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BJB2: early birds!

BJB2: this discussion will start at the hour

LynneW: Welcome Kelly

LynneW: Do you have any questions?

SaraDav: I'm new to TI, and I was looking for the Cybrarian discussion and missed it. Then I saw this, and it seemed interesting.

LynneW: I'm glad you did stop by.

LynneW: Will you be able to stay for our monthly session?

LynneW: It begins in about 15 minutes.

KellyCM: I'm new too so I wanted to make sure I was good to go.

LynneW: Please, ask your questions.

LynneW: I want to help any way I can.

LynneW: You are warmly welcomed.

LynneW: Both of you!

MarleneK joined the room.

LynneW takes a drink of now cold coffee

LynneW: Welcome Marlene

BJB2 passes around a plate of freshly baked brownies and cups of hot cider

MarleneK: Hi there

LynneW: BJB is such a wonderful hostess. Goodies!!!!

LynneW: For those of you who are new to TI.... a couple of quick tips.

LynneW: At the upper right corner of this chat module is an ACTIONS drop down menu.

LynneW: Select DETACH and you will have a much bigger field for viewing the chat text.

LynneW: Go back to ACTIONS and select LARGER TEXT so you can see more easily.

KellyCM: Thanks. That's much better

LynneW: Sure

BJB2: if you would like to join this group while we wait for the discussion to start....

BJB2: go to the Web window that is behind this chat

BJB2: scroll down on the welcome note to the sentence This is the group room for Web 2.0 Tools for Schools and click n the green i

BJB2: you will then see the group ID page. Select Join this group

BJB2: joining the group has a couple of benefits...

BJB2: it automatically adds this group to the drop down favorite places menu in the top right of the web window next to the Go! button...

BJB2: and you are automatically subscribed to the discussion board. Lynne usually posts reminders of upcoming discussions

BJB2: and...since you're new to Tapped In, a reminder that when you log out after this discussion you will be emailed a transcript of the text chat

KellyCM left the room (signed off).

BJB2: oops...talked her to death?

LynneW: I doubt it.

LynneW: Has TI been quiet this week?

KellyCM joined the room.

BJB2: some

LynneW: Welcome back.

BJB2: good job, Kelly

KellyCM: Thanks

SusanR joined the room.

LynneW waves hello to Sue

SusanR: hi Lynne

JeffC joined the room.

LynneW: Hi Jeff

JeffC waves

SusanR: Hi Jeff

SusanR: Did you sub today?

JeffC: yup

SusanR: me too..French

JeffC: Assisted PE in the morning then Science.

LynneW: Jeff, that is exciting news!

SusanR: French tomorrow

JeffC: Assisted PE was easy... just had to lock the kids' wheels... no problem beating them at basketball then.

SusanR: I have to do PE tomorrow…any good easy skills or games you know

SusanR . o O (or a link)

JeffC: well... depends on what you have at school and what grade... actually the Assisted PE kids played "crab soccer"

JeffC: didn't the teacher give you lesson plans? lots of times you can just have the kids play basketball, etc.

BJB2: Sara and Kelly you can ignore that announcement

BJB2 . o O (you're in the right place)

KellyCM: ok

SaraDav: Ok

SusanR: yes, I had lesson plans for the first day..nothing for the second

SusanR: will try crab soccer

JeffC: well... what did you do on the first? of course you can do warm-ups with them, etc. then play games... yeah... kids liked crab soccer.

LynneW: Sue, you might want to check out my ed tech news and resources blog. Left hand side are bookmarks arranged in groups alphabetically. Scroll way down to PE. Many links to great resources.

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

LynneW: Welcome everyone to this month's session of Web 2.0 Tools for Schools.

LynneW: My name is Lynne Wolters and I am the "group mom" here.

SusanR: Thanks Lynne

SusanR: crab soccer it is

LynneW: I come to you from a brew pub with free wifi in Vancouver, WA

LynneW: Let's continue self-introductions. Anyone may begin.

MarleneK: Hi there, I'm Marlene Konduc, a teacher from Edmonton, AB

JeffC: I'm Jeff Cooper, on Tapped In Helpdesk and in Forest Grove, Oregon.

