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**MidgeF:** I call this session "The Thrill of Shiny New Stuff"

**BJB2:** welcome, Jennifer and Christina

**BarbaraMu:** Wonderful!

**BJB2:** before we get started, a reminder if you are new to Tapped In, go to the Actions menu in the top right of the chat and select DETACH

**BJB2:** then, would you like to start with introductions, Midge?

**MidgeF:** Sure, I am Midge, I am obsessed with tiny computers

**MidgeF:** Oh, I live in Massachusetts

**SusanR** joined the room.

**BJB2:** welcome, Sue...we're just starting intros

**SusanR** waves

**MidgeF:** Hello Sue

**BJB2:** I'm a retired teacher and am located in Pennsylvania

**SusanR:** Hi Midge

**BarbaraMu:** I am Barbara....former elementary school counselor in NJ now in private practice

**MidgeF:** I always need counseling

**KellyNF:** I am Kelly a student at the University of Colorado

**JenniferNB:** I'm Jen, student at the University of Colorado also

**ChristinaG:** I am Christina, I'm in the school of education at the University of Colorado in Boulder

**MidgeF:** Do you know each other?

**SusanR:** I am located in Ottawa. Ontario and K to 6 Occasional Teacher and moderator of the K to 3+ Great Resources sessions here.

**ChristinaG:** are you guys in elementary psych?

**KellyNF:** yes I am

**JenniferNB:** Yes, our homework assignment was to attend one of the workshops

**SusanR:** o O ( Topic graphic organizers tonight )

**ChristinaG:** oh nice, me too

**MidgeF:** I see a pattern here with my obsession

**MidgeF:** Graphic organizers (yum) <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net/go.html>

**MidgeF:** Anyway, we are all here to learn about the new iPod

**MidgeF:** It all started when I bought an Apple Newton in the early 90s

**MidgeF:** Moved onto Palm handhelds and wrote a book about it

**MidgeF:** Went to graduate school and wrote about Windows Mobile devices

**MidgeF:** I am a friend of the \*famous\* Kathy Schrock who had to have an iPhone

**BarbaraMu:** think you're pretty famous too midge

**BarbaraMu:** really appreciate the resources!!

**MidgeF:** Well, somewhat. But I am retiring in December

**BarbaraMu:** do any of us really retire????

**BJB2:** probably not...once an educator, always an educator ;-)

**MidgeF:** Anyway, after owning a stick of gum shuffle, a Nano and a 5g iPod, I bought a iPod touch in December

**MidgeF:** I adore it.

**MidgeF:** Don't be iPod-Challenged!

**MidgeF:** <http://MidgeFrazel.net/blog/2009/02/ipod-touch-2g.html>

**MidgeF:** This is the only link you will need to bookmark tonight as I put all the links in my blog

**BJB2:** I have to admit I was intrigued by my son in law's iPod

**BJB2** checks to see if everyone got the url

**MidgeF:** They went to look at it. <grin>

**BJB2** nods to Midge

**MidgeF:** I already put the link you sent in it, Bj

**MidgeF:** I can lie on the couch in my bathrobe and check my email and Facebook without using my laptop computer

**BJB2:** the screen is a decent size

**MidgeF:** Yes (finally) and my video digital stories look good on it.

**MidgeF:** My friend gave me a bag that says "It's all about me". It fits very nicely in it with my headphones.

**MidgeF:** That's my new motto. It's a genealogy thing

**BJB2:** I'm leading a Storytelling discussion on March 11, Midge, if your hectic schedule allows you to attend

**MidgeF:** I might. My husband has a dinner to go to that night.

**MidgeF:** Writing the DST book was quite a nightmare

**MidgeF:** It won't be published until August.

**MidgeF:** Sooooooo sloooooooooowwww

**MidgeF:** I think the ladies like the links they aren't coming back.

**MidgeF:** I'm sleeping to "White Noise" using my iHome clock radio. It's part of my stress-busting plan.

**KellyNF:** I'm here

**ChristinaG:** I'm here too

**JenniferNB:** me too

**MidgeF:** Thanks for coming back. Let people out in cyberspace....

**MidgeF:** OK. so now you know where I put the best stuff I have found so far

**MidgeF:** I think that this iPod will be the model for future devices (and phones)

**BarbaraMu:** that's where I was caught...downloading the white noise app

**MidgeF:** My friend, Tony Vincent, has some great tips and ideas and list of apps for education

**MidgeF:** I have tried several of them. I still like White Noise the best.

**MidgeF:** My iPod touch is a second generation which means that it has a small external speaker and volume controls on the side. An iPhone is like a iPod touch but it is a phone and a camera too. Right now iPhones are limited to an AT&T carrier.

