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BJ: Let's do intros, in case someone else joins us

BJ: o O (people have been running late)

BarbaraMu: okay- it's the holiday shopping

BJ: I'm a teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

BarbaraMu: I am a school counselor at the elementary level in New Jersey.

BJ: Robert is going to be joining us

BarbaraMu: Tonight's topic is helping kids get organized.

RobertBY joined the room.

BJ waves hi to Bob

BarbaraMu: Hi Robert. Thanks for coming. We are talking about helping kids get organized as we start a new school year.

BarbaraMu: Could you introduce yourself?

BJ: That's a great topic, Barbara...applies to any discipline

RobertBY: Thank you for the reception

BarbaraMu: Organization, for school, usually involves a number of skill sets.

BarbaraMu: They usually include goal setting, time management, specific study skills,

BarbaraMu: Note taking, listening, and practice.

RobertBY: I am interested in a possible career in this area.

BarbaraMu: Great! Is there a level that you are most interested in working?

RobertBY: Greetings to BJ and Barbara

RobertBY: I am looking at High school

BarbaraMu: There are sites worth going to for each of the subskills and others which talk about all of the skills in one place.

BarbaraMu: Although I am elementary, there are definitely HS resources that I will be using tonight.

RobertBY: Your suggestion?

BarbaraMu: Family Education Network has some printables for keeping kids organized which are great to share with parents. They involve cutting and pasting the things they are to remember.

BarbaraMu: <http://familyeducation.com/printables/package/0,2358,23-16624,00.html>

RobertBY: Thank you

BJ: Robert, I have two suggestions...

RobertBY: Please

BJ: first, go to the Actions drop down menu and click on DETACH

BJ: that will make it easier to follow the dialogue

RobertBY: Location?

RobertBY: Thank you for the advice

BJ: <http://familyeducation.com/printables/package/0,2358,23-16624,00.html>

BarbaraMu: I think it's too long!

RobertBY: Are there schools that you recommend for becoming a counselor?

BJ: nope, can't get it in one line...do this, Robert...go to the actions drop down menu again...and scroll down to send to pasteboard

BJ: o O (it's the comma, Barbara, not the length)

BJ: once you have the pasteboard up, you can highlight and use control C to copy. Then past to a browser window

BarbaraMu: My next one has a comma too BJ but has lots of good information. There aren't any more like that after this one...

BarbaraMu: For specific skills, and assessing strengths and weaknesses for a given study skill area, Family Education again has a good package- including a homework kit

BarbaraMu: <http://familyeducation.com/topic/front/0,1156,23-28997,00.html>

BJ: worst case scenario...we'll have to wait for our transcripts to look at the urls

BarbaraMu: Okay- worth the wait. These contain a lot of good information. The last makes a lot of references to ADD and learning disabilities but that's often where the best organizational and study skill information is.

RobertBY: Time to go. Talk soon,

BarbaraMu: www.schwablearning.org/articles.asp?r=364 is one of those organizations which tackles LD. They have a good section on study strategies

RobertBY left the room (signed off).

BJ: I'm familiar with Schwab Learning

BarbaraMu: Aside from the learning disability sites, another good source of study skill information are the college and university study center sites. Here are a couple, and though housed on college sites, their information is good for all.

BarbaraMu: <http://www.ucc.vt.edu/stdyhelp.html>

BarbaraMu: The study skill checklist is often referred to from this site.

BarbaraMu: This community college site also has a wide number of areas on its menu of study helps.

BarbaraMu: www.richland.edu/sds/studyskills.html

BJ: do you use anything like the inspiration software to help students organize?

BarbaraMu: I haven't used it. What is your experience with it, BJ?

BJ: not extensive experience...it's a mind map/graphic organizer type program

BarbaraMu: At the elementary levels, everything is heavily color coded for the little ones.

BarbaraMu: Checklists, and flip charts and posters are the primary memory joggers for routines and practice.

BJ: Inspiration has a younger student version: Kidspiration

BarbaraMu: Do you want to put up a url?

BJ: let's try www.kidspiration.com

BarbaraMu: That's cool. I don't think teachers use mapping enough...this looks very good.

BarbaraMu: A more kid-friendly looking site can be found at <http://www.how-to-study.com/>

BarbaraMu: Not more kid-friendly than kidspiration- but more so than the college sites!

BJ smiles and nods.

BarbaraMu: Another school resource is

http://www.crlsresearchguide.org/Research_Tip_Sheets.asp

BarbaraMu: They mention Big6 on this site too- which I believe is an ASO topic on Tapped In

BarbaraMu: For sending information home to parents,

http://www.onlineorganizing.com/Client_Newsletter_Jul_2001.htm is from a company that helps with organizing and going through their past newsletters can be interesting in itself but, for children, the 2002 July issue is a good one.

BarbaraMu: You hanging in through these?

