

**Title of Session:** ArtsSites - Open House

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**BJB2:** it looks like we're going to have a small group for this open house...

**BJB2:** that means we don't have to share the punch and cookies

**MarkGa:** Better 2 know U

**BJB2:** how about if you both introduce yourselves for the transcript, please

**MarkGa:** Eye live in the mountains

**BJB2:** I'm an art teacher in a male juvenile correctional facility in Pennsylvania

**BJB2:** . o O ( I lead the ArtsSites discussions )

**EileenLa:** I teach 5th grade in North Jersey

**EileenLa:** We were asked to integrate a little more art into our curriculum so here I am.

**MarkGa:** right now eye am working on leather crafting purses for ladies and belts 4 men

**BJB2:** sounds great, Eileen. I think I have some good resources for you

**EileenLa:** thanks

**MarkGa:** airbrushMark is another side line

**MarkGa:** so..eye am an artist

**BJB2:** can you tell us where you are located, Mark?

**MarkGa:** Vermont

**MarkGa:** Green Mountains

**MarkGa:** office at about 1500ft above sea level

**EileenLa:** That's a big ski area right ?!

**BJB2:** I'll bet it is lovely, Mark

**MarkGa:** taught children 6-12 how to alpine ski

**MarkGa:** 11 years

**MarkGa:** then my office was at 4000ft above sea level

**MarkGa:** trailing 6-8 kids a day

**EileenLa:** Something I tried once!

**MarkGa:** what a blast

**MarkGa:** learned something new every day on the slopes

**MarkGa:** these days eye x-country ski

**MarkGa:** when there is snow, which there is now

**EileenLa:** we even have snow now.

**SusanR** joined the room.

**BJB2:** Hi, Sue!

**SusanR** waves

**MarkGa:** Howdy Susan

**SusanR:** Hi Bj

**BJB2:** we're kind of just chatting. Haven't really started the discussion yet

**SusanR:** Greetings from Ontario, Canada

**BJB2:** well, Mark, tell me what brought you to the discussion

**MarkGa:** Well, this morning Eye was setting up my office here

**MarkGa:** And well, Eye am an Artist U C

**MarkGa:** and Eye saw this room on the calendar

**MarkGa:** so eye decided to attend

**MarkGa:** Eye started with the webblogging group and yahoo

**BJB2:** cool.

**MarkGa:** got a blog up

**MarkGa:** pictures and the works

**MarkGa:** still haven't had time to post a pic here tho

**BJB2:** there is going to be a new blogging group here in Tapped In soon

**BJB2:** I am not doing blogging...too busy with other stuff

**MarkGa:** that will be really nice to get to know the folks in that group

**BJB2:** Eileen, you teach all subjects?

**EileenLa:** I teach math, science and social studies

**BJB2:** great. Let's see what we can share with you

**SusanR:** Welcome Eileen

**EileenLa:** Thanks Susan

**BJB2:** first, you might want to look at the archived ArtsSites discussions...

**BJB2:** they are located at [www.tappedin.org/transcripts](http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts)

**SusanR:** What grade do you teach, Eileen

**EileenLa:** 5th

**EileenLa:** Our principal asked us to integrate art a little bit more, that's why I'm here!

**FaithMB** joined the room.

**BJB2:** hi, Faith. Welcome.

**MarkGa:** Hello Faith

**BJB2:** are you here for the artssites open house?

**FaithMB:** hello everyone, this is only the 2nd time that I've "tapped in"

**MarkGa:** Very Rich Faith

**BJB2:** welcome to the community, Faith

**BJB2:** are you a teacher? We're discussing how to integrate the arts across the curriculum

**FaithMB:** I am in the process of getting my license in Va. I just taught 3 art lessons integrated with social studies for 5th graders

**BJB2:** excellent, Faith!. Eileen also teaches the 5th grade

**BJB2:** so we can collaborate

**BJB2:** are you an art teacher, Faith?

**BJB2:** . o O ( or a social studies teacher? )

**FaithMB:** I am going to be an art teacher.

**BJB2:** good for you, Faith!

**BJB2:** then the sites I'll be sharing will benefit everyone here

**FaithMB:** I work at an elem. school and am doing my practicum there

**BJB2:** since you are new to Tapped In, Faith and Mark, and Eileen is fairly new....

**BJB2:** let me explain what Tapped In is:

**MarkGa:** eye am new

**FaithMB:** that makes me feel a little more at ease

**BJB2:** a community of practice for educators. Teachers can meet with colleagues and collaborate...

**BJB2:** and they can participate in professional development activities

**BJB2:** sometimes the two are the same thing!

**BJB2:** collaboration is the key...we all learn from each other here

**FaithMB:** sounds great. the problem that I have run into so far is the timing of discussion. I am either in class or working

