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LynneW: Welcome to Web 2.0 Tools For Schools.

LynneW: We will begin in a couple of minutes.

LynneW puts the table cloth on the table getting ready for the potluck.

LynneW: Is anyone here new to the Web 2.0 Tools For Schools special interest group?

ElizabethC: I am

OliviaMS: I am

DanaMB: I am

RhondaV: Me too

GailK: Yes

LindaS: I am

MaryannA: I am

LynneW: You are warmly welcomed.

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters. I am a prof. of ed tech at a university in Portland, OR

LynneW: I am the owner/facilitator of this group.

LynneW: I encourage you to consider joining the group.

LynneW: If you join, you will receive email notification and reminders of coming sessions.

LynneW: Of course, you do not have to join to attend any session or use the room.

LynneW: We start each session with self-introductions. There is no particular order. Give us your name, where you live, and what grade/content area you teach.

LynneW: Please begin.

VernaLynnG: Verna Lynn - Strasbourg, Saskatchewan, Grade 7 & 10 Computers

DanaMB: I'm Dana from Missouri, and I'm a middle school librarian!

ElizabethC: I'm Elizabeth Christophy. I teach chemistry at a girls' school in Hamden, CT

BrandyK: Brandy, Texas, 5thgrade Reading/LA/Social Studies

RhondaV: I am Rhonda Volle. I teach 3rd grade at Pope County Elementary in Golconda, IL

GailK: Gail from Chester, IL - 7th and 8th grade math

OliviaMS: My name is Olivia, Houston, TX. Pre-service teacher in 6th world geography

LindaS: Linda from Illinois and I am a tech coordinator

MaryannA: Maryann in Council Bluffs IA Instructional technology consultant for Iowa

LynneW: Anyone else?

LynneW: Usually, I bring guest speakers to our sessions. This month we are having a Web 2.0 Tools potluck.

LynneW: Welcome Sue...will you introduce yourself?

LynneW: Sue hosts a fantastic K-3 resources group.

SusanR: I am from Ottawa, Ontario. I sub on an occasional basis. ..also offer the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here at TI

VernaLynnG: Glad to see someone else from Canada

SusanR: Thank you, Lynne

LynneW: Please don't anyone leave if you did not bring a tool.

LynneW: However, if you have a web 2.0 tool to share, please feel free to do so.

LynneW: We will be posting links here.

SusanR: Aha Saskatchewan

LynneW: You can click on the link, when it appears in your chat module and you should have a new browser window open to that particular site.

LynneW: Please be sensitive to the amount of time you spend on a site. As members, you will receive transcripts of this session that will include the links.

LynneW: That way, everyone has a chance to share.

LynneW: So, does anyone need a definition of web 2.0

GailK: yes

LynneW: or what a web 2.0 tool would be?

RhondaV: Yes, Please

DanaMB: sure

ElizabethC: I think web 2.0 means anything interactive. Is that correct?

LynneW: Well, it could...

VernaLynnG: Read/Write

BrandyK: communication and collaboration

VernaLynnG: tools on the web

VernaLynnG: web 1.0 was were you just read

LynneW: Web 2.0 refers to new applications and "mash ups" of applications that are web based and focused on ease of use. Generally, they are collaborative or "social" in nature.

LynneW: They are also usually of a single purpose. A calendar - not a contacts, email, calendar, tasks manager bundled into one.

BrandyK: like outlook?

LynneW: Yes Brandy. Outlook is a suite of tools within an application.

LynneW: Outlook is also a part of a suite of applications

LynneW: So, let's start with a web 2.0 tool.

LynneW: Would anyone like to go first?

LindaS: How about google reader for RSS feeds

MaryannA: Since we are talking about calendars how about airset

LynneW: Yes, that certainly is a web 2.0 tool. Does anyone need an explanation for RSS?

DanaMB: yes please

OliviaMS: I do please

LynneW: Linda do you want to give the explanation?

