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MichaelH: Actually, this isn't our normal "meeting day".

MichaelH: we usually meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month

DavidWe: No?

YenT: so does this count as my professional development>?

MichaelH: but... I have a neat session coming up that I hope you'll attend, and tell others to do the same

MichaelH: Yen, it does as far as I am concerned, but you would have to take up the professional development question with your instructor.

YenT: ohhh

YenT: okay.. thank you

MichaelH: I do have something you'll want to share with all your fellow pre-service teachers, though

YenT: great

MichaelH: Yen, are you an elementary teacher (pre-service)?

YenT: I was just looking at the calendar and thought ohhh.. social studies

YenT: so I just click into the room

MichaelH: well, yes, it is the Social Studies forum... what I am going to share with you is a great social studies opportunity

YenT: yes

YenT: I am currently teaching first grade

YenT: this week is my last week for this grade level

MichaelH: so it would be a "good thing" if you could get a good social studies resource to use with your first graders, right?

YenT: I guess I can use something for social studies for my pre -k

YenT: next rotation

YenT: actually.. hopefully pre k

MichaelH: Jamie, how about you... what grade are you wanting to teach?

YenT: I won't know until next week.

YenT: they are debating between pre-k and third grade

JamieET: Currently, I am student teaching in a 6th grade classroom, World Cultures and Geography

MichaelH: Either way, it's great Yen

MichaelH: Oh, cool, Jamie... are you teaching anything with US History (or are you planning to?)

YenT: thanks

MichaelH: is anyone familiar with a PBS series called "History Detectives"?

JamieET: Currently, no, but it's certainly possible if I get a 5th or 8th grade classroom once I'm a "real" teacher

YenT: umm.. no..

JamieET: No, I've never heard of it

DavidWe raises his hand

YenT: I've heard of Lincoln kids

YenT: hehehe

MichaelH: David, I'm guessing you probably have seen HD several times

DavidWe: Yes

MichaelH knows David is actually a PBS junkie

YenT: lol

MichaelH: . o O (when he's not watching the Yankees play)

DavidWe: I have two problems: NPR AND PBS

MichaelH: well, now's not a good time to go into PBS rehab, David

DavidWe has found out about a 12 step program to help him with his public broadcasting addiction

YenT: hehehe

JamieET: Admitting it is the first step....

MichaelH: because, we're going to have some History Detectives people join us for our October 25 session

DavidWe: Thanks, Jamie

DavidWe: Way cool, Michael

JamieET: Ooh, that'd be cool

MichaelH: David, I really, really tried to get one of the stars of the show join us.... but I couldn't do it

MichaelH: I've been working on this since probably July

DavidWe knows Michael is very diligent

MichaelH: we ARE going to have some of the curriculum developers, as well as representatives from the PBS Kids site join us, though

MichaelH: and... we'll have some people from PBS TeacherSource come as well

MichaelH: and... can I make a special announcement to the pre-service folks who are here tonight?

JamieET: I don't see why not!

YenT: wow awesome

MichaelH: Ok, pre-service people, this is YOUR challenge...

YenT: i'll tell my friends about this

MichaelH: when I told the PBS people that there were going to be pre-service teachers possibly joining the session, they ABSOLUTELY went bananas... they were excited about seeing young teachers so they could show them PBS Kids resources

MichaelH: so, they want to come talk to you guys... so you need to be here for that session, ok?

MichaelH: and as Yen said, "tell your friends".

YenT: ok

YenT: I will

JenniferAG: sounds great

JamieET:marking my calendar

YenT: Oct?

MichaelH: How many pre-service U of H teachers should be checking out TI?

MichaelH: Oct. 25.

YenT: ok..

YenT: marking my calendar

JamieET: I will make a post about this on my discussion board for school

MichaelH: and, could I ask you U of H people a favor?

JamieET: All of them, Michael; I don't know a number

JamieET: Ask away...

MichaelH: could someone from U of H give me an e-mail address for your instructor? I want to invite them personally to really talk up this session

YenT: yes

YenT: yes

YenT: sure

BJB2 . o O (Mary Thompson, Michael!)

YenT: yes

YenT: Mary Thompson

MichaelH: Oh, yes, I know Mary

MichaelH: from last year

BJB2 nods

MichaelH: anyway, this is a golden opportunity. Like I said, the PBS people want to show you the cool stuff they have.

