

Hello and welcome to the first in a series of webcasts with Parents as Partners 'supporting students in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

It is Tuesday February 12 2008 It is a winter storm here in St. Catharines ON Canada. My name is Lorna Costantini and I am the moderator for this evening's web cast

I am joined this evening with 3 adventuresome individuals who have agreed to Pioneers Matt Montagne Cindy Zautcke and Rhoda Cipparone to help kick off what promises to an exciting new series of broadcasts about parents , teachers, schools and making it all work well to benefit students.

Just checking – matt cindy Rhoda - are u there? thanks for joining in tonight

So often you hear things like

I don't know why I bother only 5 parents show up – it's always the same parents They really don't want me involved – they never listen to my advice those are the tip of the ice berg but I think that you get the idea

Parent as partners will be focusing on ways to bridge the gap between these differing experiences that parents and teachers have. When parents are partners, students do well and we all benefit.

It is fitting tonight that this web cast is made possible because of Worldbridges Worldbridges is a network of individuals and organizations that use live, interactive webcasting and other new media technologies to help people connect, learn, & collaborate.

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I want to point out something before we go to far and that is the descriptor "homegrown web casting" My partners here in the web cast and the invisible support network behind the scenes are all volunteers. This web cast a commercial enterprise. We are recording live from our homes and school to .....

Let me quickly introduce to you

Matt Montagne Academic Technology Coordinator / Computer Science and Milwaukee University School in Milwaukee Wisconsin Matt and I are part of a network of educators and parents that are promoting parent involvement.

Welcome Matt

Matt I am going to ask you to do a few things before we get into this evening topic – Social Networking Web 2.0 tools and how it affects our children. Can you first help me welcome our 2 other pioneers and tell our listeners how this web cast came about.

then take a minute to help our listeners navigate the Web cast academy website

Matt

When Matt is done

Intro Matt – background of parent web 2.0 study group  
Discuss how we meet online .....and so on  
Matt introduce Cindy why she said yes - what ever

Lorna introduce Rhoda – family – good things  
Why you said yes

Matt and Lorna  
Housekeeping remarks for people new to web cast  
How to send in questions chatting  
Which channel to listen to  
What to do with hyper links  
Will be recorded – if you get frustrated come back to listen to recording

Tonight's subject is Social Networking online. Facebook, YouTube Blogging what are they – what are students doing online. Do you know what your children are doing online and is it all bad?

Matt: Discussion parents and Technology  
<http://mstechnology.wikispaces.com/Parent+Ed>  
Matt: ?? for Cindy – what is I like to be part of this group

Lorna: project  
<http://www.ourschool.ca/NiagaraCatholic> make connection to parents being online

Lorna?? for Rhoda tell us about the project – what was it like – growth experience using the internet

Matt study group first meeting  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/pages/frontline/kidsonline/>

comments from parents about watching the video together

How do both Rhoda and Cindy feel about their children being on the Internet  
Kate Olson La Crosse, Wisconsin

<http://parentworkshop.wikispaces.com/Web+Safety-Education+Links>

Lorna: to Matt ?? what safe guards do you put in place to protect your students