

# Video Conferencing

Using PolyCom



# Agenda

1. Why is video conferencing important?
2. Why not Skype?
3. Collaborations vs. Field trips

# Why is it valuable?

Helps students achieve **global competency** goal, aligns with TCAPS Strategic plan

**Authentic audience** of peers

**Motivates** students to do best work

**Real-world connections** outside the classroom

# Why not Skype?

Better audio and video quality

More secure connection

Dedicated network

# Connections vs. Field Trip

Connections are with another group of students to share work, meet and greet, exchange information, etc.

Field trip is visiting and interacting with staff at a museum, zoo, NASA, etc.



# Collaborations Around the Planet

CA2Space, a portal for videoconference projects

TWO WAY INTERACTIVE CONNECTIONS IN EDUCATION



# TWICE

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#### TWICE Membership

It's time to renew your TWICE membership or join for the first time! For more information and all news go to the FAQ on the CA2Space toolbar.

#### VERIFICATION

Do you have a bluebird monitor icon on your profile page? If not, get verified now so you will be ready for the 2013-14 events. For more information check the FAQs on the CA2Space toolbar or email verification@twice.ca

#### POLYCOM SPECIAL EVENTS

Polycom Special Events for Oct - Dec, 2013 are open for registration if you are connected to verified Polycom equipment. Go to My Projects, Polycom to view and register.

#### READ AROUND THE PLANET

Mark your calendar - RAP dates for 2014 are Feb. 24 - Mar. 7. Registration will open Dec. 2, 2013. Information available at <http://www.twice.ca/RAP/>

#### TWICE ASK Programs

TWICE ASK programs are open for registration. Go to My Projects, then TWICE to view and register for 2013-14 sessions!

#### Newly Offered Events:

- Crazy Creative Collaborations!
- Scary Story Symposium: WHAT Happens Next?

#### Recent Events:

- Max Hupp matched with Ted Rucht an collaboration (Scary the Spooky Pumpkin)
- Sandy Falgout and Anne Hedman are now friends
- Anne Hedman is now coordinating for Sandy Falgout
- Anne Hedman and Lynette Whitefield are now friends
- Mindy Hare and Don Rimes are now friends
- Don Rimes is now coordinating for Mindy Hare
- Julie Vincent is now coordinating for Tracy Carr

### Upcoming Events

#### Limited Availability Events:

- Polycom Special Event: Fished Too Far (7th-8th) by Global Nomads  
1 slots available
- ASK Author: A Clear Christmas with Margaret Wiley (Grades 2 and 3)  
1 slots available
- Polycom Special Event: Di Lino's Ovens (2nd-3rd) with Laura Keller  
1 slots available
- ASK Author: Henry Six with author Sue Stauffacher (Grades 2-8)  
2 slots available
- ASK Author: Tiltle the Terrible Swirls with author Sue Stauffacher (Grades 2-4)  
2 slots available
- ASK Author: Animal Rescue Team with Sue Stauffacher (Grades 4 - 6)  
2 slots available
- ASK Author: Mission: The Space Zoo with author Denise Brennan-Nelson (Grades 1 - 4)  
2 slots available
- Polycom Special Event: The Ultimate QB with Jon Stewart (5th-8th grades)  
2 slots available
- PSE: Scrambled States of America & Scrambled States Talent Show (Ability) with Laura Keller  
2 slots available
- Polycom Special Event: Clear Rescues Christmas (2nd-5th) with

# Finding Field Trips

TWICE -search by subject, grade level, etc.

CapSpace - ASK author interactions, Read

Around the Planet

NMU Resource List

NASA



# Sounds great! Now what?

Communicate with the PolyCom project leader at your site, usually your LMP

Connections currently will take place in the library, and in classrooms in the future

\*\*Teacher Hints/Tips for Polycom