0 Tools for Schools.

**LynneW:** Within this room are a wide array of new and free online tools. These web sites are organized by type and/or function.

**LynneW:** You will find them featured here as well as in the group room LINKS area

**KathleenJ:** tell us about some if we have time

**LynneW:** Tonight we have a guest speaker. Melanie is a 20-something young woman who has created World Wide Nest

**LynneW:** This is a free site we explored here several months ago.

**LynneW:** Recently, I was contacted by Melanie's marketing consultant. She had found the TI transcript for WWN and wanted to ask me some questions.

**LynneW:** As it turns out, Melanie lives in Oregon - although she began WWN while living in France.

**KathleenJ:** so what is world wide nest -briefly

**LynneW:** Melanie wanted to create a MySpace alternative that was safe for families.

**KathleenJ:** great

**LynneW:** Now, we are working together to explore ways she can expand the site to serve for instruction as well.

**CandyMo:** yes, but playing catch up on paper work

**LynneW:** She will be asking you questions and waiting for your questions as well.

**KathleenJ:** is it just like myspace, but monitored

**LynneW:** You will have a chance to explore the demo shortly.

**KathleenJ:** thanks

**LynneW:** In fact, I'll project the web site and you can do that now. Look for the "Demo Nest" link on the home page. Take a couple of minutes to look at the site and then come back here.

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

**KJackieO:** It looks really interesting.

**BJB2:** anyone have any comments? Questions?

**CandyMo:** very neat

**LynneW:** How might WWN be used instructionally?

**LynneW:** Any ideas?

**CandyMo:** wow-so many ideas

**CandyMo:** Language Arts

**KathleenJ:** links to subjects of interest

**CandyMo:** History

**KJackieO:** Tons of ways this site can be use instructionally.

**KathleenJ:** collaboration

**LynneW:** And, how might collaboration take place?

**KathleenJ:** if teachers in different parts of the country want classes to collaborate they could

**SusanR:** collaboration between two classes

**LynneW:** Yes!

**KJackieO:** Students working together to create a glossary of terms they are learning.

**KathleenJ:** sort of like penpals

**LynneW:** Guest speakers - an astronaut or the city mayor

**AmandaCG:** That sounds cool

**SusanR . o O ( ask an expert )**

**LynneW:** Calendaring - would work great for a soccer team

**KJackieO:** Shared writing for creating a class story.

**AmandaCG:** They could compare their education to those in other parts of the country

**LynneW:** Yes

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**LynneW:** Also, you can create multiple nests

**AmandaCG:** I bet they would be surprised to hear different views

**SusanR:** working on a project

**CandyMo:** so much fun while educational

**LynneW:** One might be for your own family - another for volunteer activities - another for school

**AmandaCG:** Cool

**AmandaCG:** is it free to use?

**LynneW:** Yes and Melanie is adamant it will stay that way.

**KathleenJ:** how do they prevent it from becoming myspace

**KJackieO:** journaling their experiences through a thematic unit

**LynneW:** There is a lot of integrity to what she is offering.

**AmandaCG:** Do students need a password

**KJackieO:** good questions Kathleen

**LynneW:** Would you like to see a portion of this site created for teachers containing instructional ideas and a method for hooking up with other teachers for collaborative projects?

**AmandaCG:** yes

**KathleenJ:** of course

**KJackieO:** ditto

**LynneW:** I don't know how long the development time line is but this will happen eventually.

**AmandaCG:** Is this similar to Tapped In?

**LynneW:** No, not really.

**AmandaCG:** how is it different

**LynneW:** TI has an established community that is well connected and fluid.

**LynneW:** WWN is more about individuals establishing their own social networks.

**KJackieO:** Is TI considered a social networking site?

**MelanieS** joined the room.

**AmandaCG:** cool so it could be used more for social

**LynneW:** Welcome Melanie!

**SusanR:** I like the idea of collaborating and sharing with fellow teachers, Lynne!

**MelanieS:** Thank you!

**BJB2** cheers...welcome back, Melanie!

**LynneW:** Melanie, we have taken a look at the site.

**KathleenJ:** great site Melanie

**LynneW:** Please talk to us about how WWN came to be.

**MelanieS:** I'm sorry, I've been to the library, 4 coffee shops, and now I'm at the Hood River Hotel

**MelanieS:** Ok

**LynneW:** Thank you for putting in so much effort to be with us Melanie.

**SusanR:** Melanie is determined!

**MelanieS:** I was living abroad in Paris and I wanted a better way to keep in contact with my family. I didn't feel like any of the other social networking sites had families in their best interest.

