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5 Teachers Honor Their Own Favorite Teachers

Thank you to Barbara McCauley Lovejoy, Candi Grover, Sarah Klein, Rod Hearn, and Chyllis Scott for writing about your favorite teachers.

Dear Readers, you may recall in the last issue of *WinkWorld*, I wrote that the first 5 teachers to write about their own favorite teachers would receive a free copy of our eBook, *A Vision of Vygotsky*, by LeAnn Putney and myself. Here they are. Enjoy.

[Click here to read](#)

Our Challenges

Common Sense Vs. Common Core: How to Minimize the Damages of the Common Core,
June 17, 2012

<http://zhaolearning.com/2012/06/17/common-sense-vs-common-core-how-to-minimize-the-damages-of-the-common-core/>

Yong Zhao

25 Reasons To Worry about High-Stakes Tests

Marion Brady in the Orlando Sentinel, June 24, 2012

http://articles.orlandosentinel.com/2012-06-24/opinion/os-ed-fcat-worries-myword-062412-20120622_1_standardized-tests-fcat-scores

Instead of Worrying about Applying the Standards, We Should Be Resisting Them. And, Working Together.

[Click here to read](#)

Stephen Krashen

Love Those Libraries

Yes, it is clear, that students' learning is tightly linked to the quality of libraries in your area and your school. However, libraries are not for eggheads only.



Photo by Mari Briggs

Turns out that there are lots of types of libraries. For example, how about this library in Bogotá, Columbia.



And, speaking of libraries, please don't let me start talking about the 90 yr. old woman I met, who is no longer allowed to teach dance because of her age. So, she is a full-time librarian. She goes home for lunch (a salad with green beans) and eats it while she does her treadmill.

Chicabrary

I assure you that Chicabrary will be the most unusual library you have ever seen. The creators, Bob and Denise Wurm, are avid readers, with a delightful sense of finding and

creating joy in every day. The Chicabrary is a chicken coop with a library.
The Chickies.



The Coop.



Inside of the Coop.



Food for the chickens.



One of the shelves in the Chicabrary.



I even found a couple of books, which reminded me of something I had written.



[Click here to order *A Vision of Vygotsky*.](#)

[Click here to order *Teaching Passionately: What's Love Got To Do With It?*](#)

As I continued to study the bookshelves, I found other books.



Under *Literature*, I found: *Moby Chick* by Melville

Under *Drama*, I found:
Eggs and Hamlet
King Layer



Under *Self-Help*, I found:
Chicken Soup for the Chicken-Hearted Soul

Under *Health and Beauty*, I found:
Beauty Aids for the Molting Hen

And, under *Education*, I found
Teaching Legible Chicken Scratching

For a long time, I was one of the few people enjoying the **Chicabrary**, but now they also have a **Cockamamie Farm Eggs** business. It's not just about books anymore. I should have known it would come to this.

[Learn More](#)

"How many adult readers would choose to read
if they had to take a multiple-choice test for every book they finished?"

Donalyn Miller,
The Book Whisperer, p. 131.

One last library story: LeAnn Putney and I will have an article in the November School Monthly Journal about engagement with libraries. Here are four examples of library mapping, which are part of what we plan to share.

Library Mapping

Marta Vasquez <http://www.joanwink.com/treas/vasquez0612.pdf>

Kaitlin Kanaby <http://www.joanwink.com/treas/kanabay0612.pdf>

Sharon Raimondo <http://www.joanwink.com/treas/raimondo0612.pdf>

Danielle Dyrda <http://www.joanwink.com/treas/dyrda0612.pdf>

ZooBurst Craig Kapp

ZooBurst is a digital storytelling tool that lets anyone easily create his/her own augmented reality, 3D pop-up books. ZooBurst was named as Top Website for Teaching and Learning by the American Association of School Librarians.

