

Title of Session: A K-12 Teacher Wiki

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MichaelM: Should we get started.

MichaelM: First some have you I recognize and wanted to find out if there are any questions

KevinEm joined the room.

MichaelM: From previous questions or new stuff on the wiki

MichaelM: Hi Kevin

BJB2 . o O (and some are new to this discussion, Michael)

KevinEm: Good evening.

DorethiaM: Hello everyone :}

BJB2: How about if we start with introductions...

MichaelM: Kevin is a leader of the Bradley project wiki

MichaelM: Welcome. Glad you could make it!

KevinEm: Glad to be here.

BJB2: and you each can let Michael know about what level if any you've had with A K12 Teacher Wiki

SherM: Sheryl McCoy: Teacher, Professional Development, Parent of a really social learner, lol

MichaelM: My space user . right? lol

BJB2: Nice to have a guest speaker, Kevin. Welcome!

SherM: Yes, and facebook

MichaelM: I'll start. Welcome to tonight's "A K12 Teacher Wiki" group discussion.

MichaelM: My name is Michael Misovec and I am leading the tour and Program Administrator of HelpingStudents.org teacher wikis and "A K12 Teacher Wiki" group and also occasionally host Tapped In tips and tricks.

MirandaR: college student, never heard of Wiki, but interested

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I'm a HelpDesk volunteer and I lead a math education and technology discussion in TI. I'm in New Jersey, near New York City

JeffC: Jeff Cooper, Helpdesk volunteer, edtech consultant, professional wiseguy.

KevinEm: Kevin Emmons, HS Science/Engineering teacher. I made my first Wiki this summer with Michael's assistance as part of a graduate course in Instructional Strategies.

MichaelM: Great! Tapped In is a professional education industry forum that enables our group to discuss new ideas, recruit members, and chat about how to utilize this teacher wiki to provide resources and promote education and communication using teacher wikis.

SherM: So, Kevin, You said engineering, so are you teaching physics then?

FleurW: far...cool

MichaelM: The main teacher wiki is here <http://www.K12.BZ>

DorethiaM: I am finding WIKI's to be interesting. Seems like a long way from using the internet in text as I did back in the 70's with my commodore vic 20

MichaelM: During this tour I'll be taking you on a virtual field trip of the of HelpingStudents.org free teacher wikis

KevinEm: I used to teach Physics but switched to Earth and Space science when that teacher retired since that was my major.

SherM: ahhh! love Earth and Space Science;

SherM: lots of fossils in Kansas

KevinEm: Glad to have a fan in the room.

SherM smiles

MichaelM: I'm going to ask Kevin to talk about how his class used the wiki

MichaelM: My objective for this tour is to help you feel more comfortable navigating teacher wikis.

MichaelM: A transcript will be emailed to all of you, so don't try to visit all the links unless we are demonstrating a page or concept.

MichaelM: There are too many features available to discuss them all. Once you have your own login, you can practice editing, organize your own pages and set up viewing and editing permissions for each of your pages.

MichaelM: In the following days after the discussion we encouraged everyone to email accounts@helpingstudents.org

MichaelM: or call 757-513-8989 to help you get started editing Wiki (Quick)
:)

MariaBa: I like this presentation you can go straight to the links

BJB2 . o O (and attend these monthly discussions)

KevinEm: The wiki that I setup at helpingstudents.org happened because I opened my big mouth in my graduate class.

MichaelM: I'm working from a dial up connection this evening. If I'm temporarily disconnected, please stay put and I'll be back in a wiki flash.

MichaelM: Well it's a little addictive. I love working with wikis

SherM: they are cool

MichaelM: Each member of Tapped In is a valued member of the community and has something to contribute...

DavidWe . o O (we LIKE to believe that...)

MichaelM: In just a few short weeks, Kevin led his graduate students to work together and create a Wiki project to collaborate on an Instructional Technology Strategies and Design class.

MichaelM: In just a couple weeks, Kevin's organized their wiki and provided valuable research and reference contributions.

MichaelM: Kevin, please jump in anytime during the discussion to emphasize on a topic

MichaelM: or share your own experiences.

KevinEm: The class is designed for K-12 educators focusing on instructional strategies and design. There were two main components to the class: Research behind education

and Various Teaching Models. We were each assigned topics to research and then present to the class. I was lucky enough to be assigned the topic of Research on using Technology in education.

SherM nods

KevinEm: During my presentation, I mentioned wikis (which I had heard about but never used).

KevinEm: They professor was interested but had no idea what a wiki was and wanted to know how one could be used.

KevinEm: I mentioned that we could do one collectively showcasing all of our independent research so that we could share with other colleagues and have a permanent record of our work if we need to reference it years later.

KevinEm: So, the prof insisted that we try it.

MichaelM: Take a look at his link

<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=BradleyUniversityETE653>

KevinEm: I did a comparison on the sites that host wikis and came across helpingstudents.org. A perfect fit.

SherM chuckles, o O (just in time learning)

KevinEm: In only a couple of days, Michael got us up and running.

MichaelM: Thanks Kevin.

KevinEm: I posted my research first as an example to my classmates and did a quick 5 minute inservice to show them how to do their own. As the class progressed, each student added their projects to the site.

