

## Social Studies, Health/Phys. Ed, and Integrated Arts Content Meeting

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### Web sites and resources

- **MLTI Southern Maine Connection:**  
<http://moore.portlandschools.org/ibook/home.html> Links to all curriculum areas and a resource for what is going on in the region.
- **Mt. Ararat links:** <http://www.link75.org/mam/exploratories/>
- **Geography site:** <http://www.lizardpoint.com/fun/geoquiz/index.html>
- **Tests on-line:** Put their tests on [discoveryschool.com](http://discoveryschool.com) and create a new quiz. Can password it. It will grade it for you, have them grade it.
- **[www.lizardpoint.com](http://www.lizardpoint.com)**
- **Puzzlemaker:** easy way to make a puzzle. Kids can make puzzles also. Print them. <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/>
- **[onlinenewspapers.com](http://www.onlinenewspapers.com)**
- **[www.worldpress.org](http://www.worldpress.org)**
- **[newsmax.com](http://www.newsmax.com)**
- **quia.com-** use on-line quizzes. Make on-line quizzes. Used to be all free, don't know if it still is.
- **ProjectPower-** [www.projectpower.com](http://www.projectpower.com) Can set up classes
- **NTTI Institute in Belfast.** Free: <http://www.mainepbs.org/NTTI/index.html>
- **[Pitsco.com](http://www.pitsco.com) and [calvin.com](http://www.calvin.com)**
- **[landsend.com](http://www.landsend.com)**

- **Project Poster:** <http://poster.hprtec.org/> Quick site for students to post their projects. Simple web pages.

### **Any Subject Area**

- **REAL WORLD WORK-** Make it real world.
- **Portfolio-** started to put on laptop. Using macjournal. Using scanner to put work into portfolios.
- **Research-** LCD projector. Kids don't know how to use the Internet and use shoddy search engines. Has modeled researching with LCD projector.

### **Great Student Introduction**

Business card- each kid designed a personal card to better learn names and kids. Had some personal responsibilities, parent names, phone number, e-mail address for parent contact, things skillful at, things people appreciate about them. They used draw. Modeled it first. Showed some examples. I'll be posting the directions on my site. (Mt. Ararat Middle)

### **Social Studies Integration**

- **On-line debate program** through [www.choices.edu/iraq/policyopt.html](http://www.choices.edu/iraq/policyopt.html). This site is geared more for high school students, but the kids can understand it. What would take high school kid two days to do, took middle school students a week. Still, a great resource.
- **Used a lot for current events.** Three day rotation and did current events. Picked one, researched opinions and look at perspective and draw conclusions and write a summary. Wrap up was looking at National Enquirer. Were international current events: BBC, google news, the economist (can link there from the bbc). [onlinenewspapers.com](http://onlinenewspapers.com), [www.worldpress.org](http://www.worldpress.org), [newsmax.com](http://newsmax.com), [1stheadlines](http://1stheadlines)

### **Health and Physical Education Integration**

- 7th grade did **web page for parents** on substance abuse problems in Maine. Took longer than had anticipated. [www.link75.org/mam/studentwork/home.htm](http://www.link75.org/mam/studentwork/home.htm). At bottom of list is health class pages. (Mt. Ararat Middle)
- Haven't used in phys ed. Would like to get heart monitors. Can hook into laptops. Kids can monitor physical improvement and physical endurance throughout the year and chart their own progress.
- Would like to do presentations to introduce the activities (such as Floor

Hockey) with visuals such as iMovie and Presentation. Rules, safety, etc.

- Do a lot of **current events**. Talking about obesity with kids and doing body mass index calculators on-line. Nutrition things that measure. Instant gratification- goes in and tells them about themselves.
- Do a search for BMI on google. Biofeed back with Physed teachers.
- **Public service announcements**- students did research as groups. Came up with a script. Filmed using digital camera. Dumped it in to do iMovie. Students are preparing in groups their public service announcements. 30 seconds to a minute. Great for media literacy. Had to watch commercials at home...watching public service.
- **Great Health and PE Resources:**
  - ◇ [www.med.sc.edu:1081/alcoholads.htm](http://www.med.sc.edu:1081/alcoholads.htm): comparing ads- great site.
  - ◇ [northumberland-haz.org.uk/hp/ pdf downloads](http://northumberland-haz.org.uk/hp/pdf_downloads), <http://www.northumberland-haz.org.uk/hp/download.htm>
  - ◇ Food Finder: <http://www olen.com/food/>
  - ◇ The Fast Food Nutrition Fact Explorer: <http://www.fatcalories.com/>
  - ◇ [www.healthcentral.com](http://www.healthcentral.com)
  - ◇ [www.pecentral.com](http://www.pecentral.com)
  - ◇ [kidshealth.org](http://kidshealth.org)
  - ◇ [teenshealth.org](http://teenshealth.org)
  - ◇ current health web site
  - ◇ CDC- central for disease control

