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**NEVHS** RT **@daveandcori**: We need to address poverty and poor home lives if we want to improve student achievement **#engchat** **#edchat** **#testinghelpsnoonebuttestcomp** -5:44 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**zansari8** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Thanks and good night. Go have dinner and prepare to inspire your students tomorrow. -5:36 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**Techgroup2011** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. You can't do the fight alone -5:03 AM Apr 12th, 2011

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federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools cSMART PAUSING don't get 100% -4:16 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**annicksana** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -4:02 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**nenifoofer** The **#engchat** Daily is out! <http://bit.ly/fnwhJP> ▶ Top stories today via **@castlelibrary2** **@writingproject** **@engagingedu** **@lyrichardson** -3:29 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**sublimeinanity** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -3:15 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**uscedu67** RT **@vathees**: RT: **@DrLorMulick** **#edchat** **#engchat** **#edreform** We must encourage creative thinking! Which by the way doesn't happen preparing for a bubble test -2:37 AM Apr 12th, 2011

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**markatblufish** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -1:54 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**sarahgbutler** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -1:51 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**markatblufish** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Rhetoric of Duncan, Rhee, et al encourages T-party govs who cut education budgets, abolish seniority, open charters. -1:43 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**markatblufish** Agreed: "**@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** I'm not against testing.

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**dbblas** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -1:22 AM Apr 12th, 2011

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**dbblas** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Yes, share the good news. Show them what students do. Invite them to sit in classes. Celebrate success. Don't be defensive. -1:19 AM Apr 12th, 2011

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**robinhosemann** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Great successful businesses treat their employees like gold. They treasure them, make sure working conditions are

excellent. -1:05 AM Apr 12th, 2011

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**Npriester** Snapshot Lesson: Google Wonder Wheel: <http://bit.ly/gBLS5F>  
<---My high schoolers' new favorite search tool! [#jccstech](#) [#edtech](#) [#engchat](#)

-12:57 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**MarianaAshley** RT [@dianeravitch](#): [#engchat](#) How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -12:39 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**mauilibrarian2** BBC - Radio 4 - Bookclub Interviews <http://bbc.in/hfFDkp>  
[#titletalk](#) [#engchat](#) [#tlchat](#) [#HASL11](#) -12:29 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**mathequality** RT [@dianeravitch](#): [#engchat](#) Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -12:09 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**jphuong** RT [@dianeravitch](#): [#engchat](#) You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. You can't do the fight alone -12:03 AM Apr 12th, 2011

**DoableToday** RT [@dianeravitch](#): [#engchat](#) How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -11:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**BloomingtonBFT** RT [@englchrleo](#): Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. [#engchat](#) -11:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**BloomingtonBFT** RT [@bibliolisa](#): [#engchat](#) Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -11:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**maryannreilly** The Need to Compose & A Room of One's Own: Art Making & School-Based Writing <http://t.co/xjILDJv> [#engchat](#) [#SPNChat](#) [#edchat](#) [#edreform](#) -11:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**WackJacq** Poetry Foundation Grows Its Online Presence Substantially by **@curthopkins** <http://t.co/UoYT637> via **@RWW** **#engchat** -11:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**WackJacq** RT **@gatorbonBC**: Video: Rage, Rage, against the dying of the light... <http://t.co/HHbzN2d> Nice -I Love Dylan Thomas. One of his best **#engchat** -11:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Mz\_Jonesy\_20** RT **@DrLorMulick**: **#engchat** I've been to Denmark & Norway to study early childhood Ed.They dignify their teachers. There's a remarkable difference in attitude. -11:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bfrench329** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -11:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**bfrench329** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -11:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**classic74** RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Politicians: bring them into classrooms. Invite them to be teacher for a day. Help them understand your work. -11:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**abelcomeon** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -11:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**abelcomeon** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Think of ways that teachers in your community can be heard in public forums, can talk openly about needs of schools, families, kids -11:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**classic74** RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** If only everyone's children had the class sizes and curriculum and resources that (cont) <http://tl.gd/9ptjbu> -11:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RdngTeach @JohnMikulski** Next **#engchat** is next Mon 4/18 at 7pm est. Topic-building a classroom library. -11:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**CTuckerEnglish** I'm shocked "Caged Bird" wasn't on it! RT **@JJMangler: RT @DanielPink: 10 Most Freq Challenged Books 2010 @galleycat #engchat #edchat #fcsd** -10:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**JJMangler** RT **@DanielPink: 10 Most Frequently Challenged Library Books of 2010 . . . <http://t.co/8YHEFMn> via @galleycat #engchat #edchat #fcsd** -10:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bcreative10** RT **@mrami2: @dianeravitch #engchat:** Do you think Save Our

Schools march planned for July will mark the beginning of a large movement **SMART PAUSING**

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**bcreative10** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Very important to preach to the choir. That's how social movements are built. Start with one, encourage many to join. Create might. -10:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bcreative10** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bill Gates calls me his "biggest adversary" -10:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**bcreative10** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child development needs -10:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bcreative10** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -10:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**csutherland3** **#engchat** Can anybody suggest good sample videos of debate speeches for high school students? Want to show them some models...Tx! -10:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**magpete55** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -10:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SARAallen91** RT **@profrush**: Please RT: Survey of beginning English teachers -- my new(ish) research project! <http://bit.ly/giZeTb> **#engchat** **#edchat** **#ntchat** -10:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**girlfriday65** RT **@dianeravitch**: **@mrami2** **#engchat** Believe in your mission. Believe in value of your work. Know that you make a difference every day in life of children. -10:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Offred1** RT **@TeachMoore**: RT **@pammoran**: At Int'l Summit on Teaching hosted by USDOE, other countries said loud and clear.. respect your tching professionals

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**Offred1** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Collaboration is not valued in our culture the way competition and \*leadership\* are. Corporate model won't work. -10:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Hard to say who is cheated most: students or teachers. Both getting raw deal. But you can't enlist them in your cause. -10:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Will profiteers dominate charter movement, paying selves \$400,000 a year to be CEO of a charter or two? -10:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**zansari8** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Unions are not the problem but they are not the answer either. They have been so attacked that they are not effective in response -10:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -10:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Offred1** RT **@TeachMoore**: **@feministteacher** And no industrialized country has as many poor children as US does **#engchat** **#edchat** -10:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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appropriate dialogue ought to be how do we as teachers establish it. **#eSMART PAUSING**

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**TCBGP** "**@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. True, but "hope and change" comes in 2nd! -10:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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it as the "corporate reform movement," because it's business thinking. **ESMART PAUSING**

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**zansari8** RT **@kinnick72**: Morale is so low in my building and district... our BEST are thinking of career changes... is it that way all across the country? **#engchat**

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**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -10:17

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**gmfunk** **@Shamlet165** **#engchat** was exhilarating. I wondered where you and **@mardieteach** Were. -10:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**masalinas** RT **@LYRichardson**: **@magpete55** Parents have lost their way; not providing moral ed needed by children; materialism is their new curriculum. **#engchat #edchat** -10:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**zansari8** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** What is working? Teachers collaborating. Trying to sustain culture of school in atmosphere where jobs, school at stake -10:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Shamlet165** Just sick sick sick that I had to miss **#engchat** tonight... :( -10:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**masalinas** RT **@psoule72**: **@DianeRavitch #engchat** How 'bout administrators, school boards, community in classroom? They should be seeing/knowing better than they do! -10:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**masalinas** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -10:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**GradingGirl** Oh yes! RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -10:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**noraleet** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -10:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**GradingGirl** Teaching is more than a vocation or profession - it's a passionate way of life. **#engchat #edchat** -10:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**JohnMikulski** I missed **#engchat** tonight. Anyone know when the next one is planned? -10:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kenniross** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** I will be with you until 8 pm EST, then have to go home--an hour's trip from Teachers College to Bklyn. Just did an oral history -10:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -10:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**askMrTalbot** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Another lesson: do not set impossible goals that demoralize teachers and delegitimize schools (eg NCLB) -10:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**DemDivaCooks** RT **@NicolLaChapelle**: RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -10:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dehogue** RT **@profrush**: Please RT: Survey of beginning English teachers -- my new(ish) research project! <http://bit.ly/giZeTb> **#engchat #edchat #ntchat**

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**Offred1** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored!

