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MichaelH: Welcome to tonight's Social Studies forum

MichaelH: As you probably noted from the topic, Jenny will be featuring a lot of great resources you can use with your students as you teach this year's election campaign...

MichaelH: and since we are on the subject of communities as well, she's going to highlight a bit about a new initiative that PBS is introducing for teachers this year.

MichaelH: why don't we introduce ourselves so everyone knows who everyone is... just tell us your name, where you're located, geographically, and what you teach

MichaelH is a social studies teacher in southwestern Indiana

BenP: Mr. Pack - Concordia University - Math

BenP: Oregon

LucasAH: Lucas is in Portland, in a master of arts teaching program

SadieA: Portland, OR, Concordia University MAT program, social studies

MatthewCa: Mr. Caldwell - Concordia U - Math and Music

JamieZo : Jamie, Concordia University, Portland, OR, wants to teach Language Arts

SusanKlu: MAT student at Concordia, Portland, English

JennySB: Jenny was a high school English and Humanities teacher in Brooklyn, India and Massachusetts. Now I'm the middle/high school content manager of PBS Teachers

WilliamW: Will, Oregon, social studies

ShayneTr: I'm up in Canada - Art and English (hey the election affects us, too)

EmilyBH: Alabama

KristenCa : Kristen, PDX, Concordia, L.A./Social Studies

ShannonPes: Shannon, Pre-teaching student Cal Lutheran Univ. California

MichaelH looks to see if anyone else would like to say hello

MichaelH: Jenny, why don't we start with the PBS election resources, and then we can do the teacher community... does that sound ok?

EmilyW: I am on Tapped In Helpdesk and I am located in the DC area

JennySB: Sounds great.

MatthewCa: Sounds okay

MichaelH: As all of you, I'm sure, know... this is a very interesting election campaign, and there's a lot of opportunity for cross-curriculum activities, as well as those crossing various grade levels

JennySB: PBS is creating a bunch of new resources to support your teaching of the elections. I'll get into those in a second. Right now, I'll invite you to visit our Vote 2008 micro site -- <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/>

SusanKlu: what is PBS?

JennySB: This site has a wide collection of lesson plans and interactives that were created during previous election cycles.

MichaelH reminds all that if you click on the link, it opens in another window, but be sure to come back here to stay with the discussion

MichaelH . o O (Public Broadcasting Service, Susan)

JennySB: Anyway, if you go to the Vote 2008 site, you'll find lessons and interactives organized by grade level. There's also a page with RSS links and podcasts from our news and public affairs producers.

SadieA: I accidentally left for a minute....how do I get to the link?

BenP: explain rss please?

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/>

SadieA: thank you!

JennySB: RSS stands for really simple syndication. You can sign up to have messages sent directly to you when your favorite sites add new content.

BenP: I see

BenP: great

JennySB: It saves time, so that you don't always have to search those sites to see if they've posted something new.

MichaelH: Most e-mail clients will support RSS, Ben. There are also readers that do it, too

MatthewCa: It's very handy

JennySB: The Tools page of the Vote 2008 site has a bunch of cool widgets (tools that you can embed on your own site, blog, etc.) designed for this election.

JennySB: One of my favorites is the Budget Hero game. Students can set the national budget according to their own priorities and see what the implications of their choices would be.

KristenCa: cool widgets

SusanKlu: great idea

BenP: YAY

MatthewCa: Math stuff!!!!

MatthewCa: Budget HERO!!!

BenP: I like the select a candidate

JennySB: Another really cool widget is called You Decide. It's an online devil's advocate where kids can state how they feel about a particular election-related issue. Then, they are given some information from another perspective to help them reconsider their view. They go through five rounds altogether, learning a lot about each issue in the process. It's a great way to teach perspective, point of view, persuasion, debate...

LucasAH: wow

JamieZo: What is a widget?

SusanKlu: critical thinking...

JamieZo: Oh...

JennySB: A widget is a piece of code that you could embed on your own site. So if you have a class web site, you could add the tool to your site and kids wouldn't have to visit the You Decide site, for example.

LucasAH: Does PBS do this all the time (other issues...?)

KatyD: nice

JennySB: This widget collection was created specifically for the election. The goal was to get PBS and NPR working together to create a whole that's greater than the sum of its parts. Budget Hero was created by American Public Media, a radio outlet.

BenP: are opinions biased?

JennySB: The Election Map created by NPR and NewsHour is an incredibly rich resource for all things election related. In addition to national news, it includes tons of stories from local PBS and NPR stations. This is a great way to help kids compare local and national news and issues.

