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**JeffC:** Cheryl... so far it's you... and the rest of us are all Helpdesk!

**JeffC:** We'll see how many others show up... but I'd really like to hear about what you're doing with your sabbatical.

**CherylO:** My short address is [www.CherylOakes.com](http://www.CherylOakes.com) I bought a domain from yahoo.

**EmilyW:** what is the blog for?

**SusanR:** [http://epnweb.org/blogmeister/blog.php?blogger\\_id=11114](http://epnweb.org/blogmeister/blog.php?blogger_id=11114)

**SusanR:** check out the suitsat bubbleshare with audio

**CherylO:** It is my school blog to explain 21st century skills and to keep in touch while I am on sabbatical.

**SusanR:** school/class communication Emily

**CherylO:** yes, Emily

**EmilyW:** who is the blog for?

**CherylO:** I made the blog for my school and community

**EmilyW:** is it all audio?

**SusanR:** love the way you use your blog

**CherylO:** Well, it is part blog part podcast.

**CherylO:** Thanks Susan, it is a way to keep in touch although the kids and parents like it so much I will continue the weekly messages.

**JeffC:** Cheryl... I was just going to recommend that at some point you join the Blogstreams Salon group here.

**CherylO:** I mean continue the messages when I return from sabbatical.

**CherylO:** I am taking the webheads class and Bee invited us this past Sun. I made it.

**CherylO:** I guess the next step is join, now that I know how to do that.

**SusanR:** Have you been interviewed by Jeff Lebow at Worldbridges..

**CherylO:** Yes, I have been on with Bob Sprankle.

**DavidWe:** Cheryl?

**DavidWe:** You are in Maine, correct?

**CherylO:** Yes, I am in Maine

**DavidWe:** What's your opinion about the laptop initiative?

**CherylO:** I was one of the 43 trainers for the laptop initiative so I am biased, but it has done a lot in the state to move and transform education into the 21st century. I am on the record to continue with the program. The best part is that all parts of the state rural and cities are equal.

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe:** I'm glad to hear that

**CherylO:** Do you have anything like this in your communities?

**JeffC** sneaks out the back door and runs to the store while the conversation goes on... gotta feed the kids (not that my priorities aren't screwed up)... anyways... I'll stay logged in and come back. Cheryl... if you have any ideas about where to go for grant money to get laptops in the hands of K-4 students (the superintendent wants me to write a grant for laptop carts for all K-4 schools in the district... there is no room in them for computer labs)... I'd love to hear any suggestions.

**DavidWe:** What things are you trying to do on your sabbatical?

**DavidWe:** We were discussing program where migrant farm worker children/students get laptops

**CherylO:** I am writing up lessons and resources for teacher at elementary and teaching of science. There are so many resources gr. 6-12, and not much for the younger kids. I am using our Learning Results, Science Benchmarks and making websites with information for teachers and interactive sites for kids.

**DavidWe:** The focus was using digital resources to support displaced students/teachers after the hurricanes last year on the Gulf Coast

**CherylO:** HP computers has a grant you can apply for depending on your Title 1 /disadvantaged population.

**DavidWe** nods

**JeffC:** thanks Cheryl (and afks)

**DavidWe** smiles

**DavidWe** waves bye to Jeff

**DavidWe:** I'll be right back

**SusanR:** oh Cheryl you want to look at this site..why reinvent the wheel

**CherylO:** which site?

**SusanR:** if you are creating web resources for staff

**CherylO:** Oh, I'll look at the science folders you bet!

**SusanR:** It is done by the Avon Maitland School board in Ontario, Canada

**SusanR:** one sec

**SusanR:** Getting Students Connected - Avon Maitland District School Board

**SusanR:** <http://www.gsc.amdsb.ca/>

**CherylO:** wow that website looks great so far

**CherylO:** My last project is all about the life cycles of plant, butterflies and frogs

**CherylO:** Wow, the webmaster must have the full time webmaster job it looks like.

**SusanR:** links to Ontario standards and benchmarks and strands

**SusanR** agrees

**BjB:** I think the Science discussion has pretty much ended

**SusanR** agrees

**DavidWe** hands Bj the gavel

