

WinkWorld March 2007

The Real World

In my *real world*, the logic board on my computer failed me. I have to send it back to the manufacturer - the minute I finish this *WinkWorld*. However, also in my real world, I was in Las Vegas this month, where I had two great experiences with friends.

First, I visited IICSN, which is a charter school initiated by Le Putney, my colleague/friend/co-author of *A Vision of Vygotsky*, and Connie Malleck. After watching Le and Connie jump over the many institutional hurdles the last couple of years in order to create this school, it was thrilling to spend time with active, involved students, who are thriving in this dynamic approach to teaching and learning. My congratulations to the entire group.

Innovations International Charter School of Nevada

www.iicsn.org

Thank you to Dr. Le Putney of UNLV of sharing the following paragraph.

IICSN is a school as resilient and diverse as its faculty and administration, staff, students, parents, and community partners. We are a state funded K - 12 public school with an inclusive educational program that incorporates bilingual education with an interest apprenticeship we call our Global Curriculum. We specialize in forming a unique learning community by relating learning to real life, providing opportunities for students to develop responsibility for self and community, and enhancing collaboration with community members, parents, business people, and institutions of higher education. We are committed to promoting academic and personal success and ensuring our school is a pivot point of collaboration and community pride.

Second, while in Las Vegas, I had the unbelievable experience of attending a Barry Manilow concert with a group of *Fabulous Fanilows*-who knew life could be so much fun. ;-)

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