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**Offred1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -10:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**jimeagen** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -10:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**wakullawriter** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -9:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**babsaj** **@AndersonGL** In this cultural/national climate, there is so many littles to celebrate. Thanks for reminding me of that. **#engchat** -9:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**goddessblue** RT **@feministtexican** RT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write (cont) <http://tl.gd/9pslg9> -9:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**JaclynDeRose** Today's **#engchat** was much needed. RT **@DianeRavitch**: Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~tcShV> -9:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TEBakerIII** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -9:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jjashwor** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Great successful businesses treat their employees like gold. They treasure them, make sure working conditions are excellent. -9:53 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Frideswide1** RT **@shighley**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **#engchat @DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if we just had a better police force, there would be NO crime" Utopia, indeed. -9:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @schoolzem** Are you using materials from the Folger Shakespeare Library. Many on last weeks **#engchat** archive -9:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jmj616** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -9:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ElkGroveTeacher** RT **@clix**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **@DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if we just had a better police force, there would be NO crime" Utopia, indeed. **#engchat** -9:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**KristinMaschka** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares abt kids, public ed shld be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering & join 4 improvement. -9:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**GradingGirl** Reading some poignant tweets that hit home from tonight's **#engchat** archive. Excellent. -9:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lizziebear** Follow **@ClimbSuccess** and support teachers supporting their students' activities with a mountain climb **#engchat #edchat #elemchat** -9:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04 @gravesle @DianeRavitch** Tuning in late. I am sorry I missed **#engchat**. Will retweet. **#union#unite#solidarity#AFT958#RI** -9:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cboegri** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs -9:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** my hope is that DC march will begin teachers' willingness to speak up to stop the bashing and hostility. -9:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Media love competition, winners and losers. They forget about equality of education opportunity as principle. -9:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@pammoran: @TeacherNextDoor** Kipp also ends up with more per pupil funding in many cases than the schools from which their students are drawn **#engchat** -9:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@kinnick72:** Morale is so low in my building and district... our BEST are thinking of career changes... is it that way all across the country? **#engchat** -9:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers are demoralized in every district. They know that high-stakes testing is undermining education. So is competition. -9:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Richhudd** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -9:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Schools don't improve by competing with other schools, except in sports and debate teams. Schs improve by collaborative culture. -9:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Richhudd** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** NCLB punishments are closing schools, firing teachers, now T-party govs are demonizing teachers, taking away benefits. -9:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -9:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TCBGP** **@cybraryman1: @DianeRavitch** How do we change politicians' minds on what is really needed in education? **#engchat** Demand to end Dept.of Ed ! -9:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**suegwood @wilderlab @DianeRavitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs..." -9:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Finnish schools emphasize inclusion. Teachers trained to deal with spec-ed, others. But they don't have our diversity, for sure. -9:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Finland has two big advantages. 1) no standardized testing; 2) very low poverty. 3% of their kids vs. more than 20% of ours R poor -9:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@TeachMoore**: **@feministteacher** And no industrialized country has as many poor children as US does **#engchat** **#edchat** -9:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@TeacherNextDoor**: **@DianeRavitch** recent closings of many libraries certainly not helping either! **#engchat** **#savelibraries** -9:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cmeden** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -9:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -9:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** No apples-to-apples with charters and reg publics because so many former skim, exclude, counsel out, push out low performing kids -9:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@TeachMoore**: RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -9:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -9:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Rhetoric of Duncan, Rhee, et al encourages T-party govs who cut education budgets, abolish seniority, open charters. -9:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TCBGP** "**@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Sorry to say but Joe Biden's brother Frank is in the charter business in Florida." His wife was a tchr,unforgivable -9:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** NBC will do another week of Education Nation, and last year it was painfully anti-public school, anti-teacher. -9:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@TeacherReality**: Real reform requires our nation's leaders to address underlying problems that impact students' education. Much is poverty

based. **#engchat** -9:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -9:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kinnick72** Amen! RT **@lizziebear**: Teaching: an act of bravery, a calling, a choice. We could have been anything! We chose 2 b teachers. **#engchat** **#edchat** -9:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hale27storm** Trying an illustrated word wall to review terms **#engchat** -9:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@feministteacher**: **@clix** What I mean is beyond the daily work; Instead I mean, how we can take care of teachers as public intellectuals? **#engchat** -9:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -9:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** **@mrmi2** **@RdngTeach** LOVE the next **#engchat** topic!!! Perhaps we can talk about organizing said libraries as well? -9:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@TeacherReality**: If our leaders continue to ignore our hurting children while pointing the finger at teachers, we will never have "real reform". **#engchat** -9:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hukdunshur** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -9:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@irasocol**: As **@DianeRavitch** says, you are English teachers, use your words and today's media tools to build a revolution **#engchat** -9:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** RT **@mrmi2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -9:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -9:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hukdunshur** RT **@clix**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **@DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. You can't do the fight alone -9:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mfpdx** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -9:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** So forget about intellectuals. Think about the importance of your work and how little U are valued because of ignorant politicians. -9:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@SarahDarerLitt: #engchat** Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do." **#engchat** -9:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Sorry to say but Joe Biden's brother Frank is in the charter business in Florida. -9:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Unions are not the problem but they are not the answer either. They have been so attacked that they are not effective in response -9:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**JillIsReading** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -9:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -9:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Think of ways that teachers in your community can be heard in public forums, can talk openly about needs of schools, families, kids -9:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't

get 100% -9:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**durango04** RT **@cybraryman1: @DianeRavitch** How do we change politicians' minds on what is really needed in education? **#engchat** -9:23 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Politicians: bring them into classrooms. Invite them to be teacher for a day. Help them understand your work. -9:23 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** And sorry to say, teachers will have to learn about the research. It doesn't support value-added assessment, merit pay, etc. -9:23 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -9:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@LYRichardson: @magpete55** Parents have lost their way; not providing moral ed needed by children; materialism is their new curriculum. **#engchat #edchat** -9:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** When you speak of current reform, think of it as the "corporate reform movement," because it's business thinking. Bad business. -9:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@gmfunk: @DianeRavitch** Tom Newkirk calls the corporate reform model the "deskilling of teaching" in Holding On to Good Ideas... **#engchat** -9:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -9:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering and join for improvement. -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dspov** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**DrLorMulick** **#engchat** I've been to Denmark & Norway to study early childhood Ed. They dignify their teachers. There's a remarkable difference in attitude. -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@clix**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **@DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if we just had a better police force, there would be NO crime" Utopia, indeed. **#engchat** -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**unseenparadox** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -9:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**durango04** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -9:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** RT **@lizziebear**: Teaching is an act of bravery.. a calling.. a choice. We could have been anything! We chose to be teachers. **#engchat #edchat** -9:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AmyLaitinen** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. You can't do the fight alone -9:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Briedwell** RT **@mrsebiology**: Content Area Literacy Guide: <http://bit.ly/ec7t9M> Every literacy strategy imaginable. **#edchat #engchat #ntchat #tlchat** -9:18 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**biszeemom** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -9:18 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MrViscidi** RT **@lizziebear**: Teaching is an act of bravery.. a calling.. a choice. We could have been anything! We chose to be teachers. **#engchat #edchat** -9:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**thereadingzone** RT **@RdngTeach**: Hey, that's me! I'm excited!! RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -9:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**suegwood** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Very important to preach to the choir. That's how social movements are built. Start with one, encourage many to join. Create might. -9:16 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Jdbruin91** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -9:16 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hlbickford** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** What is working? Teachers collaborating. Trying to sustain culture of school in atmosphere where jobs, school at stake -9:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bookyarncafe** RT **@mrami2: #engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -9:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarahpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -9:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarahpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Most hope is your idealism, belief in the importance of your work. The corporate bullies will fail, but will do a lotta damage. -9:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hlbickford** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Schools don't improve by competing with other schools, except in sports and debate teams. Schs improve by collaborative culture. -9:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**WIProud** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** No child ever learned to read because her school was closed. Punitive measures don't help children or teachers or schools. -9:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lau\_casey** RT **@moehlert: RT @DianeRavitch: #engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -9:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarahpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** I believe we face an existential crisis in public education today. Will it survive? Will testing become goal of education? -9:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**sarahpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers are demoralized in every district. They know that high-stakes testing is undermining education. So is competition. -9:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Shullamuth** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -9:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lizziebear** My TR grp is doing exactly this! RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Yes, share the good news. Show them what student... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~R81IH> -9:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarahpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -9:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MagistraM** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 4: Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. (2/2) -9:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lizziebear** Teaching is an act of bravery.. a calling.. a choice. We could have been anything! We chose to be teachers. **#engchat** **#edchat** -9:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**cybrarian77** RT **@bibliolisa**: **@DianeRavitch** Teachers do matter, but they should be the engineers for change, not deliverers of test results. **#engchat** -9:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarhpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Yes, share the good news. Show them what students do. Invite them to sit in classes. Celebrate success. Don't be defensive. -9:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarhpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -9:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MagistraM** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Another lesson: do not set impossible goals that demoralize teachers and delegitimate schools (eg NCLB) -9:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sarhpuglisi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -9:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**NicolLaChapelle** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -9:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pammoran** **@gmfunk** so right but we should all see ourselves as obligated to keep up w/ the poltical scene .... **#engchat** -9:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**VIVAProject** **@matthewktabor** **@dianeravitch** HUMOR! We all need more laughs along the way. Thanks **#edchat** **#engchat** -9:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gwingrimes** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -9:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LuckyJimJD** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -9:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hlbickford** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -9:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a

classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -9:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**skajder** RT **@mrmi2**: for those who discovered **#engchat** tonight, we do this every Monday night at 7 PM EST. Here's more info: **<http://ow.ly/4y3XP>** -9:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**CreacherTeacher** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -9:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**brokebroken** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -9:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@gmfunk**: **@DianeRavitch** Tom Newkirk calls the corporate reform model the "deskilling of teaching" in Holding On to Good Ideas... **#engchat** -8:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -8:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -8:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**tedcurran** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**hlbickford** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** Not 4 me, but if anyone knows of some Eng. Teaching positions in DC area will you let me know? Know some GREAT teachers looking. **#engchat** -8:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jcampolieta** RT **@cadsansing**: for sure RT **@LYRichardson**: Tchrs need 2 encourage risktaking in their classrooms. **#engchat** >Band/Orch tchrs do that evryday -8:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kellylight** RT **@SarahDarerLitt**: Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do."

**#engchat** -8:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**booksandqi** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience.  
-8:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Creativitee** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -8:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Mr\_A\_at\_Lake** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ds pov** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Will profiteers dominate charter movement, paying selves \$400,000 a year to be CEO of a charter or two? -8:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ddeubel** RT **@Larryferlazzo**: RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** u must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want best for their kids & so do u. You can't do fight alone -8:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Creativitee** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't get 100% -8:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lizziebear** Teachers are losing their voice... speak up for the people we are responsible for! **#engchat #elemchat** -8:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chrispersheff** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -8:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**IrishRian** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -8:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Creativitee** RT **@daveandcori**: We need to address poverty and poor home lives if we want to improve student achievement **#engchat #edchat #testinghelpsnoonebuttestcomp** -8:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @DianeRavitch** Legislature ignored constituents, reason for recall. Two members of leg and Luna. Gov envisions 12-15 online classes. **#engchat** -8:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

SMART PAUSING

**lizziebear** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bill Gates calls me his "biggest adversary"

-8:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Creativitee** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Creativitee** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**noahleininger** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**IHaveAPseudonym** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SouthernMom** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -8:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@diane\_ravitch** RT. **@harvardbiz** You Have the Power to Choose Prosperity <http://s.hbr.org/h9JHOy> Schools,tchrs read & reboot **#engchat** **#coachat** -8:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**micahdov** RT **@feministteacher**: Yes! RT **@bibliolisa**: **@DianeRavitch** Teachers do matter, but they should be the engineers for change, not deliverers of test results. **#engchat** -8:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dspov** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bill Gates calls me his "biggest adversary" -8:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chadsansing** for sure RT **@LYRichardson**: ...Teachers need to encourage risk-taking in their classrooms. **#engchat** -8:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gottsled** RT **@bibliolisa**: **@DianeRavitch** Teachers do matter, but they should be the engineers for change, not deliverers of test results. **#engchat** -8:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**DiandraMae** RT **@SarahDarerLitt**: Most powerful heard at local screening of

"Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of SMART PAUSING YOU do." **#engchat** -8:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrami2 @rdngteach @mindi\_r @kelleemoye** - maybe we should start a google doc for collection of ideas, can easily put it on the **#engchat** page later -8:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk @pammoran** I know keeping up on political scene hard but what's the alternative? **#engchat** -8:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**sigrutsf** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**cb6luvs2read** RT **@mrami2: #engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**RdngTeach @mindi\_r @kelleemoye @mrami2** Now y'all are making me think I need to make some notes for next week's **#engchat!** :) -8:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**IHaveAPseudonym** RT **@CarolJago: #engchat** I completely agree about teachers being public intellectuals. We need to explain the complexity, the dynamics, the artfulness. -8:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Larryferlazzo** RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** u must involve parents.They are natural allies.They want best for their kids & so do u. You can't do fight alone -8:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**jennmelb** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**michelerehder** RT **@kinnick72:** Morale is so low in my building and district... our BEST are thinking of career changes... is it that way all across the country? **#engchat** -8:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherNextDoor** RT **@gmfunk:** Best thing about Monday evenings is **#engchat** where all the top tweeps tweet. -8:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**katrinakennett** Hamlet collaboration to co-author character blogs? HS gr12 classroom <http://bit.ly/fSzewS> **#engchat #shakespeare #hamlet #english #education** -8:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**kristen36hweac** RT **@englthchrleo:** Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers

should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** SMART PAUSING  
11th, 2011

**lavertyjr** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -8:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RdngTeach** RT **@gmfunk**: Best thing about Monday evenings is **#engchat** where all the top tweeps tweet. -8:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RKauff7777** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**brokebroken** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -8:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** Extraordinary **#engchat** tonight with **@DianeRavitch**. Thanks **@mrami2 @gmfunk** -8:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** Best thing about Monday evenings is **#engchat** where all the top tweeps tweet. -8:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**IFcentral** RT **@LYRichardson**: Are you an instructional or literacy coach? Join the conversation Wed. 7 PM **#coachat #engchat #edchat** -8:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kelleemoye** Sweet! RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @RdngTeach @mrami2** Looking down the barrel of another pay cut means I need budget book ideas! **#engchat** -8:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrsebiology** New Post-To Achieve Understanding, Teach It: <http://bit.ly/fcXDwl> My top reading for understanding strategies **#edchat #engchat #ntchat** -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** Whoa. This will be good. --> RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**aedens1985** RT **@matthewktabor**: Irony. RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal.

Stop bickering -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**lucretiafraga** RT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** NCLB punishments R closing schools, firing teachers, now T-party govs R demonizing teachers, tkng away benefits. -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RdngTeach** So sorry I missed **#engchat** with **@DianeRavitch** . Was watching my two 7th gr guys be inducted into Nat Jr Honor Society! **#proudmama** :) -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@RdngTeach**: Hey, that's me! I'm excited!!RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**CLDIntl** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will... -8:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**1healigan** **#engchat** one LA teacher's take on what union could be doing for us...from Potential is a Muscle <http://bit.ly/fxrcOU> -8:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Politicians: bring them into classrooms. Invite them to be teacher for a day. Help them understand your work. -8:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RdngTeach** Hey, that's me! I'm excited!!RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** When you speak of current reform, think of it as the "corporate reform movement," because it's business thinking. Bad business. -8:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@daveandcori**: We need to address poverty and poor home lives if we want to improve student achievement **#engchat** **#edchat** **#testinghelpsnoonebuttestcomp** -8:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**IssaSkinner** RT **@daveandcori**: We need to address poverty and poor home lives if we want to improve student achievement **#engchat** **#edchat** **#testinghelpsnoonebuttestcomp** -8:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** RT **@SmBMSUBronco**: **#engchat** Is there any chance left that teachers can convince Arne Duncan that standardized testing is not the solution to

education reform? -8:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SFERpennstate** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Another lesson: do not set impossible goals that demoralize teachers and delegitimize schools (eg NCLB) -8:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -8:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**jboyded** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherTaraZ** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SFERnyu** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**stopthefreezeNJ** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TheTeacherGeek** RT **@profrush**: Please RT: Survey of beginning English teachers -- my new(ish) research project! <http://bit.ly/giZeTb> **#engchat** **#edchat** **#ntchat** -8:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**NoJudgingWords** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:23 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**MPhippsEvans** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** how about we look at best practices not just nationwide but worldwide, and replicate parts that work. -8:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**MPhippsEvans** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** I agree. Both my parents are retired public school teachers. It's an unending thankless job. **#unionshelp** -8:21 PM Apr 11th,