JamieET: Michael, I PMed you her email address

MichaelH: So, when I told them pre-service teachers might be in the session, they insisted to make sure they had people who could demonstrate materials to elementary teachers

MichaelH: got it. Jamie

YenT: okie dokie

MichaelH: I know it's sort of an inconvenience, especially since it's a night session

YenT: actually.. we like this night session

MichaelH: but, I think it would be really worthwhile for you to network with these folks.

YenT: because we teach during the day

YenT: and the only time is the night

MichaelH: oh, yes, I do remember the old routine, Yen

YenT: this is why I am on

YenT: hehhe

MichaelH: Teach all day, lesson plan all night...

JamieET: I agree w/ Yen, 100%

YenT: thanks

MichaelH: oh, yeah, AND grade papers, and send out letters of application for teaching jobs

YenT: yes

JenniferAG: ditto

MichaelH: do you guys ever get to sleep?

YenT: um'

JamieET: One word...coffee...

YenT: 2 or 3 hours a day

YenT: for me

MichaelH: oh, yeah... I remember the good old days very well.

YenT: I have so much

YenT: plus my first grade son

MichaelH: I'm a high school teacher, but that was still a full teaching load for me

YenT: with his zillion homework worksheets

JenniferAG: I won't have much sleep soon, since I'm expecting in March

MichaelH: Oh, gosh... you guys know how to cram a full life into things, don't you!

YenT: so.. can I ask a question about social studies

MichaelH: sure, go ahead

MichaelH: I hate to say it, but I suspect my children are as old as most of you...

YenT: I would like to know how can I make a lesson on cardinal direction fun

YenT: for first graders

MichaelH: oh, gosh, that's a good question... I'm not an elementary teacher.

MichaelH: But...

MaureenB joined the room.

YenT: it's okay.. you're experienced

MichaelH: can I make a suggestion to you... something you can look at?

MichaelH waves to Maureen

YenT: ok

MichaelH: Maureen, we were just talking about a major session in a couple of weeks we want you to attend...

MichaelH: check out this site:

MaureenB: ok

MichaelH: <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

MichaelH: Maureen, we're going to have people from the PBS series "History Detectives" with us on October 25, at 8 p.m. Eastern

MichaelH: Yen, you'll find over 3000 lessons on site, all for K-12 level. You can match those lessons to state and national standards

MichaelH: Maureen, are you familiar with History Detectives?

BJB2: Yen, look at

<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/xpeditions/lessons/02/gk2/lost.html>

MaureenB: That's sounds exciting I watch the show all the time

YenT: ok

YenT: thanks so much

MichaelH: great... we are going to talk about how to use the show in the elementary classroom

MichaelH: Yen, my bet is you will be able to find something there... and you don't need the related programming usually to do the lesson.

YenT: ok.. thank you

MichaelH: Look at BJ's site, also... National Geographic has a lot of great materials

MichaelH: since you're a member, you'll get the links in your transcript

YenT: thank you

MichaelH: Hey, one other thing you pre-service teachers might do...

MichaelH: before the October 25 session

YenT: yes

DeborahA joined the room.

MaureenB: Does the PBS course start before Oct 25?

MichaelH: think about some good questions or ideas that you can ask the PBS folks. If you send them to me ahead of time, I can relay them and they'll be ready to give you some related links or whatever... (we should probably keep them related to social studies)

JamieET: Oooh okay, great idea

DeborahA: Sorry, I'm late - internet problems

MichaelH: Maureen, this isn't really a course, but it's a Social Studies forum session. PBS Kids reps will be here, they'll demonstrate the site, and they'll give you ideas about how to use HD in your classroom

MichaelH: Hi, Deborah

JenniferAG: Yen with 1st graders you can make up a song or chant, and you could have student volunteers act out parts. Make the lesson interactive and it will come to life

DeborahA: Hi did I miss too much?

YenT: wow

MichaelH: Deborah, I am telling the folks here that we are going to feature "History Detectives" for our next session (on October 25)

MichaelH: are you familiar with the program?

MaureenB: I've been looking in to taking one of their courses this might the time

DeborahA: ok - could that be for 9-12 grade levels

YenT: song

MichaelH: well, you are certainly welcome to come to the session Maureen

YenT: hummm

YenT: I have to look that up

MichaelH: Deborah, it sure can be. I'm a high school teacher as well, so I'm looking for ways to integrate HD with my students as well.

