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[Ed. note: we are now into the ninth hour of the 2003 Tapped In2 Launch Festival. People are starting to get a little relaxed and learning how to enjoy the camaraderie and communication features of this text based environment. This introduction was saved as an example of the fun time we were all having! BJB]

BJ waves hi to everyone
JenW waves back
LynneW returns the wave
SandraS waves hi to everyone
TeresaD waves to bj
JacobP slips on his shorts and cannonballs into the tub
SandraS applauds cannonball dive
JenW wonders where all the water in the tub has gone
MarilynH: How are you doing these cool comments???
SandraS: use colon then comment
DebiGuest4 thanks for the advice
MarilynH loves Tapped In
JacobP gets out of tub starts grilling veggie burgers and hotdogs
DebiGuest4 I'm hungry :-)
TeresaD: don't forget me, Jacob!
JenW likes her hot dogs burned to a crisp please
JacobP: you got it
FernandaR joined the room.
TeresaD: hi, Fernanda
BretBi: How's the water?
FernandaR: hi
JenniferP joined the room.
TeresaD: had you ever participated in an online marathon?
BretBi I'll take a veggie burger please
MarilynH wonders who the leader is
JenW: water level is low due to cannonball -- other than that -- its great
JenW grins
SharonMB: Linda Ullah is the leader
SandraS: Bom dia, Fernanda
TeresaD: she's not here yet, i don't think
BJ: I hope Linda isn't having the same router problems I was having!
TeresaD: very good, Sandra. How about me? Don't i get a greeting in Portuguese?
SandraS: bom dia, Teresa. Como vai?
TeresaD: optima! e voce, sandra?

SandraS: pas mal, merci....
JenniferP waves hello
BJ: while we wait for Linda, a couple suggestions
BJ: Click on the Actions drop down menu in the upper right of your chat window and scroll all the way down to DETACH to make the chat window larger and easier to read.
TeresaD: you know, Sandra, it's already 10 pm for Fernanda and me
BJ: URLs in the chat text are hyperlinked. Click on the hyperlink in the chat text to open a new window for the URL.
SusanR joined the room.
JenW waves to SusanR
TeresaD: time does fly in some parts of the world, doesn't it?!!!
BJ: We usually start the discussions with brief introductions
SusanR waves to all.
BJ: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In
SharonMB smiles from sunny Australlia
BJ looks around the room
SusanR wishes to be soaking in a HOT TUB!
DebiGuest4: I am an online high school teacher
JeffCo joined the room.
CarolJB: I teach art and EFL online
MarilynH: I am an online public high school business education teacher in Ohio
BretBi: I teach 4th grade in Vancouver, U.S.A.
JohnLi: I'm a third grade teacher and site technology mentor in San Jose, California. I've been a member of Tapped In for several years.
BJ turns on the bubbles
SharonMB: I'm a teacher librarian and year 6 teacher
TeresaD: I'm an efl teacher in the Lisbon area, in Portugal
SusanR: K to 8 Occasional Teacher
SandraS: I teach world lit./English at Alabama A&M university
JenniferP: 8th grade language arts/ social studies MS teacher for MPS in Milwaukee, WI
KimFl: I conduct professional development for K-12 teachers in AZ (previously a HS teacher)
JenW: K - 8 Technology Coordinator and host 6 online projects a year
BJ: anyone else?
JeffCo: I teach 5th grade Danville Illinois
LloydA joined the room.
JacobP: I am unemployed, recent MAT graduate from Pacific University, Interview tomorrow for technology teacher job in Oregon
TeresaD: good luck, jacob!
JenW wishes JacobP good luck
SandraS wishes Jacob good luck
SharonMB: Hope all goes well
JenniferP good luck Jacob
JacobP: thanks a lot
BJ: John has a site he'd like to share with us. It is a site that Linda has made that shows some of the resources she uses in Global PBL

SusanR: May the force be with you!

KimFl gives a thumbs up for Jacob

JohnLi: This is a copy of an e-mail message Linda had sent out for one of her previous PBL discussions here on TI.

http://www.tappedin.org/pipermail/meetme/2002q2/000314.html

JohnSo joined the room.

