

Title of Session: A K-12 Teachers Wiki

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DianneA: have you heard about new definitions ...

BJB2 listens

DianneA: testiculating ... waving hands around while talking a lot of bollocks

DianneA: blamestorming ... you can imagine that one yourself

BJB2 chuckles.

DianneA: another pun for those in the mood, and early

DianneA: A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons The stewardess looks at him and says, "I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger

BJB2 groans

KimberlyRC: he he...

ValarieH: hehe

KimberlyRC: reminds me of my recent trips...

DianneA listens to Kimberly

KimberlyRC: lost my luggage on my flight from dc to san fran

DianneA: how about this one ... Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says "Dam!"

KimberlyRC: that's just corny

DianneA nods to Kimberly

DianneA: interesting the way different puns have different responses

KimberlyRC: very true

DianneA: of the set of 10 sent me by a friend the one I like most is ...

DianneA: Mahatma Gandhi walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little, which made him rather frail and, with his odd diet, he suffered from bad breath. This made him (Oh man, this is so bad, it's good) a super calloused fragile mystic hexed by halitosis.

KimberlyRC: I have to remember that

BJB2: if you're here for A K-12 Teacher Wiki discussion you're in the right place...

BJB2: we're just missing Michael, our discussion leader.

KimberlyRC: but at least we are having fun passing the time...

BJB2: while we wait to see if he will be able to join us...

BJB2: a reminder to go read the information above this text chat

BJB2: and when you have done that, go to Actions in the top right of your screen and click on detach

BJB2: that will help you follow the scrolling dialogue

BJB2: does everyone understand what a wiki is?

ValarieH: I don't know what a wiki is

KimberlyRC: neither do I... I've seen them, but don't use them

DianneA: I have a bit of an idea, but I was coming today to test that with an expert

JeffC: They're actually very cool... in a nutshell... a way to build a collaborative website.

BJB2: A wiki is an interactive webpage where a specified group of people can collaboratively edit a page

BJB2: the most publicized example is wikipedia

ValarieH: nice... oh yes I have heard of that..

MichaelM joined the room.

KimberlyRC: I can see how this could be pretty useful in the classroom

BJB2: whew! There's Michael!

MichaelM: Sorry I'm late.

DianneA: I understand it to be a site where all who are permitted can add to and amend a common text, thereby doing what Jeff said, building a collaborative text

MichaelM: Trouble with Internet connection

BJB2: no problem, Michael. Glad you are here though!

BJB2: we haven't done intros

BJB2: but we've explained the basic concept of what a wiki is

MichaelM: Great. Thank you everyone

DianneA top marks for Bj's prognosis of thunderstorms and other electronic disturbances

MichaelM: Does anyone have questions about wikis or A K12 Teacher Wiki

MichaelM: Under the Featured passageways, there is a link to colleges

BJB2: how about the purpose of your Teacher Wiki, Michael?

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=CollegeLinks>

KimberlyRC: what do you think the best way to start a k - 5 student wiki?

MichaelM: I would start by requesting a login

MichaelM: then you can create a group for your students

MichaelM: You can request a teacher login by sending an email to accounts@helpingstudents.org

KimberlyRC: once the group is started, how should I allow my students access?

BJB2: does creating a wiki for students actually let the students access the wiki?

MichaelM: We suggest that you work on your wiki page and limit access to your group

MichaelM: You can send a list of usernames for your students to accounts@helpingstudents.org

KimberlyRC: that makes sense... especially at that level

MichaelM: please do not use last names or identifiable info in your wiki

MichaelM: Once you are comfortable with the group's pages, we will help you publish to the wiki at your request

MichaelM: This eliminates concerns of someone posting something they probably should not post

MichaelM: Example of a teacher contribution for Virginians

MichaelM: <http://www.helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=SOL>

MichaelM: We would like teachers not only to use the wiki for class groups, but also feel welcome to post parental information as shown in the example link above.

ValarieH: I am a college student and not familiar with wiki... I know it is a collaborative website... but not sure what exactly it is used for... maybe I don't understand it

ValarieH: yet

MichaelM: Wiki is a Hawaiian term for fast

MichaelM: It allows you a simple way to work on collaborative projects or easily post information and links on a wiki web server

MichaelM: FAQ pages

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Wikis>

HaroldN: is wiki a website?

HaroldN: software?

MichaelM: Wiki is a web application on a web server and also is a web site

RevecaF: Yeah I have the same question?

HaroldN: wow

MichaelM: It is a web site that allows a group to edit

MichaelM: If a mistake is made, you can simply restore the previous wiki page

MichaelM: For example <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/PageInfo.jsp?page=Wikis>

MichaelM: The link above will demonstrate versions of a wiki page

MichaelM: It provides you with a teacher wiki web site with version control so you may keep templates and restore older wiki pages. Like if you were beginning a new class

RevecaF: Well it may sound silly but is the teacher telling the student what is wrong or is it someone else?

DanielR: we used it at A&M @ CC

MichaelM: The teacher has full control

RevecaF: Wow that is interesting.

HaroldN: so the students turn in projects and assignments and they get them corrected on that website

MichaelM: unless you tell us to give your student more responsibilities

ValarieH: so the students make contributions to the wiki?

MichaelM: Sure

RevecaF: Now if I am just new at all these how would I create a page for my class.