DeborahA: Wonderful!

MichaelH: it's probably best suited for US History, Deborah, but my guess is that if you teach anything with historical methods... how a historian "works... HD is a great opportunity for you

MichaelH: HD just finished the season, but it'll start a new season soon

JenniferAG: I teach 8th grade and make up chants to help them remember it.

JenniferAG: They love it

DeborahA: I teach 11th grade US History

YenT: example

YenT: can u share it with me

MichaelH: oh, guys, if you have questions or things you want me to share with the PBS folks, my e-mail address is mhutch@charter.net

YenT: ok

YenT: I got it

MichaelH: Deborah, what's your focus in US... in Indiana, ours is 20th Century for 11th grade

MichaelH: so we basically start with an overview of Civil War/Reconstruction, and go into the 20th Century from there

DeborahA: Yes 20th century - modern etc. - exactly

JenniferAG: Example would be pick a song that everyone knows like a nursery rhyme, Army theme and change the words

MichaelH: yeah, this is the first year in some time that I've gotten to teach first semester US... US is my first love...

MichaelH: unfortunately, I missed two of the first three weeks of school for jury duty, so I am trying to pick up the pieces... my kids are right in the middle of doing a project on Civil War they should have done about four weeks ago

JenniferAG: I use the Adams Family theme for one and they all click their fingers.

JamieET: That sounds like a great idea Jen

JamieET: That's terrible Michael

DeborahA: I agree, I have found some pretty good lessons online for the Industrial Revolution and tenements, child labor etc

MichaelH: Deborah, I shared a link with the folks here a bit ago, are you familiar with PBS TeacherSource?

DeborahA: Not really - our school has a contract with UnitedStreaming is it something like that?

MichaelH: it was a horrible case I sat on, Jamie... shaken baby...

MichaelH: we have United Streaming as well, Deborah... I love it

MichaelH: check out <http://www.pbs.org/teachersource>

JamieET: oh my

DeborahA: I like that it breaks down the videos into segments

DeborahA: and some with lesson plans too

MichaelH: me too... I use it frequently with my students...

MichaelH: are you familiar with the "Discovery Educators Network"?

DeborahA: I'll check it out

JamieET: I haven't heard of it

MichaelH: check out <http://www.discoveryeducatornetwork.com/>.

DeborahA: I think I have run across it once or twice but never really spent time on it

MichaelH: I figured since Deborah uses United Streaming, she might have joined... I don't know how much you use United Streaming, Deborah, but you might apply to be a STAR educator

DeborahA: I use United Streaming quite a bit - what is applying to be a STAR educator?

MichaelH: check out the website. If you apply, you basically get special offers, and some opportunities that you might not get otherwise.

MichaelH: and, of course, it looks good on a resume

DeborahA: Ok, I will - I'll look for that

DeborahA) oooooh

MichaelH: so, if you are a power user... that's something you'll want to check into

DeborahA smiles

MichaelH: As you probably know, United Streaming changed their whole site around over the summer

MaureenB: How do you get to be a star educator? I use United Streaming in all subject areas.

MichaelH: check <http://www.discoveryeducatornetwork.com/>, Maureen... they have a link for you to apply as a STAR educator if you would like... give me a sec, and I'll see if I can find the link for you... brb

MaureenB: ty

YenT: I am so happy I found a song or chant for my lesson

DeborahA: Good for you Yen - yay

JamieET: I've heard of United Streaming before, but I've never used it....is it free?

YenT: thank you so much helpers

MaureenB: Used to be. There has been recent changes

YenT: I am glad I am in this chat

JamieET: *sigh* nothing is free, I suppose...

DeborahA: I don't think it is free - but I am not sure - the school has contracted with it, I think

MaureenB: some parts are free or taken over by another company

DeborahA: You have to get a username & password account

MaureenB: videos are different and some are really old

MaureenB: but so is history

DeborahA: Yes, I have noticed that

JamieET: Can anyone get a username and password?

MichaelH: rats... I can't find anything specifically about being a star educator, but if you give me your e-mail addresses I can check on how to sign up and send you that information.

MichaelH: Jamie and Yen, United Streaming is a for fee resource.

MaureenB: your school should have one check with your tech person

MichaelH: the schools you are teaching at may subscribe. We subscribed last year.