BJ checks to see if everyone can open that url

JenW: <-works for me

JohnLi: It includes a list of sites she discusses. We could just work our way down through the list until she arrives.

BJ: http://www.tappedin.org/pipermail/meetme/2002q2/000314.html

BretBi got it

JenniferP: starting with kidlink

DebiGuest4 Debi got in the site

KimFl nods

JuliaMGuest8: is this the global chat?

BretBi: Global Project Based Learning

JuliaMGuest8: excellent

BJ: thanks, John

JohnLi: http://www.kidlink.org is an international project, student-focused, on discussion questions and activities done with classes around the world.

ShuniI joined the room.

JohnLi: It's multi-lingual, with something of an e-mail focus (taking into account that some have trouble even with web access) --- the English introduction is at

http://www.kidlink.org/english/general/intro.html

JenW: Does everyone know what a Global Project is??

JuliaMGuest8: I am not really familiar with it

BJ listens to Jen

JenW: or participated in or hosted in one before??

DebiGuest4 Debi listens also

MarilynH listens too.

JenW: Since Linda is a bit late -- if its okay -- I can run with this for a while --

BretBi listening

JenW: then when Linda joins -- I can sit down and breathe again <grins>

SandraS: go for it Jen

KimFl: ready!

JenniferP: this is a cool site that allows students to contact others kids in other countries

JenW: Online Projects are a great way for you to expand your classroom

JenW: we will visit several COOL sites (as JenP) has said that allow you to see what classes are doing

JenW: and how you can join a class

JohnLi: Thanks, Jen.

JacobP: How is the language barrier transcended?

JenW: there are simple projects -- such as stacking oreos --

JenW: Jacob -- good question

JenW: one thing that has helped a great deal with projects is altavista

JenW: which allows you to translate pages.
JenW: You can also use E-Pals to connect with schools which speak the language you are comfortable with -- if you would prefer that
JenW: --- lets go to EPals for a second --
JacobP: okay
JenW: http://www.epals.com/
JenW: Epals is an online community for teachers
JenW: to help you talk with other teachers
JenW: I will let you peruse it just a bit
JenW: can everyone access the page?
TeresaD: yes, thks
JeffCo: yes
JenniferP: this is cool too
JenW: Be sure to check out the PROJECTS link
KimFl: epals is very cool!
JenW: Epals is a great way to get to know a lot of people VERY quickly
SusanR: Can someone project that last site. My computer froze
JenW: plus -- is a kid safe site -- and they also protect your EMAIL
JenW: http://www.epals.com/
JenniferP: sure seems like it
BretBi: Do my kids all have to have their own email accounts?
DebiGuest4 Debi has used Epals before - nice set up
JacobP: Do you go out and search for a project, or do projects find you?
JenW: BretBi -- I usually let my kids use a generic email
JenW: JacobP -- you can do both
JenW: we will discuss another site in just a moment who emails you reminders of projects
JenW likes JacobP's questions
JenW: couple more seconds at epals and then we will move on
BretBi: Generic email?
JenW: BretBi--- I have a TechTchr email address through Epals which my kids can use
JenW: one email address -- for the class
JenW smiles -- I have Control issues :)
BretBi: Like a hotmail account?
JenW: OKAY -- ready to move on??
DebiGuest4 okay
JenniferP: the war-affected children discussion seems really valuable for kids these days with everything going on in the country
JenW: BretBi -- at epals -- when you sign up -- you can choose an EMAIL name
JacobP nods
BretBi K
JeffC: It is difficult sometimes with epals... I have three classes there... hotmail should be outlawed for kids under 18... porn spam (way too much unfiltered)
JenW: OKAY -- One of my favorite online projects locations is Global School Net .com
JenW: let me grab the site
SusanR: What age level should students start having monitored epal accounts, JenW?

