

## WinkWorld August / September 2011

Hello Friends, in this issue of *WinkWorld*, I will share:

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### **The Institute of Language and Education Policy**

Time to UPDATE your membership. The membership list is migrating to a new server, and members must have dues paid in order to receive all information.

<http://www.elladvocates.org/join.html>

New mailing address: PO Box 19025, Portland, OR 97280.

Priscilla Gutierrez, our wonderful colleague and friend, maintains the membership list. And, she writes fabulously, too! Enjoy her latest:

<http://scholarworks.gvsu.edu/lajm/vol26/iss2/7/>

or you can access here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1\\_CGSODFiApx0rJW-rObYEFrrkaWLDwi71XWtp9jJjCc/edit?hl=en\\_US](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_CGSODFiApx0rJW-rObYEFrrkaWLDwi71XWtp9jJjCc/edit?hl=en_US)

### **Mallorca**



The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Global Education Program. I enjoy another super experience. Here are a couple of memories from 2010 and from 2011. We were demonstrating ways of using music to enhance language acquisition. Admittedly, this is one of our more rousing songs.

*The Link to Wink TCNJ Mallorca Summer 2011*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rAk5AIXZW-c>

*The Link to Wink TCNJ Mallorca Summer 2010*

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3qzR8gUmWQ>

This was created by the 2010 students as a surprise for me; it summarizes their learning while we were together.

In addition, please check out [www.ZooBurst.com](http://www.ZooBurst.com), a digital 3D story telling software from Craig Kapp, who supports us with technology in Mallorca.

<http://alpha.zooburst.com/index.php?about=1>

More on digital storytelling from Larry Ferlazzo.

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2009/04/15/the-best-digital-storytelling-resources/>

### **Schools in Finland**

*The Finland Phenomenon* by David Sirota

[http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/11602/the\\_finland\\_phenomenon/](http://www.inthesetimes.com/article/11602/the_finland_phenomenon/)

Oregonian, July 9, 2011

*Why Are Finland's Schools Successful?* By LynNell Hancock of Smithsonian.com

<http://www.smithsonianmag.com/people-places/Why-Are-Finlands-Schools-Successful.html>

### **Great Valley Writing Project**

Congratulation to Great Valley Writing Project and their new partnership with UC Merced, CSU Stanislaus, Merced County Office of Education, and Merced Union High School.

Teachers will be working together to improve their service to students who are in the process of acquiring English.

### **SOS-Save Our Schools**

July 28-31, 2011, Washington DC

Jonathan Kozol speaking at the Save Our Schools

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl8ESi\\_XPT0](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Sl8ESi_XPT0) (Part One)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BPDLiB3J2Wc&feature=related> (Part Two)

Thank you to our dear friend, Philomena Marinaccio Eckel, friend of Janet Towell.

## Back To School Resources



*Scholastic*

<http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=10623>

*KidsHealth*

[http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back\\_to\\_school.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back_to_school.html)

*Vicki Blackwell*

[http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back\\_to\\_school.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/feeling/school/back_to_school.html)

*Edutopia*

<http://www.edutopia.org/pdfs/edutopia-back-to-school-guide-2010-text-version.pdf>

*Kathy Schrock*

<http://school.discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/edres.html>

### **Catching the Dream**

Exemplary Programs in Indian Education, 2010

[http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/EXEMPLARY\\_PROGRAMS\\_Summary-2010.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/EXEMPLARY_PROGRAMS_Summary-2010.pdf)

### **FmF (Featuring My Friends)**

Carlotta Castillo Moulder, The Importance of Play in Learning



Carlotta and I are "virtual" colleagues, as we have never met, but we like to share ideas. In June she finished teaching her kindergarten class, and simultaneously finished her MA. I have been interested in her ideas of the importance of play in learning. In what follows, she shares (a) an article which she wrote with colleagues; (b) selected slides from a power-point (PPT) she created for some of her speaking engagements; and (c) an overview of her accompanying notes for her PPT. which she uses when she presents. I particularly like the format she has created to share narrative summaries of PPT slides.

First, I am sharing the abstract of the paper Carlotta wrote with Ann Brownridge, Debbie Blackstone, Chris Costanza.

[http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder\\_Building\\_Communities\\_Play-Abstract.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder_Building_Communities_Play-Abstract.pdf)

Second, Carlotta shares some selected PPT slides, which she has used while speaking.

[http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder\\_selected\\_ppt\\_slides.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder_selected_ppt_slides.pdf)

Third, Carlotta shares the form she uses which has short narrative summaries of some of the slides.