### **Integrated Arts**

- List of resources within the strands of art, dance, theater, music:  
[www.link75.org/mam/orion/resources.htm](http://www.link75.org/mam/orion/resources.htm)
- Designing ceramic heads, making bodies, built a puppet theater and will be doing iMovies of the puppet shows.
- Use iBooks for costume research,
- [landsend.com](http://landsend.com)- can pick eye color, shape, weight, height Click on my model
- School Arts magazine have a different costume every month.
- Use for research, basic vocabulary, create posters and present to classes. Research on styles, artists, and periods.

- Intro lesson to see where every kids are at. Working with cutting paper snowflakes, put them on bulletin board for kids. A number of artists had done amazing things. Had kids look at sites on real snowflakes so they learned a lot about that too.

### Software Resources

- Wrote a grant for \$1500 of time lining and map making from **Tom Snyder**. Fabulous maps and time lines and matches up with the learning results. Makes more interesting for the kids. Have a shell of the map to work with.
- **Worldbook TIME** line easy to use. Can enter 100 characters per entry. Very basic. Tom Snyder interactive with pictures. On-line Tom Snyder:
- **Decisions/Decisions**. Current and online. debate process and voting process. Fee based. Must register. Decisions/Decisions- every student doesn't have to have it on their laptops. Its a one screen. Best to have 4 students per group and have each kid on a computer. Compares what one kid did to another kid.
- **Inspiration**- Really expensive. Graphic organizer. Students can web ideas. Good one to one.
- **Apple Remote Desktop**: Classroom applications for ARD: Uses Apple Remote Desktop Class lists are loaded on to it. Are able to check kids progress while they are working. In Language Arts- can watch them write without interfering and then make suggestions as they are writing. Can watch four of them at once doing a search.

### Web Page Editors and Creators:

- Using **Apple works and saving as HTML**. This was problematic. Fine for just text and an image that you want centered. But kids want to do bigger and better. Great for just a links list.
- Lincoln Middle School: Health club uses **Geocities**. Doesn't work well with the laptops. Sometimes it does, sometimes it doesn't. Geocities- anyone can paste a web page for free.
- There is a shareware product- **pagespinner**. Kind of have to get into the html coding. [optima-system.com/pagespinner](http://optima-system.com/pagespinner)
- **dynamicdrive.com**- kids can pick up cursors and trailers and paste them onto their web work.

- **Homestead**- easy to use. A pay site. Get three free trial pages for every e-mail address you get.
- Need to check with school policy for whether you can put things up or not.
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### Other Resources

- Digital cameras phobia- David Pogue. [iMovie: The Missing Manual](#). A great resource.
- FirstClass- Check out the conferences- E-mail option- can e-mail copies of notes or worksheets. NOTE- metered time for kids. Can do this...limit time for a certain amount per day.
- **iMovie**: digital video camera. Need a firewire also. Mini DV Tapes
- Hooking up to TV- S-video doesn't do sound.
- **S-Video**
  - RCA to Video cable: Or video to video: Get video cable. One end goes into the dongle. Other end goes into yellow.
  - 8th inch mini plug, dual RCA: Mini plug on one end, and regular RCA on the other end. Go to the headphone jack and then the red and black goes into the red and white.

### Concerns

- Performing Arts, Music Teachers, Librarians- don't get iBooks.
- Frustration- health teachers, specialty teachers sometimes get left out of trainings and team meetings because they are the teachers breaks. This is a need.
- Would like a class specifically for Art teachers and what we can do with it.
- **WOULD LIKE TO FIND**: a program to design on-line and with make-up.
- Pownal: Major networking problems. Internal, but frustrating. Printing problems.
- Need a day for technology teachers