**BarbaraMu:** Loved his title- Learning in Hand!

**KellyNF:** I hope more services get it...

**MidgeF:** He was "just" a classroom teacher when I got him to write a lesson for my book

**MidgeF:** I actually got to meet him. It's such fun to meet people you know online

**MidgeF:** My son-in-law works in giving hi tech financial stock advise and he says it will be two or three more years on the At&T contract.

**MidgeF:** I wouldn't switch my carrier so I got this touch

**MidgeF:** You might be wondering what a iPod touch 2g costs. I checked MacMall which is where I bought mine (but I am a Windows user) for prices. iPods are measured in the number of songs they hold like hospitals are measured in the number of beds in them.

**MidgeF:** 8G (1, 750 songs) \$218, 16GB (3, 5000 songs) \$280, and 32GB \$374 (\$7,000 songs). Kids full up their digital music players very quickly as they feel they need their entire collection of songs at their fingertips all of the time but I wanted this iPod touch for the ability to use access the wireless in my home and for learning the new "Apps" store.

**KellyNF:** isn't there an app that allows you to track you friends and be tracked as well?

**MidgeF:** Kathy told me she talked to some middle school kids who told her that 32 GB

was not big enough for their music.

**JeffC** remembers WordStar and floppy disks...

**MidgeF**: I guess Kelly that's a GPS device. It might only be for the iPhone.

**KellyNF**: oh ok

**MidgeF**: Jeff, you need to join the Digital Pioneers group at FaceBook

**MidgeF**: I think I saw that app in a commercial

**JeffC**: eek... another group!

**MidgeF**: To track people you'd need the chip in both devices

**JeffC**: do we sit around and wistfully remember the days of floppy disks and WordStar?

**BarbaraMu**: think the tracking your friends is totally creepy

**MidgeF**: Hardly, we complain about the Digital Immigrants paper

**BarbaraMu**: and we teach boundaries to people how?

**MidgeF**: I have to tell you, I have already filled 4 screens of apps (out of 9) with great FREE apps

**MidgeF**: I'm not sure boundaries is part of the new world. Boundaries need to be taught in preschool.

**BJB2** . o O ( and at home )

**MidgeF**: What Barbara means is that with all these devices are people going to have problems communicating face to face

**BarbaraMu**: along with sexting and cyberbullying

**MidgeF**: But, what needs to happen is educating teachers to how students are using these tools

**BarbaraMu**: no- not so much about not communicating face to face but the bravado of the anonymity for kids...getting a transfer of whatever character we are trying to teach them being brought into the new world

**MidgeF**: Kids are VERY fast with learning ways around rules. Always will be, always were

**BarbaraMu:** yes

**BarbaraMu:** important for us to know the tools and apps they use

**MidgeF:** Yes, but they are waiting to teach that until middle school when kids are past listening to adults

**MidgeF:** I have no idea how teachers are going to keep up

**BarbaraMu:** tappedin.org?

**BJB2** wishes

**BarbaraMu:** no seriously- thanks for the wonderful resource list

**MidgeF:** Voice from the young teachers at U Colorado? Speak up

**MidgeF:** Kelly, Christina and Jennifer

**BJB2** wonders if Kelly, Christina and/or Jennifer had any problems with Tapped In or other tech that they've had to use

**BJB2** thinks they went out partying and are satisfied to just get the transcript for the assignment ;-)

**BarbaraMu:** or are busy texting friends on their ipods

**BJB2** chuckles...perhaps!

**MidgeF:** LOL Probably

**KellyNF:** I am kind of just listening to your alls input....I guess I don't see why it is so important for teachers to understand why kids use ipods