[http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder\\_ppt\\_summaries.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/research/Moulder_ppt_summaries.pdf)

### **Other Resources on the Importance of Play in Learning**

Haas Dyson, Ann. ScienceDaily (2009, 2/12). "All Work and No Play Makes For Troubling Trend In Early Education. Children, Language, and Literacy: Diverse Children in Diverse Times

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/02/090212125137.htm#.Tj7U4iWaDp4.facebook>

All School, No Play: Kids' Learning Suffers Without Recess, Experts Say

<http://today.msnbc.msn.com/id/44123365/ns/today-parenting/#.Tkg9DXOW5vk>

"In play children become a head taller than their current selves."  
Vygotsky, 1978, p. 102).

Wink, J., & Putney, L. (2002, 112-114). *A Vision of Vygotsky*.  
Boston, MA: Allyn & Bacon.

>Here is a graphic of Vygotsky's notion of "a head taller."

Thanks, Le.

[Read more](#)

Play Creates a ZPD.



Play mediates  
the learning  
of children.





## Janet Towell



Many of you know my friend, Janet, who is now a professor at Florida Atlantic University. This summer she had an opportunity to be in NYC and study Reading/Writing Workshops for two weeks with many-including Lucy Calkins. Janet was generous enough to capture some of the highlights for us.

[http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/Towell\\_Reading\\_Writing\\_Workshop-0811.pdf](http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/Towell_Reading_Writing_Workshop-0811.pdf)

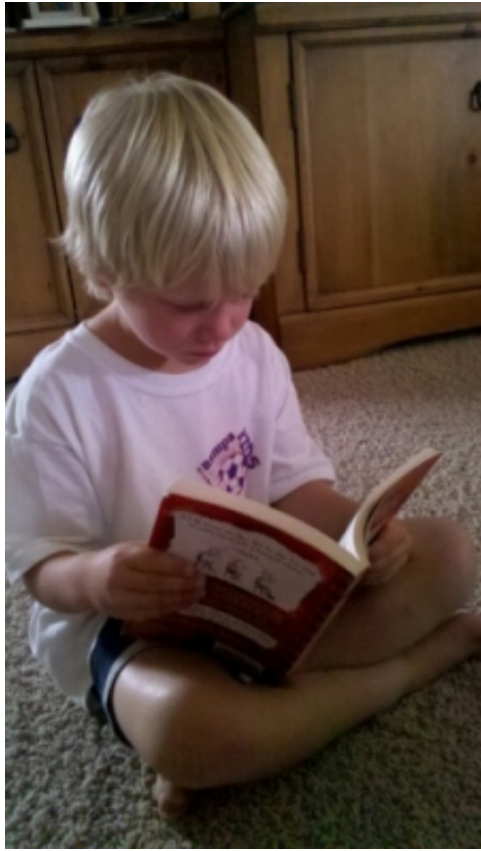


Now this is a writer. Janet and Lucy Calkins would love this.

## FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

*Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese

[Order Your Copy](#)



"Mommy, reading takes you to new adventures," Garrett, age 5 .

## Books for Teachers

*Teaching Outside the Box: How to Grab Your Students By Their Brains* (2011) by LouAnne Johnson

[Order Your Copy](#)

**Welcome to the World:** Lucy Rose, Koyle DeWayne

## Notes from the Real World



The big news in our real world is Dawn's and Noe's September 3 wedding. Pictures will follow on Facebook and in the next *WinkWorld*.

Later in the month, we are invited to be some of the hosts for the annual Governor's Buffalo Round-Up at Custer State Park.

<http://www.travelsd.com/Events/Buffalo-Roundup>

<http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/docs/tatanka.pdf>

I have always wanted to see this, and now I even get to take my horse! I may even have to buy a new pair of jeans. I think my fuchsia boots should work well.



And, we also get to go see/hear my guy, Willie Nelson.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZaZqx9v3dU>, How Time Slips Away

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5u5LZ-DN3iA>, You Were Always on my Mind

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jOR5DC0rM>, Crazy

### **Prairie Pedagogy**

Our summer was filled with teeny-boppers.

Wynn & Wyatt heading to the corrals.



BopBop and clean kids at the Capitol

4 teeners at my computer



And, we had lots of interesting problems to solve.





Many more ranch pictures were placed on Facebook end of July and in August.

### The Best Day of Dean's Life



As he was getting ready to leave on his grand adventure, I noticed that he was listening to NPR, On Being,  
<http://tunein.com/radio/On-Being-p2751/>

### The Honor Code

Check out Kwame Anthony Appiah and his Civil Conversations Project.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwame\\_Anthony\\_Appiah](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kwame_Anthony_Appiah)

Sidling Up To Difference: The Civil Conversations Projects

*The Honor Code: How Moral Revolutions Happen* by Kwame Anthony Appiah

[Order Your Copy](#)

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