

WinkWorld December 2012

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Black Hills State University (BHSU) Students Share

I am happily teaching part-time now at BHSU, and I have the wonderful pleasure of working with teachers in the area as they pursue their English as a New Language (ENL) endorsement. In what follows is a short selection of great projects, which some of them have completed this fall semester. I plan to share more as we go into 2013.

Pete Melendez

A Website for School

Pete, a computer teacher at Douglas School District, created a website for his colleagues in his district. In the follow project, Pete captures his learning about how to use technology with students who are acquiring English as a new language. One other little tidbit about Pete: Recently, he shared with us about how he maintains grades for his students—all 600 of them! Of course, he does not teach them daily, but he does teach all of them on a weekly basis and maintains information on the progress for each. Technology and the ESL

Students

www.dsdk12.net/~pmelendez/focusproject

Teri

A Wiki

Teri, a Gifted and ESL teacher in South Dakota, shares her learning from our class with a Wiki, which she created. Be sure to check out the picture of Teri, "Always an Avid Reader."

<http://bauerlycyberspace.wikispaces.com/Introduction>

Michelle Dobbs

A Unit on India, Created on Glogster.

Michelle's middle school students love the software, Glogster, so she chose to create one of their units of study on India by using this particular software. This was her first experience with Glogster, and I can see why the students are enjoying the learning. I wish the same for you.

<http://illysya.edu.glogster.com/ancient-india/>

Koreen Hammel

My Scrapbook of My Library Mapping Experience

Koreen, a 6th grade reading teacher in Hot Springs, captured her library mapping experience by creating a real (not digital) scrapbook, which is one of her passions. In addition, she captured it online for her colleagues by creating pdf of the real scrapbook. There were other parts of the assignment, but I loved how Koreen made this assignment function based on her own interests and talents; please note that she included her son in her project.

[View her Project](#)

Guyla Ness

My Prezi of My Learning, Fall 2012

Guyla has taught for 31 years, but she had never created a Prezi. The following Prezi captures Guyla's learning from our class. Guyla is the assessment coordinator for a district.

<http://prezi.com/6bul4cjj-fr/reflections-guyla-ness/>

Jamie Neth

Jamie, a 3rd grade teacher in Hot Springs, captured her learning from each week by creating a PhotoStory of her learning.

Note to readers: If you are working on a PC, this file will open automatically. If you are on a Mac, this wmv file will open after you install VLC on your Mac. To install VLC, go to for free download:

Jodi Holzer

Jodi, a teacher in Nemo, SD, shared her learning in our class with the following PowerPoint presentation.

[View her Project](#)

Love Those Libraries

The Spectacular Role of Libraries in Protecting Students from the Effects of Poverty by Steve Krashen

iLeader: Journal of School Library Association of New South Wales 1(4): 3-6

http://www.sdkrashen.com/articles/the_spectacular_role_of_libraries.pdf

Here are some words taken directly from this article:

Poverty is by far the most powerful predictor we have of school performance. This has been established in study after study over several decades. A plausible explanation for the results of these studies and others is:

Access > FVR > Literacy

There is very strong evidence supporting this formula: More access to books has been shown to lead to more self-selected reading and more self-selected reading leads to higher levels of literacy (Krashen, 2004). There is also substantial research connecting the ends of the formula: Better libraries are related to higher levels of literacy (Krashen, 2004; see especially studies by Keith Curry Lance and others at <http://www.lrs.org/impact.php>).

Those living in poverty have little access to books, which explains their low levels of literacy development. I suspect that this relationship will continue until ereaders and ebooks are far less expensive and far more available than they are now. The library can supply this access immediately.

School Monthly Library

These portable libraries are all the rage.



Le Putney and I are happy to be published in the latest *School Monthly Library*. The citations follow, in case you are interested.

Wink, J., & Putney, L. (2012, November). Engagement with books. *School Library Monthly*, 29(2), 21-23.

Wink, J., & Putney, L. (2012, November). Library mapping. *School Library Monthly*, 29(2), 39-40.

Wink, J., & Putney, L. (2012, November). English/Language Arts: Engagement with school libraries. *School Library Monthly*, 29(2), 53-55.

Another portable library found at the entry to the Children's Museum in Madison WI.



NCTE in Las Vegas Recently, I presented with Le Putney of UNLV and Suzie Broughton of USU at National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) in Las Vegas, NV.

<http://www.ncte.org/>

Our presentation can be seen in the following URL; we focused on the connections between mentoring and teaching, <http://www.joanwink.com/scheditems/NCTE2012-Mentoring.pdf>



And, then Le came to the ranch. Here she is with Wink and Badger.



Janet Towell of Florida Atlantic University used to be at CSU Stanislaus with me. We love to reconnect at conferences.



Qatar: Where in the World is Qatar?