LindaS: Read Simple syndication

LynneW: RSS is technology that allows content of your choice to be pushed to you.

LindaS: You can have blog feeds or newspaper and magazine feeds sent to a reader so you do not have to go to each site

LynneW: Does that make sense Dana?

RhondaV: Is that like a virtual newspaper delivery person?

DanaMB: I think so..

LynneW: Yes Rhonda.

OliviaMS: ok

DanaMB: How do we find these?

LynneW: I have a PK-12 ed tech news and resources blog.

LynneW: You could "subscribe" for free on any news reader.

LynneW: My blog creates an RSS feed everytime I create a blog entry.

LindaS: Any site that has that little orange icon you can subscribe to

VernaLynnG: Where is your blog?

LynneW: If you were subscribed, that entry would immediately appear in your news reader.

LynneW: <http://cuonline.blog-city.com>

LynneW: Maryann and Maureen, would you like to introduce yourselves?

MaureenB: Hi I teach 4th grade in Putnam County NY

MaryannA: Instructional tech consultant from Iowa

LynneW: The second tool offered was airset?

MaryannA: yes www.airset.com

MaryannA: Free calendar sharing resource synchs with outlook

LynneW: Go take a look at this site and then come back - 1 minute.

LynneW: Please chime in when you have returned.

ElizabethC: I'm back

LindaS: So is it free

DanaMB: I think I'm staying in place...I lost myself there for a moment

LynneW: Yes, I believe so Linda.

VernaLynnG: back

LynneW: Most Web 2.0 tools (but not all) are web-based and free.

OliviaMS: I'm back

LynneW: We usually only look at free tools.

LindaS: Schools definitely need free

LynneW: For those of you new to this group...our room contains MANY links to web 2.0 tools. They are organized in folders by function/type.

MaryannA: Back. It is free. I have used it for several years

RhondaV: I'm back

LynneW: Click on the LINKS link upper left to access them.

DanaMB: Thanks for that Lynne

LynneW: The room is open 24/7 so you can stop by any time.

MaureenB: Lynne was checking out your blog. I like the Bytesize science podcast

LynneW: You can also add links you like.

LynneW: Thanks Maureen. I like that one too.

LynneW: So, how would a school, or a teacher use a web-based calendar like airset?

DanaMB: Library events

OliviaMS: there was an example of creating a calendar for parents

DanaMB: PTO events

VernaLynnG: School events

VernaLynnG: Student due dates on assignments

DanaMB: Club Schedule

MaryannA: A group of teachers might need a shared calendar to organize study teams and other activities

LynneW: YES YES YES

LynneW: Good job.

RhondaV: student organizer

DanaMB: librarian organizer

MaryannA: This resource will email you your schedule everyday

DanaMB winks

LynneW wishes it would remember what I promised to do and didn't write down!

LynneW: Let's look at another tool.

DanaMB: that would be great

MaureenB . o O (wonders whether it will do the things on the schedule too)

LynneWROFLOL

LynneW: Does someone else have a tool they would like to share?

VernaLynnG: I use this one to create tutorials

VernaLynnG: <http://www.debugmode.com/wink/>

MaryannA: If you want a large list of possibilities: www.gotoweb2.0.com

ElizabethC: I love GotoWeb. I've gotten lots of links from there.

RhondaV: Thanks Verna - This site could be very helpful!

MaryannA: whoops wrong address <http://www.go2web20.net/>

MaureenB: did you detach so you don't go off everything you go to a link

VernaLynnG: I also get me kids to do tutorials - they then need to explain how to do something thus they need to teach someone else

ElizabethC: debugmode looks great. Along similar lines, I like <http://www.screencast-o-matic.com/>

LindaS: I saw this site recently on a blog but haven't used it ReadTheWords.com The site will read information that you provide

ElizabethC: I've seen that, too. I think it would be useful for beginning readers.

DanaMB: Thanks...everything worked correctly this time.

