Bay-Arenac Mid Winter Learning Conference 2011

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This session will focus on three parts, all dealing with technology and becoming a collaborative group of World Language Teachers.

Delicious: <http://www.delicious.com/>

 Delicious.com is a web site that keeps your bookmarks. You can access your favorites from any computer whether you are at home, school, or vacation; anywhere you have Internet access!

 First we will create an account for you if you do not have one. After everyone has an account, we will create a network. This way we can see what each of us is bookmarking to keep up on the latest sites.

 My Delicious account is “pendinger”. Click on Add User and type in pendinger. You will see all of my bookmarks, and you can click “Add to my Network” to watch what I am bookmarking.

 The last step is to install the “Add a bookmark” button. Scroll to the very bottom of the page and click on “Tools”. Select the browser button that you need. You can add a button on any computer you are using.

Quick helps: My notes on Delicious:

Bookmarks-My bookmarks: to see your latest

Tools: to install buttons

Popular or Recent: to see all latest bookmarks

Add user: People-My Network-Add a User

People-My Network: to see network’s latest

WL Teacher wiki: <http://wlteacher.pbworks.com>

 The WL Teacher wiki was created for the Bay Arenac ISD in August of 2010. It is full of links and resources for WL teachers. First we will make sure everyone has access. It is a private wiki because we house our proficiency exams on the site. If there are teachers or administrators in your district who want to join, they can request access.

 Next, let’s explore the site! Remember that you have an icon to automatically bookmark any site you like on Delicious. We will bookmark the wiki page together first for practice.

 Finally, we will go over how to add your own links and materials to the site. Remember, you must be in Edit mode to add a link or file.

Quick helps: My notes on WL Teacher wiki:

Must be in Edit to add links or files

Add link: Highlight text- Click Add Link-paste link-edit-check ‘New window’

Add file: Images and files-Upload files-place cursor-click on file

WL Teacher blog: <http://wlteacher.edublogs.org/>

 Creating a blog is a new experience for me. I will be learning the process along with you. When creating the WL Teacher wiki, I was very excited about sharing my favorite links and activities with you all along with the possibility of learning your favorites. But, there had to be a way to share our favorite plans and ideas, our questions and answers. A blog seemed to fit perfectly.

 First, we will all get access to the blog. This blog is public; anyone who stumbles upon our blog will see everything that is shared with the group.

 Next, each of us will share our favorite activity with each other. To add a post, click on Site Admin, then New Post at the top of the page. Use a title that is very descriptive. Also, remember to add descriptive tags! As our blog blossoms into a large number of posts, tags will be important to help search for ideas more efficiently. To tag accurately, think about what you would put in the search box to find your post. Try to use specific and general tags. You can never use too many!

 If you are interested in getting an update once a month by email on what has been posted, please indicate that on your evaluation. We will create a list serv to send it out if there is interest.

Quick helps: My notes on the WL Teacher blog:

Add new post: Site Admin-New Post tab

Remember: Each new post needs:

 -a descriptive title

 -tags (never too many)

 -category (at least one, more is great)

Any time we have left is yours to add to the blog or wiki. Or you can browse through the wiki and add some sites to your Delicious page. Don’t forget to add the Delicious button at home and school!

Thanks in advance for your collaboration on these projects.