DebiGuest4 we had that issue at our school and we shut it down to our online students
JenW: http://www.globalschoolhouse.org/pr/_cfm/index.cfm
JenW: Susan -- I think at SCHOOL, I prefer one generic account
JenW: no matter the age
JenW: At home -- it's up to the parents
SusanR: Thanks, Jen. I agree.
JenW: Global School House is a terrific site for online projects
JenW side note -- I have been a finalist for the last 2 years of Global Awards through Global Schoolhouse
JenniferP nods
BJ cheers for Jen
JenW: GlobalSchool net allows you to search by date, age, genre, etc
JeffC: Cool Jen.
SandraS: congrats Jen!
BretBi Kudos to Jen W
JohnLi: Global School House: http://www.gsn.org
JenW: As I said in the past -- you can have very simple projects
JenW: to very elaborate
TeresaD claps for jen
JeffC: Actually... Jen is mentioning several sites that I'll be highlighting tonight in my session.
JenW: Ooops -- sorry JeffC
JeffC: No problem at all
JenW: Lets look at a simple project first -
JeffC: In fact... if you want to look at the sites (alone), without my patter... the address is http://tinyurl.com/amen
JenW: Eveyone ready??
DebiGuest4 yes
BretBi K
JenW: This project's main idea had to deal with counting
JenW: it was a simple project dealing with Froot Loops but became BIGGER than that
JenW: http://www.technospud.com/Projects/frootloops/frootloops.htm
JenW: you will notice that it has a bit of everything
BretBi nice transition
JenW: simple for Kindergarten -- but also allows High Schoolers to work as well
JenW thanks
JeffC: That's a cool project
SusanR: Neat, Jen,
JenW: now -- this is very simplistic
JenW: but you can see how it allows teachers to do a great deal
JeffC: I've seen a similar one with M&Ms... where students can send in their results to a national database
JenW: or not much -- LOL, if they prefer
JenniferP: fun stuff
JenW: Jeff -- we were able to use edupot.com to get instant database usage
JacobP: I participated in a similar one with M&M's, (more fun to eat afterwards)

JenW: check out the results page
JeffC: Excellent
BretBi: How far and wide are Fruit Loops distributed anyway?
JenW: JacobP -- you can view all my projects at www.technospudprojects.com to see my other
projects
JenW: BretBi -- good question
SharonMB: We get them in Australia
JenW: we had some issues with Canada -- LOL, and distribution
JenW: But that is making for good discussion on marketing
JenW: Okay -- on to a more elaborate project??
MarilynH: OK
DebiGuest4 listening
JeffC: Excellent Jen... also love the name "technospud"
BretBi: So this was a project you originated or a pre-existing one you signed up for?
JenW: The Jason Project --
TeresaD: congrats, Jen! fabulous project!
JenW: BretBi -- I only do my own ideas --
JenW: <grins>
JenW: The Jason Project is a very fine tuned and wonderful project
BretBi: Wow, is it difficult to coordinate?
JenW: Here is the website
JenW: http://www.jason.org/
JenW: Take some time to look at it carefully
JenW: it's very very organized
JenW: This project might be ending soon -- but it's still got some great ideas
TeresaD: it has been on for some time.
TeresaD: it's a pity if it ends
SusanR: I like Susan Williams comment at the end of the page.
JenW: Yes, it's been a very good project
JohnSo: is Jason still pretty expensive....used to be?
JenW: JohnSo -- not sure on that one -- sorry
SusanR: funding problems??
JenW: I think it is dealing with someone with more money who likes the idea
JenW: but that is speculation on my part
JenW: Let me show you another great site for projects
JenW: (if I may?
JacobP gives Jen the nod
DebiGuest4: go ahead - I am ready
BretBi Nods
JenW: Education Place does NOT have the variety nor the amount of Global
Schoolhouse
TeresaD: sure, Jen
JenW: but it is a very good site with tested projects
JenW: http://www.eduplace.com/projects/
JenW: Each blue button links you to a few sites

