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GailH: Is it time that we begin?

GailH: Given that we all know each other, should we still do intros? BJ?

BJB2: Yes, do intros for the transcript, please

GailH: For the transcript, let's intro then.

DavidWe: I'm David Weksler. I work with math teachers and help them learn about online resources

BJB2: I'm an art teacher in Pennsylvania and a helpdesk volunteer for Tapped In

GailH: I am Gail Hoskins, senior outreach coordinator for Eisenhower National Clearinghouse <http://www.enc.org>. We have been around for 13 years, funded by the US Department of Education. That funding will end 9/29/05. ENC is located in Columbus, Ohio. I am a former high school math teacher and K-12 math coordinator -- and, due to the end of ENC, I am currently looking for a job!

EmilyW: I am a web designer and on helpdesk

SusanR: K to 8 occasional teacher; former tech integrator from Ontario, Canada

DavidWe likes "occasional teacher"

GailH likes Sue.

DavidWe is outnumbered, again

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SusanR: That's what we are called here in Ontario!

JeffC joined the room.

DavidWe . o O (phew!)

DavidWe . o O (backup)

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DavidWe welcomes Jeff

GailH waves to Jeff.

JeffC waves

DavidWe is ready for the buffet

EmilyW is ready

SusanR: let's sample everything on the buffet table

GailH: ENC has just produced an all-new 2nd edition of its CD-ROM called Making Schools Work for Every Child. The contents of that CD-ROM are temporarily online so YOU can take a tour of the great resources it offers. You can request (free) up to 25 copies if you act now. Equity is everybody's concern, so take a peak by going to <http://equity.enc.org/> . The online version of the CD-ROM contents will -- like ALL resources of <http://www.enc.org/> -- disappear at the end of September 2005 when ENC's funding from the U.S. Department of Education ends. You can request your (free) CD-ROMs now (while staff is still around to mail them to you)!

DavidWe should get some CDs from Gail

GailH: David will.

DavidWe smiles

GailH: The "theme" for the cd-rom is set for the article titled: Do Not Deny Hope by Betsy Rogers, an elementary teacher from Alabama
<http://equity.enc.org/overview/essays/FOC-004272-index.htm> .

GailH: You may also enjoy reading the great blog Betsy wrote that the essay references at <http://blogs.edweek.org/teachers/brogers/> . Betsy was 2003 National Teacher of the Year. The blog is archived -- scroll down under the picture of Betsy with the President.

GailH: For now, can you go to that url that has the 4272 in it and scan for maybe 1-2 minutes.

DavidWe looks

DavidWe: Wow, good article

GailH: Some of us have heard her speak -- dynamic. Her blog on the edweek url is worth really exploring.

GailH: Anything particular catch your eye in that essay?

EmilyW: wow

DavidWe: Thanks for highlighting it, Gail

EmilyW: the part about her first day

JeffC: well... how she thinks that we can magically put the best teachers in the worst schools for starters.

GailH . o O (I identified with the part about getting 30 initiatives thrown at you.)

DavidWe nods

GailH listens to Jeff.

SusanR: I teach at a school that rated at the low end of the scale..so this is inspiring

SusanR: they are getting a literacy coach

GailH: And that is why this essay is our theme-setter for the cd-rom.

JeffC: I just think it's not that realistic.

DavidWe knows where Chester, PA is - 3 miles from Swarthmore, PA and often the worst school district out of 501 in Pennsylvania

DavidWe . o O (good choice of themes, Gail (and ENC folks))

EmilyW: it is a good theme

GailH: Thanks, and I do hear and understand Jeff's point.

GailH: The cd-rom has LOTS of parts. I am going to pick just one and say two things about.

DavidWe listens

GailH: The part I am picking is the special ed part.

GailH: OK?

DavidWe nods

GailH: Special Education teachers may find particularly helpful this section <http://equity.enc.org/students/needs/> I particularly recommend the math resources or science resources section. You'll see in the Prof. Dev. section <http://equity.enc.org/students/needs/pdactivities/> the plans for a two-hour event. It has all the details, including the resource to explore, detailed facilitator instructions, and a pdf version of the handout.

