

## Julia's Picks for Educators: 2      November 5, 2008

Here is my current installment of selections from online material with potential for educators. It has a subject list and if things look interesting to you, you can read on, clicking on hyperlinks to read or visit the actual items. My intention is to periodically review content—as my hours permit—and send an update. (Note: I'm not promising a regular publishing schedule, here. ☺ ) Each installment will list subject headings at the top so you can quickly determine if there's anything of worth to you. Feel free to share this in part or in whole with any of your students or colleagues.

(Note: if your email program will not process HTML, this information is attached as a pdf.)

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### Today's Subjects:

University Students' Performance

Professional Development

Canadian Education

Leadership

Boys & Literacy

Primary Education

Assessment

Technology: Internet Safety

Technology: Web 2.0 (Social Media)

Tools

### University Students' Performance

*Half of Cambridge students admit to cheating*

49% of students—62% of law students—at Cambridge admit to plagiarism. Shocking read. One quote: "Of course I use other people's ideas without acknowledging them, but I didn't think that this made me a plagiarist." <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstoppers/politics/education/universityeducation/3287653/Half-of-Cambridge-students-admit-cheating.html>

### Professional Development

*The Perils & the Promises of Praise*

Dweck article re. how "students who believe that intellectual ability is malleable and can be developed through effort and education are resilient and willing to accept challenges" vs. students who believe that intelligence is fixed. See Educational Leadership Oct. 2007 (Available online via VIU Library's

EBSCOhost <http://web.ebscohost.com/ehost/detail?vid=5&hid=4&sid=5767f3c3-f692-42a0-bad2-796781ff0cb2%40sessionmgr109&bdata=JnNpdGU9ZWwhvc3QtbGl2ZQ%3d%3d#db=tfh&AN=27575731> )

## **Canadian Education**

### *Education in Canada*

Canadian Ministers of Education overview of Canadian educational systems for provinces & territories & the role of the federal government.

<http://www.cmec.ca/international/educationcanada.en.pdf>

### *How Canada Performs*

Conference Board of Canada report card on Canadian education

<http://sso.conferenceboard.ca/HCP/overview/Educationskills.aspx>

### *Statistics Canada: Public Schools Indicators*

List of a number of Educational statistics. <http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/81-595-MIE/81-595-MIE2008067.htm>

## **Leadership**

### *Turnaround School Turnaround Leadership (Michael Fullan)*

Webcast of Michael Fullan's 2007 presentation for Interactive

Innovations <http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations2007/michaelfullan/player.html>

## **Boys & Literacy**

### *Going with the Flow: A report on two studies into the literate lives of young men, inside and outside of school (Wilhelm)*

Webcast of Wilhelm's 2006 presentation for Interactive

Innovations <http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations2007/michaelfullan/player.html>

Wilhelm's 2006 PowerPoint

[http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations/powerpoint/whistler\\_jeffreywilhelm.ppt](http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations/powerpoint/whistler_jeffreywilhelm.ppt)

## **Primary Education**

### *Brain Research: The First 10 Years Windows of Opportunity (Dr. David Sousa)*

Webcast of Sousa's 2007 presentation for Interactive

Innovations <http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations2007/davidsousa/player.html>

His PowerPoint file

<http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations2007/powerpoint/sousa.ppt>

## **Assessment**

### *How to Grade for Learning*

Webcast of O'Connor's 2006 presentation for Interactive

Innovations <http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations/kenoconnor/player.html>

His PowerPoint file

[http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations/powerpoint/nelson\\_kenoconnor.ppt](http://www4.insinc.com/interactiveinnovations/powerpoint/nelson_kenoconnor.ppt)

## **Technology: Internet Safety**

### *WebWise Kids*

While the site does offer pay-for-use Internet safety resources, there are quite a few free items. <http://www.webwisekids.org/>

## **Technology: Web 2.0 (Social Media)**

### *Social Media...dirty word or essential skill?*

Article re. social media & education—unwillingness of education to leverage social media in the same way it is expected in the business field. An interesting read. <http://education.zdnet.com/?p=1914&tag=nl.e019>

### *The Power of Wikis in Higher Ed*

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## **Tools**

### *Irfanview*

Free software download for image editing—sort of a cross between Paint & the more advanced commercial products like Adobe Fireworks or Photoshop. <http://www.irfanview.net/>

### *Scriblink*

Free online real-time collaboration whiteboard. <http://www.scriblink.com/>

### *iterasi*

Beyond personal website bookmarking/adding to favourites, this online service (currently free in beta testing) allows you to build your own personal web ARCHIVE—bye, bye broken links—to capture & hold onto your favourites. <http://www.iterasi.com/about/>

### *Arcademic Skill Builders*

Free educational arcade type learning games—currently the bulk of which are primary to middle school levels. <http://arcademicskillbuilders.com/>

### *Buzzword*

Free online word processor from Adobe (same people who brought you Acrobat). Would be useful for collaboration. This is another Beta—so if they aren't going head-to-head with Google Docs, this might eventually cost money. <https://www.adobe.com/#/bw/BuzzwordBegin>

### *EyeJot*

Finally something for people who hate the impersonal feel of email—without resorting to a laundry list of acronyms or emoticons. Free online video mail—up to about 60 sec. each. Would be useful for collaboration. <http://www.eyejot.com/about.html>

### *Clipmarks*

Social internet scrapbook of whatever you find of interest on the internet. <http://www.clipmarks.com/>

### *Picnik*

Free online photo editor. <http://www.picnik.com/>

### *EasyCropper*

Simple free online photo cropper. Allows you to scale the image and visually move the crop box to create easily cropped images from those you uploaded. <http://www.easycropper.com/>

### *Podcast People*

User fees range from \$8 US to \$30 per month depending on data storage wanted. Allows you to upload a podcast, share it with users, and even find “sponsors” via advertising. Feeds compatible with iTunes. <http://www.podcastpeople.com/>