

## WinkWorld October 2011

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

- More ZooBurst, a 3D digital story telling software
- American Library Association
- More on Schools in Finland
- Teacher Newsletter, Teacher's Wiki, and Garrett's writing
- More on Diane Ravitch
- FVR and Books for Teachers
- Welcome to the World
- New Angels
- Notes from the Real World
- Prairie Pedagogy



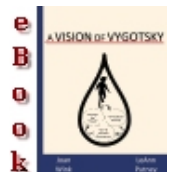
### ZooBurst.com

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>

Brian Briggs and his colleague, Library Media teacher, Mrs. Weiskircher, shared some examples of ZooBurst from a 3rd grade classroom.

[http://rpe-trusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page\\_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1257795894389](http://rpe-trusd-ca.schoolloop.com/cms/page_view?d=x&piid=&vpid=1257795894389)



### Libraries and Literacy

#### American Library Association

Thank you, Julie Moore, for calling my attention to these youtube sites.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VFclf-IH9A> (part 1) (11:58 minutes)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c-wzdjfpEAs> (Part 2) (5:46 minutes)

### And, MORE on Schools in Finland

Last month, I posted information on schools in Finland.

<http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/news0811.php>

This month I will add to the information with the work of Yong Zhao.

International Academy of Education.

<http://zhaolearning.com>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tNpZ60IJ42o>

<http://zhaolearning.com/category/blog/>

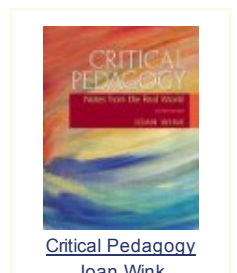
<http://vimeo.com/5765597>

<http://zhaolearning.com/2010/12/10/a-true-wake-up-call-for-arne-duncan-the-real-reason-behind-chinese-students-top-pisa-performance/>

I'm particularly happy to know that some of the South Dakota educational leaders attended a presentation he gave.

<http://blog.richardsprague.com/2008/04/yong-zhao-on-how-to-use-technology-in.html>

<http://zhaolearning.com/2011/05/13/can-you-be-globally-competitive-by-closing-your-doors-and-raising-test-scores>



[http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the\\_finland\\_phenomenon\\_20110710/](http://www.truthdig.com/report/item/the_finland_phenomenon_20110710/)

And, check out Zhao's latest:

[www.unitedoptout.com](http://www.unitedoptout.com)

*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>

### A Teacher's Weekly Newsletter for Families

Garrett first writing sample in first grade, 8/31/2011

He and Austin went to the Pacific Coast with their other grandparents and camped for several days. They had wonderful adventures with tide pools and sand castles, etc.

However, Garrett chose to write about his great trip with them to the bowling alley. Enjoy.

• Garrett + WINK 8-31-11



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[Dance in a Buffalo Skull](#)

Zitkala-Sa, S. D. ...

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I was IN THE CAR I WAS GOING  
 I WENT TO THE BOUNCING  
 AND I HAD SO MUCH  
 FUN.

Garrett, not only writes well, he also plays soccer well.



His teacher creates a wonderful newsletter and sends home to the families.  
 Enjoy.

[Miss McMorrow's Notes](#)

Teacher's Wiki (Miss McMorrow's Wikispaces)

<http://missmcmorrow.wikispaces.com/>

### More on Diane Ravitch

Diane speaks to teachers about charter school accountability.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A\\_HwI6S92Eo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A_HwI6S92Eo)

Diane speaks out against the demonization of teachers.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SpYI6v7q6pc>

7 Questions for Diane

[http://www.economist.com/blogs/democracyinamerica/2010/03/education\\_reform\\_0](http://www.economist.com/blogs/democracyinamerica/2010/03/education_reform_0)

More Q&A with Diane

<http://www.good.is/post/q-a-diane-ravitch-skewers-every-education-reform-sacred-cow/>

Diane Ravitch & Bill Gates

<http://www.good.is/post/bill-gates-diane-ravitch-spar-over-education/>

On her book, *Left Back*, a historical look at schools. Remember, Diane has been a historian for several decades.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1T7jpyAG44k>

**FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)**  
*State of Wonder* by Anne Patchett  
[Order Your Copy](#)

About Manaus Brazil  
<http://gosouthamerica.about.com/od/manaus/p/Manaus.htm>

Teatro Amazonas  
<http://gosouthamerica.about.com/library/blBrapixManaus.htm>

Virtual Tour - Amazon River  
<http://gosouthamerica.about.com/library/namazon.htm>

*An Epic Life: Willie Nelson* by Joe Nick Patoski  
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**Books for Teachers, Kids, Families**

*Dance in a Buffalo Skull* by Zitkala-Sa and Illustrated by S.D. Nelson  
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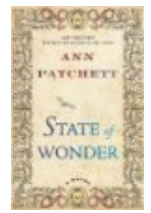
*The Raccoon and the Bee Tree* by Charles A. Eastman and Elaine Goodale Eastman and Illustrated by Susan Turnbull  
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**Welcome to the World:** Lucy Rose, Koyle DeWayne, Whitley Lynn, Emme Kate

**New Angels:** Mel, Steve

**Notes from the Real World**

Austin Gets His Green Belt in Karate



[State of Wonder](#)  
Ann Patchett



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[The Raccoon and the Bee Tree](#)  
Charles Alexander ...