LindaS: How about special ed students

LynneW: <http://ReadTheWords.com>

LynneW: ELL students

DanaMB: Does it do other languages as well

VernaLynnG: That site looks cool

RhondaV: As a 3rd grade teacher, the site you listed could be very useful to me. I'll experiment with it when I get some free time!

LindaS: Yes French and Spanish

MaryannA: Another one is jing <http://www.jingproject.com/>

ElizabethC: There seem to be a lot of screencapture type sites. I never realized there were so many.

SusanR . o O (voice quality is quite good)

LynneW: Are we ready for another tool?

MaryannA: yes

ElizabethC: For networking with other educators, I like www.twitter.com

LindaS: First tell what you do with jing

DanaMB: Yes tell

MaryannA: Jing is a screen capture tool

LynneW: Elizabeth, can you explain how twitter is different than Skype or any IM software?

MaryannA: You can use it to build tutorials

ElizabethC: I've never done skype, but I think that's video.

ElizabethC: Twitter is similar to IM but it is asynchronous.

LynneW: OK - that is the difference.

ElizabethC: You can only post messages of 140 characters at a time.

MaryannA: skype is audio or video conferencing (telephone)

LynneW: Skype is also chat.

RhondaV: At the risk of sounding stupid, what is a screen capture tool?

LynneW: I use it frequently with my students.

ElizabethC: Only the people who are "following" you can see what you write.

ElizabethC: Lynne, my principal said yesterday that Skype brings down the network. Do you find that to be true?

VernaLynnG: Screen capture tool is a tool that will take a picture of what is on your

screen

MaryannA: Screen capture tools allow you to take a picture of what is on the screen so that you can make "how to" tutorials

LynneW: Rhonda screen capture tools take a picture of whatever is showing on the screen.

RhondaV: Thanks everyone

LynneW: Many also allow for video and audio narration.

MaryannA: Jing will let you video your mouse moves too.

VernaLynnG: You can add audio to wink as well

ElizabethC: so will Screencapture.com

LynneW: No, I absolutely do not have a problem like that with Skype.

LynneW: It is one of the most reliable tools I use.

LynneW: I can't imagine being without it.

ElizabethC: Sorry, I meant screencast-o-matic.

MaureenB: wow didn't realize that there were so many out there

MaureenB: which one is easiest to use

ElizabethC: How do you use skype?

LynneW: Let's just have one conversation at a time.

LynneW: Are you finished with the screen capture conversation?

DanaMB: Thanks

LynneW: Any questions about screen capture tools?

MaryannA: Skype is at: <http://www.skype.com>

DanaMB: no questions here

OliviaMS: no questions

VernaLynnG: I'm good

RhondaV: no

LynneW: Thanks Maryann for posting the Skype link.

MaryannA: Skype is a free download and free computer to computer calls

LynneW: Please go take a look and then chime in when you have returned.

OliviaMS: I'm back

LynneW: These are the ways I use Skype.

VernaLynnG: back

LynneW: Chat with students -- Skype builds an ongoing transcript of our chats.

LindaS: back

RhondaV: back

MaryannA: I had a grandmother in one of my classes who uses skype to keep up with the grandchildren who live in Africa

DanaMB: back

LynneW: If there is a dispute about what was said or agreed to -- I have the transcript date and time stamped.

MaryannA: I was in a workshop where the presenter called a classroom with skype and we talked to the teacher and the students

RhondaV: that would certainly save a lot of documentation time, Lynn

LynneW: I record interviews of subject matter specialists that I can post for use and re-use.

SusanR: you may want to refer to the cool cat teacher blog re skype in the classroom

SusanR: <http://coolcatteacher.blogspot.com/2006/10/using-skype-in-classroom-or-just.html>

LynneW: Skype is a wonderful way to stay connected with a classroom student isolated by health, travel, or other situations.

MaryannA: Yahoo offers much the same tool, has anyone used it?

LynneW: Then, I use video for being a virtual guest speaker in a classroom or at a conference presentation.