JenW: I really like the day I was born -- under social studies
JenW: EduPlace has a much HIGHER curve than Global Schoolhouse.........
JenW: and I don't mean that derogatory -- but to get on their listing
JenW: you need to be very exact and thorough
BretBi: I can't wait for September to get back to my classroom.
JenW: with your idea/standards/etc
JenW: BretBi -- hope you will join one of my projects!! :)
JeffC: Don't wait that long Bret... start checking em out now!
SharonMB: My class worked on The Day i was Born at the end of last term. they enjoyed
it.
JenniferP: very nice
JenW: It's a very good site
JenW: not a lot of variety -- but good
JenW: I don't mean to rush you -- so let me know when you are ready to move on
JenW: >>>>Before we move on ------
JenW: I forgot to let you know
JenW: GLOBALSCHOOL HOUSE has a listing of upcoming projects
JenW: they send YOU an email to remind you
JenW: you can sign up for this listing here
JenW: http://www.gsh.org/lists/hilites.html
JenW: Everyone with me???
TeresaD: yes
JacobP: yep
DebiGuest4 yes
JenW: Great -
JeffCo: yes
SusanR: yep!
JenW: How many of you are junior high or above??
CarolJB: OK
JenniferP: yes
BretBi mmHmm
JacobP: me...hopefully
JeffCo: not me
DebiGuest4: high school 9 and 10
JenniferP: I am
MarilynH: high school
JohnSo joined the room.
TeresaD: junior high
JenW: Great -- one of the things hardest about Online Projects is making them work for
the older kids
SusanR: sometimes..grade 7 and 8
JenW: here is a great site with ADVANCED online projects
SandraS: college -- and that's my problem -- all the global projects I've seen are for k-12
JenW: http://k12science.ati.stevens-tech.edu/collabprojs.html
JenW: It is what I call WAY HIGH Online Projects
DebiGuest4: We are strictly online education

JenW: They can be made as HIGH TECH as you wish
TeresaD: great site!
JenW: Bucket Buddies is great
JacobP: That's terrific
SusanR: I like the Bucket Buddies
SusanR: project
DebiGuest4: I love it!
JenW: If you are wanting something advanced -- I would start here
JenniferP: nice
SusanR: and the Square of Life...aligns to many standards
JenW: The Bucket Buddies and the Global Water is great for PDA's
DebiGuest4: thanks - this might be exactly what we need for some of the Science projects
JacobP . o O (all these great sites, no time to hot tub)
JenW: if you have that option or technology
JenW thanks JacobP
JenW: Okay -- onward to ThinkQuests
JenW: ThinkQuest is a site which promotes YOU and your students to create webpages
SusanR: a good way to put in a proposal for PDAs
JenW: but it's much more than that
JenW: Here is a link to the ThinkQuest project
JenW:
http://www.thinkquest.org/library/lib/site_sum_outside.html?tname=19029&url=19029/
JenW: sorry about the long url
JenW: click on the PICTURE to link to the actual site
TeresaD: tinyurl. com is great for that, Jen
JenW: and here is another link to THINKQUEST
JenW: http://www.thinkquest.org/tqusa/winners.html
JenW: TeresaD -- I just learned of tinyurl.com this week
TeresaD: it's great, isn't it?
SusanR must check out that tiny .url
TeresaD: I only heard about two weeks ago, but have been using it
JacobP: this is really pretty cool
TeresaD: do susan. you'll love it, i'm sure
JenW: Are any of your familiar with the Idiatarod??
SusanR: I will make a mental note to check it out.
TeresaD: no, Jen
SandraS: yes
HelenK: yes
SandraS: the race in Alaska?
JenW: it's the Alaskan dog race
DebiGuest4: no
KimFl nods
JenW: Here is a great project to go along with that
SusanR: vaguely, Jen
JenW: http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/iditarod/
JenW: Plus -- scholastic.com has other online projects as well