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**laurenstraub** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs  
-8:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**messerlyk** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience.  
-8:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Luke1946 @DianeRavitch #engchat** I've had over 100 of my students fom the 70s & 80s connect with me on FB! They do remember. -8:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MegLudlow** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lucretiafraga** RT **@DianeRavitch #engchat** If only everyone's children had the class sizes & curriculum & resources that Gates' kids enjoy in their skool. -8:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**NoJudgingWords** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -8:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ssteven2** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Schools don't improve by competing with other schools, except in sports and debate teams. Schs improve by collaborative culture. -8:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**fliegs** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**advoc8tr** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:18 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dakotasmbtx** RT **@LYRichardson: #engchat** Are you an instructional or literacy coach? Join the conversation Wed. 7 PM **#coachat #engchat #edchat** -8:18 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dakotasmbtx** RT **@LYRichardson: #Coachat** Instructional coaches are knowledge managers; Join the conversation 7pm Wed **#edchat #engchat #edreform** -8:18 PM Apr 11th, 2011

SMART PAUSING

**clix** RT **@feministteacher**: **@clix** What I mean is beyond the daily work, instead I mean, how we can take care of teachers as public intellectuals? **#engchat** -8:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mr\_saltz** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lucretiafraga** RT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** We have a huge problem n R society. Elites run'in public polcy that doesnt affect their children, just sum1 else's. -8:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**NoJudgingWords** Agree! RT **@englchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** -8:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**teripinney** RT **@matthewktabor**: Irony. RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering -8:16 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**NoJudgingWords** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Government must act forcefully on programs from birth-5 (fed budget deal just cut them) and parent education (ditto). -8:16 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**educator4WI** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't get 100% -8:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AriVoice** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Thanks to all. This has been fun. Going to dip my fingers in a warm tub of water! Persist. You have more social value than critics. -8:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ginafred** RT **@moehlert**: RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -8:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Jane\_WI** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@clix** I did post it on EC and on my blog. Hubby out of town so I have to do all the work around here! Need to write **#NBPTS** recert **#engchat** -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**tonnet** RT **@matthewktabor**: Irony. RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MPhippEvans** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Rhetoric of Duncan, Rhee, et al encourages T-party govs who cut education budgets, abolish seniority, open charters. -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Peedi Pabs** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**complexified** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**educator4WI** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**BethScottBierko** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -8:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**NoJudgingWords** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -8:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**matthewktabor** Irony. RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering -8:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @gmfunk** on ECN? yah!!! I'm sooo behind on writing :P otoh I \*did\* get the Darn Book finished & I'm caught up w laundry & dishes! **#engchat** -8:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** Thank you to all who joined tonight's **#engchat**! How awesome was it have **@DianeRavitch** host! Thanks for all the support and RTs. -8:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**complexified** pRT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. -8:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**schoolzem** RT **@goodIDEAfolks**: **#engchat** is going on now. On Mondays nights at 7 PM EST, K-16 English teachers have in-depth discussions on Twitter. -8:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**school\_closures** RT **@dianeravitch** **#engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed... -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** **#engchat** Kohn also discusses education and economy **http://bit.ly/18I5yv** -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@chadsansing** **@mrami2** Teachers need to encourage risk-taking in their classrooms. **#engchat** -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@mrami2**: "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch** **http://j.mp/fKdQf7** **#nwp** **#engchat** **#edchat** -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LoriTheLaw** RT **@mrsebiology**: Content Area Literacy Guide: **http://bit.ly/ec7t9M** Every literacy strategy imaginable. **#edchat** **#engchat** **#ntchat** **#tlchat** -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**marv\_leo** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Government must act forcefully on programs from birth-5 (fed budget deal just cut them) and parent education (ditto). -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sjep** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**buxtehude11** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bonniejpreston** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Thanks to all. This has been fun. Going to dip my fingers in a warm tub of water! Persist. You have more social value than critics. -8:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@clix** LOL Did you read my blog about Albert Pujols? I posted it yesterday **#engchat** He could teach reformers some lessons. -8:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**DanWitte** Confiscated Middle School Note **#5**. Oh I weep for the English Language. **#midleved** **#engchat** **#languagearts** **#education** **http://twitpic.com/4jsqh1** -8:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch** **http://j.mp/fKdQf7** **#nwp** **#engchat** **#edchat** -8:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**FLVSRaven** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Government must act forcefully on programs from birth-5 (fed budget deal just cut them) and parent education (ditto).

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**freespeakpoet** "**@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care."

-8:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** ok, time to head all... ttfn! lookin forward to next week! ^.^ **#engchat**

-8:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**FLVSRaven** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid.

-8:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**illitique** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Government must act forcefully on programs from birth-5 (fed budget deal just cut them) and parent education (ditto).

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**FLVSRaven** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience.

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**chadsansing #blog4nwp** RT **@mrami2: #engchat** Teachers need communities that foster growth and encourage risk-taking, communities like **#NWP** come to mind.

**#engchat** -8:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AmyRass** RT **@mrami2: #engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT.

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**gmfunk @d\_martin05** My students love Shakespeare and Beowulf and Chaucer. We don't just read. We interact w/ texts: assigned and chosen **#engchat**

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**nam5m** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again.

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**AriVoice** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever.

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**LYRichardson #Coachat** Instructional coaches are knowledge managers; Join the

conversation 7pm Wed **#edchat #engchat #edreform** -8:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011 **SMART PAUSING**

**clix** RT **@mrami2**: **#engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. WOOT! YAY BOOKS!!! **#engchat** -8:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**nam5m** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** **#engchat** Global economy vs. Local economy There is tension btwn crumbling communities and corporate entities. Which shd education serve? -8:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**motherhoodmag** RT **@mrami2**: for those who discovered **#engchat** tonight, we do this every Monday night at 7 PM EST. Here's more info: <http://ow.ly/4y3XP> -8:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**heatherwiges** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** **@gmfunk** well see people can read my post for the topic, and then go read yours for the CONTENT. ;) **#engchat** -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**marvinloren** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jesseconant** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jjg226** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Unions are not the problem but they are not the answer either. They have been so attacked that they are not effective in response -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**PhonascusSum** **@mrami2** Good job with getting some action around the **#engchat** hashtag -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **#coachat** join the conversation about coaching/mentoring teachers Wed 7pm **#engchat** -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**FLVSRaven** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids

are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care.SMART PAUSING  
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**d\_martin05** Which should be the focus of a English class, to read Shakespeare or to just read? **#edreform #edchat #abed #engchat** -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @clix** Hey, you stole my idea! LOL and JK **#engchat** -8:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chadsansing** RT **@mrami2: #engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Gabewarner** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**seslibrary** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**FLVSRaven** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2 #engchat** 4/18 at 7 PM EST w/ **@RdngTeach** - Building a classroom library on a limited budget. Pls RT. -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kelleemoye** RT **@mrami2: Thank you @DianeRavitch for hosting #engchat, let's change things for the better!** -8:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** I'm looking forward to sifting through this archive for some blogpost material. Yay! **#engchat** -8:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MikeRussellMcK** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -8:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** Are you an instructional or literacy coach? Join the conversation Wed. 7 PM **#coachat #engchat #edchat** -8:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @mrami2 @DianeRavitch** You never know until you as! **#engchat** Glad to play a small role. So cool! -8:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**liberchick "@cybraryman1: @DianeRavitch** change politicians' minds on really

