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BjB : we usually start Tapped IN discussions with introductions

RobinOr: Hi, my name is Robin.

BjB . o O (where you are, what you teach)

RobinOr: I'm in Denver and work with after-school programs.

RobinOr: Thank you for joining us today for this session.

JeffC: I'm on Tapped In Helpdesk, and in Forest Grove Oregon... always looking for new stuff.

BjB : I teach remedial communication and am located most of the time in Pennsylvania. Today, I'm in MA

JosephRD: I'm Joseph, from New York, currently in school

RobinOr: Wow, both coasts.

KJackieO: Hello, My name is Jackie and I am Dallas and I also work with after-school programs.

RobinOr: Before we get started, tell us what attracted you to this class and what you hope to gain from the presentation.

JeffC: always looking for new stuff myself.

BjB : I'd like to learn more about the tech curriculum

RobinOr: Joseph, what are you interested in learning from this course today?

JosephRD: I'm currently taking a tech class so I'm still new to any technology

JosephRD: anything I learn will be useful for me

RobinOr: Ok, great, well we'll go ahead and get started. Thanks for your input.

RobinOr: We are going to be sharing information about a free technology curriculum that is available on the Web.

RobinOr: It is called MIRACLES Tech.

RobinOr: I'll give you a little background about it.

RobinOr: It was created by the Todd Wagner Foundation.

VickiC joined the room.

KJackieO: Hello Vicki and welcome to session.

VickiC: hello

RobinOr: We were just starting to talk about the program with a little background.

RobinOr: The foundation is a non-profit organization. Their mission is to improve lives of inner-city residents by increasing access to technology, education and capital.

RobinOr: One of the ways they increase access to technology is through free high-tech after-school programs for youth living and learning in underserved urban areas.

RobinOr: The Foundation adapted the MIRACLES Tech program from an intensive program they developed called MIRACLES.

RobinOr: Any questions so far?

JosephRD: no

VickiC: none here

RobinOr: Ok, great.

RobinOr: So, I'll explain a little about MIRACLES Tech and then we will show you how it works.

RobinOr: First of all it is a free resource.

RobinOr: It is an instructor-led curriculum, so students will need someone to guide them.

RobinOr: Once the instructor gets them started, they can complete the projects on their own or in groups.

RobinOr: It is broken down into 8 project-based modules.

RobinOr: Each module runs between 12-15 program hours.

RobinOr: Some people use it as an after-school program, others are using it as a summer camp, so very flexible.

RobinOr: The modules can be used in any order, although the first 3 work well by going through them sequentially to give a really good basic foundation in technology.

RobinOr: The areas the modules cover are

RobinOr: basic tech skills

RobinOr: clay animation

RobinOr: web design (Frontpage)

RobinOr: video production

RobinOr: image manipulation (Photoshop)

RobinOr: robotics

RobinOr: intermediate web design (Dreamweaver)

RobinOr: and web animation (Flash)

RobinOr: Each module includes planners to help organize the lessons.

BjB . o O (wow! I need to take that program!)

RobinOr: I've learned a lot through it myself :-)

RobinOr: And a materials list so that you know what you need for the lessons

VickiC: is this just for high school?

MaureenB joined the room.

RobinOr: We have seen it used with upper elementary & middle, but could be adapted for high school.

BjB : welcome, Maureen

MaureenB waves to all

KJackieO: Hello Maureen.

RobinOr: There are detailed lesson plans, which we will show in just a minute.

RobinOr: Some teachers won't need them, but they are there if you do.

RobinOr: the modules also have student guides that you can copy or print for your students as they walk through the projects.

RobinOr: I mentioned lots of different topics that the modules cover, but today we are going to focus on the Video Production module so that we can show you how to navigate through and use it.

RobinOr: Any questions so far?

JeffC: how does one register?

RobinOr: You can register for free online & we will actually go through that a little later and let you register if you want to.

RobinOr: It just requires filling out some very basic info and selecting a user name and password.

JeffC: right... I'm at the site but don't see a way to register.

MaureenB . o O (thinks I'm ready to take a look)

RobinOr: I'm going to turn this over to Jackie now to talk more about the curriculum itself.

KJackieO: Hello this is Jackie and I am going to spend a few minutes talking to you about the MIRACLES Tech Curriculum modules and what's included in them.

KJackieO: We will be looking at some of the documents included in the Video Tech module.

KJackieO: An introduction to the module is included at the beginning of each module.

KJackieO: This introduction highlights what the objectives of the module are.

