



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



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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



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[#itouroregon](#) We don't have a youth problem in America we have an adult problem



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[#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



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Sei produces positive contributing citizens [#itouroregon](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) Building exists next to a park formerly run by gangs



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[#itouroregon](#) Self Enhancement Institute every child has an individual success plan reviewed quarterly. Serves 800 students.



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[#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



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[#itouroregon](#) 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"



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A good metric for place-based education is a line of muddy boots ready for action. [#itouroregon](#) [twitpic.com/4ptl0c](https://twitter.com/mscottnine/status/441000000000000000)



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What wisdom can we gain from a bug? Kids are asked these types of questions at opal on regular basis [#itouroregon](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) On wall: life will go on as long as someone to sing, someone to dance, to tell stories and to listen



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[#itouroregon](#) Sign on wall of Opal 1 classroom: what can we learn from an insect?



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Photo in hallway at Opal School on [#itouroregon](#) [twitpic.com/4ptbag](https://twitter.com/mscottnine/status/441000000000000000)



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[#itouroregon](#) Education is about being passionate together



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[#itouroregon](#) Science is nothing more than a game



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: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](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) 10 year old " complications are the key to making learning interesting."



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[#itouroregon](#) Every interaction with kids is put in form of question, to nurture a playful attitude



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[#itouroregon](#) 200 applicants for 9 spaces in lottery this year



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[#itouroregon](#) Story workshop replaces readers and writers workshop



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[#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



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[#itouroregon](#) Founded on Reggio Emilia principles children have the right to be citizens of the world from birth Opal School



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[#itouroregon](#) Tensions btw childrens interests and expectations of society sparks school. OPAL School in Portland Childrens Museum



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"Kids are politically invisible" -david kirp [#itouroregon](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) Media loves a catfight between educational entities. Makes for better copy. David Kirp at Powells



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[#itouroregon](#) We are totally missing Dana Bennis and Jonah Canner



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[#itouroregon](#) For every 1 dollar spent on kids 7 dollars are spent on seniors. Difference AARP. David Kirp at Powells Bookstore



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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.
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[KobenhavnKyst](#)

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



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Talking concrete observations oppose to quick judgements helps us in our understanding
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Follow the IDEA Innovation Tour in Oregon: 30 educators now visiting 4 dynamic education models [#itouroregon](#) <http://bit.ly/itouroregon>



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The diploma is a lie [#itouroregon](#)



[DanaBennis](#)

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[KobenhavnKyst](#)

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



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[#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."



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



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[#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](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) most graduates pass college level class before the graduate from high school



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



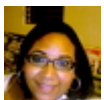
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[#itouroregon](#) Principle of permaculture is to "accelerate succession" make natural change processes go faster. Can itours to do same in Ed?



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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



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[#itouroregon](#) "my role is to push the edge" on command and control instructional design. Some teachers dont like me, says Becker.



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[#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



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[#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?



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[#itouroregon](#) Commodities cafeteria food contracts do not allow veggies from schools garden be eaten in own cafeteria



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[#itouroregon](#) Schools principal struggles to keep permaculture program fully funded although it is the most innovative piece of his program



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Principal made commitment to opportunity and equity that all students have access to permaculture classroom. [#itouroregon](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) many students have started gardens at home using permaculture design principles



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[#itouroregon](#) Antonio Jesus Ridigo 3 students explain how much they love the garden instruction and how they wish all school were like this



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



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RT [@mscottnine](#) Students explain glasshouse and permaculture design on [#itouroregon](#).. <http://bit.ly/fE3T26>



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Students explain glasshouse and permaculture design on [#itouroregon](#).. twitpic.com/4pfsrd



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[#itouroregon](#) permaculture emphasizes connections between elements students run everything and produce \$6000 income for school



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



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[#itouroregon](#) lets build a building thats curriculum Becker explains new school building



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[#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



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Micael Becker at Hood River School explains growing permaculture project that has transformed instruction [#itouroregon](#)



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[#itouroregon](#) Amazing conversations in van about restorative justice practices and place based curriculum at the village free school



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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](#)



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Can we be very concrete, and avoid educational jargon? [#itouroregon](#)



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



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How can we show our own points of view to grow our educational visions? Guiding question for tour [#itouroregon](#)



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Participants gathering in large opening circle to discuss guiding questions and hopes for tour
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[#itouroregon](#) setting up twitter for the tour



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[#itouroregon](#) is now underway.