JennySB: We try to be as unbiased as possible. Since we're publicly funded, we have to be very careful about representing as many perspectives as possible.

KristenCa: I like the idea of kids getting to hear a point of view other than their parents'

BenP: same here

JennySB: Yeah, I've played all of the You Decide "games," and I learned a lot in the process. I think it's a good exercise for people of any age.

MichaelH: Jenny, I could easily see a teacher projecting the Election Map at the start of class, and just asking some open ended questions the kids could discuss... a great class opener

JennySB: Yeah, it could be a great discussion starter.

MatthewCa: Helpful

JennySB: It also includes a cool game called You Predict where kids can manipulate the map and assign electoral votes to particular candidates to predict the outcome of the general election. That's a cool way to teach kids about the electoral college and its influence on our elections.

KristenCa: Ready to vote quiz seems good.

BenP: it allows kids to realize every vote counts

MichaelH: Jenny, will some of the issue-oriented widgets be available after the 2008 election... for example, for the 2010 congressional campaign?

SadieA: this is very cool...I think kids could really get an understanding of things from this site!

BenP: but gives them a reason for voting

JennySB: The quizzes are great for helping to readjust people's preconceived notions of candidates and issues.

KristenCa: ya, I like that. I would use that.

JennySB: Yes, many of the widgets, including You Decide and Budget Hero, will be around well beyond the election. Ones that are more specifically related to the elections will probably go away, but not until after inauguration day. And they'll likely be resurrected during coming elections.

JennySB: Both the election map and You Decide are updates to tools that were available in 2004.

LucasAH: Any state-voting-related widgets?

MatthewCa: Updated of course

JennySB: So, what's not on the site now that's coming soon is a terrific new curriculum guide called ACCESS, ANALYZE, ACT: A Blueprint for 21st Century Civic Engagement.

MikeLH joined the room.

BenP: oh good

JennySB: This is a curriculum guide designed to promote students' political awareness and civic engagement as well as their 21st century communication, collaboration and technology skills. The activities in the guide help students gain access to information and communities of like-minded citizens; analyze media messages and the complex issues facing our nation; and act to make positive change. Our hope is that by creating communities of learners with social media tools and encouraging awareness and activism, these resources will help students make their communities more peaceful and productive.

ShayneTr: David and Mike - we are looking at <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/tools.html>

SusanKlu: I think our students have never been more jazzed than they are now

BenP: is this focused on teacher or school level?

MichaelH: Jenny, when will the teacher's guide be up and available?

JennySB: Lucas, I recommend checking out the local content on the Election Map as well as a cool map on the Bill Moyer's Journal site.

JennySB: Here's the link: <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/index-flash.html>

JennySB: The teacher's guide is designed for middle and high school students and will be available the first week of August.

MichaelH: Thanks, Jenny. Just in time for the start of school

JennySB: The URL for the online version will be <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/vote2008/blueprint>

LucasAH: Teacher's guide is all online?

JennySB: There will also be a PDF version of the whole guide and PDFs of individual lessons and readings. And the site will include video modules for teachers to help introduce the various components of the guide as well as an interactive quiz for students to learn about their political personalities and styles of civic engagement.

JennySB: Did I miss any questions in there?

MichaelH: Jenny, is PBS planning any US mail outreach as far as guides, etc. for teachers?

MichaelH: . o O (or will it all be online?)

KatyD: great

JennySB: We'll be mailing copies to PBS and NPR stations that have requested them. So far we've had requests for over 3,600. We'll also mail one to each station that didn't request it, just so they know what they're missing. The guide will also be available online in PDF and HTML versions. If you're a member of your local station -- or even if you're not -- I recommend contacting them to find out if you can get a glossy print copy

KristenCa: Access, Analyze, Act

BenP: I see

BenP: easy

MichaelH: Cool. Thanks, Jenny

BenP: in all communities?

JennySB: The curriculum was designed in collaboration with the Media Education Lab at Temple University. We're excited about it and hope you will be too.

LucasAH: Is all of this free?

MichaelH: It sounds great

JennySB: We're sending copies to every PBS and NPR station across the country.

JennySB: Everything from PBS Teachers is free!

LucasAH smiles

KatyD smiles

MikeLH: free stuff > sweet

JennySB: That's the P in PBS

KatyD: lucky you guys

MichaelH: actually, not trying to steal Jenny's thunder... PBS Teachers has resources for every subject area and grade level, so lucky everyone!