DeborahA: Hey, I found a great site for high school content in all subject areas, if anyone is interested?

JamieET: Oooh okay, thanks

MichaelH: I feel silly that I can't give you that information off the top of my head, but I didn't anticipate that we'd be talking about United Streaming tonight

MichaelH: go ahead, Deborah

DeborahA: Has anyone heard of "The Open Door"

DeborahA: <http://www.saburchill.com/index.html>

YenT: no

MichaelH: My guess is, Deborah... is that something related to Ellis Island?

YenT: thanks Michael

DeborahA: This has lessons, resources, quizzes, etc. - nope not Ellis Island - It has content for all subject areas

DeborahA: I have a great site for my students to go to for a lesson on that (Ellis Island)

MichaelH: cool

MaureenB: I found a great site on Open Door for our third grade teachers

MaureenB: thanks

DeborahA: Welcome - glad there was something there for you

MichaelH: it's cool that you guys are sharing some resources with each other

MichaelH: so, will all of you be here on October 25?

DeborahA: Hey, that's collaboration, it makes our jobs so much richer

JenniferAG: It's very helpful

DeborahA: Yes, I'll put it on my calendar

JamieET: I will definitely try to be here

MichaelH: absolutely, Deborah... it's great that you all are able to share resources

JamieET: I will post about it, too

DeborahA smiles

YenT smiles

MichaelH: the PBS folks are very high on working with you as classroom teachers, and high on utilizing TAPPED IN\

MichaelH: so, it's a "win-win" situation

MichaelH: we have had PBS with us many times for sessions

DeborahA: great

MichaelH: and they've always had some great information

JamieET: Oh for sure, it's a great opportunity

DeborahA: Did I miss that part?

YenT: I am looking forward to this

YenT: it sounds like fun

MichaelH: you mean our October 25 session, Deborah?

MaureenB: I have put it on my calendar

DeborahA: OH - no - I just realized

MichaelH: We've had PBS TeacherSource with us several times to demonstrate the site and show us resources.

MichaelH: what's up Deborah?

MichaelH: and, oh heck, I'll name drop, again... in 2002 we had Ken Burns right here for a session

DeborahA: I wanted to know what I may have missed since I got in here so late.

MichaelH: oh, I was talking about the session we are doing on October 25 with PBS about History Detectives

JamieET: I'm afraid I don't know who Ken Burns is....

JenniferAG: It was nice talking with you, I have to go bye

MichaelH: bye, Jennifer

BJB2 . o O (Michael is trying to recover from the information that someone doesn't know who Ken Burns is)

MichaelH: BJ, if we can show PBS that we can bring a large crowd here, maybe that will grease things for them to get Ken here for another session when they air "The War" in the fall

MichaelH: I THINK we're going to get PBS here for a Black History Month session on "Eyes on the Prize", again, if we can get a good crowd

BJB2: <http://www.pbs.org/kenburns/>

DeborahA: That sounds great

MichaelH . o O (Ken Burns, Civil War, Jazz, Baseball, greatest documentary filmmaker of the generation)

JamieET: Oooh I see

MichaelH . o O (Ken=Frank Capra, John Ford, and Steven Spielberg rolled up into one great documentary producing package)

JamieET: Wow, he's that good, huh?

MichaelH: he's better than good, Jamie

BJB2 thinks the big hand is straight up again

MichaelH: I've done lessons for several of his films, and it's been an honor to even have my name on the same Internet as his

MichaelH wonders if BJ is telling us it's time to prepare for school tomorrow?

BJB2 nods solemnly

YenT: waves bye to all

MaureenB waves bye

JamieET: Bye Yen

MichaelH: so, you all know... October 25, 8 p.m. Eastern time... right here

DeborahA: Well, it's time for me to leave - even though I almost just got here

YenT: yes

DeborahA waves

BJB2 waves goodnight

JamieET: I, too, must go. More lesson planning awaits

MichaelH: I'll be sending several e-mail announcements, and I'll be touching base with you U of H folks.

DeborahA: Thanks for the resources

MichaelH waves goodnight

JamieET: Great

DeborahA: that sounds great!!

BJB2: thanks, Michael

JamieET: Goodnight everyone

DeborahA: bye now

MaureenB: nite

JamieET: Happy teaching!

MichaelH: thanks, BJ...

DeborahA waves bye