BJ: Big6 is a wonderful way to problem solve...they also have a shorter version for the younger kids

BarbaraMu: I have been reading the transcripts and enjoy the information they share

BarbaraMu: A 5-8 lesson unit for teaching study skills to grades 7-12 is online at

http://askeric.org/cgi-bin/printlessons.cgi/Virtual/Lessons/Interdisciplinary/Study_Skills/STD0204.html

BarbaraMu: More ERIC study skill resources, including jeopardy games, football games, trivia games, among others, can be found from

BarbaraMu: [http://www.askeric.org/cgi-](http://www.askeric.org/cgi-bin/print.cgi/Resources/Subjects/Integrated_Interdisciplinary_Approach/Study_Skills.html)

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BJ: Have you heard rumors about AskEric losing funding?

BarbaraMu: The ERIC-CASS (counseling and student services) division is all but closed now.

BJ: <http://www.eduref.org>

BarbaraMu: It is a loss of a tremendous resource for school counselors. Garry Walz does a great job especially in the area of cybercounseling and cyberlearning, which is where they were headed next.

BJ: the database can be accessed from that url

BarbaraMu: Thanks.

BarbaraMu: I wanted to share a site I have absolutely fallen in love with.

BarbaraMu: As for practice, I love this web page from the Manatee Florida system, There is wonderful practice for test taking, for specific skills across the subject areas at

BarbaraMu: <http://www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/elementary/palmasola/index.htm>

BarbaraMu: you go to the button bar and check out any of the areas but the writing area is great, the FCAT (standardized test practice page has incredible resources on a daily basis, the reading, math and science areas are all strong.

LoriAP joined the room.

BJ: cool, Barbara.

BJ: Hi, Lori. Welcome

LoriAP: Thank you!

BarbaraMu: If a parent wanted to help a child get better at test taking, or practice skills taught at school, this K-5 resource is wonderful.

LoriAP: This is my first time

BJ: Lori, are you here for the counselor's discussion?

LoriAP: no, I just wandered in

JenniferMT joined the room.

LoriAP: trying it out for an online course I'm taking

BJ nods to Lori. We're almost finished

BJ: Hi, Jennifer

LoriAP: I'll look around

LoriAP: thanks

BarbaraMu: Hi Jennifer. Are you a school counselor?

JenniferMT: Hi

JenniferMT: No I am in a class and doing this for an assignment

LoriAP: me too Jennifer!

JenniferMT: what school?

BarbaraMu: Is there something specific you were supposed to do for your course?

LoriAP: connected university

JenniferMT: I'm at SDSU.

LoriAP: I was supposed to try out a new educational forum

LoriAP: and this one looked interesting

BarbaraMu: This was a discussion on organizational skills for kids with school counselors.

BJ: I suggest you both take a look at the calendar

BJ: to see the calendar, click on the Tapped In tab and then click on calendar

JenniferMT: do you mind if I just observe?

BJ: no problem, Jennifer, but you won't have much to observe

BJ: Barbara started the discussion 45 minutes ago and is finished

BarbaraMu: You can tell that, with the closeness of the holidays, there aren't many here. BJ and I had finished for tonight's discussion. Perhaps you would like to see the last URL we put up. Its one of my favorite sites for extending the learning for kids

JenniferMT: ok

BJ . o O (which is why I suggested you look at the calendar...to see when the next discussion is scheduled)

BarbaraMu: There is wonderful practice for test taking, for specific skills across the subject areas at

BarbaraMu: <http://www.manatee.k12.fl.us/sites/elementary/palmasola/index.htm>

BarbaraMu: If you click on the link, it will take you right to the site.

JenniferMT: how can I find the schedule?

JenniferMT: Thanks for the site

BJ: Jennifer, the calendar is linked from the Tapped In tab at the top of your screen

JenniferMT: thanks

JenniferMT: are you done? Do you have time to share some info with me?

BarbaraMu: Hi Gloria. Are you a school counselor?

BarbaraMu: Jennifer is logged in for an in class assignment.

BarbaraMu: Well, BJ, I think that about covers the resources for tonight. Next month the focus will be character education.

BJ: great, Barbara...January 22

BarbaraMu: We will be looking at the Kindness and Justice Challenge and other schoolwide programs that put forward the traits we hope our students will engender.

BJ . o O (8pm EST/5pm PST)

BarbaraMu: See you then. Thanks for coming.

BarbaraMu: G'night.

BJ waves bye to Barbara. Thanks!

JenniferMT: What do you mean by organizational skills for kids with school counselors

BJ: first question...

BJ: no, there are not always discussions scheduled, Jennifer. Look at the calendar...

BJ: all the events on the calendar are open to anyone

BJ: Barbara is a school counselor. She was leading a discussion on helping kids get organized...

BJ: and shared several sites that support organizational skills

JenniferMT: I got the site that linked to

BJ: you might want to join one of the tips and tricks discussions scheduled on the calendar, Jennifer

JenniferMT: I got one of the links do you have any of the others?

BJ . o O (it's a painless way to learn more about Tapped In and what you can do here)

JenniferMT: I got one of the sites. Do you have the urls to any of the others?

BJ: the transcript will be archived in a week or so. You can see other archived transcripts at www.tappedin.org/transcripts