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BJB2: looks like you're getting a personal session, Andrea!

AndreaDe: That'll work

BJB2: please tell me where you're located and what you teach?

AndreaDe: I am a science teacher in San Diego - I teach at a high school that has an emphasis in the arts and technology

BJB2: I'm a communications teacher in Pennsylvania

AndreaDe: At the high school level? college?

BJB2: sounds like a terrific school, Andrea!

BJB2: high school

BJB2: what I've tried to do is put together a group of sites....

BJB2: that will help you integrate reflective writing and art

BJB2: . o O (not sure if it will be totally applicable to science, but we'll see)

AndreaDe: I try to integrate both in science...

BJB2: the first site I want to share is <http://www.salsa.net/peace/teach/teachers.html>

BJB2: Peace Tools for Teachers

BJB2: it's a huge site. Take a couple minutes to explore and then we'll continue

AndreaDe: Interesting site - with lots of resources. We have an event on campus called "Challenge Day" that explores these topics...however we are working at a staff to keep these type of themes alive all year long

BJB2: wonderful, Andrea!

BJB2: that site covers K-12 activities

BJB2: ready for the next url?

AndreaDe: I like the timeline where students would explore their birthday or days around their birthday

AndreaDe: yep

BJB2: Did you know that Peace Day is November 17?

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

AndreaDe: No I did not

AndreaDe: I like the part where they suggest to mail to the elected officials...we do an assignment in our ecology unit...

AndreaDe: the student find an environmental issue of interest and write a letter to the appropriate elected official - we post the response on the wall in my room

BJB2: cool!

BJB2: the next site is more for resolution of conflict/reduction of violence in the media.

BJB2: <http://www.5wsmc.com/>

AndreaDe: going there now

BJB2: I included this site because Media Snackers, who are going to be a guest on Oct. 9, has been invited to that summit.

AndreaDe: a guest on tappedin?

BJB2: yes

AndreaDe: cool

BJB2 smiles. I think so too!

BJB2: on the same lines of global peace....

BJB2: Global Learn Day is this weekend <http://bfranklin.edu/gldten/>

BJB2: GLD will be using Tapped In for their text chats

AndreaDe: Do you share these site with your students?

BJB2: Only in that they know about them. My students aren't allowed online.

BJB2: . o O (they're a captive audience, so to speak)

AndreaDe: No online access for your students?

BJB2: just as you focus on local ecology issues, I also think it's important that our children learn about other cultures in this ever shrinking world

BJB2: my students are in a juvenile correctional facility

AndreaDe: got it...I met a teacher over the summer that was moving in that direction

AndreaDe: I see how all students but especially yours could benefit from these discussions

BJB2 nods. For all their experiences, they are very ignorant of the ways of the world.

AndreaDe: We are such a melting pot...especially here in CA

BJB2 nods

AndreaDe: My school is a school of choice - all kids in the district can apply...

AndreaDe: We have no football or cheerleading, another school in our district is the same way...

BJB2: nice. I'm sure that this makes a wonderful environment for both teachers and students

AndreaDe: What we have seen is that there is a different school culture (not that football is bad...both my brothers play)

BJB2 nods.

AndreaDe: But it is a huge difference in and out of the classroom...the traditional cliques are not as strong

BJB2: that's interesting.

AndreaDe: We also opened the school one grade at a time...we have been open for 3 years now...next year we'll have seniors

BJB2: I thought cliques were an adolescent phenom

BJB2: here's the mediasnackers site...lots of interesting multimedia information...<http://mediasnackers.com/intro/>

AndreaDe: By opening it one grade at a time we could really focus on school culture and student connectivity...when surveyed our students feel safe and connected

AndreaDe: checking it out

BJB2: It is nice to know that there are such positive school environments, Andrea. So often we only hear of the negative ones

JeffC: url for a positive school environment?

BJB2: Andrea teaches in a choice school, Jeff

BJB2: sounds wonderful

JeffC: cool... what's the homepage?

AndreaDe: It is still new and we're working out the kinks but I love it

AndreaDe: sduhsd.net/cc

AndreaDe: We have a program called "envision" it is a mega arts program - music, theater, arts

BJB2: this next site would fit into that, Andrea
http://www.perfectfit.org/celebrating_diversity/

AndreaDe: We are working to start a Science, math and technology specialized program...that may include biotechnology, engr. ...etc

AndreaDe: one of our students just started the "e-club" - ethnicity club...which at our school is needed. Our schools is many middle to upper class white students...so it is important to celebrate diversity

BJB2: Art for Peace has some nice resources to tie into that theme <http://art-for-peace.org/>

AndreaDe: I think that last site is great for my school!

BJB2: I love the music

BJB2: . o O (music for peace)

AndreaDe: I was just thinking that...we have a ton of music classes

BJB2: this next site was actually started here in Tapped In by several art teachers

BJB2: <http://www.cedarnet.org/emig/peace/>

BJB2: Blanket the World with Peace is a digital quilt with peace images. Each image can link to a school site

BJB2: so a school could do writing or music or whatever based on the theme of peace through the resolution of conflict

BJB2: we haven't had a digital square submitted for some time...but hope springs eternal

AndreaDe: I love the hats

BJB2: thanks!

BJB2: next site is My Hero. <http://myhero.com/myhero/>

BJB2: I include this site because education is the key to any kind of conflict resolution. We all have heroes...we all have more in common than we have different

AndreaDe: I have found it very interesting to ask kids who their heroes are...often their answers at first are different when they have to reflect why

BJB2 nods. I have found that also.

BJB2: this next site is also related to this <http://thememoryproject.org/>

BJB2: click on Purpose

BJB2: I have two more sites to share and then I'll give you my virtual handout

AndreaDe: I love the line "striving for a more compassionate society" - I like the globalness of the site

BJB2 . o O (we're running out of time!)

AndreaDe: sounds good

BJB2 agrees...I thought that was a wonderful thought

BJB2: The Power of Culture <http://www.powerofculture.nl/uk/index.html>

BJB2: The last site I have to share goes back to the global theme, The International Child Art Foundation <http://www.icaaf.org/index3.html>

BJB2: they have a newsletter you can sign up for

BJB2: . o O (in case you don't get enough email)

BJB2: I hope I met or approached my objective for this session, Andrea: OBJECTIVE: Education is the key to creating peace- world peace to peace among individuals The more we learn about different cultures, customs, life styles, the less fearful we are of something different. This works both ways...we need to teach others about who we are...what cultures, customs and life styles we follow.

AndreaDe: these are great websites I plan to share with my fellow teachers...especially as a school we work to have a positive school culture

BJB2: the virtual handout is <http://snipurl.com/ArtLitPeaceProject>

BJB2: any questions or comments, Andrea?

AndreaDe: cool - I love this site how you can connect with teachers around the world

BJB2 smiles...may I quote you on that, Andrea?!

BJB2: I'm always looking for gems to put in the Tapped In newsletter

AndreaDe: BJ - just a thanks...I plan to share this with my staff (and yes you can quote me)

BJB2: you're welcome, Andrea.

AndreaDe: It is a true quote - that it isn't just people in the US...but global - I was chatting with a teacher in Australia just the other day

BJB2 heads for the Cyber3 room for the next calendar event.

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: Yes, that is pretty cool

AndreaDe: well it is time to feed my little pup - have a goodnight...I might pop in to the next chat