KellyCM: I come from my living room in Virginia Beach. Its cold here right now

SusanR: I come from my basement in Ottawa, Ontario.

SusanR: I offer the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here

LynneW smiles

SaraDav: I'm Sara. I live in Truckee, CA. I teach middle school math and science.

KellyCM: I am a middle school librarian

LynneW: BJ?

BJB2: I'm on Tapped In helpdesk and am in Pennsylvania

SaraDav: I'm also finishing my librarian credential.

LynneW: Thanks.

LynneW: Here's a quick reminder to use the ACTIONS menu to detach the chat module and to enlarge your text.

SaraDav: Got it.

LynneW: Before we begin with resources I have gathered for this month...any questions or comments you would like to make?

LynneW: OK

LynneW: The first resource is from Inspiration software.

LynneW: They produce Kidspiration and Inspiration concept mapping software.

LynneW: Currently, they are running a beta version of a wholly online, collaborative version of Inspiration.

BJB2 . o O (hold down the ctrl or shift key when you click on a url. This overrides pop up blockers.)

LynneW: I have tried it and believe it would be a wonderful tool for collaborative online projects.

LynneW: I invited Inspiration to send us a guest speaker and they declined. They have created this tool to market to businesses.

LynneW: The beta is free to try.

SaraDav: I don't know what Beta means.

JeffC: they're still testing it, Sara.

SaraDav: Thanks,

KellyCM: how do we try it?

SusanR . o O (not quite ready for prime time)

LynneW: The link is on the desktop. You may also find it here.
http://www.myWebspiration.com

KellyCM: Thanks

LynneW: If you want to take the opportunity to sign-up and try it. I'll give you several minutes.

LynneW: You invite others to participate with a collaboration, by e-mail.

LynneW: You can use my email cupdxprof@gmail.com any time you want to test out the collaborative aspect of this software.

LynneW: I used it recently at a non-profit and it was great.

LynneW: Go check it out and let me know when you have returned.

SaraDav: Will all participants have to have the software or just the invitee?

LynneW: The software is web hosted. You don't need software. Just Internet access and a browser.

LynneW: Project files are saved on their server.

LynneW: At least at this point in time.

JeffC: ok Lynne... invited you.

LynneW: BRB

LynneW left the room (signed off).

SaraDav: I see. Thanks. My school use to have Kidspiration.

JeffC: I've started a collaborative one... once you sign up... tell me your user name at Webspiration and I'll invite anyone who wants to try.

SusanR: sroseman

MarleneK: **MarleneK**

SaraDav: sdavid

JeffC: done

LynneW joined the room.

LynneW: Sorry folks. I got bounced out.

LynneW: Jeff, there is a permission setting you need to change to give me access. Since I'm an existing member you probably have to invite me to collaborate using my user name **LynneW**.

JeffC: ok

JeffC: I'll invite you Lynne... then I'm out the door... gotta pick up my son.

LynneW: Who is back here with me now?

LynneW: OK Jeff

LynneW left the room (signed off).

JeffC: done and is afk

SusanR: still here

LynneW joined the room.

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LynneW: How about if we explore another resource. I'll be happy to collaborate with you as a test, at another time.

KellyCM: ok

SusanR: np

MarleneK: I like the selections of templates on Webspiration... especially the idea map.

LynneW: Dabbleboard is an online whiteboard reinvented. Kelly, one of the rules for this group is the tools shared must be FREE. All are web applications.

KellyCM: ok

LynneW: Dabbleboard is one of those. http://dabbleboard.com

LynneW: Go check it out and let me know when you return here.

SaraDav: Sorry! Just got back from webspiration.

LynneW: No problem.

LynneW: Do you see the link for Dabbleboard?

SaraDav: On my way to check it out.

LynneW: Let me know when you return.

SaraDav: I have an ActivBoard in my classroom. It's very similar.

LynneW: How much do you use it Sara?

KellyCM: I am in a school with a staff of 90 teachers with 3 SmartBoards; this is a great alternative

SaraDav: All day everyday.

LynneW: Wonderful!