JennySB: If you're an elementary teacher, I definitely recommend checking out The Democracy Project on PBS KIDS! I think the URL is <http://pbskids.org/democracy/>

JennySB: There are great lesson plans and interactives there.

Susanklu: nice

KatyD: good

JennySB: A couple of other election related sites come to mind. American Experience has a very cool site where they've aggregated video from their presidents collection. You can click on a question like "When is it OK to lie?" and the site pulls up video from the collection with a variety of presidents from throughout history dealing with the issue.

JamieZo: That's cool

MikeLH: doesn't every candidate lie though?

BenP: is it like youtube style?

JennySB: The URL is <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/presidents/2008/>

MichaelH: I think it's Flash video, Ben, although I'm not sure

LucasAH: Will all these websites be on the email transcript we get from this session?

BenP: ok I see it

DavidHo: nice question, Lucas.

MichaelH: they will be, Lucas

DavidHo: I've been trying to write down all these sites!

JennySB: Other questions are "How do you end a war?" and "How influential is the first lady?" These could be great discussion starters for conversations about the current election.

LucasAH smiles

MatthewCa: It will be on the transcript

LucasAH: Thanks!

MichaelH: Jenny is the "President for a Day" simulation still on the elementary Democracy Project site?

JennySB: You can also download all of the American Experience Presidents biographies from iTunes U for free! This is a special offer just for teachers.

JamieZo: Nice.

JennySB: Yes, Michael, the President game is still there.

BenP: how do they know we are teachers.....

MikeLH: "the only thing we have to fear, is fear itself..." these videos are sweet, kinda inspiring

MatthewCa: Just watched the FDR Lend-Lease video. Cool

JennySB: Not sure exactly. You might have to set up an account at iTunes U

BenP: ok thanks

LucasAH: Where do you find the free biographies in iTunes?

JennySB: Another cool site is NOW: <http://www.pbs.org/now/election-2008/index.html>

JamieZo : What if your not yet a teacher but are going to school to become one, does that count?

JennySB: The free biographies are in iTunes U, not the regular iTunes.

MichaelH: check http://www.apple.com/education/itunesu_mobilelearning/itunesu.html
Lucas

MichaelH: Jamie, just a guess, but if you say you're a pre-service teacher, they'd give you access

MatthewCa: Great link. Thank you

MichaelH: your professor may have to verify, but I bet Apple would let you in

JennySB: I'd check on the iTunes U site about whether pre-service teachers qualify. I'm guessing they do, but if not I'd recommend asking a teacher friend or media specialist to access those for you. They'll be up for a year. Will you be a teacher by then?

JamieZo : Okay, thanks

JennySB: NOW's site has a fun game where students can submit captions to political cartoons.

MikeLH: student teaching, yea

JennySB: And the Democracy Toolkit has great links to resources for teaching and learning about the elections.

JamieZo : Yeah I will.

MichaelH: there's a link on the I Tunes U page for students, also, Jenny, but I don't know if they can access the American Experience content, though

MichaelH: looks like the professor could post the content, and students could access it

JennySB: I'm not sure. If folks are having trouble, they can follow up with me: jsbradbury@pbs.org

JamieZo : Thanks for the info, I appreciate it

JennySB: Are there other questions about elections stuff?

JennySB: Okay, the other thing that I wanted to share tonight is a brand new social network we just launched called PBS Teachers Connect:
<http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/>

JamieZo: Not at the moment

MikeLH shakes head

LucasAH: No, lots of good stuff!

DavidHo nope

KristenCa: NOW's Burning questions are cool!

JennySB: This is designed to be a place where teachers can connect to other teachers to share strategies, ideas, resources.

JennySB: The community is designed to provide teachers with informal professional development to help improve their practice. We hope that by giving teachers first-hand experience with social media tools, we will encourage them to use similar tools with their students in order to promote critical 21st century skills, including communication, collaboration, and global awareness. These skills are critical to building peaceful communities and helping students thrive in a global economy.

Susanklu: handy!

MatthewCa: Cool

BenP: YAY

SadieA: I like it...

JennySB: Joining the community is totally free.

KatyD: great

MatthewCa: This is different from Tapped In?

JennySB: When you join, you can set up a profile that lets other folks know what you teach, where you live, what your interests are, etc.

JennySB: This is more like a Facebook for teachers.

MatthewCa: Ah

JamieZo: Nice.

BenP: hmmm facebook

KristenCa: sweet

BenP: is it restricted to teachers

JennySB: There are ongoing discussions moderated by teacher leaders and exclusive content for Connect members.

