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BJ joined the room.

BJ waves hi

LynneW: Howdy BJ

MaryFT waves to BJ

LynneW: BJ have you finished the school year yet?

BJ: your classes have been great, Mary

BJ: Lynne, our last day with the students is next Friday

MaryFT: fun, fun...I have wanted to join this discussion so many times and I just haven't been able to make it

MaryFT: Thanks BJ. I am so glad to hear that.

BJ: teachers go till the following Monday

LynneW: Will you get to take some time off?

BJ: All my time is 'time off', Lynne

LynneW: LOL

BJ: I have too much fun doing what I do

LynneW: Nice to see you...it has a been a while since we last visited.

BJ: I'm working on the weekly announcement for next week and see your session is coming up already!

UverC joined the room.

BJ: Hi, Uver.

UverC: Hi BJ

BJ: Jan planned on being here...hopefully she'll log in soon

BJ . o O (I hope she isn't having thunderstorms)

MaryFT: Lynne, I just finished a more thorough read-through of Jeff C's article. I love it!

BJ: which article is that, Mary?

LynneW: I thought you would like Jeff's article. (Cooper)

LynneW: Collaboration tools

MaryFT: Building 21st Century Collaborative Communities:

MaryFT: Transcendent Teaching Through Technology

MaryFT: It's linked to this room...CollaborationTools6

MaryFT: Really good ideas...sort of a call to action

BJ nods.

MaryFT: just the sort of thing I like my students to read

LynneW: When you are in Jeff's presence, you definitely feel his passionate call to action.

LynneW: BJ is Jeff available to visit with us about the article while we are waiting on Jan?

MaryFT: It comes through in his writing as well

BJ: he just stepped away from his computer
BJ: but I'll tell him as soon as he comes back
LynneW: Mary, Jeff is in TI so maybe we can get him for a visit
MaryFT: I see that he is online...I'm in the process of sending him a message asking for his permission to use
BJ: I think the article was in the last TI newsletter
MaryFT: even better...I could just link them to it
BJ: Tapped In member Jeff Cooper's article "Building 21st Century Collaborative Learning Communities" has been published in the Spring 2004 issue of the NETC Newsletter. See <http://snipurl.com/netc1>
MaryFT: I love it when I find articles to use...they don't necessarily believe me when it's just me saying it
LynneW: I know what you mean! What institution do you teach for Mary?
MaryFT: you're a gem BJ
MaryFT: University of Houston
LynneW: I run into your students quite frequently in TI
LynneW: They ask great questions
MaryFT: No doubt. I send them here every semester
MaryFT: I'm glad to hear it. Some of them have a little difficulty understanding the professional nature of the forum
MaryFT: I go over that with them more thoroughly now and I even make them sign a little contract
LynneW: I'm always fighting a bit of "nervous mother" when I bring students into TI the first couple of times for that very reason.
BJ: btw, you are aware that participants can get participation certificates for attending three sessions of the Festival
MaryFT: That's it exactly..."nervous mother"
MaryFT: No...I didn't know that. That's really cool. I will let them know
MaryFT: Actually, I will be able to attend...I had the wrong calendar page pulled up..
BJ: there will be an article in the June newsletter about certificates and the festival
MaryFT: I will be in Switzerland this month but I'll be online in July
LynneW: The certificates are beautiful records of professional development. My MAT students earn the certificates and include them in the electronic portfolios we create.
BJ: ahhh...that's great, Mary
MaryFT: Lynne, what types of activities, documents, etc. do you have your students include in their online portfolios?
MaryFT: We create them as well...
LynneW: I have them in the first semester of their program.
LynneW: We create a shell with navigation and a template for pages.
MaryFT: Graduate level?
LynneW: Yes. 11 week semester completed in four weeks.
MaryFT: I know how that is! I teach a 1-hour a week class in which my students develop their portfolios...undergraduates
MaryFT: They did a really fantastic job
LynneW: They use most of the assignments for our class (WebQuest, Classroom Newsletter, parent letter with letterhead)

BJ: Uver is a new member of Tapped In who will be bringing in his classes soon

BJ: Uver, do you have any questions for Lynne and Mary?

LynneW: They also have several papers and reflections they have written from the first five weeks of the semester.

LynneW: Hi Uver.

MaryFT: Uver...it's a wonderful resource. Most of your students will love it...even the reluctant tech users.

MaryFT: Try to encourage them to continue using TI for professional dev and collaboration even after your class is over

UverC: Sorry ... I'm back

MaryFT: I truly hope that some of my former students will keep coming...I haven't run into any yet but...

UverC: I was browsing the Seeing Reason tool. It seems to be very interesting. I was just wondering about its availability?

UverC: I work with language teaching. I'm sure it would be a valuable tool to promote interaction and collaborative work.

MaryFT: Sorry Uver...I meant to answer you.

LynneW: I'm going to go. My best to each of you!

LynneW left the room (signed off).

MaryFT: I actually don't know about Seeing Reason's availability...I show it to my students as an alternative or "twist" on Inspiration/Kidspiration

UverC: Is it a paid/licensed product or is it free/shareware?

MaryFT: I think it's just free through Intel's site.

MaryFT: You have to create a teacher account and then set up classes. Your students can then log in through the website and start working

UverC: I'll look into it. Thanks for sharing the link.

MaryFT: My pleasure

UverC: You'll have to excuse me now. I have to attend to some personal matters. Thanks for all the assistance. See you around

BJ: <http://www97.intel.com/scripts-seeingreason/index.asp>

UverC excuses himself

BJ: thanks for joining us, Uver

UverC left the room.

MaryFT: Is Jeff back at his computer by any chance?

BJ: I just paged him...no response yet

BJ: I'm sure he'd be delighted to meet online with your students!

BJ: you could email him through the interface

MaryFT: That would be super! His article is excellent. I'll do that...

MaryFT: Thanks...

MaryFT: ...I guess I'll pop out now...

MaryFT: Take care!

BJ: me too. Have a good evening

MaryFT: I'm going to go decorate my office with article links

BJ smiles...have fun!