MichaelM: Only if you let them

MichaelM: <http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=Permissions>

MichaelM: We help you set the permissions depending on your needs

MichaelM: If you have a teacher login you may change the permissions or simply send us an email to accounts@helpingstudents.org

RevecaF: Oh, well like if the children were writing a book report and I wanted to correct it all they have to do is submit or they have type in directly into the web site.

MichaelM: They can type directly in your web site

RevecaF: Aw I like that.

MichaelM: They can also attach any type of file for submission

ValarieH: ohh...now I am starting to understand..

MichaelM: But remember, if students will be using it you should limit viewers to your student group until you're comfy with the content

MichaelM: Great

RevecaF: Oh, as I saw some parts of the site, this is also used like for research for the students.

HaroldN: is this a widespread thing, are there many universities that use this or is this fairly new?

MichaelM: Many universities use wikis

MichaelM: Wikipedia is the most famous

ValarieH: when I do research online I see wikipedia a lot

MichaelM: University wikis are usually geared toward college level student projects

RevecaF: So then you would say that some of the sites found within would be proper information for the children to see and research.

MichaelM: In fact this wiki project began at Old Dominion University in a database design class

ValarieH: yes

MichaelM: It is your wiki site to add whatever links are appropriate for your students

ValarieH: how long has wiki been around?

MichaelM: 1995

RevecaF: Oh, so then the children only see what I have available for them?

ValarieH: okay cool

RevecaF: that is a long time, knowing that I just found out about it.

MichaelM: Of course they can type in anything in a web address and leave your wiki

MichaelM: Your school probably has filtering to help prevent this

RevecaF: Okay I see, I understand now.

RevecaF: Yeah, at least the school I am in has almost everything blocked.

HaroldN: I wish my school had wiki,

HaroldN: I'd really like to check it out

MichaelM: You may have to ask to unblock certain web sites that will help you teach

MichaelM:

<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/attach/K12/A%20K12%20Teacher%20Wiki%20FAQ.htm>

MichaelM: At the bottom are IEEE research references for using Wiki in education.

ValarieH: now I see how this can be a great resource in teaching...

RevecaF: Well Harold does your school block this, I am confused now is Wiki a program, well it does not seem like a program it seems like a site.

MichaelM: You can download this wiki without the content from www.jspwiki.org

RevecaF: That is good to know.

HaroldN: I don't even know if my school is aware if wiki

MichaelM: You may run on your own server. If you have a login with this wiki teachers may share very easily

ValarieH: yeah, if our school uses it... we haven't heard of instructors using it.

MichaelM: Does anyone have any questions about wikis or using this teacher wiki

JeffC likes <http://www.wikispaces.com/>

RevecaF: Well I honestly had never heard of it, like Valerie says.

MichaelM: wikispaces was not designed for schools

RevecaF: What do you mean?

MichaelM: helpingstudents.org is a non profit education company

RevecaF: Oh it is free.

MichaelM: Yes the helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki is free and designed for schools and teachers

MichaelM: It provides more functions than wikispaces

RevecaF: I like this, I will look at it more to learn how to use it correctly.

HaroldN: yeah, that sounds really helpful

ValarieH: same here.. I would like to learn more about wiki

RevecaF: Then when I have my class I can actually use it with my students.

MichaelM: Please remember to email accounts@helpingstudents.org and request your usernames

RevecaF: Is that just for us or the students to?

HaroldN: we have to go there to request usernames for wikispace?

MichaelM: Just for teachers.

HaroldN: oh just for teachers?

MichaelM: Students can only get a login from a teacher

HaroldN: cool

RevecaF: Okay, this may be answered in the wiki, but I was wondering every year when we get new students are we able to delete them or they stay forever in wiki under us.

MichaelM: Teachers must send student login request and then provide them to their students

MichaelM: Safety

MichaelM: Other wikis that were not designed for school use do not have these processes

HaroldN: interesting...

RevecaF: Okay, but do the kids have access to wiki after they leave my class or do I request to erase them.

MichaelM: You must request to delete the usernames

RevecaF: That is good to know.

MichaelM: and they will be removed

MichaelM: Good question

HaroldN: do we request to delete the names from wiki?

MichaelM: Yes

HaroldN: that is helpful information to know

MichaelM: Send all request and questions to accounts@helpingstudents.org

MichaelM: You may also call our free tech support line at 757-513-8989

HaroldN: are there going to be any more forums regarding wiki in the future?

RevecaF: Is that a 24 hr thing or do we need to wait for a whole day or ask questions only during the day.

ValarieH: thanks for the info

BJB2 wonders if Michael is allowed to sleep?

MichaelM: You may call 24 hours a day

JeffC suggests everyone here join this group... scroll down the top frame and click the little "i" in the green circle to pull up the group profile, then type in your request to join.

MichaelM: 24 hour turn around time

MichaelM: Thanks Jeff

BJB2: The next K-12 Teacher Wiki discussion will be on May 25

MichaelM: Thanks BJ

HaroldN: thanks this has been extremely helpful. bye guys

HaroldN left the room (signed off).

MichaelM: Thank you everyone

RevecaF: Oh no, thank you I have learned so much about a program I had no idea existed!

MichaelM: I will stick around in case there are any questions

ValarieH: yes thank you for the info!

ValarieH: see you next time! bye everyone!

MichaelM: Thank you all. You have been a great group!

RevecaF: I appreciate the time you gave us and for answering our questions.

RevecaF: Good bye.

MichaelM: Bye

MichaelM: Thank you all again.