KatyD: international?

JennySB: It's open to anyone with access to the Internet who is involved in education. That includes pre-service teachers, administrators, parents, homeschoolers, librarians...

BenP: I see

BenP: Dave I would shy away from facebook with students

JennySB: In response to David's question, I'm a big fan of social media tools, but I haven't yet seen good applications for social networking sites in the classroom.

DavidHo: just to post homework, class activities, grades for parents and students?

JennySB: I draw a distinction between tools like wikis, blogs, bookmarking tools, etc. and full blown social networking sites. The former have lots of great applications for teaching and learning

KatyD: my question is if I can join if I'm from other county?

ShayneTr: There are specialty sites like those on ning (classroom2.0 for eg.) that work well

JennySB: Katy, you should be able to. If you can access the site, you should be able to sign in and create an account. Let me know if you have difficulty

KatyD: thanks

JennySB: Yeah, I'm a huge fan of Classroom 2.0, but that's really more for professional development than teaching per se.

JennySB: Anyway, our site is designed to let folks search and share our resources and

other resources that they're using in innovative ways.

JennySB: In addition to connecting to each other, teachers will soon be able to connect with producers.

MichaelH: Jenny, I don't recall that I was even asked my country when I joined

MikeLH: producers?

JennySB: The folks who create NOVA, for example, are very excited to hear from teachers about what they want, what they like...

KristenCa: Katy you will have to select as state or territory.

JennySB: The folks who create NewsHour are also really excited to connect to teachers.

MatthewCa: I'd love to communicate with NOVA et al.

JennySB: Wouldn't it be cool to chat with Jim Lehrer?

MichaelH: Mike, I think Jenny's talking about people who produce PBS stuff

MatthewCa: Um, ya

JennySB: Yeah, like Ken Burns

MatthewCa: !!

BenP: ah producers

MatthewCa: Ken Burns is my hero

MichaelH: Jenny, are you considering a chat with Ken?

JennySB: His next big project is on the National Parks. We're hoping to have him join us in PBS Teachers Connect when that begins airing. That's not until Fall '09, though.

MichaelH: . o O (online chat)

MatthewCa: That's good to know

JennySB: In the meantime, there are lots of other interesting films in production. This is a chance for teachers to tell us what kinds of lessons, interactives, videos, etc. they'd like us to create.

DavidHo: Does Ken Burns or "National Parks" have something to do with education? or

is it just interesting stuff? (I don't mean to sound like a jerk...but I gotta type fast!!)

DavidHo: I'm not familiar w/ Ken Burns...??

MichaelH: David, my bet is that there will be a super web page and lesson plans that will accompany National Parks

JennySB: The National Parks tells the history of the creation of the parks. I think the education angle is historical and geographical. Right now, I believe they're talking about creating a digital storytelling curriculum that would let kids become mini Ken Burns

JennySB: There's also some talk about geocaching projects.

DavidHo: ok...so we can integrate it with our classes...

DavidHo: that sounds pretty sweet. thanks for the explanations!

JennySB: Yes, the site will definitely include lesson plans and video clips for use in the classroom.

JeffCoo: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ken_Burns

DavidHo: thanks.

MichaelH: David, Ken is the filmmaker who did "The Civil War", "Baseball", and "The War" on World War II

MichaelH: he's been a guest in Tapped In as well

MatthewCa: It's very useful. I can tell you more about it at school tomorrow, Dave.

JennySB: If you haven't checked out the site that was created for The War, I highly recommend it. <http://www.pbs.org/thewar>

JeffCoo: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/>

MatthewCa: And Jazz!!!

JennySB: That has tons of primary sources and good lesson plans and activities, including a contribution from our very own Michael H.

MatthewCa: Don't forget that

MichaelH: click on the "For Educators" link for the lesson plans

DavidHo: Wow. Burns sure has done a LOT of education films!

MichaelH: It has been a great honor for me to work on curriculum for Ken's stuff

MatthewCa: I bet

JennySB: If you're not familiar with PBS Teachers, it's a site where we aggregate all of the educational resources created by all of our stations and producers. We've got over 4,000 free classroom resources that are all standards based.

JennySB: Many people don't know that for the vast majority of programs we air, we create educational resources that live on the companion web sites

KatyD: wow

KristenCa: I am working on setting up an account.