needed in education? **#engchat**" Have their kids go to Public school -8:05 **SMART PAUSING**  
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**mrswp93** RT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** teachers will have to learn about the research. It doesn't support value-added asse... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~h60BM>  
-8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk** RT **@MsRowse**: Thanks to all for **#engchat--I** feel so less alone when I make the time to attend these chats. -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrmi2** **@gmfunk** Thank you for putting **#engchat** out there to **@DianeRavitch** in the first place! -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Rmeaders** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Another lesson: do not set impossible goals that demoralize teachers and delegitimate schools (eg NCLB) -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**trishlet** **@gravesle** **@DianeRavitch** I was in class, alas. hashtag stream looks thoughtful, useful. thank you. **#engchat** -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**bibliolisa** **@DianeRavitch** Actually, tomorrow I will be administering our yearly high-stakes test! Irony, isn't it? Thanks for the **#engchat** -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk** **@mrmi2** **@DianeRavitch** Thanks for an excellent **#engchat** Wish insomnia always proved so productive! -8:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**MsRowse** Thanks to all for **#engchat--I** feel so less alone when I make the time to attend these chats. -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**wbhumanities** so sorry I missed **#engchat** - but it is my daughter's birthday. I will definitely check out the archives! -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson** Moving from factory model classroom to global classroom; Teachers are in uncharted territory **#engchat** **#coachat** -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**freespeakpoet** "**@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Every1 who cares about kids, public ed should be working 2gether. Same goal. Stop bickering & join 4 improvement."  
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**mrmi2** Thank you **@DianeRavitch** for hosting **#engchat**, let's change things for the better! -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**teacherbytes** **@DianeRavitch** Students who come to school ready to learn have parents who help their children and support teachers. **#engchat** -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**hiyellanegress** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** Awesome engchat tonight! Thanks everyone! **#engchat** -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TAGphilly** for something positive attend TAG's Education for Liberation Curriculum Fair **<http://ow.ly/4y3Xv>** **#engchat** -8:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @mrami2** what's next week? **#engchat** -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**akesha** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Thanks and good night. Go have dinner and prepare to inspire your students tomorrow. -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** Thanks for a great **#engchat** all! Esp. **@DianeRavitch** off to process ... maybe a blog to come;) -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson** RT **@feministteacher**: Words to live by for us educators RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Persist. You have more social value than critics. -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** Thank you **@mrami2** and **@gmfunk** for organizing & thanks **@dianeravitch** for hosting! **#engchat** -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**nothosepeople** RT **@SarahDarerLitt**: Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do." **#engchat** -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gavintachibana** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**nicala** expertise v. public opinion=doing what's right v doing what's popular. Navigating is a tricky art. **#engchat** -8:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AmyRass** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in

society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember forever. **SMART PAUSING**  
-8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets #engchat** thanks for letting me lurk and learn :) tweet you all next week  
**#sschat** -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** RT **@gmfunk: @DianeRavitch** "I touch the future. I teach."  
Christa McAuliffe Remember her words and honor the sentiment w/out apology  
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**LYRichardson** Teacher 2.0 must build a participatory community that fosters social capital: belonging, friendship camaraderie **#engchat** -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** RT **@aboutNCLB: #engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SchoolMarm80** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@mrami2: @dianeravitch** Thank you so much hosting **#engchat!**  
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**EdFocus** RT **@SarahDarerLitt: #engchat** Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do."  
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**clix @dianeravitch** PS: you rocked on The Daily Show! **#engchat** -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**magpete55 #engchat @feministteacher** yes there are so many of us! How have our Unions been so effectively silenced? -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cascadingwaters** RT **@aboutNCLB: #engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity

ignored! -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**nelizadrew** RT **@englchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**illitique** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -8:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**classroomtools** **@DianeRavitch** Rush to read Chris Hedges' CommonDreams col today Why the US is Destroying the Education System <http://bit.ly/gALka1> **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** **@mrami2** Thanks to **@DianeRavitch** for a great **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Thanks to all. This has been fun. Going to dip my fingers in a warm tub of water! Persist. You have more social value than critics. -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**yrbk\_db8** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering and join for improvement. -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**chris\_reuter** RT **@psoule72**: **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** How 'bout administrators, school boards, community in classroom? They should be seeing/knowing better than they do! -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** **@DianeRavitch** Disappointing to read the Biden charter school connection **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**PhonascusSum** **@shighley** I like that analogy Shingly **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**motherhoodmag** RT **@complexified**: RT **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing

child developmt needs -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mhaleblian** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**DenaeHeather** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ianchia** RT **@clix**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **@DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if we just had a better police force, there would be NO crime" Utopia, indeed. **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**RogueTeaching** RT **@aboutNCLB**: **#engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**BeSkwared** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat**: Dewey: what the best and wisest parent wants for his child is what we should want for all the children of the community -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**englthcrleo** **@aboutNCLB** Supposedly, critical thinking is tested-I'm not sure it's really critical thkng. it's an area where my stdnts score low **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** "I touch the future. I teach." Christa McAuliffe We should remember her words and honor the sentiment w/out apology **#engchat** -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets** **#engchat** 100 kids a year 1700+ kids since I started then their kids and there kids kids a piece of me goes with them so I am imortal -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**acmcdonaldgp** A powerful legacy!!! RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society...Your students will remember you forever. -8:00 PM  
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**march4teachers** RT **@aboutNCLB: #engchat** NCLB inspired bubble-tests assess the lowest levels of Bloom's taxonomy. Synthesis of ideas, critical thinking, creativity ignored! -8:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**placido** RT **@AndersonGL: #engchat** Raise your hand if you can commit to communicating some good news about your class to parents tomorrow, or at least this week?  
**#engchat** -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**corriekelly** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teaching is one of the hardest jobs in society. \$\$ rewards small, psychic rewards huge. Your students will remember you forever. -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sjwarren1** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -7:59 PM  
Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** RT **@LYRichardson: @Rmeaders @DianeRavitch** Reinvent schools is like Reconstruction after the Civil War; a long, slow process. **#engchat** -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**scanloe** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Blame game works for no one. If kids are hungry, sick or homeless, it matters. They need extra help and care. -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mhaleblian** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @dianeravitch** well... some of 'em will ;) **#engchat** -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering and join for

improvement. -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

SMART PAUSING

**k1tkat7** Does **#scichat** have times to chat/topics/panels like **#edchat** or **#engchat** does? Where do science teachers talk policy? **#science #education** -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**WinyanStaz** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pathfinder00** RT **@clix**: RT **@MoniThorn**: **@DianeRavitch** NCLB is like saying "if we just had a better police force, there would be NO crime" Utopia, indeed. **#engchat** -7:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Soulclaphands #engchat** Read Kohn's critique of current "reform" re Rewards, Homework & Traditional Teaching <http://ow.ly/4qGri> -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**PhonascusSum @DianeRavitch #engchat** About the same goal. I think part of the problem is a plurality of goals in education. We are not all together -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**march4teachers** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't get 100% -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bonniejpreston #engchat @DianeRavitch** The public ed issue affects everyone whether they realize it or not. Everyone needs to get informed & join the fight -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** Globalization has made schools' old mission obsolete  
**<http://tinyurl.com/4os42xe> #engchat #edreform** -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** there is a book called don't sweat the small stuff ummmm....  
-7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore @helpourschools** Only one charter school in my state, and it is highly selective of students; so I'd need more examples of **#engchat** -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**feministteacher @DianeRavitch** Is there a way for independent/private and public school teachers to join in solidarity? **#engchat** -7:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**1healigan** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -7:57 PM Apr

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**Sunbeam2U62** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** **@Soulclaphands** **@gmfunk** **@LYRichardson** We have responsibilities that go far beyond standardized test prep. **#engchat** -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**march4teachers** RT **@TeachMoore**: RT **@thereadingzone**: .. our best allies in the years to come. Former test-takers who don't want the same for their own kids. **#engchat** -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Rmeaders** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** When you speak of current reform, think of it as the "corporate reform movement," because it's business thinking. Bad business. -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**brianjohnweaver** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Politicians: bring them into classrooms. Invite them to be teacher for a day. Help them understand your work. -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**teacherjake** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mhaleblian** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers are demoralized in every district. They know that high-stakes testing is undermining education. So is competition. -7:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**shighley** RT **@dianeravitch**: **@mrami2 #engchat** Believe in your mission. Believe in value of your work. Know that you make a difference every day in life of children.

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**dianeravitch #engchat** Another lesson: do not set impossible goals that demoralize teachers and delegitimize schools (eg NCLB)

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**shighley** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering and join for improvement.

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**padgets #engchat #sschat** of course ever teacher should tweet! :) -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Laurecchia** RT **@LYRichardson**: **@magpete55** Parents have lost their way; not providing moral ed needed by children; materialism is their new curriculum.