SusanR: cool ..allows you to use tokbox for video and audio

MarleneK: This is sweet.. so you can draw anything you like.. and then email it to yourself or anyone else.. and add text :)

LynneW: What are some ways you might use this tool?

LynneW: Instructionally

KellyCM: Brainstorming as a class

LynneW: Good

LynneW: What else?

SusanR: label a pic; or adding notes

LynneW: Yes

SusanR: to photos taken

LynneW: Good

LynneW: More?

SaraDav: It's great with math!

SaraDav: Geometry

KellyCM: Graphic organizers

LynneW: How about writing an image to explain a process?

MarleneK: Practicing clear communications skills by having kids give each other instructions to draw things.. then get them to email the answers to the teacher

LynneW: Oh, very good!

KellyCM: Collaboration with another class

LynneW: Can you each see how Web 2.0 tools are driving down the cost of ed tech substantially?

SaraDav: do tell

KellyCM: Yes; and thank goodness since our budgets are being cut

LynneW: That's right.

DrChristo joined the room.

LynneW: Moving on to another resource.

LynneW: Welcome Dr Christo

DrChristo: Hi.

DrChristo: Sorry I'm late. I finished my office hours, so I came here.

LynneW: You are warmly welcomed.

LynneW: Please introduce yourself.

LynneW: Where are you from and what do you teach?

DrChristo: I'm Elizabeth. I'm a chemistry teacher in Connecticut.

LynneW: Nice to have you join us.

LynneW: Have you been to a Web 2.0 Tools for Schools session before?

DrChristo: Yes, I have.

LynneW: OK - I posted this month's resource links on the desktop of this group room.

DrChristo: Thank you.

LynneW: We have visited mywebspiration.com and dabbleboard.com

LynneW: We are about to visit an E-Mail Generator web site.

SaraDav: cool

LynneW: You can get a free image file of your email address. This is a good idea to use a graphic of your email address posted to anything hosted on the web.

LynneW: Cuts down on you being on the receiving end of monkey business.

SaraDav: I don't think I understand.

LynneW: The link is http://services.nexodyne.com/email/index.php

LynneW: Go ahead and create one. It doesn't take long. Then, let me know when you have returned.

MarleneK: So instead of coding your email into your page with html.. this will supply a graphic of it so you receive less spam

LynneW: Yes

MarleneK: You're an angel Lynne.

LynneW: You save the graphic file it generates and then insert the image wherever you would normally post an email address.

SusanR: I have heard of free email addresses for these sorts of occasions

LynneW: This actually creates a graphic file of your existing email address.

LynneW: Just save in your pictures file and use it whenever it seems appropriate.

LynneW: I have numerous emails so I created several of these.

KellyCM: ok; how do we use in the classroom

LynneW: Just be sure you rename the file when you save it. Otherwise, if you create more than one, it will simply save over.

SaraDav: Good question Kelly.

SaraDav: I was wondering the same thing.

LynneW: Say you had publicly available blogs or a classroom web site.

LynneW: If you have control over the site, you can insert the graphic rather than post your contact email.

MarleneK: it looks eye catching too.. with the gmail logo and such on mine

LynneW: People can see it but malicious bots won't.

SaraDav: ok

LynneW: This may be something only you will use.

KellyCM: Very nice

SaraDav: got it

LynneW: The next resource is Screen Toaster.

LynneW: There are many resources just like it.

LynneW: You can create your own flash files showing a training file.

LynneW: One of those click here and then select this and then do this.

KellyCM: Is this like Voice Thread?

LynneW: I could have created a file that shows you how to join this group or how to use the ACTIONS menu.

LynneW: It records whatever actions you are doing - during the recording session - on your computer.

SaraDav: cool

LynneW: You then share that with whomever you wish.

LynneW: Good tool for instruction of what is appropriate use, etc.

SaraDav: What type of file does it save as?

MarleneK: That would be a great way for kids to make a web bibliography when they are doing web research on a topic.

LynneW: Also good for teaching kids how to complete a particular task in a software program.

SusanR: indeed

LynneW: Sara, I don't remember the file type. I believe you have a couple of choices.