KristenCa: with PBS teachers connect

ShayneTr: Oh, oh.. tried to join the teachers connect site and step 2 requires a U.S. zip code

Susanklu: what a great resource

JennySB: This is true for both our kids programs and our primetime programs

BenP: put 97060

BenP: always safe bet

KristenCa: Katy, just pick a US zip code...

JennySB: If you visit PBS Teachers -- <http://www.pbs.org/teachers> -- I recommend using the advanced search at the top of the page. You can narrow down your search by grade level, subject area, resource type...

JennySB: Yeah, don't worry about the zip code. If you were in the U.S., that would pull up your local TV schedule. It doesn't matter what you put there, though.

JennySB: So, we've got almost half an hour left. Are folks looking for resources to address particular topics?

JamieZo: I just want to say, I love PBS, it has always had some really good stuff!

MichaelH: Jenny, did you mention that they can align most of the PBS curriculum on the Teachers' site with their state standards?

JennySB: Thanks!

SadieA: seriously?

SadieA: that is awesome!

JennySB: Uh...actually, that functionality isn't working at the moment. We're trying to get it fixed ASAP, though.

JennySB: When it's working again, you'll be able to choose a resource and then put in your state and it will pull up all your state standards related to that resource.

JennySB: We're hoping to have that up and running again ASAP

JamieZo : that's cool though...

MatthewCa: That will be a gem

JennySB: In the meantime, all of the resources are aligned to national standards.

KristenCa: Jenny, that sounds awesome! When will that be up? any idea?

KatyD: I envy you my connection is slow so I have to keep here I can't visit other site at the same time

JennySB: Not really. Sorry!

JennySB: It's at the top of our priority list, if that helps.

MatthewCa: Sweet

MichaelH: Jenny, a couple of quick things...

MichaelH: first, you might want to mention to them about PBS Teacher Previews

JennySB: Ah, yes. Thanks, Michael.

JennySB: We have a weekly e-newsletter that you can subscribe to on the Teachers site. It gives you highlights of upcoming programming organized by subject area.

JennySB: It's a great way to find out what's coming down the pipeline.

JamieZo : Is that the teacher preview?

JennySB: Yeah, the newsletter is called Teacher Previews.

MichaelH: It's also customized to your local PBS station and time zone

JamieZo: Ahh....

JamieZo: Nice.

JennySB: We'll be updating that soon so that it has a new look and is even more personalized.

DavidHo: customized...that's great!

JennySB: If you're a history teacher, we'll send you history links.

SusanKlu: so like our PBS newsletter, but gear toward teachers?

BenP: can we have input in this

MichaelH: Teacher Previews has saved me countless times; when I see things that I want to record and use that I didn't know would be airing

JennySB: Right, we pick out all of the upcoming programming that we think will be relevant to teachers

DavidHo: go ahead Ben...what would you like to input ?

JennySB: Absolutely, Ben.

JamieZo: where do we go to sign up for it?

JennySB: If you scroll down on the homepage of PBS Teachers, it's at the bottom of the PBS in Education section

JennySB: Ben, did you have a question or comment?

JamieZo: okay, thanks

SusanKlu: So like If Masterpiece is doing Jane Austen (again) it would warn us?

BenP: yes I mean can teachers input into the newsletter

BenP: does my question make sense

MatthewCa: Like a comments section

JennySB: What did you have in mind?

SusanKlu: does mine?

KatyD: I'm shock of all the resources you got great

MatthewCa: In general

BenP: yes in general/ comments

MichaelH: BTW all, Jenny has also been great in announcing Tapped In sessions dealing with PBS programming in Teacher Previews as well, so you might check for upcoming sessions we do

DavidHo: good question Ben.

MatthewCa: almost like commenting on an editorial in the online newspaper

JennySB: We're adding commenting and rating to the PBS Teachers site shortly, so you'll be able to rate and comment on all of our resources. We hadn't thought of doing that in the newsletter, because it goes out to folks and there isn't really a way to reply to the whole list.

JennySB: Of course, you can have all the input you want at Connect

BenP: ok

JennySB: Something a lot of teachers don't know that I always try to include is that you can record the majority of our programming and use it for free in the classroom for one year.

JennySB: The newsletter is really helpful for that.

DavidHo: oooh...that's interesting!

SusanKlu: only one year?

DavidHo: record on dvd or load onto our computer?

JennySB: Yeah, that's a special rights deal we worked out just for teachers. After a year, you have to record it again.

SadieA: I was thinking the same thing Susan..

KatyD: sounds terrific

SadieA: oh, that's not bad...

BenP: I see

MichaelH: That's actually better than most broadcast networks, that don't technically allow classroom use at all

BenP: like re record off TV or just make copies of what we already own?