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**magpete55 #engchat** still kids who come to school unready to learn have teachers who blame parents parents who blame teacher. We must look beyond that

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**1healigan** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Personal letters to Duncan, Obama, and your electeds very important, more so than email. Many in Cong tell me everyone loves NCLB -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**goodIDEAfolks** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Everyone who cares about kids, public ed should be working together. Same goal. Stop bickering and join for improvement. -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**AndersonGL** **@Soulclaphands** **@LYRichardson** **@gmfunk** Can't agree. Students learn more deeply when they're more deeply involved in the activities. **#engchat** -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Lesson 1: Improve schools, don't punish them. 2. Support teachers, don't fire them. 3. Find allies. 4. Speak up. 5. Be not afraid. -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@Rmeaders** **@DianeRavitch** Reinvent schools is like Reconstruction after the Civil War; a long, slow process. **#engchat** -7:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**betajames** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk @Soulclaphands @AndersonGL @LYRichardson** No. We can reject playing to the tests in many instances. Own our classrooms **#engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sundene** Been lurking on **#engchat** - great teacher discussion, thank you for sharing your thoughts! **@DianeRavitch** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bharrisonvp** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Finland has two big advantages: 1) no standardized testing; 2) very low poverty. 3% of their kids vs. more than 20% of ours R poor -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Mr\_A\_at\_Lake** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't get 100% -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @AndersonGL** what is? ;) **#engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets @TeacherNextDoor #engchat** thnks for the kind words - it was so humbling -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**bahl** RT **@moehlert: RT @DianeRavitch: #engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**powell4thgrade** RT **@cybraryman1: We all have to work as a team (students, teachers, parents & community) if we are going to see the changes we want in educationa #engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor @padgets** Congratulations! You go! Encouragement is a powerful tool 4 our students AND for us! **#engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**motherhoodmag** RT **@gravesle: Any of my teacher friends on twitter right now - please join us over on #engchat w/ @DianeRavitch** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** RT **@dianeravitch**: Believe in yr mission. Believe in value of yr work. Know you make a difference every day in life of children. **#engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dwaalen** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat**: Dewey: what the best and wisest parent wants for his child is what we should want for all the children of the community -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** **@clix** **@RAndersonFHS** **@gmfunk** **@msstewart** THAT'S what we're talking about. **#engchat** -7:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** Tchrs should write reviews of movies that depict us poorly and of those that show us as saviors in a day. Call media **#engchat**. -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** RT **@psoule72**: **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** How 'bout administrators, school boards, community in classroom? They should be seeing/knowing better than they do! -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets** **#engchat** when even one parent says thanks for being my kids teacher - hope- worth it -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrmi2** **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Believe in your mission. Believe in value of your work. Know that you make a difference every day in life of... -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands** **#engchat** Sadly, the "sage on a stage" method is what the standardized testing climate demands **@AndersonGL** **@gmfunk** **@LYRichardson** -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Not only "deskilling," but a purposeful effort to eliminate education profession and open it to amateurs at every level. -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**helpourschools** **#engchat** **@dianeravitch** amazing how you disregard all charter

successes. difference is not all chalked up to skimming...u know that. -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011 SMART PAUSING

**AmyRass** RT **@daveandcori**: We need to address poverty and poor home lives if we want to improve student achievement **#engchat #edchat #testinghelpsnoonebuttestcomp** -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**casrudie** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** It is hard not to be defensive when media attacks teachers daily. Smile and set the record straight, again and again. -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**PhonascusSum** **@LYRichardson** Well Said LY **#engchat** -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson** **@DianeRavitch** Biz people see schools with its built in budget in the form of a per pupil allot and salivate. **#engchat** -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** RT **@gmfunk**: **@DianeRavitch** Tom Newkirk calls the corporate reform model the "deskilling of teaching" in Holding On to Good Ideas... **#engchat** -7:54 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore** **@DianeRavitch** Really good biz people see the fallacy in this so-called business model for edreform **#engchat** -7:53 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** this past thursday I was honored as a Teacher of Impact - I changed a students life - that alone give me hope -7:53 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Rmeaders** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** If only everyone's children had the class sizes and curriculum and resources that Bill Gates' kids enjoy in their school. -7:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2 #engchat:** What words of wisdom do you have for teacher to sustain

hope, surmount challenges and do it all over again? -7:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson @mr\_saltz @TeachMoore** Unions are interested in protecting a civilization that gave them life. **#engchat** -7:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Brainspirations** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**oParasiteSingle** RT **@feministteacher: @clix** What I mean is beyond the daily work; Instead I mean, how we can take care of teachers as public intellectuals?  
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**gmfunk @AndersonGL** Hand in the air. In a rural state like Idaho, tchrs see parents all the time. **#engchat** -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AriVoice** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** So forget about intellectuals. Think about the importance of your work and how little U are valued because of ignorant politicians. -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** The fall of a hero always makes for a good story. It lets the audience feel superior. :( Teachers are the new fallen heroes. **#engchat** -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Rmeaders** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**feministteacher @DianeRavitch** How can independent/private schools with unions join in on the unified front with public school teachers? **#engchat** -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** I think it is an awesome time to be a teacher think ~~of all the~~ tools you have now that I did not have 17 yrs ago -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** If we are confident in our classrooms we have nothing to fear about inviting public in except that they may not be ready to hear it **#engchat** -7:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**oParasiteSingle** RT **@TeacherNextDoor: @DianeRavitch** recent closings of many libraries certainly not helping either! **#engchat #savelibraries** -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Brainspirations** RT **@gmfunk: @DianeRavitch** Tchrs typically nonconfrontational. We need to be confrontational in face of RTTT and NCLB **#engchat** Power to the Pen! -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mr\_saltz @TAGphilly** Already following. Went to some rallys...didn't expect all the singing!! **#engchat** -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Rmeaders** RT **@TeacherReality**: Real reform requires our nation's leaders to address underlying problems that impact students' education. Much is poverty based. **#engchat** -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Grtseeker @DianeRavitch #engchat** I really wish the reformers were open to coming in to do the job. Just look what happened to Cathie Black! Not easy! -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**kelly8sully** RT **@englchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** -7:50 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**laughingliberal** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -7:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**tweetybug66** Hear-hear!! Agreed!! "**@pammoran**: I wonder how much money public ed pays for companies to count erasure marks on high stakes tests? **#engchat**" -7:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**cascadingwaters** RT **@goodIDEAfolks**: **#engchat** is going on now. On Mondays nights at 7 PM EST, K-16 English teachers have in-depth discussions on Twitter. -7:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore @magpete55** Great point on need to educ parents about how excellent teaching really looks **#engchat** -7:49 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**teacherjake** RT **@AndersonGL: #engchat** Share good news about our classes with parents, not just the problems. The good outweighs the bad, right? **#engchat** -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Brainspirations** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers are demoralized in every district. They know that high-stakes testing is undermining education. So is competition. -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Pelican71** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cascadingwaters** reading **#engchat** with **@DianeRavitch** right now **#education**