KJackieO: For example, in the Video tech module, students move through the entire video production process.

KJackieO: The module uses Adobe Premiere software but we also included how-tos for Windows Movie Maker.

KJackieO: If you have a different version of software, you should still be able to use the curriculum, but might have to make a few adjustments.

KJackieO: Premiere can be used on both the PC and MAC.

KJackieO: In the beginning of the binder there is a list of what students should be able to do by the time they complete the module.

KJackieO: Things like creating a storyboard and using video editing software to create a professional looking video.

KJackieO: Go to the Files link on the left hand menu and open the Video Tech Description document.

KJackieO: Look over it for just a minute and then come to the chat and we will go on.

MaureenB: could you give the link again

VickiC: I may have missed it....what is the web site?

KJackieO: click on the files link in the left hand menu.

BjB :

http://tappedin.org/tappedin/do/FileAction?ROOM_ID=24063&FILE_ID=47890&state=doDownloadFile

KJackieO: you will then need to click on the 1 week planner file

RobinOr: Thanks BJ

KJackieO: How is everyone doing?

JosephRD: good

KJackieO: Do you have any questions?

JosephRD: not yet

KJackieO: Ok, moving on.

KJackieO: MIRACLES Tech curriculum is aligned with the National Educational Technology Standards (NETS).

KJackieO: The NETS are included for each lesson is listed in each plan in the Yellow box on the first page of each plan in the upper right hand corner.

KJackieO: You will see this when you look at the lesson plan.

KJackieO: As Robin mentioned earlier included in each module is a list of Materials that tells you what you should have on hand to successfully complete the module.

KJackieO: Go to the Files link on the left hand menu and open the Materials document.

KJackieO: Look over it for just a minute and then come to the chat and we will go on.

KJackieO: Do you have any questions about the Materials list?

KJackieO: Moving on.

KJackieO: Three planners are included in each Module.

MaureenB: Am I the only one who can't find it?

KJackieO: Planners provide suggestions on how you can structure your class whether it is 1 week, 6-weeks, 12 weeks, or other time increments.

RobinOr: Maureen, what are you not able to find?

MaureenB: the link to materials

BjB : Maureen, go to files in the blue menu above this chat on the right

BjB . o O (if you've detached your chat, the web window is behind the chat window)

KJackieO: Thanks BJ

RobinOr: Maureen, did you locate it?

KJackieO: Lesson plans are written in one hour segments so you can easily adjust or modify the planners to fit your particular program needs.

MaureenB: yep

RobinOr: Great!

KJackieO: Good Maureen.

KJackieO: I won't have you look at the planners right now but make sure you come back when you have time to look at them.

KJackieO: Let's talk a little about the MIRACLES Tech lesson plans.

TonyaM joined the room.

KJackieO: All Lesson Plans follow the same format and include information about the lesson, objectives, NETS, length, grade range, materials, and prerequisites.

KJackieO: A preparation section explains what you need to do to prepare to teach the lesson followed by a detailed, step-by-step, scripted lesson plan.

KJackieO: MIRACLES Tech lesson plans are designed so that a teacher with little or no technology experience can pick it up and run with it provided they know the software.

KJackieO: If the instructor does not know the software he/she can prepare by spending time learning the software by working through the lessons and Student Guides before teaching.

KJackieO: As with most successful learning environments, teacher preparation is the key.

VickiC: that's helpful

MaureenB . o O (sometimes easier said than done)

RobinOr: So true!

KJackieO: Let's look at the Lesson 1 document for this module.

KJackieO: Go to the Files link on the left hand menu and open the Lesson 1 document.

KJackieO: wave at me when you've found it.

KJackieO: Do you have any questions?

JosephRD: found it

KJackieO: Good.

MaureenB: is the power point a separate link

KJackieO: Each module includes Student Guides that have step-by-step instructions for your students.

KJackieO: Student Guides with step-by-step instructions are included at the end of each lesson plan and, like Robin mentioned earlier, can be printed for students to use as suggested in the curriculum.

KJackieO: However you should not use the student guides in place of teaching and demonstrating what you want the students to learn.

KJackieO: Go to the Files link on the left hand menu and open the Student Guide document.

KJackieO: Look over it for just a minute and then come to the chat and we will go on.

RobinOr: Maureen, do you mean the powerpoints that are included in the curriculum? Those are actually on the website when we go there in a minute.

VickiC: I like the details for the teacher.

MaureenB: great

RobinOr: That is helpful if you are a new teacher or have not taught this before.

RobinOr: Once you get comfy teaching it you can refer to it but not follow it exactly.