**KellyNF:** do you think they will be school related in the future?

**SusanR . o O** ( wonders if a larger screened ipod touch is about to be released )

**MidgeF:** That's a good question.

**JenniferNB:** Ya how are teachers going to use i-pods for teaching purposes?

**MidgeF:** The newest teachnology for schools is NetBooks

**JeffC . o O** ( hook them up to your smartboard? )

**BarbaraMu:** podcasts

**MidgeF:** They are small computers

**MidgeF:** Yes, and many kids need to listen to books instead of read them

**BJB2:** Midge included a url in her page about iPods that demos how a teacher used iPods in his special ed class

**KellyNF:** yeah but teachers and profs are more concerned with keeping our phones away from us at the time being not intergrating them into our work

**BJB2:** Kelly, that will change...and you are the change agents

**MidgeF:** That's because higher ed is NOT modeling the future

**BarbaraMu:** when they are threaded thru a hoodie and the earplug is in the ear, and the information cant get thru for the music, its somewhat problematic to learning, no?

**KellyNF:** well of course

**BarbaraMu:** don't know an ADD kid who isn't plugged in during class

**KellyNF:** I just think it is going to be a difficult transition

**MidgeF:** I can think of plenty of people I'd like to block out with my earbuds

**MidgeF:** It is...but it's been going on for a long time now and there's still not enough change happening

**JeffC** agrees with Midge.

**BarbaraMu:** I agree teachers are the change agents to make the technology viable as a learning tool think elementary folks most open but most exciting at higher levels

**MidgeF:** Obsession with standardized testing is a big problem

**BarbaraMu:** it is...can we create a standardized test app that has to be more satisfying than the rote drill??

**MidgeF:** What people are learning will not help with the future of learning

**BarbaraMu:** that's a compelling statement Midge!

**KellyNF:** so if everyone knows standardized testing is not helpful why are we so

concerned about it.

**BJB2** smiles sadly

**BarbaraMu**: W's obsession

**BarbaraMu**: dragged in 8 years ago from Texas as THE answer

**MidgeF**: Keeping kids in school, making high school diploma a necessity and making tax paying citizens happy

**KellyNF**: even in one of my classes we were talking about how college used to not have grades and the point was to come out as a better thinker, now it is all about good grades to go get your masters or whatever

**MidgeF**: Kelly, you have good thoughts

**MidgeF**: When I was an undergrad only those who wanted to be admins got a Masters

**KellyNF**: really

**MidgeF**: Remember, the circle of money. Get a Master's to keep higher ed in business

**MidgeF**: That money goes back to the state and back to K-12.

**MidgeF**: The stuff they don't tell you in college!

**MidgeF**: I love being self employed

**JeffC** doesn't have a Masters... didn't need one when he started teaching... now, thanks to NCLB... can't even get credentialed here in Oregon (even though he has a professional clear in California).

**MidgeF**: I am 61 and got my Master's 3 years ago. No one will hire me because I don't have a Doctorate

**JeffC**: lol

**JeffC** wonders if the kids in this room ever saw the movie "Paper Chase."

**MidgeF**: Did you just run screaming from the room Kelly!

**MidgeF**: That's why some of the best people are being kept from teaching young teachers about technology

**KellyNF**: ahhh



**KellyNF:** pretty much

**KellyNF:** that worries me

**MidgeF:** Just keep learning what YOU think your students will need for their learning

**BJB2:** and participate in more dialogue like this!

**SusanR** nods in agreement

**MidgeF:** OK, enough theory. Did all of you get enough information to get you started with an iPod in learning?

**SusanR :** one must have a PLAN

**MidgeF:** I guess you can tell that I am an independent thinker

**BJB2:** Thanks, Midge.

**BJB2:** most members of TI are!

**BarbaraMu:** Thank you.

**KellyNF:** This was fun! I really enjoyed it

**MidgeF:** <http://www.MidgeFrazel.net>

**JenniferNB:** Thank you Midge!

**MidgeF:** I am a different thinker for my age. I am on FaceBook. You can be my friend

**BJB2** . o O ( an offer that is hard to refuse! )