<http://blog.craigkapp.com/2011/06/30/zooburst-is-named-as-a-top-website-for-teaching-and-learning-by-the-american-association-of-school-librarians/>

University



Social Media

Our kids, Dawn and Bo, (now adults) like to say that when they were little, if I was tired, they had to take a nap; and if I was cold, they had to wear a sweater. You see where this is going. Now, they say, if I read something, everyone else has to read it, too. Apparently, it continues: As I learn new things with technology, you, too, will have an opportunity to learn also. I know that some of this is old for some of you, but I'm learning bit by bit.

When we began *WinkWorld*, webpages were very static, and now technology makes us all more interactive.



Facebook

I use Facebook for personal and professional sharing.

Twitter

I primarily use Twitter to share others' contributions.

Google +

I use Google + for professional sharing.

Pinterest

So far, I am only using Pinterest to enjoy others' sharing.

DropBox

I tend to use this to share docs with others.

[Check it out](#)

Evernote

[Check it out](#)

<http://blog.evernote.com/2012/06/04/skitch-as-a-teaching-tool/>

I tend to be a one-computer person, so I don't feel a great need for this yet. If I get better on my cell phone, I can see how I'll use it.

Welcome to the World

Kamryn Rae (ND)

New Angels

Auntie Essie (IA), Augusto (Brazil), Jaci (CA), Nora (NY), Auntie Lois (SD), Sally (CA), Delane (SD), Betty Lou (IA)

Notes from the Real World



If You Are Not From the Prairies

Story by David Bouchard

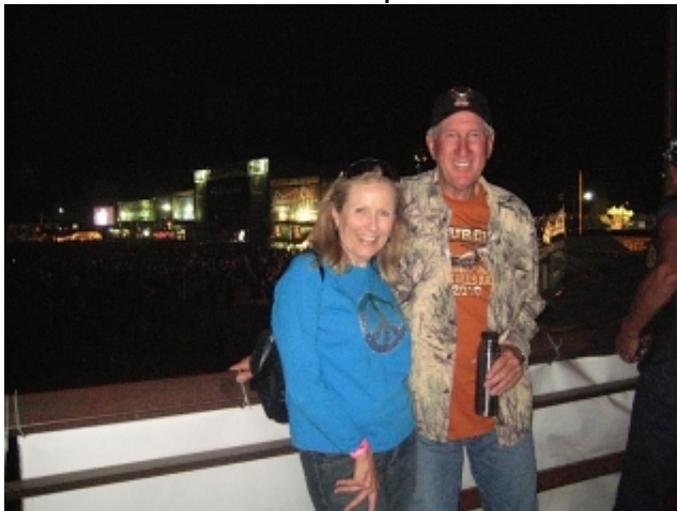
Images by Henry Ripplinger

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Summer was filled with grandkids, teaching in Mallorca for 2 weeks, 2 high school reunions (50 years each), one college reunion, the annual Sturgis Harley Rally, and the annual Faith Stock Show.

Sturgis Harley Rally

Joan and Dean Sugarland concert at Buffalo Chip



Dean & Dawson at the Faith Stock Show parade



Wyatt, 16, had a great trip to the United Kingdom with People-to-People



Mallorca, The College of New Jersey (TCNJ) Global Education Program

<http://www.tcnj.edu/%7Egraduate/global/europe.html>

<http://www.tcnj.edu/~graduate/global/europe.html>

2012 Off Site Graduate information

<http://offsitegrad.pages.tcnj.edu/programs/locations/europe/europe-palma-de-mallorca-spain/>

Things I've noticed in Mallorca in the last couple of years:

- I'm always amazed at how few Americans are there; lots of families from northern Europe come for holiday.
- I see more runners and serious walkers along the Sea.
- I think my favorite places to visit continue to be the Cathedral and the stone walls left over from the Moors (700s to 1400s).
- I continue to be humbled by the many languages, which are represented on the streets

and in my classroom.

Pix of the Cathedral (photo by Craig Kapp)



Old and New



Faculty



My wonderful class, ESLM 587



Las Chicas



Big kids. Little horses.