GailH: The math resources or the science resources part of the Special needs section have really specific articles, etc. You may also want to go to <http://equity.enc.org/resources/web/> for a comprehensive list of related Web Sites

SusanR . o O (this would make an excellent workshop!!)

DavidWe agrees

GailH: I am going to now say about getting the cd to you guys (and in quantity).

GailH: You may request free cd-roms of this Making Schools Work content. One way is this: You can go to ENC's Registration at <http://www.enc.org/register/> and login or register (free) if you've never done so. Then you can request a free copy of the cd-rom (and/or you can request to receive the free six-times-a-year Focus Magazine). OR

GailH: If you want multiple copies of the cd-rom (limit 25) you can request them by emailing <mailto:ghoskins@enc.org> and providing complete mailing info and the number you want. Because of US Department of Education regulations we can only mail to addresses in the U.S.

DavidWe plans to get multiple copies

GailH: I have a special message for Sue soon (she can have some I think).

SusanR: hmmm..help

DavidWe: I can give Susan a New Jersey address

DavidWe . o O (or PA)

GailH: You must ask before we have nobody left to mail them.

GailH: Maybe- but I think I have better idea for Sue -- I have talked to our folks at ENC.

GailH: Let's go on, and deal with getting stuff to Sue in a bit.

SusanR listens intently

GailH: So limit of 25 of these new cd-roms to each of you. But you email to me and pretty soon.

GailH: But not right this moment. I offer more goodies .

GailH: This is what we still have at ENC that you might want (in addition to the new Making Schools Work cd-rom (see <http://equity.enc.org/> to view contents):.

GailH: The ENC Focus By Your Own Design (2002) that contains a cd-rom. See <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/pd/> for the magazine. The contents of the cd-rom is online (until 9/29) at <http://www.enc.org/professional/guide/> . I can provide very limited numbers of these (not large quantities).

GailH: That has been the #1 best product of ENC. I can send maybe 10 max to each of you. You call it BYOD for By Your Own Design. It is a masterpiece, imho.

DavidWe: Is there copyright on these, Gail? Could they be duplicated by others?

GailH: No David.

DavidWe nods

SusanR: our teachers would be darned anxious to utilize these materials

GailH: NSDC (national staff development council) sells them -- you can buy more.

DavidWe: okay

GailH: Sue will have -- keep breathing.

GailH: For the next two issues of Focus, it is OK to ask for quantity up to 1,000 if you want them.

GailH: The ENC Focus: New Horizons in Math and Science Education (2001). See <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/horizons/> for the magazine. A good-sized box has about 70. Each copy is 100 pages.

DavidWe wonders how many POUNDS 1,000 issues of Focus is

GailH: So don't ask for 1000 if you don't want that many boxes.

GailH laughs at David.

DavidWe smiles

GailH: I ship things by the pound-- he knows that.

DavidWe: Gail used to ask me "How many pounds of stuff I wanted"

GailH: The next issue is really good.

DavidWe . o O (I was sort of clueless)

GailH: The ENC Focus Magazine: Becoming Literate in Math and Science (2001). See <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/literacy/> for the magazine A good-sized box has about 80. Each copy is 100 pages.

GailH: I have four "favorite" articles in the Becoming Literate issue that I will describe below.

SusanR: pounds ..we are metric

GailH: I am going to describe them so you can look at things to see IF you would use them.

DavidWe . o O (pounds x 2.2 for kilos, Sue)

GailH knew that was coming!

SusanR: Thanks David

DavidWe nods

GailH: Here are the FOUR that are in that ONE issue of Focus on being literate.