JenW: The Iditarod was one of the highlights of our school last year
JenniferP: they are very helpful
JenW: the project is very thorough and you can do it when you wish
JenW: >>>>most online projects have an EXACT timeline --
JenW: some are ongoing -- so be sure to check to see if there is a certain time period
DebiGuest4 what happened to Linda?
JohnSo: Is that the same as Ididastory or Ididapix or something like that?
JenW wonders also
JenW: JohnSo -- I am unsure of that
JenW: Wow -- we have covered a lot very quickly --
SandraS: thanks, Jen, for taking us through this so gracefully
JenW: but there's even more!!
JenW: <grins>
TeresaD: you're a goldmine, Jen!
TeresaD: I'm sure there is!
JenW: Before I go on -- I need to remind you that ALL the links we cover will be in the transcript of this lesson
JenW: so though we are flying -- you can check the links out leisurely as you wish
JenniferP: good, thank you
JohnSo: It relates to story boarding and video production....statewide contests in Alaska and Hawaii has one too
JenW: so if you are ready -- we have a couple more to go to
DebiGuest4: JenW - Where are you located?
JacobP: do you have a link for that?
TeresaD: shoot, jen
JenniferP: go on
JenW: DebG -- LOL, I am in SoCal -- but on the net, I am everywhere :)
JohnSo: JacobP: Mark Standley of Alaska ... was at Ed-Media in Honolulu last month
DebiGuest4: Thanks - ;-)
TeresaD: yes, that's one of the fabulous characteristics of the net, Jen
JenW: <grins>
JenW: JohnSo -- yes
BJ nods to John
JenW: OKAY --- onward
JenW: Sidenote -- please remember that the listing of Online Projects is huge --
JenW: I use GOOGLE a great deal and search Online Projects
JenW: BUT -- <grins>
JenW: another great site is http://www.education-world.com/projects/
JenW: Education World is MASSIVE and I hope you make it a favorite place
JenW: Linda Starr is one of the editors and really tries to help technology users
JenW: Any literature teachers out there??
JenW: or K - 3??
SandraS: yup
SandraS: literature
JenW: There is an online project dealing with Fairy Tales which is pretty cool
JenW: you can find that link here http://www.op97.k12.il.us/instruct/ftcyber/next.html

JenniferP: awesome
BretBi 4th grade
JohnLi: <--- 3rd grade.
JenW: AND -- we will end this session with probably one of the best online projects --
SusanR: Great!
JenW: in my humble opinion -- grins -- and its not even mine
JenW: if you want to join a project and have your kids get both literature, geography, creative writing, art
JenW: history, measurement, and more
JenW: you have to check out the Flat Stanley project
JenW: http://flatstanley.enoreo.on.ca/
JenW: oops -- LOL -- remind me about 1 more
SusanR: It's Canadian too!
JenW: <grins -- we love Canadians>
BretBi: We did an art exchange project through NetAid a couple of years ago after 9/11; here's their website: http://www.netaid.org/projects/index_html
SharonMB: What does LOL mean?
TeresaD: flat stanley is fabulous. and Dale Hubert is so sweet!
DebiGuest4 laughing out loud
JenW: Finally -- as I mentioned, I was a finalist in the GSH project -- here is the winner
JenW: http://www.friendsandflags.org/
SusanR: I'm a proud Canadian!!
SharonMB: Thanks
JenW: if you want to see a great project -- for older kids -
JenW: check out http://www.friendsandflags.org/
JenW: Wow -- we flew through this session
JenW: and I would LOVE to know what projects YOU have done
JenW: Anyone???
JenW: one at a time though please
BJ . o O (we have about three minutes)
JacobP: I made a webpage today :-)
BretBi: Thanks for filling in
JenW: BretBi -- thanks,
JenW: JacobP -- about online projects??
DebiGuest4: We are just trying projects this year. I am excited to start and this has given me a great place to start! Thanks JenW
JenniferP: thanks for everything
JacobP: not so much
JenW: Debi -- thank you
BJ gives three cheers to Jen and John
JacobP: but thinking about adding some links
JenW: JohnSo -- thanks for your help
JacobP: Thanks JenW
BretBi K
JohnSo: Great session....lots of ideas!
JenW: I would encourage EVERYONE to consider online projects

JenW: they are GREAT
JeffCo: Thanks for the great resources
BretBi: Can't wait
JenW: www.technospudprojects.com
TeresaD stands up and claps warmly for Jen
JenW: Thanks Teresa -- I look forward to seeing you in the future
JohnLi: Yeah, Jen!!!!! :)
SandraS also claps vigorously
JacobP shouts encore...encore
JenW blushes
DebiGuest4: THANKS!
SusanR: Great , Jen
ShuniI: Thank you.
JenW: thanks everyone --
SharonMB: Thanks for a great session.
TeresaD: me too in seeing you. I will get in touch with you
JenW: Enjoy the CARNIVAL
TeresaD: Jen, there's so much to check out that i'm overwhelmed. thank you again. great session!
JenW: thanks