**MelanieS:** So I created World Wide Nest

**DavidWe:** Cool idea

**MelanieS:** Thank you!

**AmandaCG:** oh so it does not have to be for education

**MelanieS:** Can I please apologize for my late arrival to the forum discussion

**LynneW:** It wasn't ever thought of as an educational tool.

**LynneW:** When I looked at it - I immediately saw the possibilities.

**AmandaCG:** It could be like a virtual teachers lounge

**SusanR:** Can we take a look at a sample nest, Melanie?

**DavidWe:** . o O ( like Tapped in )

**MelanieS:** No, it can be whatever kind of "family" you would like

**MelanieS:** Yes

**MelanieS:** Go to [worldwidenest.com](http://worldwidenest.com) and click on the "demo"

**KathleenJ:** Melanie, how do you keep people from putting up junk?

**MelanieS:** We monitor each nest ourselves

**LynneW:** Each nest can only be accessed by invitation of the creator.

**KathleenJ:** You have your work cut out for you

**MelanieS:** We close any nest that puts up inappropriate material.

**KathleenJ:** that is great

**AmandaCG** nods

**MelanieS:** Yes we do, but it's important to keep it safe and clean.

**LynneW:** I think this site is well worthy putting before parents.

**KathleenJ:** absolutely

**LynneW:** Often, parents don't know where sites like this exist.

**SusanR:** so it would be perfect for educators!!

**LynneW:** That's correct Sue.

**KathleenJ:** The parent concern would be appeased

**MelanieS:** We are also working on expanding WWN functions and usage for educators

**KathleenJ:** That would be terrific

**LynneW:** Melanie, can you give us a sense of what you are thinking about?

**MelanieS:** Yes

**AmandaCG:** I think the nest is cool

**MelanieS:** We want teachers to use WWN in their classrooms to make communicating easier and more interactive

**MelanieS:** let me explain.

**DavidWe** listens

**AmandaCG:** That is a great idea

**AmandaCG:** kind of like a blog

**MelanieS:** You can create a classroom "Nest" and talk with other classrooms all over the world.

**MelanieS:** World

**SusanR:** get the principals on board

**MelanieS:** At the same time you can use it to communicate with your students and their parents. We will also have up to the minute news RSS feed along with weather.

