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BarbaraMu: Hi Sue

SusanR: Hi Barbara

BarbaraMu: I LOVED the wild self site!

SusanR: thank you

BJB2: . o O (there is a wild self in us all ;-))

BarbaraMu: I have my own poster and had all my clients do one today.

BarbaraMu: but love all the other possibilities for it...

BarbaraMu: even tho I get that it's a nature education/science site.

SusanR: We were reading the book "Where the Wild Things Are" today in class!

SusanR: The naughty kid in class loved the book and was miming it and acting out .. so cute

BarbaraMu: I also really like that if someone isn't a left brain linear sequential kind of math, science person, the creative folks who don't consider themselves that way get to have another intelligence explored

BarbaraMu: Sendak's great

SusanR: some other possibilities <http://www.webenglishteacher.com/sendak.html>

BarbaraMu: thanks!

JeffC joined the room.

BJB2 waves hi to Jeff

JeffC: well... looks like we have Helpdesk covered here anyway!

BarbaraMu: hoping you had a better turn out than this slot...was in California on

vacation last week and forgot to post to my online community...

JeffC looks around for Counselors.

BarbaraMu: yes- well covered :)

BarbaraMu: just me Jeff

BJB2 winks...we're your groupies, Barb!

BarbaraMu: thanks...appreciated...but also late so we will see if any of my group comes and decide from there...

BarbaraMu: my grandson is learning baby sign language

BarbaraMu: anyone have experience with that?

BJB2: I've heard a little about baby signing

BarbaraMu: wanted to pass along discussion guide on swine flu prepared by one of the more gifted crisis management colks http://www.cmionline.org/home/cmi/page_690

BJB2: where is the discussion guide, Barb?

BarbaraMu: I'm looking too...did it not load for you either?

SusanR: <http://www.npr.org/news/graphics/2009/apr/swine-flu/>

BJB2: nope

BarbaraMu: hmm...looking around her site and not seeing where to find it....she referenced the cdc site

BarbaraMu: <http://cdc.gov/swineflu/>

BarbaraMu: but she writes specifically about how to talk to kids....let me switch sites for a minute

BarbaraMu: from Cheri This past week we've seen much in the news about the outbreak of the swine flu, and schools are scrambling to find information on how to determine whether a child who feels ill with flu-like symptoms is cause for concern, cause for isolation, or cause for school closure. Great minds are working round the clock, taking in new information by the moment, working to keep us as safe as possible.

BarbaraMu: I will do whatever seems prudent in providing updates for you as well, adding in the components that have to do with my end of things - how to maintain parent

trust that you are proactive in this, how to help mitigate parent panic or over-reaction, and how to deal with student fears.

JeffC: tell them that if they talk in class without raising their hand they are likely to catch swine flu.

BarbaraMu: cute

BarbaraMu: here's some more of her newsletter today which doesn't seem linked

BJB2: you can post to the discussion board, Barbara

BarbaraMu: First, though, I'll give you a few links to helpful sources of continually updated information. The CDC has a web site set up specifically on swine flu at <http://cdc.gov/swineflu/>, and the World Health Organization web page on this is <http://www.who.int/csr/don/en/>. State Departments of Education are all scrambling now to address the issue in your own states. The Federal Department of Education has a blog at <http://www.edgovblogs.org/duncan/2009/04/public-health-officials-offer-swine-flu-guidance-to-schools/>, which I'm sure will be updated often if this continues to be a threat. There is also a world map showing countries with confirmed cases at <http://www.npr.org/news/graphics/2009/apr/swine-flu/>.

BarbaraMu: that's true

BarbaraMu: well- 9:20- wanna go home? or want to move on for the night?

BarbaraMu: anyone? have you already gone?

SusanR: I am here.

BJB2: I'm still here. That paragraph you entered...was that from you or your colleague?

BarbaraMu: ok- I am sorry that no one from the group came...we had some momentum going...so it's disappointing

BarbaraMu: yes- thought that I put it out there as the work of Cheri Lovre of the crisis management institute. She has consistently wonderful information for teachers, parents and administrators

BarbaraMu: www.cmi-online.com

BarbaraMu: if that guide isn't there tonight, it should be soon...she is very quick to respond. I will post to the group about it.

BarbaraMu: but since it's late, lets sign off and try again since I don't think you all need transition information....

BarbaraMu: but appreciate the support

BJB2 cheers for Barbara...our favorite school counselor!

BarbaraMu: aw shucks.

SusanR: Thanks Barbara. Those sites will be helpful

BarbaraMu: thanks.....going to go....take care....bundle up tomorrow...from 95 to 58 in one day

BJB2: Thanks for being here, Barb.

BJB2 waves goodnight and goes to get out her long johns

SusanR: <http://www.cbc.ca/canada/story/2009/04/28/canada-swine-flu-cases-rise.html?ref=rss>