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**slouch2geneva** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** NCLB is the most destructive federal policy ever adopted by Congress. It has a utopian goal, schools closed if they don't get 100% -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mr\_saltz @TeachMoore** I agree! Where do I find a union that is interested in reforming schools as much as protecting employees? **#engchat** -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** RT **@dianeravitch**: Don't be defensive. <-- but that's so hard! :( ... I know, I know... :P **#engchat** -7:48 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson** RT **@mrami2**: We need to come out of our classrooms and share our work with the world. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** Politicians: bring them into classrooms. Invite them to be teacher for a day. Help them understand your work. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor @karlaolson** Can relate. 6 prep. & sub. for music teach. in plan. 2day b/c of sub. budget cuts- part of prob. how time's prioritized **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**EdFocus** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets @TeacherReality #engchat** we have had a mayor follow, a school board president, the owner of a gas station -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**magpete55 #engchat** I think involving parents is not enough, we must educate them in the process, so they will know excellent teaching when they see it -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**goodIDEAfolks #engchat** is going on now. On Mondays nights at 7 PM EST, K-16 English teachers have in-depth discussions on Twitter. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Yes, share the good news. Show them what students do. Invite them to sit in classes. Celebrate success. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @DianeRavitch** I've been telling seniors I teach to learn what's happening in ed for younger brothers/ sisters and future kids. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Laurecchia** RT **@Grtseeker**: **@DianeRavitch #engchat** teachers need a bigger forum.Public is being bombarded with anti-public school propaganda from every angle,even Oprah -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore @LYRichardson** Parents role much bigger and more important than homework help; they have political clout **#engchat #ntchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Brainspirations** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** I'm not against testing. Testing should be used for diagnostics, not for rewards and punishments. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**OntTeacher** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** In NYC, charters have more funding than reg public schs, but take fewer kids who are ELL and spec-ed. Where's the dem promise? -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ekendriss #engchat** How is it that libraries are reinventing themselves and we aren't? Find the Future - The Game @ NYPL <http://game.nypl.org/#/menu> -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**liprap** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** NBC will do another week of Education Nation, and last year it was painfully anti-public school, anti-teacher. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** RT **@cybraryman1: @DianeRavitch** How do we change politicians' minds on what is really needed in education? **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**placido** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Mr\_A\_at\_Lake** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherReality** **@padgets** "Follow me for a day" is a great idea. We could invite elected public officials to do that. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**firstresponses** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle.  
-7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Tayhudson** RT **@englitchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** -7:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not sure how teachers survive relentless hostility of media & Gates et al. (I take the \$ & do my thang) **#engchat** -7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MsRowse** RT **@AndersonGL**: Share good news about our classes with parents, not just the problems. The good outweighs the bad, right? **#engchat** -7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**EdFocus** RT **@feministteacher**: **@clix** What I mean is beyond the daily work; Instead I mean, how we can take care of teachers as public intellectuals? **#engchat**  
-7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cybraryman1** **@DianeRavitch** How do we change politicians' minds on what is really needed in education? **#engchat** -7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** **@LYRichardson** **@AndersonGL** **@clix** **@dianeravitch** NO MORE MISSING HOMEWORK! - but - hw should be useful practice not just busywork **#engchat** -7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**douglaslucas** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -7:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**audioswhite** RT **@moehlert**: RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**scanloe** RT **@CarolJago**: **#engchat** I completely agree about teachers being public intellectuals. We need to explain the complexity, the dynamics, the artfulness. -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrami2** Will teachers really speak their mind in the voting booth in 2012?  
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**VIVAProject @DianeRavitch** TRUE! VIVA invites teachers to open doors and be heard on **#edreform** from their classrooms for their classrooms **#engchat** Joinus  
-7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @karlaolson** deep breaths! \*hugs\* do your best :) and let go of the rest of it... I know, I know, easier said than done ;D **#engchat** -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Grtseeker @DianeRavitch #engchat** that was the NCLB plan from the beginning. Did they really ever think ALL children would pass? An impossible goal! -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson @TeachMoore #engchat** I'd make it a law! -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson @AndersonGL @clix @dianeravitch** I agree we need parents on board; shared accountability; no more missing homework **#engchat #ntchat** -7:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Roberto63 @LYRichardson** we'll never get creative thinkers out of a system based on standardization and quality control testing. **#engchat** -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Teachers are the most qualified to speak about what needs to happen in schools & their voices are rarely heard. -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AndersonGL** RT **@gmfunk: @LYRichardson** Say bye to the "Sage on a stage" method of teaching. Create community of learners **#engchat** -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets @TeachMoore #engchat** yes seriously :) it has been a tradition for a long time -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**lucretiafraga** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Effort by conservative governors to destroy profession, make everyone insecure by removing tenure, seniority, job protections. -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**minter01** RT **@EdFocus: >>>> "@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter." -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @dianeravitch** and also remind the politicians that we know what the heck we're doing!! :D **#engchat** -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**OntTeacher** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Effort by conservative governors to destroy profession, make everyone insecure by removing tenure, seniority, job protections. -7:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**OntTeacher** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Most hope is your idealism, belief in the importance of your work. The corporate bullies will fail, but will do a lotta damage. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore** Seriously? RT **@pathfinder00: @padgets** does anyone come? My school doesn't want parents inside. **#engchat** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**sweetnsourlady** Better yet=they don't care RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Media love competition, winners and losers. They forget (cont) **<http://tl.gd/9pr419>** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** RT **@LYRichardson**: Schools & teachers must move fr compliant classroom 2 community; fr factory model 1.0 to global model 2.0 **#engchat** **#engchat** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** RT **@clix: @dianeravitch** Politicians are people, too, though. I think - I \*hope\* - that maybe we can remind them that so are we. **#engchat** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @VIVAProject @TeachMoore @DianeRavitch** My argument in Idaho to IEA: Offer alternatives to Luna reform **#engchat** None offered by IEA -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Echotopia** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** So forget about intellectuals. Think about the importance of your work and how little U are valued because of ignorant politicians. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**AndersonGL** RT **@clix: RT @dianeravitch**: We must involve parents as allies. They want the best for their kids & so do we. We can't fight alone! **#engchat** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson .@clix #engchat** I've 4-5 preps 2 plan, rsrch, set up for, & no time to do it. Then I'm yelled @ 4 not having several grades in book each wk. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**janebouey** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Finnish schools emphasize inclusion. Teachers trained to deal with spec-ed, others. But they don't have our diversity, for sure. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**getrealvonciel** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherSol** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Teachers making a difference: Ken Bernstein on Daily Kos, Anthony Cody, Nancy Flanagan. Using experience to change discourse. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** RT **@thereadingzone**: .. our best allies in the years to come. Former test-takers who don't want the same for their own kids. **#engchat** -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**goodIDEAfolks** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** You must involve parents. They are natural allies. They want the best for their kids and so do you. You can't do the fight alone -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**HeidiSiwak** **@#engchat** kinnick72 Gov't finally recognized confrontation just wasn't working. Ministry of Ed learned as well. -7:43 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Sorry to say but Joe Biden's brother Frank is in the charter business in Florida. -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**emsingleton** RT **@LYRichardson**: Schools and teachers must move from compliant classroom to community; from factory model 1.0 to global model 2.0 **#engchat** **#coachat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**feministteacher** **@tfteacher** Then if they don't like intellectuals, why do they charge us with taking care of young scholars? We are scholars too **#engchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**corriekelly** Reading Rockets writing challenge K-12 **http://www.readingrockets.org/books/fun/citizen\_writers** **#engchat** **#edchat** **#ntchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SmBMSUBronco** RT **@4thGrdTeach**: "**@englchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat**" -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk** RT **@VIVAProject: @TeachMoore @DianeRavitch** VIVA thinks classroom teachers need to own **#edreform** to make a difference. We invite all teachers to join **#engchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@SarahDarerLitt**: Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do." **#engchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sweetnsourlady** Sickening RT **@DianeRavitch: #engchat** Will profiteers dominate charter movement, paying selves \$400,000 a year to be CEO of a charter or two? -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**cybraryman1 @DianeRavitch** Yes, we must get parents behind teachers. Also much needed is parenting education **#engchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** So forget about intellectuals. Think about the importance of your work and how little U are valued because of ignorant politicians. -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor** What does **#engchat** think about the "grade-ins"? not sure

they're an ex of "public intellectual" but do show what tchrs do out of claSMART PAUSING

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**nothosepeople** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter. -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets** **@pathfinder00** **#engchat** yes they do, we have some policies in place to help out the visitor but my school encourages it -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**THEONEDEE** RT **@TeachMoore**: **@feministteacher** And no industrialized country has as many poor children as US does **#engchat** **#edchat** -7:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sweetnsourlady** RT **@kinnick72**: Morale is so low in my building and district... our BEST are thinking of career changes... is it that way all across the country? **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**4thGrdTeach** **@englitchrleo**: Alfie Kohn said that all of the policy makers should have the experience of teaching. Maybe he was right. **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TAGphilly** the elected official probably has their own charter school already  
**@mrami2** **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**HeidiSiwak** **@kinnick72** **#engchat** Our union spoke out consistently and strongly and we worked towards a change in government. -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**runsingteach** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** teachers who try to act as "public intellectuals" where I teach are called "negative". -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk** **@jbhanlon** Did you hear the Glen Beck got ousted from Fox? **#engchat** Possible to get rid of the toxins. -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pathfinder00** RT **@mrami2**: We need a take a elected official to school day so they can really see our experience! **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**tcbird1** **@gmfunk** I like that idea! I do think one of our biggst downfalls is that there is a very old-fashioned notion of teaching out there **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**tfteacher** **@feministteacher** ppl dont lk intellectuals, esp those anti-intellectuals on the right. We drink lattes & drive Subarus. **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** **@karlaolson** True; would like to see more teachers on school boards

