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BJB2: hi, Andrew. Welcome

AndrewHel: Hi, thank you

BJB2: are you here for the special ed discussion?

AndrewHel: yes I am

BJB2: great! we're still waiting for the discussion leader to arrive.

BJB2: do you teach special ed?

AndrewHel: ok great...actually I am a major in physical education but very interested in special ed so I am just looking for some more information

BJB2 nods.

BJB2: have you participated in Tapped In discussions before?

AndrewHel: no I have not, one of my professors encouraged us to do at least one of the discussions so I have some free time and decided to participate in one tonight

BJB2: cool.

AndrewHel: ok thanks

BJB2: where are you located, Andrew?

BJB2: I'm in Pennsylvania

AndrewHel: I'm in Indiana

BJB2: phys ed certifies K-12, doesn't it?

BJB2 . o O (or has that changed?)

AndrewHel: yes it does. my degree will also certify me for health as well

BJB2: ahhh...terrific!

AndrewHel: yeah it's nice

BJB2: so how do you feel special ed will apply to phys ed?

AndrewHel: Right now I've been doing a lot of student teaching and a couple of the classes have special needs students in them. So I just need a little more insight on how to work with those students

BJB2 nods.

BJB2: are you familiar with PECentral?

BJB2 . o O (www.pecentral.com)

AndrewHel: Yes I have used that website often actually

BJB2: there are quite a few resources listed on the web page that is probably behind this chat window now

AndrewHel: ok I will have to check those out, thanks

BJB2: CEC is a good resource site (council for exceptional children)

BJB2: they have a newsletter

AndrewHel: ok

BJB2: <http://www.cec.sped.org//AM/Template.cfm?Section=Home>

BJB2: LD Online is another good site <http://www.ldonlin.org/>

AndrewHel: so is there a special page we go to for the special education discussion, or should it just pop up?

AndrewHel: I'm in the special education forum but not sure where to go from there

BJB2: you're in the right place, Andrew...

BJB2: unfortunately, our discussion leader is not.

BJB2: so I'm trying to fill in for him so that your valuable time is not wasted

AndrewHel: oh ok...I was just curious

AndrewHel: thank you!

BJB2: Schwab Learning has sold their sites....SparkTop is one that is a lot of fun ...

BJB2: <http://www.sparktop.org/>

BJB2: and sparktop is a part of www.garfield.com

AndrewHel: ok great...I had no idea there were so many websites out there

AndrewHel: I'm always looking to expand on my resources

BJB2: lots of ideas on integrating tech into the PE curriculum

AndrewHel: that's great. I taught a P.E. lesson the other day and I found it a little difficult to work in the special needs students but the teacher I work with helped me out a lot

AndrewHel: So they were able to have fun and participate with the other students

BJB2: what did the teacher suggest you do?

AndrewHel: Well we were playing capture the flag. Most of the special needs students were high functioning so they played just fine with the other students

AndrewHel: for the low functioning students we made sure that they did not get tagged by the other students and gave them a chance to steal the flag and run it back to their base

BJB2: sounds like fun!

AndrewHel: yes it was! the students had a great time and they couldn't wait to play again

BJB2: do you try to focus on skills for life?

AndrewHel: yes, we do a lot of activities that involve them practicing life long sports like tennis, bowling, volleyball, and badminton. I wanted to teach them a game that could be played and allow them to get exercise at the same time

BJB2: this looks like a good resource : http://www.eduhound.com/site_sets/Fitness.cfm

BJB2: here's one from PA <http://www.sru.edu/pages/359.asp>

BJB2: . o O (has a little bit of everything!)

AndrewHel: ok great

BJB2: there are some interdisciplinary units at this site: <http://www.libsci.sc.edu/miller/LessonPlansOnline.htm>

BJB2: . o O (of course the first two sites I looked at were 404)

AndrewHel: ok

BJB2: http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson063.shtml

BJB2: that one looks like a keeper!

AndrewHel: haha ok that's great

AndrewHel: Do you teach special ed?

BJB2: most of my students are sped....I teach in a male juvenile correctional facility

AndrewHel: oh ok

BJB2: it's difficult to generalize with sped kids...

AndrewHel: yes it is

BJB2: with some, exercise gets them agitated

AndrewHel: I've noticed that with a couple of the students

BJB2: and some desperately need to run off steam

AndrewHel: yes they do!

BJB2: have you looked at the Special Olympics website?

AndrewHel: no not recently

BJB2: <http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/default.htm>

AndrewHel: is there a few things on their as well?

BJB2: they have a global football initiative

AndrewHel: really? sounds interesting

BJB2: they have a curriculum that you might want to check out
http://www.specialolympics.org/Special+Olympics+Public+Website/English/Initiatives/Schools_and_Youth/SOGII/default.asp?ID=

AndrewHel: alright

BJB2: requires free registration

AndrewHel: ok well at least its free!

BJB2 nods...and it might give you a different perspective

BJB2: or ideas on how to adapt other PE lessons

AndrewHel: ok that sounds awesome

BJB2: I do apologize that Paul didn't log in, but I hope you got something out of the discussion

AndrewHel: yes I have thank you

AndrewHel: thanks for the websites! they will be very helpful

BJB2: there used to be a phys ed group in Tapped In but the owner got busy with other stuff

AndrewHel: oh ok

BJB2: there are a lot of PE teachers as members...might be something for you to think about

AndrewHel: yeah

BJB2: If you decide to create a group room and need any help, give me a holler

AndrewHel: ok thank you

BJB2: you know about the transcripts?

AndrewHel: yes

BJB2 nods. Unless you have any questions, why don't you spend some time looking over the resources...or go read a book ;-)

AndrewHel: ok, thanks again for all the information :) you were very helpful

BJB2 waves goodnight. I'll be sure to tell Paul he missed a delightful opportunity to meet you!

AndrewHel: goodnight!