GailH: Dear Mrs. B., Please Reconsider. . . (for middle school math)
<http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/literacy/document.shtm?input=FOC-002059-index>

GailH: Talking Their Way to the Middle of All Numbers (K-1 math)
<http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/literacy/document.shtm?input=FOC-002071-index>

GailH: Graphing Savvy: Giving Students a Sense of Mathematical Power (grade 4-9 math) <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/literacy/document.shtm?input=FOC-002073-index>

GailH: A Vote for Fidel Castro Is Not Truly a Vote Against Alison Peebles (7-12 math article BY a high school student -- about voting methods -- very appropriate particularly around elections -- including school officers or political) <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/literacy/document.shtm?input=FOC-002087-index>

DavidWe: It's a good day when Fidel Castro is in a math lesson!

GailH: If I were a K-12 math supervisor and could, I would give every teacher in my district that issue.

GailH: Should I wait while you look at those or offer other free stuff now?

DavidWe is mentally arranging the boxes in the basement

EmilyW: more stuff

GailH: OK, do you know what I mean about promotional items?

GailH: No content, no message. Just cute stuff to give away or use.

GailH: Promotional items (asking for 500 of one or all is fine)

GailH: ENC "clippie" note holders

GailH: ENC pens

GailH: ENC orange post-its

GailH: Now I am going to offer my best solution for getting stuff to Sue:

DavidWe smiles

GailH: The issue with ENC's sending anything outside the U.S. is not that we aren't allowed to. It all revolves around how our postal costs are paid as part of the ENC contract. From our perspective we send things U.S. Postal Service "free" b/c it is billed in some other way to our contract. There is no problem with our sending something via FedEx or DHL or UPS as long as someone gives us the account number to bill and takes care of any "customs" charges. OR, if you live outside of the U.S. but have a friend in U.S. that we can ship it to (and then you can get it to your outside-the-U.S. place via car/boat/plane/mail).

DavidWe wonders if ENC will cover Sue's gas expenses DRIVING to Columbus

GailH: So I don't see a reason to send stuff to somebody else who will THEN send it to Sue IF this way will work.

SusanR: okay. I think I understand

GailH: Bottom line is IF you want stuff, I will do all I can to get it to you. I can mail any amount to ANY US address that will help you. OR if you provide other non-postal means, I can send it directly to you.

GailH: We will email later.

DavidWe smiles

SusanR nods

DavidWe . o O (710 km from Toronto to Columbus, OH)

GailH: Can I go on?

EmilyW: yes

GailH: New (as of 8/18 -- this week's Focus) Getting to Know Numbers: Ideas for PreK-1 <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/prenumbers/> (note the navigation is on the RIGHT side)

SusanR: We may be in New York come Oct/Nov

DavidWe smiles

GailH: In the section: Lesson Ideas from Teachers you'll see one from Varnelle Moore whom you may know b/c of her work with Math Forum < <http://mathforum.org/varnelle/> >

GailH waits for David.

DavidWe: Looks great, Gail

GailH: You may particularly wish to explore <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/prenumbers/document.shtm?input=FOC-004449-index> which provides online links for practice (at home) by little ones.

DavidWe wonders if Gail is waiting for something else

GailH: No-- just for David to notice the Math Forum!

SusanR: likes the concrete integration ideas

SusanR: along with the applets

DavidWe grins

GailH: A previous Focus Connected Kids: Using the Internet to Teach PreK-2 Mathematics offers other resources for this same group. See <http://www.enc.org/features/focus/archive/youngmath/>

SusanR: and the photos

GailH: I thought of Sue when today's new FO on numbers went live.

GailH: Moving on a bit...

GailH: The print ENC Focus magazine is still free (six times a year) for US residents IF you subscribe at <http://www.websfs.com/enc/> . If you are outside the US, you can now subscribe to the print magazine for a fee. (Previously we just couldn't send it.)

GailH: And finally....

GailH: The "free" site of <http://www.goENC.com> offers a landing point with (in a VERY limited way) an opportunity to search for "real" (not Internet) resources that have been cataloged by ENC. People who want to use things like ENC's Lessons and Activities or weekly ENC Focus or the Classroom Calendar will have to be paid subscribers. Most of the content of those areas of the present ENC Online site will be on the new <http://www.goENC.com> site -- but the names and format they are presented in will likely be different.

DavidWe nods

GailH: I emphasize the VERY LIMITED in that last paragraph.