**AmandaCG:** can it translate into other languages?

**MelanieS:** Yes

**MelanieS:** We will translate it into Spanish first.

**MelanieS:** It has full capabilities to be translated into any language.

**LynneW:** Can you imagine the possibilities for ELL students?

**LynneW:** Or any language learner?

**MelanieS:** Does anyone have any questions about WWN.

**LynneW:** Melanie, we have some wonderfully talented educators in this session. Do you have any questions for them?

**SusanR:** Will you be traveling up to Canada to showcase worldwide nest, Melanie?

**MelanieS:** Yes, these are all things planned for the future.

**DavidWe:** When did WWN go live on the Web, Melanie?

**MelanieS:** We are focusing on making WWN the best site it can be for America first.

**MelanieS:** It went live in October of last year, we are still in some beta testing.

**KathleenJ:** how do you get funding for this sort of thing

**DavidWe:** . o O ( good question, Kathleen )

**AmandaCG:** nods

**MelanieS:** Well, it was hard at first. No one wants to listen to a kid with a crazy idea.

**SusanR:** . o O ( no advertising )



**KathleenJ**: So much work-if it gets bigger, that's a lot to do

**MelanieS**: But I was determined, and eventually I got some independent investors.

**KJackieO**: Melanie, what kind of computer background do you have?

**MelanieS**: I only have the basic knowledge.

**KJackieO**: excellent work

**MelanieS**: I guess I'm an idea person

**MelanieS**: I am really passionate about this project and it was easy to find people with the same goals, like Lynne!

**KathleenJ**: so , do people volunteer to help with some of the work

**MelanieS**: Yes, a lot of friends and family members have volunteered a lot of time to this project.

**LynneW**: It is important that each of you know you can start using WWN immediately.

**MelanieS**: For example, my best friend Jill gave up a career in N.Y.C to help me.

**KJackieO**: I plan to.

**KathleenJ**: did you just start with a web site?

**KathleenJ**: you have great friends

**KathleenJ**: makes a project like this more important

**MelanieS**: I don't quite understand what you're asking Kathleen.

**MelanieS**: about the web site

**SusanR**: So are all nests private, Melanie?

**MelanieS**: Yes.

**KathleenJ**: Yes-don't worry, me being silly it doesn't make sense

**MelanieS**: oh

**LynneW:** Participation in any nest is by invitation only. Invites are issued by the nest creator

**KathleenJ:** I was just thinking that one of the things that students need now is good social networking and friends

**LynneW:** We wanted to have a nest we could play in but the site is so secure - we couldn't make it available to you without going through individual enrollment processes.

**MelanieS:** Yes, Lynne, this is true. But anyone can create a nest of their own without an invitation.

**MelanieS:** Once you have created a "Nest", there is a tab on your profile page that says "invite to join"

**LynneW:** Right - I should have said "any established nest"

**KJackieO:** I like the look and feel. Not cluttered and easy to navigate

**MelanieS:** Thanks, we wanted to keep it simple and easy to use.

**AmandaCG:** It is kind of like my space but censored

**KathleenJ:** it does make a difference in their learning, so this is great to use for collaboration. Children would know they [have]a friend somewhere. I'm just going on about children needing friends and how it helps them learn

**MelanieS:** It should be easy to use no matter what your computer experience is.

**JeffC** wonders if you're talking about zaadz?

**LynneW:** Melanie talk about how the site handles images.

**DavidWe** . o O ( zaadz? )

**MelanieS:** You can upload photos to your personal page or family page.

**DavidWe:** Hey, Jeff, Melanie is upriver from you

**AmandaCG:** Do you have other people help you monitor

**JeffC:** <http://www.zaadz.com/>

**SusanR:** I have a niece in Chile..may try to use it to bring our family together, Melanie

**MelanieS:** Yes, we have a team of people that help keep the site safe.

**JeffC:** <http://www.worldwidenest.com/> is also a good myspace alternative.

**LynneW:** Jeff, Melanie is President of Worldwide Nest

**JeffC:** oh... ok... then I hit on the right one!

**MelanieS:** It can be difficult at times.

**AmandaCG:** yes it is something new

**MelanieS:** In regards to images, we plan to have slide show functions and multiple uploads available soon. We will also have video conferencing.

**KJackieO:** great

**LynneW:** I want to point out how WWN is different that TI's K-12 student campus.

**LynneW:** TI has a different set of tools available.

**BJB2:** slide shows and video conferencing options are good

**LynneW:** Also, TI is in real time while WWN is asynchronous.

**LynneW:** Yes TI can be asych as well.

**DavidWe** . o O ( not if it will do video-conferencing, I'm guessing )

**LynneW:** Video conferencing can be a powerful feature.

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe** looks at the clock on the wall

**SusanR:** In the FAQs it says "Nests can be made private and/or public."

**LynneW:** Melanie, do you have any time frame estimate when these features might be made available? one year - two???

**MelanieS:** Thats true, it can bring people from across the world together.

**DavidWe** . o O ( like Tapped In )

**MelanieS:** We are planning them for 2008, but it may be sooner.

**LynneW:** We are near the end of our time here today. Any last questions or comments?

**AmandaCG:** what is asynchronous

**DavidWe:** not in real time

**BJB2:** before it gets too late, a reminder that the next Web 2.0 discussion will take place on April 19

**DavidWe:** like email, Amanda

**KathleenJ:** sorry-I've got to go. But thank you so much-It's a great site and it's nice of you to talk to us

**LynneW:** Our next session will be another guest speaker - Bill Fitzgerald of Funny Monkey

**DavidWe:** Thanks for struggling to get logged in, Melanie

**BJB2:** thank you, Lynne and Melanie, for sharing this site with us

**MelanieS:** I would like to apologize again for being late. I welcome any questions or comments about WWN. I would love to know how WWN can help teachers.  
[melanie@worldwidenest.com](mailto:melanie@worldwidenest.com)

**LynneW** applauds for Melanie and our participants

**LynneW:** Just a hint - next month will blow your minds