**EileenLa:** I've learned so much in my short visits to Tapped In

**FaithMB:** I am always looking for new ideas.

**BJB2:** then you should know about the archives at [www.tappedin.org/transcripts](http://www.tappedin.org/transcripts) Faith

**FaithMB:** my first lesson integrated political cartooning and social studies

**BJB2:** oh, cool. Are you familiar with the Cagle site?

**BJB2:** . o O ( Daryl Cagle )

**FaithMB:** I will check out the transcripts

**FaithMB:** no, I haven't heard of Cagle

**BJB2:** <http://cagle.slate.msn.com/>

**FaithMB:** I used Ben Franklin's cartoons and some current ones so that the kids could get an idea about how to use pol. cartoons. I will check it out.

**BJB2:** there is a teacher's page

**BJB2:** all kinds of cartoons. lots of editorial cartoons

**BJB2:** you can click on the url to open a new window

**FaithMB:** that looks great. some of the kids just drew pictures of soldiers

**BJB2:** . o O ( if you have a pop up blocker, press the ctrl button on your keyboard )

**BJB2:** we need to find a math site for Eileen to use

**MarkGa:** another good resource that is open all year round is BAW (be a webhead) at yahoo groups

**BJB2:** try this one, Eileen and Faith  
<http://ccins.camosun.bc.ca/~jbritton/jbsymteslk.htm#top>

**EileenLa:** I'll check it out!

**BJB2:** BAW is more for language teachers, Mark

**MarkGa:** true

**BJB2:** . o O ( although I agree that they do some very dynamic stuff )

**FaithMB:** I did a website review of [www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com) it has some good ideas

**BJB2:** here's one on Ukrainian Easter Eggs <http://www.learnpysanky.com/>

**BJB2:** . o O ( good for patterns )

**MarkGa:** how do the administrators at each institution feel about virtual portfolios for their students? just asking

**BJB2:** it's probably something that is inevitable eventually, Mark

**BJB2:** here's a site on measurement <http://physics.nist.gov/GenInt/Time/time.html>

**FaithMB:** I am doing a science lesson for third graders. They are studying animal adaptation, habitat, and biomes. Any ideas?

**BJB2:** Sue did a wonderful session on time during one of her K-3+ Resources discussions

**BJB2:** cool, Faith...let me look

**BJB2:** <http://www.amnh.org/home/>

**FaithMB:** I am trying to integrate art with their science to help with the standards of learning tests coming up in May. I think that I should be able to use them in the future if I get a job at the elm. level

**SusanR:** I will dig up the link for you, Faith

**SusanR:** be back in a moment

**SusanR** left the room.

**BJB2:** butterflies <http://www.amnh.org/home/>

**FaithMB:** I found another math site. [www.kidzone.com](http://www.kidzone.com) is interactive and fun for the students

**EileenLa:** I'm sorry, I have to leave early ~ I'm anxious to check out the sites you gave me to integrate art. Especially the measurement one and now the butterflies one! Oh, now the kidzone too!

**SusanR** joined the room.

**SusanR:** Here are the time links

**SusanR:** <http://snipurl.com/teachingtime>

**EileenLa:** Nice to meet everyone! :waves

**BJB2:** let me give you my backflip site too, before you leave, Eileen

**EileenLa:** ok

**BJB2:** [www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist](http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist)