KevinEm: It is now regarded very strongly by the Teacher Ed program at Bradley and several faculty are talking about using wikis with their grad and undergrad students.

SherM o O (cool topics, especially metacognition)

MariaBa: More learning for our brain

KevinEm: My goal is to implement one this year with my Earth and Space students much in the same way. This will also allow me to bring in a discussion on ethics and plagiarism.

KevinEm: One of the best things that happened in the process of making our Bradley Wiki is that we would add/subtract from each other's postings if we saw needed improvements or changes. There was a tremendous amount of collaboration.

MariaBa: cooperative learning

MichaelM:

<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/PageInfo.jsp?page=BradleyUniversityETE653> shows who made contributions and differences between versions.

MichaelM: Each page has version history.

MichaelM: Do you see how this may be useful at the beginning of a school year? Restore and refine

KevinEm: Michael, isn't it possible to keep the site private until the group is satisfied with it and then make it public?

MichaelM: Yes

MichaelM: It can also remain private.

MichaelM: Some of your pages should always stay private.

MichaelM: You can also copy and paste between your pages that you have edit access

KevinEm: Does anyone have any questions about our wiki project?

MichaelM: I think they're reading your pages. There is a lot of great material. We added dynamic left menus a couple weeks ago.

MichaelM: Example: <http://snipurl.com/TIFestivalWiki>

SherM alot; already checking it out, but it may take a day or two; very impressive

JeffC: one thing for me has always been the coding... there are lots of pages on how to edit wikis... here's a quick cheatsheet that some might find handy:
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:Cheatsheet>

KevinEm: All of us used the WikiWizard online. Very easy to use.

JeffC nods to Kevin

MichaelM: They sometimes differ slightly, but basically the same.

MichaelM: We also added a Wiki whiteboard, but you have to download an SVG viewer to draw and save on the wiki

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

SherM: that looked very impressive

MichaelM: Great for math teachers or teaching kids mouse skills. A little hard to draw though

MichaelM: Kevin and his class members also have power point presentations attached to the bottom of many of his pages.

MichaelM: They are very very interesting and presented nicely. Please find time to check them out.

MichaelM: Reference for left menus
<http://helpingstudents.org/JSPWiki/Wiki.jsp?page=MyWiki>

KevinEm: We made sure that we included all relevant sources that we used. Not just to back up our research but also in case someone needed more information.

SherM: Kevin: how did your class learn to use the wiki? were you all together, or what

KevinEm: I did a quick highlight of how to login and use the WikiWizard editor in front of the class and then after that I would stay after class and help those who needed extra help one-on-one.

SherM: mmhmm; that seems to have worked very well, and it gave you experience teaching it before you work with your students

KevinEm: absolutely. I figure that my students will know more than me being the MySpace generation but I think I can hold my own now.

SherM: very impressive, and you all completed this along with your other assignments?

KevinEm: Yeah. It was a rather stressful time for us.

KevinEm: The professor counted the Wiki as our final exam.

SherM: that was a very wise idea, I guess he really knew that you knew what he wanted you to know....or something like that lol

BJB2 . o O (talk about problem based curriculum!)

KevinEm: ...and you'll find PBL on our site!

SherM : How are you thinking of using the wiki with your students, as a class as you did?

KevinEm: I'm thinking of assigning groups of students to research various topics of Earth Science and then relate it to our geographic location and then create a Illinois River Valley Geology wiki site.

SherM : that sounds like a great way to make your class relevant for your students and their community.

KevinEm: We'll see how it works this fall.

MichaelM: This wiki can also be downloaded to a school server and integrated with this public server.

MichaelM: <http://www.jspwiki.org> for download.

MichaelM: Some sites using JSPWiki (Java Server Pages Wiki)

MichaelM: U.S. Cub Scout Pack #322 Gilbert Az <http://www.mycubscouts.us/az322/>

MichaelM: <http://www.codeteacher.com/>

MichaelM: IBM uses a modified version of JSPWiki called IBMJSPWiki for several internal Wiki's

MichaelM: Penson Financial Services Canada uses JSPWiki for documentation and collaboration. <http://www.penson.ca/>

MichaelM: Fifth Third Bank uses JSPWiki for technical documentation.
<https://www.53.com/wps/portal/personal>

MichaelM: There are a number of JSPWiki instances running including one on the IBM's Flag Ship OS <http://www-03.ibm.com/servers/eserver/zseries/zos/>

MichaelM: A few more listed here: <http://www.jspwiki.org/wiki/JSPWikiSites>

SusanR . o O (checks out the Pension Financial Services Canada)

MichaelM: I hope Kevin will come back and share with us. Thank you Kevin!!

BJB2 cheers for Kevin. Thanks!

MichaelM: Does anyone have any questions?

BJB2: Thanks, Michael. You're on the calendar for August 30

SherM : Thanks, great opportunity to see what a group of teachers can do with a wiki.

MichaelM: Thanks BJB.

SherM : waves goodnight

MichaelM: I hope to see you all again soon

MichaelM: Your welcome. Good night everyone.

BJB2 . o O (Sheryl, Susan and David too!)

BJB2 waves goodnight

MichaelM: Kevin was great!

BJB2 smiles. You taught him well :-)

MichaelM: Bye everyone. I only spent 10 minutes on the phone with him

MichaelM: He did the rest