

Professional Networks Resources

Below is a list of resources for Week 2. Before exploring these resources, be sure to read all instructions for the Week 2 Assessment: My PLN.

Personal Learning Networks (PLNs)

- **Via, S. (2010, June 10). *Personal learning networks for educators* [Video file]. Retrieved from <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q6WVEFE-oZA>** (approximate length: 5 minutes)

This video explains what PLNs are and why teachers should create them. It outlines categories of the types of networking tools that may be included in a PLN and gives several examples in each category. These categories provide a framework for the PLN you will create for this week's Assessment. As you view, jot down names of tools in each category that you will consider using in your PLN. Take initiative to access these tools and begin using them in authentic ways to support your professional learning and practice. Make an effort to push yourself beyond your comfort zone.

- **Online Learning Insights (OLI). (2013, January 22). *How to Create a Robust and Meaningful Personal Learning Network [PLN]* [Blog post]. Retrieved from <https://onlinelearninginsights.wordpress.com/2013/01/22/how-to-create-a-robust-and-meaningful-personal-learning-network-pln/>**

This blog post includes an overview of PLNs, a list of ways to get started and identifies additional resources that will help you start setting up your PLN. Begin experimenting with these tools and continue the process of selecting those you will include in your PLN. Be sure to check out links to resources you haven't seen and include tools you haven't used before.

- **The Educator's PLN. (n.d.a). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://edupln.ning.com/>**

This website is designed to support educators in building their personal learning networks. Access the screencast/tutorial on the left navigation bar to gain an overview of the site. Then, click on the tabs on the top navigation bar to peruse the various elements and resources. You may choose to sign up by creating a login as instructed.

Networking Tools:

The networking tools list below are organized into the categories presented in the *Personal Learning Networks for Educators* video listed above. Some require you to register by creating a login. All are free of charge. Take time to explore tools in each category, and take initiative to access the wealth of information provided via the various tabs and links embedded within each tool. During your exploration, determine which tools in each category you will incorporate into your PLN.

FIND ANSWERS

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COMMUNICATE

- Skype in the Classroom. (n.d.a). *Find out how it works* [Video file]. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <https://education.skype.com/> (approximate length: 1 minute)
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- TeacherLingo.com. (n.d.). Most recent middle school teacher blogs. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://teacherlingo.com/blogs/default.aspx?GroupID=13>
- Teacher Certification Degrees. (n.d.). Top 50 elementary teacher blogs. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.teachercertificationdegrees.com/top-blogs/elementary-teacher/>
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 - ISTE. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.iste.org/news/news-feeds>
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 - UsingEnglish.com. (n.d.). RSS news feeds for ESL students and teachers. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.usingenglish.com/feeds/>
 - NEA. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.nea.org/tools/31965.htm>
 - ASCD SmartBrief. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <https://www.smartbrief.com/ascd/index.jsp>
 - CEC SmartBrief. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <https://www.smartbrief.com/cec/index.jsp>
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 - NSTA. (n.d.). Electronic newsletters. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.nsta.org/publications/enewsletters.aspx>

- NIEER. (n.d.). NIEER online news. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from https://email.rutgers.edu/mailman/listinfo/nieer_online_news

COLLABORATE

- Wikispaces. (n.d.). Wikispaces education. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.wikispaces.com/content/teacher>
- Finnegan, C. (2009, March 1). *A wiki guide for teachers* [PowerPoint slides]. Retrieved from <http://www.slideshare.net/cfinnegan/a-wiki-guide-for-teachers-1087640>
- Google. (n.d.). For educators: Google docs. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from http://www.google.com/educators/p_docs.html

FOLLOW COLLEAGUES

- Edutopia. (2012, November 23). Five-minute film festival: Twitter in education. Retrieved from <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/film-festival-twitter-education>
- FollettSoftware. (2011, August 26). *Twitter for educators* [Video file]. Retrieved from http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jt_ZMKiFtrk&feature=related (approximate length: 8 minutes)
- LinkedIn. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.linkedin.com/>
- Malloy, M. (2012, September 30). Top 55 connected educators—100% perfect twitter accounts [Blog post]. Retrieved from <http://www.mytowntutors.com/2012/09/top-55-connected-educators-100-perfect-twitter-accounts/>
- Phillips, L. F., Baird, D., & Fogg, B. J. (n.d.). *Facebook for educators*. Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&sqi=2&ved=0CC4QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fsafety%2Fattachment%2FFacebook%2520for%2520Educators.pdf&ei=LW2lUJnSpCWjAKasoDoAw&usg=AFQjCNGGer3pGw413Fsl5kTC9Zatn9vKMw>

PUBLISH AND SHARE

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- TeacherTube. (n.d.). Retrieved December 3, 2012, from <http://teachertube.com/>
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