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## Skunks

Last month in WW, I shared the photo of the live trap with a mama skunk and her 3 babies. <http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/news0811.php>. Thank you to those of you who offered suggestions on what we should do with the skunks in the live cage. First, think about what it takes to get a mama skunk and her 3 babies in the cage simultaneously. Lots of luck.



Here is what we did, Wink carefully covered the cage and picked it up (even more carefully) and placed it in the back of the pickup.



Then we headed to a dam south of the highway and away from any ranches.







Finally, Wink (even more carefully) opened the cage and we waited for the mama and her 3 babies to run to the dam.



### **Wink Villarreal Wedding Selected Photos**

World's Best Wedding Cake. You have to be Mexican or be very aware of the Mexican tradition, to understand it. We all loved it.





Wynn and BopBop



Señor y Señora Villarreal

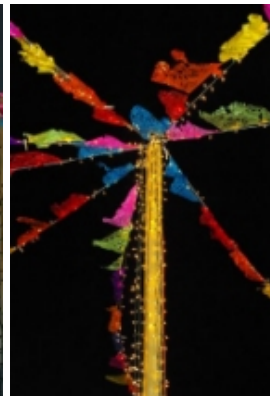




Luke: The Best Wedding Speech of the Day.



The Best Papel Picado Posts







**Prairie Pedagogy**  
**Governor's Custer State Park Buffalo Round-Up**

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

Good video of the round-up. Giddy Up!

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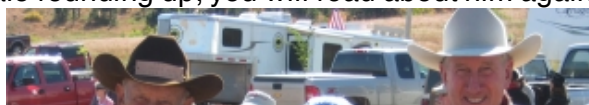
<http://gfp.sd.gov/state-parks/directory/custer/docs/tatanka.pdf>

It was absolutely a thrilling lifetime experience. When we finally had all the buffalo in the pen, I really wanted to sneak up and open the gate to let them out, so we could do it all over again.

A little collage of us riding. Thanks Sandy Rhoden.



The man on my right, Bob, has done the buffalo roundup for 40 years. Remember the name Bob, our leader in buffalo rounding up; you will read about him again very soon.





From the *Rapid City Journal*. Look closely at photo #10. I'm in the foreground; flag is in the background.

[http://rapidcityjournal.com/promo/buffalo-roundup/collection\\_d869c756-e8bb-11e0-9155-001cc4c03286.html#18](http://rapidcityjournal.com/promo/buffalo-roundup/collection_d869c756-e8bb-11e0-9155-001cc4c03286.html#18)

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[http://photoblog.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2011/09/27/7999680-custer-park-buffalo-roundup-attracts-15000](http://photoblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2011/09/27/7999680-custer-park-buffalo-roundup-attracts-15000)

Jackie Stoken is a professional photographer, and she writes a blog.

Jackie at the Buffalo Roundup

<http://jackieatthebuffalaroundup.blogspot.com/2011/09/sunday-sept-252011.html>

If you want more, just go to YouTube or my FB page.

### **Willie Nelson**

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

Willie in Rapid City September 25, 2011



Here I am: Off to get my autograph from Willie. I assure you that I was the only person in line holding up a book ([An Epic Life: Willie Nelson by Joe Nick Patoski](#)) for him to sign.





More photos of Willie-courtesy of Winker Withaneye, <http://www.winkerwithaneye.com/>



<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

## ZPD

**Zone of Proximal Development** by another one of my guys, Lev Vygotsky. I know you rarely see Willie Nelson, Vygotsky, and Bob the buffalo round up leader used simultaneously in one sentence, but I just cannot resist. We, teachers, often talk about the ZPD.

It's what happens when we learn from and with colleagues, teachers, students, families. When moms/dads/Grammies/Grampies want a child to learn something (for example, learning to tie shoes), we will show them how and do it with them at first, and soon the child can do it alone. We have pulled the child up through their zone of proximal development in learning to tie shoes. We, older family members, in this case, are the more capable other.

The same thing happens in classrooms all of the time. The teacher might want the students to learn to multiply, so the teacher will work with the students, as they are learning. Sometimes the students will work together in small groups, and support each other as they learn to multiply, also. The students who already know how to multiply are the "more capable peers" in multiplication.

The zone of proximal development (ZPD) takes place in schools and in life all of the time. For example, as I watched BopBop work with Wyatt (age 15) and Luke (age 13) as they pulled the well pump this summer, BopBop was *the more capable other in well-pulling*. Pretty soon, Wyatt and Luke will be able to do it alone.

Back to Willie, who can play the guitar better than I; but if I were to practice with him, he would pull me up through my ZPD in guitar pickin."

Likewise, Bob with 40 years experience in rounding up buffalo, would be my more capable peer in buffalo rounding up. But, as I worked with Bob on gathering buffalo, I got better at it. He pulled me up through my zone of proximal development.

More on the ZPD

[Mumbo Jumbo Theory](#)

"The zone of proximal development today will be the actual developmental level tomorrow—that is, what a child can do with assistance today she will be able to do by herself tomorrow . . . the only 'good learning' is that which is in advance of development"(Vygotsky, 1978, pp. 87-89, as cited in Wink & Putney, 2002, p. 11).

**One Last Prairie Pedagogy Story** (if you are still with me...)

During the great buffalo roundup I learned: Buffalo are not cows. I know how to roundup cows, but buffalo were far more challenging (and fun).

You have read about how we roundup buffalo, and here is how to roundup cows.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/NA-ST8nXl4U?rel=0>

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