<http://www.worldatlas.com/webimage/countrys/asia/qa.htm>

60 Minutes of CBS did a short special on Qatar.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=7395216n>

I feel so fortunate to have been invited to share with teachers at Qatar University in Doha, Qatar in January. While I am there, I will be able to reconnect with students/friends from Mallorca, Spain and Davis CA. And, I am confident that I will be making new friends. I will be sharing about the value of reflective teaching and learning.

A special 'shout out' to a former student from Mallorca, Spain, Clint Mitchell, who has been instrumental in making this all happen!

Geeks and Gossip and Giggles and Googles

Yes, I really do belong to a group named Geeks and Gossip, however after about 20 years of this name, we are thinking that Giggles and Googles might describe us better. In honor of these special friends, I'll begin to share my interest in technology under this new repeated feature.

www.SusanSweeney.com

Recently, Susan was at Black Hills State University sharing her knowledge of the future of eBusiness. She comes from the world of business only, but I tried to connect her knowledge with mine. Or, as we, teachers, would say: I tried to connect my "prior knowledge" with the new knowledge. Here is what I learned:

1. *The Virtual You*. The internet is gathering information on each of us every time we order something, read something, like something, or "like" something, etc. Soon, the great computer in the sky will know each of us as a Virtual You. It will know what type of hotel, car, food, movies, etc. you prefer. The first time I realized this was when Wink and I each did a Google search on the same topic. We got different responses from Google, based on what is already known about each of us. Try this with your family or class. An eye-opener for me.
2. *Near Field Communication (NFC)*. If I understand, this is when small devices (for example cell phones and similar devices) exchange information when the devices are close together.
3. *TeleNav*: A GPS system, we may all be using soon.
4. *Mobile Commerce*. We are rapidly moving to a cash-less society. We will purchase all by scanning barcodes with our smart-phones. Maybe we will soon have a Google Wallet, instead of that big leather folded pink and black thing which I lug around.
5. *Augmented Reality*. Her example of Augmented Reality was how you could use the GPS of your mobile phone to pop up and tell you where you are and how to get to where you are going. I think a lot of us already do this, but Augmented Reality allows us to do this in 3-D. I was happy that I already knew about how to make books with Augmented Reality. Thanks Craig of ZooBurst. I told her about your site.
6. *Shift Happens: Globalization of The Information Age*. Several versions of this are available online, and basically this site describes the coming changes.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ljbl-363A2Q>

This reminded me of If the World Were A 100 People

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r6eTr4ldDYg>

Evernote

www.Evernote.com

Although Susan Sweeney did not mention it, Evernote seems to me to be the hottest software coming down the pike for all of us: educators and business people.

A Prezi on *Critical Pedagogy: Notes from the Real World*

Two students (whom I have never met) from State University of New York at Oswego (<http://www.oswego.edu/>) sent this Prezi to me. Thank you, Brian Cole and Jeremy Czyz.

<http://prezi.com/g-koxgf9do0y/wink/?>

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FVR (Free Voluntary Reading)

The End of Your Life Book Club by Will Schwalbe

[Click here to order your copy.](#)

Elephant Whisperer: My Life With the Herd in the African Wild by Lawrence Anthony

Here is Thula Thula today before *Elephant Whisperer* was written.

<http://www.thulathula.com/>

[Click here to order your copy.](#)

Another elephant (and dog) story, not related to *Elephant Whisperer*, but the feelings are the same.

The Animal Odd Couple: Tara and Bella

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cBtFTF2ii7U>

And, the sad ending💎

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

Thanks to my several friends who shared this video with me.

The Goodman/Smith Hypothesis, the Input Hypothesis, the Comprehension Hypothesis, and the (Even Stronger) Case for Free Voluntary Reading?

(Stephen Krashen In: *Defying Convention, Inventing the Future in Literacy Research and Practice: Essays in Tribute to Ken and Yetta Goodman*. P. Anders (Ed.) New York: Routledge. 2010. pp. 46-60.)

Free download:

<http://sdkrashen.com/articles/ManyHypothesis.pdf>

Books for Teachers

Out of My Mind by Sharon Draper.

This book comes highly recommended by Kerry Britton, a teacher, and a student at BHSU. This book will help all of us understand better the role of disabilities and special needs students.

[Click here to order your copy.](#)



Job Opening

Welcome to the World

Samuel Clark, Emma Louise, Isabel Abigail

New Angels

Charlotte Bacon, 6	James Mattioli, 6	
Daniel Barden, 7	Grace McDonnell, 7	Rachel Davino, 29 <i>Teacher</i>
Olivia Engel, 6	Emilie Parker, 6	Dawn Hochsprung, 47 <i>School principal</i>
Josephine Gay, 7	Jack Pinto, 6	Nancy Lanza, 52 <i>Mother of gunman</i>
Ana Marquez-Greene, 6	Noah Pozner, 6	Anne Marie Murphy, 52 <i>Teacher</i>
Dylan Hockley, 6	Caroline Previdi, 6	Lauren Rousseau, 30 <i>Teacher</i>
Madeleine Hsu, 6	Jessica Rekos, 6	Mary Sherlach, 56 <i>School psychologist</i>
Catherine Hubbard, 6	Avielle Richman, 6	Victoria Soto, 27 <i>Teacher</i>
Chase Kowalski, 7	Benjamin Wheeler, 6	
Jesse Lewis, 6	Allison N. Wyatt, 6	