DavidWe nods sadly

GailH: I wish I could make it be different.

SusanR agrees with David

GailH: OK, I have talked and talked -- or make that pasted and pasted in stuff.

GailH: You guys have been great friends of ENC. I can get anything you want shipped to you (and together we'll make things work best for Sue).

GailH: I make (for my presentations) cd-roms that are simulations of the web site.

SusanR: I am speechless!

GailH: If (separately from anything else) you send me an email and ask for a copy, I will send you that as a parting gift from ENC.

SusanR: There is so much here

GailH: It only has 10,000 web pages on it, but they are the main 10,000 of ENC online.

GailH: Our mail clerk is civil service and can get moved to new job with no notice -- when she goes, so goes our ability to put together big shipments. If you want lots of stuff, I can do that. If you want only a single box of two that is assortment I pack for you, I can do that.

DavidWe knows that Gail is a whiz with a tape gun

GailH: I will continue to get mail at <mailto:ghoskins@enc.org> until 9/29 and maybe a bit longer.

SusanR: cool

DavidWe smiles

SusanR: So I can still subscribe to the newsletter..even though I am Canadian!!

SusanR: for 24\$ US

GailH: I will still be doing stuff on Tapped In -- but obviously things will be a bit different.

DavidWe nods

GailH: Yes, and it is a six time a year 80 page magazine.

DavidWe: Great

SusanR: prof dev???

GailH . o O (before the end of ENC, you couldn't get it.)

SusanR: I plan to purchase!!

GailH: And you can buy a subscription to <http://www.goENC.com> at the same price as anyone in the US if you desire.

GailH: Any questions.

EmilyW: yes

EmilyW: I was just about to ask

GailH listens to Emily.

EmilyW: I noticed on the equity site that there is a list of websites, links to orgs

GailH: Sue, if there exists a mailing address in the US that I can postal mail to within next couple of weeks that you will then be "at" sometime soon with a car -- that will solve everything. As long as it will accept the stuff and keep it for you.

GailH: Yes, Emily.

EmilyW: Does ENC have a list of different educational organizations on the site?

GailH: Not really, although we have things like that. The By Your Own Design cd-rom /site has one. I will post it here. Hang on.

GailH:

<http://www.enc.org/professional/guide/learn/providers/document.shtm?input=BYD-002730-orgs>

GailH: That url was for Emily.

EmilyW: thanks

EmilyW: no other organizations are mentioned on enc content?

GailH: OK - what I do need from each of you (and we work out via email) is a nice mailing address and the final list of what you want. We do that in email and then I get it processed --

DavidWe agrees

SusanR: will do

GailH: You'll notice if you look over transcript that I offered lots of Different things -- maybe ten.

DavidWe wants to come back to this buffet in the future

GailH: We have to be very clear WHAT (some/all/etc.) you want how many of.

GailH: If our mail clerk gets a job and goes, so goes this opportunity. The time to act is by early next week.

DavidWe promises to act with haste

GailH: The early bird gets the worm. The late bird goes hungry!

SusanR: I will act this evening

DavidWe smiles

DavidWe: After the virtual buffet of math and science stuff, I am really starting to get hungry

EmilyW: me too

DavidWe smiles

SusanR: and this was quite a sampler

EmilyW: and getting tired of the computer

DavidWe: Thanks, Gail. It was a great presentation, as customary

GailH: Gail is really hungry b/c she cooked all this up!

DavidWe smiles

GailH: Thanks, David.

DavidWe: Welcome, Gail

SusanR: well done Gail

EmilyW: great session

SusanR: as usual

GailH: Thanks, you were a great audience.

DavidWe . o O (well, we have had practice)

GailH: This wasn't exactly a "typical" session.

DavidWe grins

BJB2 hopes we will see Gail here again leading new discussions

DavidWe knows that will happen

GailH: I hope so too. I am not going away -- at least I hope not!

GailH: Everyone have good evening.

DavidWe: Thanks, Gail. You, too!

BJB2 waves goodnight

DavidWe waves bye to all

EmilyW: bye all

GailH waves.