KellyCM: Great for professional development too

LynneW: Yes

SusanR: Is there audio

LynneW: Sue, thanks for the great segue.

LynneW: This next resource I haven't yet tried so beware.

LynneW: Audio Acrobat is a creation tool for audio and video.

LynneW: It may have value for you but use with caution.

LynneW: I trust the source that recommended it however.....

LynneW: http://brpjevach.audioacrobat.com

LynneW: This is the only time I have recommended something I haven't thoroughly vetted. However, my online access is extremely limited these days.

LynneW: I would recommend you try these tools and see if they make sense for you to continue with them.

SusanR: free trial though, Lynne

LynneW: If you actually make something with them, you may remember them.

SaraDav: It's like audacity...

LynneW: Yes, this is one of those programs that may be worth investing in for your school.

LynneW: Or, for you personally.

LynneW: This strays a bit from what I usually share.

LynneW: It was highly recommended at an online conference of teachers.

LynneW: Now, Sue came up with an interesting tool in the E-Portfolios Discussion Group. I thought it might be a nice way to conclude this month's session.

LynneW: Sue, would you like to give a little background and then give us the link?

SusanR: It's using delicious to create a quick and dirty portfolio or eportfolio

SusanR: I will give you the link..tell me what you think

KellyCM: It sounds interesting

SusanR: you are familiar with delicious??

KellyCM: Yes

SaraDav: not really

SusanR: http://michelemartin.typepad.com/thebambooprojectblog/2008/06/using-delicious.html

SusanR: worth exploring Sara

SusanR: at your leisure

KellyCM: Great tool

SaraDav: I'm having a hard time clicking on the link.... help!

LynneW: Delicious is a social bookmarking web site. Services are free and this is my number one tool of choice.

SaraDav: I have been accessing the other sites through the dashboard

KellyCM: Showed this to my 65 year old dad and he loves it

SusanR: this will explain it simply http://www.commoncraft.com/bookmarking-plain-english ..look at it later

DrChristo: This is a really great idea!

SaraDav: Help?

LynneW: Sara, I just posted the link with the others.

LynneW: I thought this was a brilliant use of delicious.

SusanR: very creative

LynneW: Please try to remember to post a comment on our discussion board here in the group room if you test this out or use it with students.

SaraDav: I'll have to explore this further...

LynneW: I'm particularly interested in strengths and limitations.

LynneW: Well, as usual, I've pushed a lot at you in a relatively short period of time.

LynneW: Comments, suggestions before our session concludes?

SaraDav: Thanks for letting me sit it.

LynneW: Discussion is most welcomed.

LynneW: We are open to anyone.

KellyCM: Thanks for all your resources. I appreciate your patience and can't wait to explore further.

MarleneK: As usual Lynne another great session :) Thanks again for your time and efforts in putting this together.

LynneW: Truly, my pleasure.

SaraDav: I feel like I'm still Web 1.0 :)

SaraDav: Still learning though

DrChristo: Thanks. I'm always looking for new resources, and these look great.

LynneW: Sara, once you get the hang of some of these tools there will be no looking back.

LynneW: You are welcome to add me to your delicious network.

SaraDav: I'll give them a try!

SusanR: play with the tools

LynneW: I have lots of web 2.0 resources listed there.

LynneW: woltersl

LynneW: delicious/woltersl

KellyCM: Thanks

SaraDav: Thanks. Bye!

SusanR: where were the PE links Lynne please

LynneW: Also, you can check out my ed tech news and resources blog CUOnline
http://cuonline.blog-city.com

LynneW: Left hand column HEALTH/PE

LynneW: Just scroll down -- organized in alpha order. These are bookmarks to best of the best resources I could find.

LynneW: I post resources and information items continually.

LynneW: You might want to subscribe to my rss feed.

SusanR: ok got it

LynneW: Good. Thank you for coming today. It has been a pleasure.

SusanR: Thanks Lynne

LynneW: Have a good rest of the evening.

SusanR: love dabbleboard

MarleneK: Thanks again Lynne.. see you next time.

LynneW: Bye Marlene.

LynneW: Nice to "see" you again.