**EileenLa:** thank you!

**FaithMB:** bye Eileen

**EileenLa:** bye! stay warm!

**BJB2:** take care, Eileen. Thanks for joining the discussion

**EileenLa** left the room (signed off).

**SusanR:** Goodnight. Hope to see you online again

**BJB2:** Sue uses trackstar for her discussions...

**SusanR:** Great for lesson planning and keeping students focused

**BJB2:** which is a really nice way to present urls

**BJB2:** I use a slightly less organized method

**FaithMB:** I am not familiar with trackstar

**BJB2** . o O ( I use the term slightly with a grain of salt )

**SusanR:** This site includes many useful teacher tools..also includes Trackstar

**SusanR:** <http://4teachers.org/>

**BJB2:** the link directly to trackstar is <http://trackstar.4teachers.org/trackstar/index.jsp>

**SusanR:** All FREE and no advertising or distractions

**HollyAH** joined the room.

**BJB2:** hi, Holly. Welcome

**FaithMB:** it looks great, I will check it out tonight

**SusanR:** and student tools as well.. <http://4teachers.org/>

**HollyAH:** Hi. Sorry to come in so late.

**BJB2:** glad you could catch a bit of the discussion, Holly

**SusanR:** Assign a Day.. homework can be assigned.. parents can have access

**FaithMB:** are all of the sites listed on the right free as well?

**BJB2:** Faith is going to be an art teacher, Sue

**FaithMB:** I only have my student teaching left to do.

**BJB2:** Sue leads the K-3 Resources group twice a month, Faith

**BJB2:** next session is March 8

**FaithMB:** I will look on the calendar and try to make an appearance

**BJB2:** . o O ( reading strategies )

**SusanR:** Yes, Faith

**SusanR:** Good luck.. you can add participation in TI to your portfolio

**BJB2:** but, may I point out the backflip arts sites in the last few minutes of the discussion?

**HollyAH:** Please!

**BJB2:** I don't keep up with all the sites I've backflipped, but there should be enough to serve as cross curricular arts resource

**BJB2:** Holly, my backflip files are at [www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist](http://www.backflip.com/members/bjberquist)

**FaithMB:** I am looking at the page now. you have quite a variety listed

**HollyAH:** Hey, thanks.

**BJB2:** backflip is a free online bookmark service

**HollyAH:** I was going to ask.



**BJB2:** it allows you to bookmark sites and then access your bookmarks from any computer

**BJB2:** you can choose to make your bookmarks public or private

**FaithMB:** thanks. that would be great for school, home or library access

**BJB2:** it's not really too good for kids because it's too easy to go surfing

**BJB2:** but it's great for teachers

**HollyAH:** It is one of many such tools?

**SusanR:** I will put a plug in for my back flip site  
<http://www.backflip.com/members/roseman/11332065>

**BJB2:** there are several services like backflip.

**BJB2:** they're all pretty much the same. I don't care for the ads, but I like the price

**BJB2 .** o O ( free is good )

**FaithMB:** agreed

**HollyAH:** Right!

**BJB2:** Faith, you should be able to find a few links for your science lessons

**BJB2:** Mark, you've become uncharacteristically quiet...

**BJB2:** any questions?

**FaithMB:** thanks, I will spend some time this weekend getting it together

**BJB2:** our time is about up. Any questions, Faith or Holly?

**BJB2 .** o O ( or Sue? )

**HollyAH:** Looking forward to the backflip resources. Thanks again.

**FaithMB:** no, this has been very informative. I will be back. thanks for the advice

**BJB2:** you're welcome, Holly

**HollyAH:** Will I be able to access this transcript?

**BJB2:** great, Faith.

**BJB2:** the transcript will be archived in about a week, Holly

**MarkGa:** a place to organize photos is <http://www.flickr.com>

**BJB2:** cool. Thanks, Mark

**MarkGa:** kids will find the use of tags a hoot

**FaithMB:** will we receive an email of this transcript. I got one from my 1st Tapped in discussion

**HollyAH:** Even very late comers?

**BJB2:** yes, Faith. You'll get the transcript about 10 minutes after you log out

**BJB2:** Holly, you'll only get the part of the script you were here for

**FaithMB:** thanks

**HollyAH:** Makes sense.

**MarkGa:** flickr is free up to 100 photos

**MarkGa:** u can save them in albums by name

**MarkGa:** upload is a breeze

**FaithMB:** looks like a cool site

**BJB2:** I'm leading the Arts and Literacy discussion on Monday. The topic is literacy and music

**MarkGa:** but then eye never had 2 worry about a ten year old on the computer

**BJB2** nods to Mark. That is certainly a consideration when you let an elementary student on the computer in a lab

**BJB2:** if there are no other questions, I'm going to call it a night

**MarkGa:** at least in a lab there could B filters

**MarkGa:** thanks 4 the hospitality

**HollyAH:** Goodnight

**BJB2:** thanks for joining the discussion. I hope you found something useful

**BJB2** waves goodnight

**MarkGa:** as always learning 3

**FaithMB:** I love the letter photos. I am working with kindergarten kids now on their letters. Can you print from the site

**MarkGa:** good nite

**FaithMB:** bye

**SusanR:** goodnight all