JennySB: The majority of our programming you have to record on a tape or DVD. A portion of our content is available for download, but it's relatively small.

JennySB: We've got PBS channels in iTunes where you can download stuff for a small fee.

MatthewCa: Time to go buy a DVD recorder

JennySB: Record off TV

BenP: I see

BenP looks at his DVD recorder

MichaelH: Isn't some American Experience programming downloadable direct from their website (beyond the stuff on the presidents)?

ShayneTr: Is it easy to find on iTunes?

KristenCa: So are you supposed to burn (on fire)your DVDs after a year or something?

KatyD smiles

JennySB: In terms of the American Experience stuff, I don't think so. They're going to start streaming full episodes on the site after broadcast, though.

BenP: I agree with Kristen

JennySB: Kristen, yes. We don't have a hit squad that tracks folks down, though. It's an honor system.

KristenCa: I like honor.

BenP: it is a great value

MichaelH: Actually, you might consider buying a dual layer DVD burner and TV tuner card for your computer, and downloading and burning from there. That's what I do.

JennySB: I'm pretty sure they'd cut our government money for that

MatthewCa: There are DVD recorders that work a lot like VHS

MichaelH: DVD recorders are relatively inexpensive, too, Jamie

DavidHo: you guys are WAY to hi-tech for me! can I get PBS in 8mm??

MichaelH . o O (I paid less than \$200 for mine)

JamieZo : I did not know that...

MatthewCa: True

MatthewCa: 200 or less is common now

JamieZo : What's a tv tuner card?

MichaelH: Your school can also buy PBS programming direct from Shop PBS for Teachers as well

JennySB: If you join PBS Connect right now, you get a 10% discount at our Shop for Teachers. And if you apply to be a Teacher Leader and are accepted, you get a 10% discount for a year.

KristenCa: Dave, just take a bunch of pictures of your TV screen. That should work...

KristenCa: make a slide show!

BenP if you have time to show it

BenP frowns

MatthewCa: In black and white

MichaelH: Jenny, we probably need to have a few minutes for everyone to calm down and fill out information for certificates... any last suggestions or sites you'd like to show?

JennySB: I should mention the Teacher Leader program before we run out of time. We're looking for folks who are innovative teachers to join and be our ambassadors in the online community and in local communities.

KatyD: where do I get time to do all that? :)

JennySB: Yeah, there's the rub

JamieZo : What does Teacher Leader entail?

MichaelH: Jenny, want to give them the link for the teacher leaders program?

JennySB: The link is from the PBS Teachers Connect site.

JennySB: <http://www.pbs.org/teachers/connect/what-is-a-teacher-leader/>

JennySB: We're looking for folks to help moderate discussions in Connect and/or present at local events.

JennySB: Teacher Leaders will be working with their local PBS stations to provide professional development workshops on using media and technology in the classroom.

KatyD: interesting

BenP: I think that will be useful

DavidHo: I agree.

JennySB: We're hoping to have 100 teacher leaders by a year from now.

DavidHo: wow!

BenP: and workshops are all local

JennySB: That way when folks ask whether we can come share our resources in their community, we'll be able to send out our teacher leaders to conduct those local workshops

JennySB: They're kind of like a hit squad, if you think of TV hits.

BenP: oh yeah

BJB2: Thanks, Michael and Jenny!

MatthewCa: Thank you for the wealth of information!

MichaelH: Jenny, thanks for a great session. I appreciate you taking time to join us this evening!

BenP: Thanks

DavidHo: thank you, Jennie!

JennySB: It's been a pleasure, as always.

EmilyBH: thanks so much

SadieA: Yes, thanks for all the great info Jenny!

MikeLH: thank you

SusanKlu: thank you!

JamieZo : Thank you!

BenP: I will check out the election page again

WilliamW: yeah, thanks!!

JennySB: This was a particularly rowdy bunch. I like the energy!

JennySB: Keep up the great work everyone!

MichaelH: Thanks, again, Jenny. It was great

JennySB: You're such a great friend of PBS Teachers. We really appreciate your great work and support.

MichaelH: Oh, PBS Teachers has done a lot for me, too :)

ShayneTr: Jenny - thank you. You've succeeded in making me very jealous of all the resources PBS offers. (As a Canadian I don't think I have access to some of the good stuff (sigh))

JennySB: Well, you can always check out the Shop. But all of the online stuff is free and hopefully at least the bulk of it is available.

ShayneTr: Thanks!