

Our School is Wired... Now What? !!!

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Billions of dollars have been spent putting computers in classrooms and connecting them to the Internet with much hyperbole as to how this would transform teaching and learning. In many cases, the reality has not lived up to the hype. This presentation, lead public educator Bill Belsey, will tackle this question head-on by offering many practical and exciting examples as to what a truly connected classroom looks like. This unforgettable presentation will share a wealth of classroom-based project ideas, free world-class learning resources and a broad and inspiring vision as to how the innovative use of information technologies CAN support and enhance teaching and learning in ways that were previously unimaginable.

Presentation References:

If you loose this paper, or your notes, simply visit www.coolclass.ca "Canada's Coolest Class!"

Resource	Description
iEARN: www.iearn.org	The International Education and Resource Network World's largest and longest running global k-12 network
www.iearn-canada.org	The Canadian chapter of the iEARN. (Free membership)
www.bullying.org	World's most-visited Web site about bullying
www.cyberbullying.ca	World's first Web site about cyberbullying
www.childsoldiers.org	Giving voice to youth affected by war
Audacity	Free audio editor
Bubbleshare	Free slideshow creator -Web (with sound)
Calsnet	Free (no ads) Web calendar with permissions (Web-based)
CMAP Tools	Free concept-mapping tool (like Inspiration)
Discuss Board	Excellent discussion board software from Discussware (\$\$)
Drawing for Children	Free drawing program for kids (Like Kidpix)
Dynastream AMP	Wearable tool that measures physical activity (Partnership)
E-stat	Free Canadian database from Statistics Canada (Web-based)
Filamentality	Free online tool helps organize online research (Web-based)
Flickr	Free slideshow creator (Web-based)
Good Typing	Free online typing tutor (Web-based)
Google Earth	Free See the Earth as you have never seen it before!
Hot Potatoes	Free online learning activities software
JAlbum	Free slideshow creator software (need FTP/server)
Moodle	Free (open source) online course creation software
My Hero	Free -Create Web pages about heroes (Web-based)
Pivot Stickman Animator	Free animation software (PC only)
Questions Toolkit	Excellent critical thinking tool from Jamie Mackenzie
QUICK	Evaluate online resources with critical thinking (Web-based)
Raven's End	Book by Alberta author Ben Gadd (\$ - Wonderful!)
Schoolblogs	Free (no ads!) blog space for students and teachers
Squeak	Free multimedia creation tool (Alan Kaye Xerox-parc)
Stagecast	Game-making software for students (\$50 /per license)
Survey Monkey	Free -Create online surveys, collect, share data (Web-based)
Swish	Like Flash, but much cheaper (\$99.95 USD)
Visual Communicator	Create your own "TV" broadcasts (\$475.00 CDN)
Wikispaces	Free Wikispace for students and teachers (Web-based)
Writely	A wiki with permissions (free while in Beta, Web-based))

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