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Dear Mrs. Fuglestad and Mrs. Bernert's Grade 4 Class,

I am writing to extend a BIG thank you for taking the time to talk with us, through Skype, on October 24, 2012. Your presentation, art work, questions, and answers were invaluable to helping us see how to elegantly incorporate digital technologies into the art classroom. We were so impressed with your learning. You are all leading the way in North America as an example of innovative integration of new digital technologies into the classroom. Your example will inspire the next generation of teachers in Canada.

Please accept our small tokens of thanks included in this envelope (memorabilia from Montreal and Quebec) and the following notes of thanks from students in the ARTE 498- art+technology +education course here at Concordia University.

Wish wish you all the best,

Juan Carlos Castro & the students of ARTE 498



cc: Mary Beth Bernert

Akemi Sessler

Joe Robinson



It was great to see and hear from you and your students. Your lessons are wonderful and the students seem to be learning a lot from their art class. I love that technology is not always the core of the art lesson but also as a method to motivate and teach. I'm glad we were able to talk a little about Montreal. Thank you, for letting us learn from you and your students. We were all happy to have shared this experience.

Gabisha Giritharan

Bonjour Tricia, Bonjour Mrs. Bernert's class, Thank you so much for welcoming me into your art classroom. I loved talking with you and seeing all your awesome projects! It was my first SKYPE discussion and I got to experience it with all of you guys; it was so fun! Thanks again.

Maya Lalonde ; )

Bonjour Tricia et les élèves! Merci beaucoup, thank you so much for taking the time to meet us and to show us what you are doing in your art class... It must be your favorite subject at school knowing that Tricia is very excited about technology and bringing new concepts to you guys. I wish you luck with what is coming and I am sure you will succeed. Meeting you was wonderful and opened me to lots of new ideas. I may come over the "fear" of technology. Thanks. Hope I can meet you all again some day... Take care xx

Élisabeth

Salut Tricia!! Allo les Etudiants!! Comment ca va? How refreshing it was to see you guys still in shorts!!! Here it's freezing! Thanks so much for taking the time to chat with us. It was great to hear about new art teaching techniques and lessons, and to see how well received it is by all students. You've definitely inspired me to use some of these in my own art room!

Lauren Costello



Hi Tricia ! It was for me a memorable experience to be able to ear what your student think about technology, in the art classroom. I am very impressed and inspired from your work in integrating technology in your lessons. Thank you so much for taking of your time to organized this conversation over Skype.

Cindy Mongrain

Thank You very much for letting us meet your students and see what another art teacher is up too. I am just discovering my technology talents so it was nice to see what an established art teacher is doing. Good luck and good work.

Cheers, Chris Taylor

What a fantastic way to spend an afternoon :) Thank you so much for letting us "step" into your classroom and speak with your students. We were all very excited to speak with you, and it was great to hear about your projects. Tricia, thank you so much for sharing your knowledge and opinions. It was a pleasure.

Heather Cutts

Thank you, Tricia Fuglestad for sharing your wonderful art class with us. The contemporary choice of your themes is so well suited to the interests of your students, that each project is somebody's favorite. As student art specialists, we appreciate how you integrate technology as an extension of your students' hands on art making; building additional layers of meaning and learning into the process. The final documentation and dissemination of their work on line, makes it tangible and gives them such an obvious sense of pride and accomplishment. The work you're doing in your classroom demonstrates the best of how new technology can enhance and elaborate upon traditional art education, making it exciting and bringing it to life for students in the 21st century. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to chat with you.

Jennifer Slinger

It is exciting and refreshing to know that there are teachers like you out there, who are working with technology to create meaningful and beautiful artwork with students. These young people are clearly engaged with their materials, and can (and are) using those skills in other areas of life. Keep up the good work!

Heather Hardie

It was a real pleasure to meet you and your class on skype. It was inspiring, helpful, meaningful and exciting. Hope you had a good rest of the year and best wishes to all of you.

Sarah Tremblay

Thank you so much for the opportunity to have a view of what you guys are accomplishing on a daily basis! Your love for technology and art is contagious and I am sure everyone appreciates how global and accessible you have made all your research and examples. To both you and your students, keep up the good work and good luck in your future endeavors!

Laura Carpman