

WinkWorld June/July 2010

Hello Friends, and thank you for your responses to WinkWorld.

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Action Research Fair of Clark County School District in Nevada

Last month I had the pleasure teaching and learning with a marvelous group of teachers, all of whom have been conducting classroom research for at least a year. The purpose of the fair was for teachers to share their learning through their poster presentations and written documents, many of which read like great masters' theses. I was very impressed.

<http://www.ccsd.net/news/2010-03-30/1504>

<http://ccsd.net/news/pdf/20100330-1179657359.pdf>

http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/Clark_Count_LV_NV051310.pdf

<http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/reflection-an-overview.pdf>

In addition, I did go see two wonderful concerts: Barry Manilow and Cher: Two of my age-mates, who have also failed retirement.

Monique Preciado: Congratulations for the Distinguished Schools Award!

Once again this past semester I had the joy of teaching and learning with the best students and teachers in the whole wide world! I do not understand why I am so lucky every semester, but it continues to happen. One of my 50 students, a young classroom teacher, was a part of the California Distinguished School Award 2010 for Alice Stroud Elementary School of Empire Union School District. In true fashion, she talked about how she can accept this award only as a representative of so many of her colleagues, who also deserve the award.

Other interesting tidbits about Monique:

she is a mom and wife;

she is the only person I know, who taught 62 fifth graders in one class one year;

she also received the Stanislaus County Office of Education Bell Award in 2009;

she was pink-slipped last month for budgetary reasons. She is presently job-hunting. Stay tuned.

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The Horse Boy
Rupert Isaacson



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I encourage you to treat yourself to the hottest ideas in teaching and learning and subscribe to this grassroots journal. The best. For example, this month, Linda Darling-Hammond summaries why students in Finland schools do better academically than students in the US. Turns out that Finland does the exact opposite from the US. Finland supports deep learning; the federal mandates of the US enforce a policy of a mile wide and an inch deep. Finland focuses on true equity for all. And, yes, even the immigrant children from Afghanistan, Bosnia, India, Iran, Iraq, Serbia, Somalia, Turkey, Thailand, and Vietnam; their achievement is climbing also.

Also, in this edition of Rethinking Schools, Bob Peterson has a fabulous proposal: a librarian in every school.

Larry Ferlazzo continues to be extremely generous in his sharing of ideas and materials with teachers and learners. Thank you, Larry!
<http://larryferlazzo.com/index.html>

New mailing address:

The Institute of Language and Education Policy
PO Box 19025
Portland, OR 97280
www.elladvocates.org
<http://www.elladvocates.org/join.html>

So, what is merit pay?

Pay-Per-Score: Arne Duncan and Merit Pay

Thank you Susan Harman.

Dissent online

2009-07-09

<http://dissentmagazine.org/online.php?id=268>

or

http://susanohanian.org/show_atrocities.php?id=9380

http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/Bridging-Differences/2009/04/whats_wrong_with_merit_pay.html

Critical Literacy Journal

<http://www.criticalliteracyjournal.org>

New issue of the free online journal is now available.

Please note in particular, the guest editor for 3rd issue, Susan Sandretto from the University of Otago in Aotearoa/New Zealand. Susan and Dawn are dear friends from their UCD days

together.

Know ELLs

<http://knowells.ning.com>

Support for Teachers of English Language Learners

Thank you, Debra Schneider and Brandy De Alba and Great Valley Writing Project!

IJFLT - Free online journal

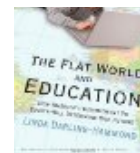
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International Journal of Foreign Language Teaching

Position: Director of Dual Immersion Academy

Summary: Dual Immersion Academy is a K-8 charter school located in the Glendale neighborhood of Salt Lake City, Utah, offering a unique program of bilingual education using a two-way dual language immersion 90:10 model in Spanish and English. The director



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reports to the Board of Directors and is responsible for hiring the Principal/Dean of Students, Business Manager and other staff, as well as for the overall operation of the school.

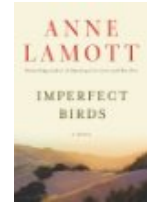
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FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)



Imperfect Birds: A Novel by Anne Lamott
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The Horse Boy: A Father's Quest to Heal His Son
by Rupert Isaacson
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FVR (for teachers)

The Flat World and Education: How America's Commitment to Equity Will Determine Our Future by Linda Darling-Hammond
[Click to learn more](#)

Playing for Keeps: Life and Learning on a Public School Playground by Deborah Meier, Benda Engel, and Beth Taylor
[Click to learn more](#)

Welcome to the World

Emma MacKenzie
Ziggy Midnight
Marcus Lawrence

New Angels

Maynard Larson
Margaret Simons

Notes from the Real World

Grandkids have been the highlight of the last few weeks. I was able to spend a week near Boise Idaho for a week of vacation bible school for the beautiful boys of Boise, and 160 of their friends.

We sang.



We ate.

We painted.





We cheered.

We peaked around.



We peaked some more.

We made friends.



We built boats.

We climbed ladders.





We danced.

We Wii'd.



A small smile for your day.
Man sings "Goodnight Sweetheart" to boxer puppies.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dISkdcpSjrM>



We relaxed.

Prairie Pedagogy



Photo: Courtesy of Ray Bucko The drought for us is officially over!

Grasshopper Infestation

We hate to share our lush grasses with the grasshoppers, but it is underway as I write.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2010/03/29/western-states-brace-for-_n_517323.html

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052702304434404575150060526201230.html>

Attack of the Swallows

Every summer our house is attacked by swallows, who want to build their mud homes near the eaves. As these are very dirty birds and make a mess on windows and walls, we have tried everything: knocking down their homes; spraying Pam so their homes do not adhere to our home; placing anything reflective (tin foil or baggies full of water) near their homes; placing mothballs in their nests; and, we even bought one of those fake owls, which seemed to work for about 30 minutes. Rubber snakes are next.

Attack of the Curlew

When I go for my morning walk, I know I am near the baby curlews on the prairies, as all of the mamas and papas are flying around my head. A true cacophony and, yes, that is the first time I ever really had need for that word.

http://identify.whatbird.com/obj/282/_/Long-billed_Curlew.aspx



Wyatt and BopBop



Horses on the Hill

Molly and Moe



Our 44th anniversary celebration:
... A gift we gave ourselves.

Thank you for your generous notes at the re-emergence of WinkWorld in May. LaRee, Dawn, Mary Ann, Sharon, Ron, Rosie, Shelley, Joe, Claudine, Sarah, Juan, Patti, Pat, Ashly, Sarah, Nancy, Linda, Mike, Tonya, Elaine, and anyone I might have missed.