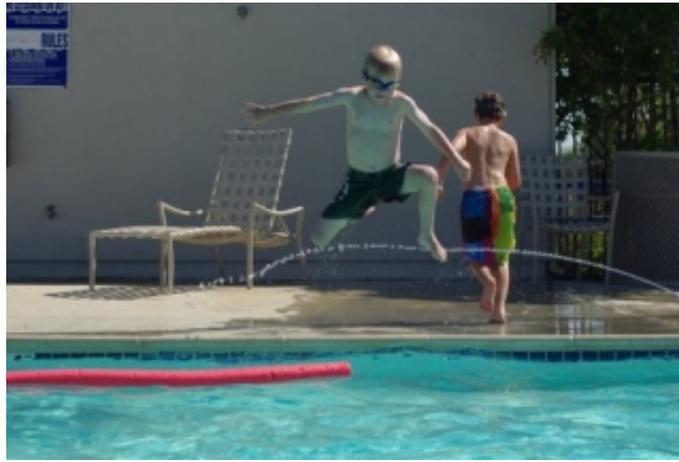
Big Foot comes for a visit.



Swim, Austin, swim.



Jump, Garrett, jump.



The Beautiful Boise Boys are moving to DeForrest, WI.



Dawn Wink's new blog, *Dewdrops*

Dawn's complete name is Dawn Elizabeth Wink, hence the DEWdrops.

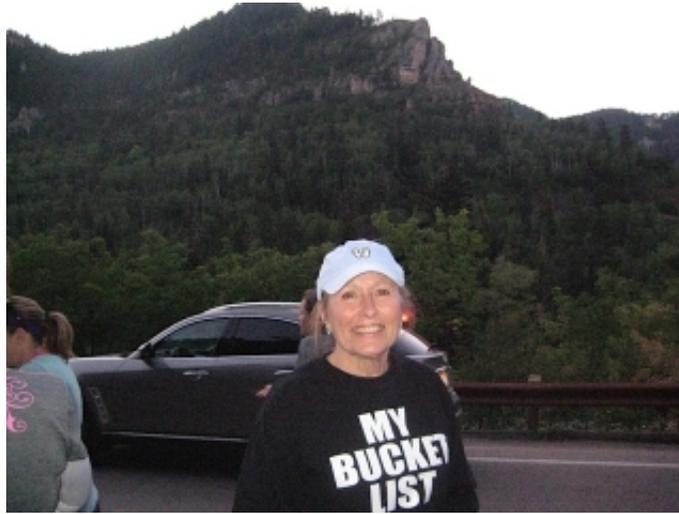
<http://dawnwink.wordpress.com>

Leading Ladies

<http://www.leadingladiesmarathon.com/> August 19, 2012 - Yes, I ran the  marathon, and I was not the oldest. There was even a group of women in their 70s, who ran, and one woman, who is 81. Gotta love these women! This run is a Boston Marathon qualifier, so women from all over the US came. It is mostly downhill, and the times were fast.

Responses to my run can be seen on Facebook, August 19 and 20, 2012. 

Before the run.



During the run.



After the run.



My Dream August 21, 2012

So, last night I had a dream. A group of us, women, were in a city far, far away protesting Aikin's comments on "legitimate" rape. For some reason in my dream, we were all wearing long flowing white robes. The authorities came and broke up our protest and told us that we were not allowed to protest.

Suddenly, I was back on the ranch, and I had a large black marker and a large poster board. I quickly scribbled:

Legitimate protests allowed on this land.

Next, I walked up the dirt lane and held the sign for the few passing cars on our two-lane state highway. Suddenly, the wind started blowing, and the dirt began swirling. When the air cleared a bit, all I could see in every direction were women in long flowing white robes coming from every direction to protest. They came in pick-ups, trucks, cars, on foot, and yes, on horseback.

Keep on dreaming...

Prairie Pedagogy

Wyatt weedwacking



Luke weedwacking



Dawn and Josie



Josie and Wynn's hand



Wynn Luke 4wheeler Butter (the colt)



Luke sleeping with uke



Prairie Dancer Wynn



Joan on BabyBlue

