Kids Do the Coolest CODEC Things!

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Berrien County ISD
• Videoconferencing since 1999 with Polycom Viewstations in 18 high schools
• Spring 2005 switched to IP (Tandberg MPS MCU)
• 2005-2006 school year doubled VC usage – almost all new VCs were projects
• USDA DLT RUS Grant: 35 new Polycoms in elementary & middle schools

TWICE
• Two Way Interactive Connections in Education
• Michigan’s K12 videoconferencing organization
• Volunteer working board
Read Around the Planet

- Read Around the Planet 2007 (a VC celebration of NEA's Read Across America)
- www.twice.cc/read
- Modeled after Michigan Week Exchange
- www.twice.cc/MI Examples

Read Around the Planet

- November Verification
- December Teacher Registration Opens
- January Matching
- February Test Calls
- March 1, 2, 5-7 RAP Connections
- March 9 Language Connections

Other Exchange Projects

- Pakistan
- Earthworms
- ESL with Edmonton
- Robots

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MysteryQuest
- Introductions
- Presentations
- The Quest
- Clarifying Questions
- Reconsider Answers
- Share Guesses
- Correct Answers
Examples

Multipoint Projects
- MysteryQuest World Geography
- International MysteryQuest
- MysteryQuest USA
- Where in Michigan?
- MysteryQuest Regions
- Invasive Species
- Poetry Café
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ASK: Author, Specialist, Knowledge
- Developed by Raymond Kettle, University of Michigan, Dearborn
- Read a book
- Journal
- Write & select excellent questions
- Interview an author or specialist
Examples
ASK Programs

- Author Janie Panagopolous
- Former Migrant Workers
- Blind Author Jim Stovall
- Author Margaret Willey
- Homeless shelter staff
- Safe shelter staff

2006-2007 ASK Programs

- Polycom Special Events
  www.polycom.com/education
- TWICE ASK Programs
  www.twice.cc/ASK
- Berrien County ISD ASK Programs
  www.remc11.k12.mi.us/dl/ASK.htm

Designing Projects

- What is my required curriculum?
- What can my students learn from connecting to another class?
- How does it add value to the lesson?
- What benefit is gained in greater curriculum understanding because the students collaborated with another class?
Designing Projects
• ISTE NETS Standards
• Technology communications tools
  – Students use telecommunications to collaborate, publish, and interact with peers, experts, and other audiences.
  – Students use a variety of media and formats to communicate information and ideas effectively to multiple audiences.

Designing Projects
• Design
• Decide
• Create
• Predict
• Analyze
  – Bernie Dodge, Wednesday WebQuest Session

Collaborative VCs Wiki
• collaborativevcs.pbwiki.com
• Hosted by BCISD
• Available for anyone to add to it
• Growing collection of written ideas for collaborative VC projects
Finding Partners
Collaboration Collage
www.kn.att.com/wired/vidconf/ed1vidconf.html
K12 IVC Listserv
neitec.terc.edu/k12vc/forward/listserv.cfm
CILC Collaboration
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Planning Interactive
Curriculum Connections
• April 17 – May 12, 2006
• Cost: $150
• 1 graduate semester credit from Andrews University, Western Michigan University, Grand Valley State University, or 3.0 SB-CEUs (cost additional)
• "As a media specialist, I think this course would be extremely useful for my teachers and staff."
Kid2Kid Videoconference Connections

- $250 (optional tuition additional)
- October 2, 2006 – May 11, 2007
  - Part 1: Oct. 2- Nov. 3, Theory & background
  - Part 2: Nov. 6-Dec. 8, Project planning
  - Part 3: Dec - May 11, Project implementation
- 1-3 graduate semester credits
- Collaborative community online & via VC

My Alberta Dreams

- All Michigan 6th Grade Classes study Canada
- 6th grade ASK program

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