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BJB2: Welcome, everyone, to this month's potpourri of web tools!

BJB2: we usually start all Tapped In discussions with introductions, so please let Lynne know where you are located and what you teach or hope to teach.

LizH: I'm from NH and I teach technology for educators.

LynneW: I'm from Oregon and I teach technology for educators too.

DaisyS: Hi I'm Daisy and I'm studying to become a Pre-K teacher.

AprilCT: I am from Houston TX and am a student teacher of 6th grade science

KeriA: I am located in Tx and I hope to teach first grade.

LudmilaS: I am Ludmilla Smirnova and I am a professor at Mount Saint Mary College - Newburgh, NY -- Teach all my courses in Ed program with Technology!

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania and teach communication

LynneW: Welcome all to this month's Web 2.0 Tools for Schools special interest group session.

LynneW: Is there anyone new to this group?

AprilCT: me

KeriA: This is my first time.

DaisyS: yes

LynneW: You are warmly welcomed.

DaisyS: thank you

LynneW: Generally, I offer guest speakers. This month and next we will be refocusing on tools that we use.

LynneW: Consider this a potluck.

LynneW: Each of us bringing something to the table.

BJB2 . o O (the April Web 2.0 Tools discussion will be April 10)

DaisyS: funny I love potlucks.

LynneW: Even if it is simply an appetite!

LynneW: Before we dive into tools...are there questions about what Web 2.0 is?

DaisyS: yes, I have no idea.

AprilCT: no

KeriA: What exactly is it?

LynneW: Ludmila, how would you explain Web 2.0?

LynneW: Web 2.0 is the next generation web from an emphasis on the user experience.

LudmilaS: It is a platform

LynneW: In the past, users had to conform to the Internet and its protocols.

LudmilaS: that connects people anywhere,

LynneW: Now, many tools and services are free.

LudmilaS: anytime

LudmilaS: and allows each of us become

LudmilaS: producers, writers creators

LynneW: They are user driven and focused on a particular use. Not meant to be comprehensive like a suite of software programs.

LudmilaS: creators of the projects and share them with co-thinkers

LynneW: And collaborators

LudmilaS: Yes!

LynneW: There is much emphasis on collaboration

LynneW: So, let

LynneW: Let's look at some tools.

LynneW: Many of these sites require registration.

LynneW: So, you may only be able to see the splash page.

LynneW: Whoever offers a tool, please explain how you use it.

LynneW: Go take a look at the tool site for a couple of minutes and then return here.

LynneW: When you return, let us know you are back.

LynneW: Questions?

KeriA: no, got it!

DaisyS: where is the tool site?

LynneW: We will just provide links as we go through the session. Anyone can offer a link to a tool.

LynneW: Who would like to start us off?

AprilCT: www.livejournal.com

LizH: <http://www.wikispaces.com> - this is an online wiki that I have my students register with. We have a collection of educational sites for various subject areas that they contribute to throughout the semesters.

LynneW: April, how do you use livejournal ?

AprilCT: it is free blogging site

LynneW: <http://www.bitstrips.com/> - is a colored comic strip creator

KeriA: at livejournal it can be a private journal or you can open it up to friends or the public

AprilCT: where anyone can set up a blog and invite the public or just friends or can remain private

AprilCT: to view their writing

LynneW: Let's take a couple of minutes to visit these sites. Come back and we'll share another round.

AprilCT: I love the bitstrips

AprilCT: it reminds of another site www.toondoo.com (i think)

DaisyS: Yes, I like the bitstrips also but I think livejournal.com is a good one for students to interact with each other

AprilCT: my daughter created a poster project using toondoo to communicate the content of recycling

LizH: www.blogger.com is another blogging tool. I haven't used livejournal but I have used blogger.

DaisyS: that's cool

DaisyS: can someone tell me what a blogger is? sorry but I am so behind in the computer world..

KeriA: Where you write down your thoughts...

AprilCT: diary or reflection of whatever you want to write

BJB2: blog is short for web log, Daisy

LizH: Check out this video about blogs:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IKcqge8SvzQ>

LizH: I love the "In Plain English" videos.

LudmilaS: It is a site where you create a blog and invite others to read and comment

LudmilaS: on what you are posting

AprilCT: live journal is

DaisyS: ok I'm with you now. thanks

LudmilaS: I use WizIQ -- <http://wiziq.com> for the online meetings, especially on snow days and when I am traveling. It is a wonderful FREE program -- hard to believe! - with a whiteboard, where students can type, draw, and present PPT

LynneW: I'm going to post a link to a site that is a "list" of web 2.0 sites - presented in web 2.0 fashion. Many of these sites may not be appropriate for the classroom but I

always find good new resources at these types of sites.

AprilCT: that would be so helpful

LynneW: It will take a minute to load.

LynneW: <http://www.go2web20.net/>

LizH: <http://pages.google.com> is another one I use. You can create Web sites with templates. My students use this to create a teacher page and a WebQuest.

AprilCT: google also has notebook which is good for group access to data

LynneW: The prize I found from this list site is an online hosting of your CV

LynneW: vita or resume

LizH: Yeah - the Google Docs is great.

LynneW: Oh, I meant from the go2web site

LizH: Sorry, I was responding to April.

LynneW: I'm in a meeting at a social service agency that is beginning now. I'm dual tasking.

KeriA: If you want a site to save all of your links in an organized way you can create an account on <http://del.icio.us/>

LynneW: I've asked BJ to help me moderate this conversation.

LudmilaS: If you want to collaborate on the documents besides Google doc you can your <http://www.sightspeed.com/> - video conferencing site

BJB2 looks around the room to see if anyone needs moderated ;-)

AprilCT: what special equipment do you need to video conference on a school campus

LudmilaS: nothing

AprilCT: my campus says we can't do that

BJB2: no video cams?