KJackieO: Students can take pre- and post- tests for each module online

VickiC: The tips for students are helpful too...

KJackieO: It will score the test automatically.

VickiC: I think almost any adult could use this to teach the program.

KJackieO: However, it will not save testing information so you need to be sure to have the student print out his or her test with the score.

RobinOr: I'm glad you think so Vicki. I agree.

KJackieO: You can also go to the website and view the online test when you have more time.

MaureenB: I think the finished product would be more important than the quiz

KJackieO: Do you have any questions?

RobinOr: Yes, definitely. The pre-test is really helpful though so that you can see where your students are starting.

VickiC: I love the idea of them using these technology skills to make something...

VickiC: the end result project is awesome.

RobinOr: so a couple of things before we move on to the website.

RobinOr: MIRACLES Tech is starting a presence in Second Life so that educators can go there to get ideas and tips on using the MIRACLES Tech curriculum.

VickiC: interesting...

RobinOr: It is in an education section.

RobinOr: You log into Second Life if you have an account and search for MIRACLES Tech.

RobinOr: It is in the very beginning stages, so check back on that.

RobinOr: There is also a Kinko's docstore if you would like to order a copy of the binder rather than downloading and printing it from the website.

RobinOr: You have to do that directly through Kinko's though, not the foundation. But there is a link on the website. Most people think it is easiest just to print it out from the website.

RobinOr: I want to show you how to get to the website and give you time to sign up for an account if you want to.

RobinOr: You can always sign up later if you would feel more comfortable doing that.

RobinOr: When we get to the website, you will click on the yellow MIRACLES Tech tab at the top.

RobinOr: Then, you will see 3 choices: Instructor Signup, Instructor Curriculum and Student Tests.

RobinOr: Go to the Instructor Signup and click on it.

RobinOr: When you sign up, in the section that asks "How did you hear about the MIRACLES Tech program?" please select "Conference or Workshop" and type "Tapped In" in the explanation box right below it.

RobinOr: Spend about 5-7 minutes signing up for an account and join us back here.

RobinOr: Select Links on the left hand menu and select the MIRACLES Tech link.

RobinOr: Yours maybe on the right or if you detached on the other page.

RobinOr: Let me know if you have any trouble signing up or at least finding the place where you can sign up.

JeffC: joined

MaureenB: I'm in

KJackieO: Good.

RobinOr: Great! That was simple. Now you should be able to access all of the curriculum.

RobinOr: You will also receive an email with your user name and password, so look for that and keep it somewhere safe.

VickiC: There is a LOT of stuff in there...wow

RobinOr: If you go to the curriculum tab, you should be able to access the curriculum by module.

RobinOr: The powerpoints presentations are also available in each module - should say PowerPoint at the beginning of the document name.

RobinOr: We could really use some quick feedback about this workshop.

RobinOr: If you don't mind, please take just a few moments to fill out an online survey at Quia.

RobinOr: When you are finished, please meet us back here and we will wrap up the session and answer any further questions.

RobinOr: Select Links on the left hand menu and click on Workshop Survey Link.

RobinOr: Let me know when you get back to the chat room.

JosephRD: ok, finished

KJackieO: Good Joseph

VickiC: done

MaureenB: back

KJackieO: Welcome back Vicki

RobinOr: Perfect!

RobinOr: You can let other teachers know.

RobinOr: . They don't need to come to a Tapped In session to use this, but can if they want some explanation about the curriculum and how to use it.

RobinOr: Was this helpful? Do any of you think you will be able to use the curriculum?

JeffC: I think it's excellent robin

VickiC: I would love to see it used in the after school program at my school.

MaureenB: I will definitely use when I do our video project next year. Wish I had it this year

VickiC: I am going to forward this info to our technology teacher

JeffC suggests creating a MIRACLES room here at Tapped In and build upon it.

RobinOr: That is a great idea Jeff.

KJackieO sounds good Jeff

JosephRD: great stuff

KJackieO: We will need some assistance with that.

RobinOr: We are getting ready to wrap up. Does anyone have any specific questions about the curriculum or how to use it in a specific situation?

VickiC: it seems pretty straightforward

MaureenB: thanks have to run

VickiC: thank you...

RobinOr: You can definitely contact us through Tapped In if you have any questions.

VickiC: okay...cool

RobinOr: Thanks everyone, happy teching!

BjB: thanks, Robin and Jackie!

RobinOr: and teaching

KJackieO: Thanks guys.

KJackieO: Bye for now.

JosephRD: thanks, bye