Resources for Helping Children Deal With Tragedies

Thank you, Larry Ferlazzo

<http://larryferlazzo.edublogs.org/2012/12/14/the-best-resources-on-talking-with-children-about-tragedies/>

Helping Children Deal with Scary News

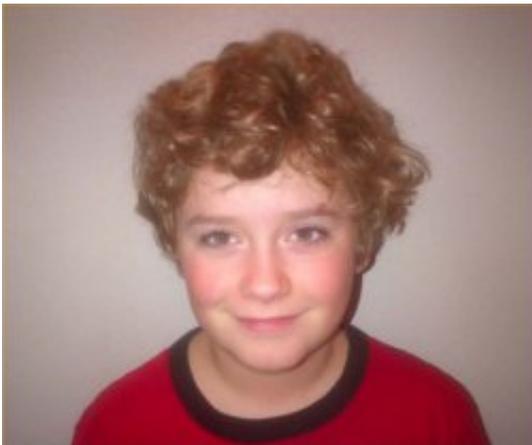
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/rogers/special/scarynews.html>

Thank you, Mr. Rogers



Notes from the Real World

Austin's curls: Before and After



Garrett (age 7, grade 2) and Austin (age 10, grade 4) School Pix



Birthdays are great.



Lisa keeps busy making cakes for friends.



The boys begin life with new friends in WI.





DEWdrops: A Blog by Dawn Wink

What I Wish For You: Wishes for New Teachers

<http://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/11/30/what-i-wish-for-you-wishes-for-new-teachers/>

Webs

<http://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/12/14/the-web-2/>

Ripples

<http://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/11/17/ripples/>

Will this Book Ever Be Published? What To Do In the Meantime

<http://dawnwink.wordpress.com/2012/10/27/will-this-book-ever-be-published-what-to-do-in-the-meantime/>

Dawn, No💎, Wyatt, Luke, Wynn



Wyatt, Luke, and Wynn

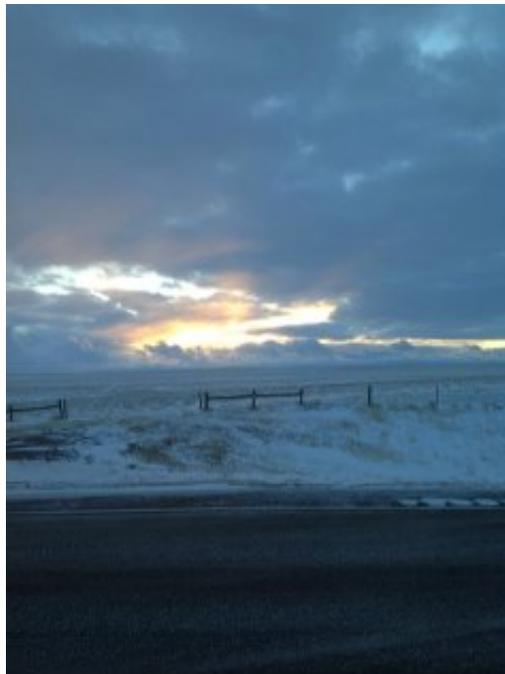


Bucket List

I'm busy checking off my list:

1. *The Prairie Home Companion* with Garrison Keillor in the Fitzgerald Theater, <http://prairiehome.publicradio.org/>
2. Willie Nelson <http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/news1011.php> Scroll down to Prairie Pedagogy for the photos.
3. Custer State Park <http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2011/news1011.php> and <http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2012/news1012.php> Scroll down to Prairie Pedagogy for the photos. 2011 and 2012
4. Run a half-marathon <http://www.joanwink.com/newsletter/2012/news1012.php>
5. Rose Bowl Parade-to be checked on January 1, 2013

Prairie Pedagogy



Alice, our vet, absolutely amazes me; she is fearless and so talented. In the following

picture, Tommy, her husband, is helping her with one of our younger horses. Please note how she never lets go of the horse, even though he is trying hard to jump out of the chute: What could possibly go wrong?!



Pack your own parachute: I note, also, that Alice always ties the horse herself.



Finally, Alice has even been known to crawl down into our cistern to do repairs for us. Not only is she fearless; she is also the smallest person around.



Wink took care of the squeeze chute while Alice worked our horses.



Hunters came.



Hunters get tired, too.



YouTube Christmas in the SD State Capitol
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YpOWF3tNDp8&feature=youtu.be>

Kids and grands are coming for the holidays. Can hardly wait!