

Julia's Picks for Educators: 1 October 27, 2008

Previously, I was publishing as "EdTech Bits & Bytes", reviewing and commenting on a variety of themed resources, However, a lot of great things were slipping past quicker than I could address them to pass them on. Every day, I receive a number of ezines, newsletters & articles relevant to teacher's professional development-some directly related, some tangentially. I want to pass along these goodies as fast as possible, so today I'm taking a new approach: I have reviewed a portion of my online material, created a subject list from the promising items, with a bit more detail below. If things look interesting to you, you can read on, clicking on the actual link to read the full item. My intention is to periodically review content—as my hours permit—and send a similar update. (Note: I'm not promising a regular publishing schedule, here. ☺) Each time I will list subject headings at the top so you can quickly determine if there's anything of worth. Feel free to share this in part or in whole with any of your students or colleagues.

Busily yours,

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Today's Subjects:

University Students' Performance

Professional Development

Teaching English

Leadership & Poverty

Home-School Communication

Impact of Technology on Students

Special Needs, Math & Technology

Teaching Tools

University Students' Performance

Grades in College Directly Linked to Health-related behaviours Surprise--you need a good night's sleep. Also interesting, non-smokers outperformed smokers (even people who smoked very little). <http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2008/10/081021120925.htm>

Professional Development

The Three But's of Teacher Preparation

About major issues for new teachers—according to new teachers—classroom management, addressing special needs, and paperwork http://www.teachermagazine.org/tm/articles/2008/10/22/06tln_rigsbee.h20.html?tmp=2008770914

Co-Teaching in the Multi-Level Classroom Part I & II

About co-teaching, differentiation, and multi-level classrooms. Part

I http://www.teachermagazine.org/tm/articles/2008/10/08/fattig_coteach.h20.html Part

II http://www.teachermagazine.org/tm/articles/2008/10/22/fattig_coteach.h20.html?tmp=52485153

iNet Educator Online Conference 2008

Freely available online conference with discussion papers, etc. looking at learning spaces of the future, and a variety of discussion papers. Mostly Australian. Only a week left of access. http://www.cybertext.net.au/inet_s5wk1/

SCOPE: Global E-Collaboration Online Panels (A Webinar Series)

Free panels discussion re. research on global online collaboration

<http://scope.lidc.sfu.ca/mod/forum/discuss.php?d=1835>

Teaching English

Balancing Act with Books

About major issues for today's English teachers—declining teen interest in recreational reading, blending the “classics” with modern pieces more in synch with younger lives today,

etc.. <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/content/education/chi-uncool-booksoct19,0,5993017.story>

Leadership & Poverty

Leadership Skills for Working with Kids in Poverty <http://ascd.typepad.com/blog/2008/10/parrett-budge-2.html> includes audio.

The Real Cost of Educating Low-Income Students

Explores what contributes to ramping up success for low-income

students. <http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/10/22/09scully.h28.html?tmp=1755997670>

Home-School Communication

TeleParent forges strong home-school bond

how a semi-automated program is helping bridge the daily—or more regular—communication gap—eg. homework not handed in today, etc. <http://www.eschoolnews.com/news/best-practice/best-practices-articles/index.cfm?i=55628&page=4>

Targeted Behavior Problems

Not exactly teaching related per se, but can help educators understand why some students may target one individual in their sphere for behavior problems. May also help teachers make suggestions to

parents. <http://www.raisingmallsouls.com/behavior-problems/>

Impact of Technology on Students

TV can be good for you

it's CONTENT that's the issue and that young children with experience of educational TV early on out-performed those who didn't. Implications for educational computing?

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/entertainment/chi-tv-good-for-you-1022oct22,0,7527688.column>

Special Needs, Math & Technology

Math Study Evaluates Digital Aids

Digital math textbooks seem to be benefitting special needs students with “print disabilities”;

<http://www.edweek.org/ew/articles/2008/10/22/09software.h28.html?tmp=2106578268>

Teaching Tools

skrbl

online collaborative whiteboard; just create the free whiteboard, share the URL, and allow others to come in and work with you for planning, drawing, etc. <http://skrbl.com>