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Jen's Mission Statement

I strive to develop resources and workshops that will inspire educators to become lifetime learners so that they in turn can teach students to be competent in subject matter, digitally literate, effective collaborators, creative thinkers, and innovative problem solvers.

Jen's Experience

- Certified School Administrator
- Keynote Speaker
- 17 years experience working directly with educators, students, and technology
- Workshops delivered locally, regionally, and nationally
- Published over 150 online educational resources used by educators in 200+ school districts

Free Resource: Farr-Out Links to Learning Blog

Hello. I hope you enjoy this free newsletter. I am resurrecting my consultant company following a year-long position as Technology Coordinator in Ballston Spa. Family obligations and an administrative reconfiguration in Ballston Spa have brought me back to our homestead in Dansville. While I have not ruled out working in a school district sometime in the future, I have found working from home again has been exciting and personally gratifying in many respects. First, I have had time to research and work with a multitude of Web 2.0 application and have reviewed 100's of web resources. Second, I have been developing new workshops and updating many of my websites. I am also excited to have finally found time to enter the world of blogging and social networking.

Please take time to visit my free and informative blog for educators at <http://farroutlinks.net/blog>. Each week I review Web 2.0 resources, post inspirational mini posters, embed various videos I come across, and share thoughts about instructional technology in general. You can keep up with my recent postings by subscribing through the RSS feed available on the site (click on the symbol found on the orange bar at the top of the blog page). Please feel free to share the blog address with your teachers and staff. I have included a reproducible sheet of bookmarks if you would like to hand out information about my blog or would like to put information in teachers' mail boxes.

If you would like to start a blog of your own I strongly recommend hosting your own blog using Word Press, a free application available on the web. Contact me if you would like help getting started. I have also developed two blog-related workshops for teachers: **Blogging—Worthwhile or Worthless?** and **Using RSS Feeds—News and Information at Your Fingertips**. Feel free to contact me at 585.335.2844 if either of these workshops sounds interesting.

New Workshop Series

I am currently working on a "Web 2.0 Wonders" series of workshops that target specific curriculum areas. I have researched 100's of Web 2.0 tools and I am now categorizing those tools so that I can show teachers how specific Web 2.0 tools can be used with the curriculum they teach. Curriculum strands include the following: Mathematics; History & Social Studies; English Language Arts & Languages Other than English; Sciences; Humanities (Art, Music, Drama); and Health, Physical Education, Career Development & Occupational Studies, Home Economics.



Are You Thinking Summer?

Maybe you could host a technology camp! Give me a call. I can facilitate workshops that address the needs of a diverse group of educators or a very select group. I have listed a few of my workshops below. Feel free to contact me if you have more specific needs or would like further details.

Instruction and Evaluation....

- Using Technology to Facilitate and Support Authentic Assessment
- Using Technology to Facilitate and Support Formative Assessment
- Integrate to Differentiate
- Build Student Literacy with “Digi-tell” Stories
- Use Technology to Promote Integrity and Battle Cheating and Plagiarism in Your Classroom
- Resources for Secondary Social Studies Teachers
- Developing WebQuest & Activities that Support Curriculum
- Thinkfinity Resources
(General, ELA, Social Studies, the Arts, Science, Math)

Use Web 2.0 Applications to Build 21st Century Skills...

- Blogs in Education
- Podcasts that Promote Learning
- Wikis in Education...Worthwhile or Worthless?
- YouTube and the Use of Free Video Resources in Education
- Developing Universal Favorites and Social Bookmarks
- Web 2.0 Tools & Applications that Support Teaching & Learning
- Build Digital Literacy Skills with Web 2.0 Applications
- Go in’ to Google School (select from numerous options)

Specific Technology Applications....

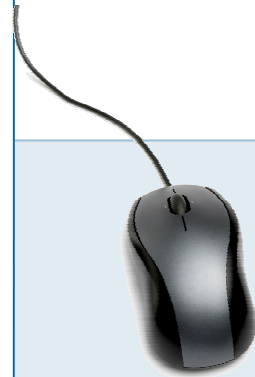
- Making your Computer Work for You (Microsoft Office in the Classroom)
- Create Power-Packed PowerPoints for Instruction and Project-Based Curriculum Integration
- Inspire Young Readers and Writers with Kidspiration™
- Using Inspiration™ to Construct Meaning and Support Writing Skills
- Show-n-Tell with Photo Story 3
- PowerPoint Picture Books
- Using Whiteboard Technology to Present, Engage, and Teach Students
- Create Miniature Books Using Microsoft Publisher
- Build Math Skills with Kidspiration™ 3.0

“I just wanted you to know that the computer activity that I created in your workshop was a great success with my seniors in my Creative Journal Writing class!”

Follow-up email from a workshop attendee

“This was the first class I was excited about coming to every day. I would like to see this course offered as a graduate course at the college.”

Evaluation comment following a 5-day workshop



“With Jen’s assistance we were able to develop a culture in which the integration of technology is no longer an after thought – but an expectation - an essential element of quality lesson plans.”

Quote from letter of recommendation

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