BJB2: why, April?

LudmilaS: it is built in and now many computers come with video built in

LudmilaS: especially mac

BJB2 nods to Ludmila

AprilCT: I know the teachers are getting new comp next year

BJB2: safety and security issue, April?

AprilCT: maybe this will be addressed

AprilCT: as far as I know I was told it was an equipment issue

BJB2 nods

LudmilaS: I also use Skype

AprilCT: could be the Acceptable Use policy with the students

BJB2: anyone else use Skype?

AprilCT: I do but at home

KeriA: I have used it before - skype

BJB2: Right, April...I would suspect the AUP also

DaisyS: I think it would be great to have video cameras in schools so at least we could see what is going on.

LizH: I use Skype.

LynneW: I was just asked to demonstrate SKYPE to this group. If anyone is interested - I'm thinking we could do it at the end of this session.

BJB2 nods to Lynne

LudmilaS: but you have to schedule the session!

LudmilaS: and send the invitations

BJB2: the next wiziq demo will be on April 14

BJB2 . o O (it's posted on the TI calendar)

LudmilaS: I use <http://wiziq.com> a lot!

LudmilaS: An enjoyable and FREE tool!

AprilCT: could you use that to collaborate with classrooms all over the world

LudmilaS: Students are excited to participate in the sessions

LudmilaS: Yes

LudmilaS: I was traveling to Russia and Egypt

LudmilaS: I was using it

LudmilaS: for my online class

LudmilaS: Students saw me and heard me and presented their

LudmilaS: PPTs through WiZiQ

AprilCT: sounds like an easy tool to heighten student engagement

LudmilaS: during my first class students didn't have their mic

LudmilaS: by the end of the course all

LudmilaS: had mics and used during the discussions

LudmilaS: Fascinating!

LudmilaS: I used it today to teach my KDP counselors

LudmilaS: how to use it for the virtual meetings

LudmilaS: with the members

LudmilaS: It is very easy to use

AprilCT: I was looking at the site. could you create an tutoring portal for your class only

LudmilaS: and it is a web tool you do not need to download anything

LudmilaS: I use Jing for that

LudmilaS: Jing is a great screencasting tool

LudmilaS: that can be used for tutorials

AprilCT: good

LudmilaS: Yes, April, you can

LudmilaS: You create a session and send the invitations to your students

AprilCT: ok that sounds great

LudmilaS: When they get the invitation, they register and are ready to join the session

DaisyS: what's a screencasting tool?

LudmilaS: Jing

LudmilaS: It allows you

LudmilaS: to make a screenshot of your desktop

DaisyS: so what is the purpose of that?

LudmilaS: and then either make a photo of it and give explanations or record your voice

LudmilaS: If you want to explain how to create a good project

LudmilaS: Or how to create a graphic organizer

LudmilaS: you show the steps on your computer and video tape it

BJB2: there was recently a demo of ScreenSteps

BJB2: which is similar.

LudmilaS: If you want I can give you the link about the WiZiQ I created for today

LudmilaS: for my other meeting

BJB2 . o O (ScreenSteps was in TI on Feb 27: <http://www.screensteps.com/>)

LudmilaS: It will take me a minute to find it in my google notebook

BJB2: and what about Squeak?

BJB2 . o O (discussion in TI on March 11)

BJB2: that is a web 2.0 authoring tool also

BJB2: . o O (for science and math concepts)

BJB2: <http://www.squeakland.org/>

BJB2: Squeak was featured in the March TI newsletter that was just sent

MarleneK: I want to mention www.mapwing.com as well as voicethread

LudmilaS: Here is the URL that was BIG-long and I used tiny URL tool to make it short! <http://tinyurl.com/yvy5er>

LudmilaS: Here is the site <http://tinyurl.com/create.php> for shrinking long URL addresses

JeffC: Ludmilla... I prefer <http://snurl.com> for that.

MarleneK: If you ever have a situation where students are doing group work, but there is someone who has all the stuff and that person is sick, google docs is a great way for them to share the work online and keep the notes handy

JeffC: The advantage to snipurl over tinyurl is that you may register... and *edit* the names of your shortened urls.

LudmilaS: Thank you Jeff!

AprilCT: on mapwing, do you create a separate photostory or etc and upload it or create it on the website

MarleneK: Mapwing is created right on the website

AprilCT: is it easy for middle school to use

MarleneK: But preplanning helps, you can add photos and text

MarleneK: Very easy to use, I made up my first tours in a matter of minutes. Its a great way to do a research project online, and the kids can count the number of people who visit as well to view their tours

AprilCT: sounds like fun

MarleneK: Zucchini the Ribbon Snake is my tour that I made up.

MarleneK: I also created Edible Fractions and My grade one tree... for edible fractions I found pics on the web and just used them, so I didn't need a digital camera or a scanner

LudmilaS: Oh, VoiceThread is a wonderful tool for digital storytelling and teaching writing skills!

BJB2 looks at the clock on the wall.

BJB2 wonders if there are any last comments or questions?

MarleneK: Did someone mention Skype?

AprilCT: this has been awesome if I can organize all it so I can use it all

LudmilaS: It was a great session of sharing !

LudmilaS: Web 2.0 tools

KeriA: thanks everyone

AprilCT: thanks!

LudmilaS: Thanks BJ, Lynne, and all!

DaisyS: Thanks for the session.. I wrote down a lot of these website and I will check them out. I will join some others sessions. this was fun..

MarleneK: Thank you :)

BJB2: thanks, everyone, for your contributions to the discussion