SusanR: Have you used uStream, Lynne

LynneW: I have used Skype to talk a student through the process of joining Tapped In and getting to my classroom here.

OliviaMS: so it's kind of like an instant messenger?

DanaMB: sitting here amazed

LynneW: Sue I haven't used uStream

LynneW: I have replaced my instant messenger with Skype

SusanR: many conference presenters are using it

VernaLynnG: I use WizIQ for presentations

ElizabethC: Has anyone used skype for two classes to collaborate?

MaryannA: Yesterday Oprah was using it to connect with folks all over.

DanaMB: wow

LynneW: Elizabeth, that would be a good use.

LynneW: Verna offers us WizIQ for presentations.

LynneW: Can you post the link please so we can go look?

DanaMB: I think I have heard of that one...

VernaLynnG: <http://www.wiziq.com/>

BJB2 . o O (WiZiQ is doing a demo on Wednesday if you look at the Tapped In calendar)

MaryannA: How is it different from Moodle?

BJB2 . o O (not Wednesday...Monday!)

VernaLynnG: You can do things on a whiteboard

VernaLynnG: video capabilities

BJB2: and upload ppt and movies

VernaLynnG: I do suggest the Demo - I have done it a couple of times and it is good

SusanR: I have participated in the wiziq demos here..well worth attending

VernaLynnG: You can add a WiziQ block to your moodle page

LynneW: This does look good. I am definitely going to try it out.

LynneW: We have time for one or two more tools.

VernaLynnG: It is like Elluminate but "Free"

VernaLynnG: <http://animoto.com/>

LynneW: I have a tool I just found out about this afternoon and haven't checked it out yet. Do you want to take a look?

VernaLynnG: sure

DanaMB: sure

SusanR: indeed

LindaS: Sure

RhondaV: OK

MaryannA: yes

GailK: yes, thanks

LynneW: Sorry, I was looking at animoto. Very Cool.

LynneW: Did y'all have a chance to look at it?

RhondaV: no

OliviaMS: a bit

VernaLynnG: sorry Lynne I threw that in

LindaS: I used animoto recently and it is cool. I made a book trailer but it took me four tries to get it the way I wanted

LynneW: I'm so glad you did. My students will go nuts over that one.

DanaMB: I did one last week...

LynneW: Here is my tool contribution.

DanaMB: I was a little impatient waiting for the pictures to upload

LynneW: <http://www.kerpoof.com/>

VernaLynnG: I like that one

DanaMB: Linda did you use the free tool on animoto?

DanaMB: Were you able to email it or attach it to a web site?

LindaS: Yes. It will do thirty seconds for free

LindaS: Yes to email and also embedded it

DanaMB: I guess I'll have to try again

MaryannA: Here is a comic one: <http://www.makebeliefscomix.com>

LynneW: So many tools, so little time!

LindaS: I can hardly wait to get the transcript so I can try all of these

MaryannA: True

LynneW: Thank you so much for sharing these wonderful tools.

MaryannA: What a great time to be an educator!

LindaS: Thank you.

OliviaMS: yes, thank you

MaryannA: thanks

LynneW: Is anyone having a problem seeing how any of these could be used instructionally?

DanaMB: Thanks everyone!

RhondaV: Yes, Thanks everyone for these wonderful resources!

OliviaMS: a little, but I'll look into them when I get the transcript

GailK: Thank you! This was my first experience here and I enjoyed it!

LynneW: Come see us next month. We usually meet the third Thursday of the month.

VernaLynnG: Just to throw in my last two cents here is another one like kerpoof

VernaLynnG: <http://www.whyville.net/smmk/nice>

BJB2 heads for the WriteTalk discussion. Thanks, Lynne.

RhondaV: These are so neat! I know what I'll be doing during this summer break!

VernaLynnG: Yes thanks Lynne

BJB2: Next Web 2.0 Tools for Schools will be May 15

LynneW: Thank you all!

LynneW: Good night.

ElizabethC: Heck, this is what spring break is for! Thanks, Lynne