Twitter Feed from Oregon Innovation Tour, April 24-26, 2011
- arranged from newest tweets to oldest -

mscottnine
Enjoying deep conversation about #itouroregon over dinner. We are still learning and will be reflecting for several days. Thank you!

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon It's difficult to educate if you don't talk about love

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon We don't have a youth problem in America we have an adult problem

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Founder and staff just sang 3 part harmony arrangement happy birthday to a visitor

iteach4change
RT @OlsonKirsten: #itouroregon Self Enhancement Institute every child has an individual success plan reviewed quarterly. Serves 800 students
LeviTheDegu
Sei produces positive contributing citizens #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Building exists next to a park formerly run by gangs

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Self Enhancement Institute every child has an individual success plan reviewed quarterly. Serves 800 students.

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon What do you notice? What do you wonder about? 2 questions at center of instruction says Steve, specials teacher at Opal

LeviTheDegu
"People aren't smart or dumb, they're gifted in different ways"-a student at opal #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon What's the difference between being in charge and being in control? that's their growing edge pedagogically

OlsonKirsten
Danny age 9 says "I like how you get to be really creative with writing. Instead of just thinking you get to play with materials"

A good metric for place-based education is a line of muddy boots ready for action. #itouroregon twitpic.com/4ptl0c

What wisdom can we gain from a bug? Kids are asked these types of questions at Opal on a regular basis #itouroregon

On wall: life will go on as long as someone is someone to sing, someone to dance, to tell stories and to listen

Sign on wall of Opal 1 classroom: what can we learn from an insect?

Photo in hallway at Opal School on #itouroregon twitpic.com/4ptbag

Education is about being passionate together
OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Science is nothing more than a game

LeviTheDegu
:If you arent curious other people get to tell you what to do they get to push you around" -liam, age 9 opal school #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon 10 year old " complications are the key to making learning interesting."

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Every interaction with kids is put in form of question, to nurture a playful attitude

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon 200 applicants for 9 spaces in lottery this year

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Story workshop replaces readers and writers workshop

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon What we can do is inspire new visions of what is possible for children at Opal. Play is how we make meaning in the world
OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Founded on Reggio Emilia principles children have the right to be citizens of the world from birth Opal School

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Tensions btw childrens interests and expectations of society sparks school. OPAL School in Portland Childrens Museum

LeviTheDegu
"Kids are politically invisible" -david kirp #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Media loves a catfight between educational entities. Makes for better copy. David Kirp at Powells

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon We are totally missing Dana Bennis and Jonah Canner

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon For every 1 dollar spent on kids 7 dollars are spent on seniors. Difference AARP. David Kirp at Powells Bookstore
LeviTheDegu
What would a system of support for kids look like? -David kirp #itouroregon

DanaBennis
@KobenhavnKyst Aw, thanks Andy. Thinking of you all too and am there with you in spirit. #itouroregon

KobenhavnKyst
#itouroregon celebrating (and missing!) Dana Bennis in the van on the way to dinner.

LeviTheDegu
Talking concrete observations oppose to quick judgements helps us in our understanding #itouroregon

goodIDEAfolks
Follow the IDEA Innovation Tour in Oregon: 30 educators now visiting 4 dynamic education models #itouroregon http://bit.ly/itouroregon

LeviTheDegu
The diploma is a lie #itouroregon

DanaBennis
Follow the IDEA Innovation Tour as 30 educators see 4 dynamic education models in Oregon. #itouroregon bit.ly/itouroregon

KobenhavnKyst
#itouroregon Open Meadow student group opinion: bigger schools lead to thinner relationships... keep learning communities smaller, closer.

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Many of our students teachers parents have a "public school hangover" and have to recover

KobenhavnKyst
#itouroregon $10,000 advice from Open Meadows student: "Have teachers that actually care about their students."

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Open Meadow does take Oregon state tests but they are not high stakes. I wonder how central this is to their model.

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon All instruction is based on relationship with explicit talk about barriers, saying we believe in you no matter what

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"We don't work with students without working with families." Principal at Open Meadow middle school #itouroregon

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"Your good, your smart, we care about you, and you can do this." Mantra at Open Meadows on #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon most graduates pass college level class before the graduate from high school

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Open Meadow School 85% low income 80% low skilled most high school students enter at 5th grade reading level

OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Principle of permaculture is to "accelerate succession" make natural change processes go faster. Can itours to do same in Ed?

LeviTheDegu
How can we recreate programs like micheals in "mainstream" education? #itouroregon

PatriaPR
@OlsonKirsten @mscottnine #itouroregon keep posting guys, learning happens, even when one is away ; ))) xoxo
OlsonKirsten #itouroregon "my role is to push the edge" on command and control instructional design. Some teachers don't like me, says Becker.

OlsonKirsten #itouroregon I ask questions all the time I don't know the answer to says Michael Becker. "emerging design" instructional model

KobenhavnKyst #itouroregon Students come in looking for the worksheet/answer and gold star, and leave as thinkers and explorers... solutions meet problems

KobenhavnKyst #itouroregon Why does the crux of the problem so often appear as a tyranny of the test score? Are we letting Ed leaders off the hook here?

OlsonKirsten #itouroregon Commoditites cafeteria food contracts do not allow veggies from schools garden be eaten in own cafeteria

OlsonKirsten #itouroregon Schools principal struggles to keep permaculture program fully funded although it is the most innovative piece of his program
Principal made commitment to opportunity and equity that all students have access to permaculture classroom. #itouroregon

many students have started gardens at home using permaculture design principles

Antonio Jesus Ridigo 3 students explain how much they love the garden instruction and how they wish all school were like this

Students tell us about a book their making that future classes will use as a model. Legacy projects! And rea-world #itouroregon

RT @mscottnine Students explain glasshouse and permaculture design on #itouroregon. twitpic.com/4pfsrd: Student... http://bit.ly/fE3T26

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#itouroregon permaculture emphasizes connections between elements students run everything and produce $6000 income for school

permagriculture

RT @OlsonKirsten #itouroregon waste means were not being creative enough about our process. permaculture as meta... http://bit.ly/eEUmTs

OlsonKirsten

#itouroregon lets build a building thats curriculum Becker explains new school building

OlsonKirsten

#itouroregon waste means were not being creative enough about our process. permaculture as metaphor for school transformation?

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"Waste happens because we just aren't being creative enough." Michael Becker on #itouroregon

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Sign explains greenhouse and classroom design at Hood River Middle School. #itouroregon twitpic.com/4pfc98

OlsonKirsten

Micael Becker at Hood River School explains growing permaculture project that has transformed instruction #itouroregon
OlsonKirsten
#itouroregon Amazing conversations in van about restorative justice practices and place based curriculum at the village free school

LeviTheDegu
How does Micheal Becker tie permaculture to state standards? #itouroregon

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If the tour is as good as the thai food and first night's company, we're set. #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
Can we be very concrete, and avoid educational jargon? #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
Are great leaders required to create innovative models in education because it is so hard, another asks? #itouroregon

OlsonKirsten
How can we show our own points of view to grow our educational visions? Guiding question for tour #itouroregon
OlsonKirsten
Participants gathering in large opening circle to discuss guiding questions and hopes for tour #itouroregon

LeviTheDegu
#itouroregon setting up twitter for the tour

mscottnine
#itouroregon is now underway.