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**RAndersonFHS** RT **@SarahDarerLitt**: Most powerful heard at local screening of "Race to Nowhere" was HS student saying "We don't get anything out of testing - YOU do." **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @padgets** I take it you're not referring to the students... >;) **#engchat** -7:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TAGphilly** how to share meaning schools needs more sharing **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**englitchrleo** RT **@mrami2**: We need a take a elected official to school day so they can really see our experience! **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**teacherbytes @DianeRavitch #engchat** I don't mind competition as long as it is on a level playing field. Right now the field is not level. -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** we are in the 21st century USE these tools! -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson @cybraryman1 @teachernextdoor #engchat** our school cut the

librarian. Sigh. -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix @MsRowse** That's a tough one for me... (1) it feels selfish, like I'm "using" them, and (2) it's so... ugly. :( Wanna protect 'em. **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Grtseeker @DianeRavitch #engchat** teachers need a bigger forum. Public is being bombarded with anti-public school propaganda from every angle, even Oprah -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** We need a take a elected official to school day so they can really see our experience! **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** Until recently, teachers didn't know what was happening. Closed their doors, taught their kids. But a hammer is falling on schs. -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**VIVAProject @TeachMoore @DianeRavitch** VIVA thinks classroom teachers need to own **#edreform** to make a difference. We invite all teachers to join **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**kinnick72** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from... -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@irasocol: As @DianeRavitch** says, you are English teachers, use your words and today's media tools to build a revolution **#engchat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Brainspirations** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers must be public intellectuals. Must write, blog, write letters to editor, comment on blogs. Speak from experience. -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson** Schools and teachers must re-imagine classroom; no more "soliloquizing authority" like a foreman in a plant or boss in ofc **#engchat #coachat** -7:40 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets** RT **@TeachMoore: @padgets** I'm joining with others to stage a teacher-led town hall discussion **#engchat** <<<Yea! -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**thereadingzone** They may be our best allies in the years to come. Former test-takers who don't want the same for their own kids. **#engchat** -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch @clix #engchat** Write your electeds. Ask 10 friends to ask 10 friends to do same. They don't hear you. Invite electeds to your school. -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @karlaolson** oo, that drives me bananas! **#engchat** -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**padgets #engchat** I am like I do every year keep sending invites to public to sit on on a lesson or follow me for a day -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cybraryman1 @TeacherNextDoor** School librarian should be the information specialist in every school **#engchat** -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MsRowse @clix** Engage our students in these conversations as well. Encourage them to write, blog, etc. about what this does to them. **#engchat** -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**magpete55** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat**: Dewey: what the best and wisest parent wants for his child is what we should want for all the children of the community -7:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**thereadingzone** Hopefully, this is a sign of better things to come. My peers are well-versed in ed issues and know what they want for their kids **#engchat** -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**VIVAProject** **@DianeRavitch** actually VIVA thinks big struggle is to get all to focus on what matters--classrooms, **#students** & **#teachers** **#engchat** **#edchat** -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**EdFocus** >>>> **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Reality needed. Lowest scores found where there is greatest poverty. Policymakers pretend it doesn't matter." -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Roberto63** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** And the ARTS! Every school should have a full arts program, but so many are cutting them to save money. Mean. Stupid. -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**karlaolson** Many of us also have school boards who believe that if we don't have

kids in room, we're not working. No value on planning, collab. **#engcha** SMART PAUSING  
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**livlaughluvread** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Speak up, invite parents, civic leaders, business leaders into your school. Let them know what you do. Open the doors. -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**thereadingzone** Seeing a lot of new parents from my generation who are stressing play and imagination with their children, not Baby Einstein, etc. **#engchat** -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** (We'll continue to teach, of course, but, well, that's a given ^.^) **#engchat** -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** So what do we do, teachers? We encourage each other. Cookies all 'round. And write letters... what else? What more? **#engchat** -7:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrmi2** RT **@chrislehmman: @mrmi2** my best answer - build meaningful schools and share them with the world. **#engchat #SLA** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**ItzMeB** RT **@kinnick72** Morale is so low in my bldg & district. T BEST r thinking of

career changes. Is it that way across the country?/yes **#engchat#ncga** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Soulclaphands @mrami2 @andersongl** They are more invested in the perpetuation of the Meritocracy Myth than education **#engchat** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mthornton78 @pammoran** are we stressing the need to read before K? We should try to build passion and love for language and reading b4 K. **#engchat** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherNextDoor @cybraryman1** How could that ever sound like a good idea?!? **#engchat #savelibraries** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**karlaolson** RT **@TeacherReality**: Real reform requires our nation's leaders to address underlying problems that impact students' education. Much is poverty based. **#engchat** -7:37 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore @DianeRavitch** What does NBC plan for Ednation this time, more of  
same? **#engchat** -7:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**aliharper20** RT **@pammoran**: we know that prenatal to Kindergarten services  
increase success rates of school-aged children... all over the world- why not here?  
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**gmfunk @tcbird1** That PR idea is really good. We need pro bono **#engchat** -7:36 PM  
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**mrmi2** .**@chrislehmann**: **@DianeRavitch** have Ss take part in the Declaration of  
Edu on 5/10! <http://t.co/1IAiURi> - student voice matters! **#engchat** -7:36 PM Apr  
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**karlaolson** RT **@gravesle**: Any of my teacher friends on twitter right now - please

join us over on **#engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** -7:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SaveDuvalSchool** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Schools don't improve by competing with other schools, except in sports and debate teams. Schs improve by collaborative culture. -7:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk** RT **@tcbird1**: This may sound silly but I wish we could somehow band together and invest in a public relations firm to show what ed is all about. **#engchat** -7:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Grtseeker** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** all the rhetoric the reformers endorse has been proven WRONG so many times! They just don't care & are determined! -7:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TAGphilly @mrami2** TAG is trying to foster one of those communities ~~#engchat~~

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**clix @dianeravitch** Should we BOTHER to write to NBC? can we do anything about that??? **#engchat**

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**TeacherNextDoor @Anvonbank** as an eng. teacher I was the school librarian in my planning period a couple yrs ago. now its the art teacher **#engchat**

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**gmfunk @MsRowse @DianeRavitch** Only had one day for research. Six weeks of testing w/ all labs (3) booked. Media center holds one class **#engchat**

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**Art\_Guy1** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** No child ever learned to read because her school was closed. Punitive measures don't help children or teachers or schools.

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**englchrleo** **@padgets** I just read a study called Funds of Knowledge where tchr-researchers did that - community building through ethnography **#engchat** -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Soulclaphands** **@Anvonbank** **@pammoran** Yes. Apples and oranges. Local control is our key. **#engchat** **#FinlandUSA** -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** **@gmfunk** And we send our poorest students to the poorest (in resources) schools! **#engchat** -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**coopmike48** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** NBC will do another week of Education Nation, and last year it was painfully anti-public school, anti-teacher. -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Am\_Canadian** RT **@bibliolisa: #engchat** Collaboration is not valued in our culture the way competition and \*leadership\* are. Corporate model won't work. -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**shighley** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Learn facts. USSR beat us on intl tests in 60s. They are gone. Intl tests do not predict future success. -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Elischico @DianeRavitch** Gov. Kasich told Ohio teachers to stop whining about poverty, homelife, etc. **#engchat** -7:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**bonniejpreston** RT **@TeachMoore: @feministteacher** And no industrialized country has as many poor children as US does **#engchat #edchat** -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix @HeidiSiwak** I don't wanna just hang in there! I don't want to get through - I want it to get BETTER :( **#engchat** -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**aboutNCLB** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle. -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**ShawnMcCusker** RT **@AndersonGL: Policy makers seem to think we can "differentiate" students out of poverty. #engchat** -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**helpourschools @dianeravitch** please tell us, which are the best schools in the country serving poor kids? could you name some models? **#engchat** -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** we need to be more open to parents and community coming into our classrooms -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** RT **@TeachMoore: @DianeRavitch** Do you think something like Sam Chaltain's Faces of Learning campaign may help change public view? **#engchat**  
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**cybraryman1** I was saddened when I learned they closed the school library I built from nothing & made it a real learning center **#engchat #saveourlibraries** -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Rhetoric of Duncan, Rhee, et al encourages T-party govs who cut education budgets, abolish seniority, open charters. -7:33 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**HeidiSiwak** **@TeachMoore #engchat** Ontario has gone through the attack on teachers and moved past it. Took 10 years. Hang in there. -7:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** Having arguments even w/in my local Dem party abt testing. Told one person I couldn't vote 4 him 4 BOE if testing continued focus. **#engchat** -7:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore** **@DianeRavitch** Do you think something like Sam Chaltain's Faces of Learning campaign may help change public view? **#engchat** -7:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**feministteacher** **@DianeRavitch** What are some of the ways you think schools should take care of teachers beyond higher pay? Intellectually, etc. **#engchat** -7:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pammoran** we know that prenatal to Kindergarten services increase success rates of school-aged children... all over the world- why not here? **#engchat** -7:32 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** And you know what has to happen for you to get to be a martyr, right? YOU

GOTTA DIE!!!! **#engchat** -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson @cybraryman1 @TeacherNextDoor @DianeRavitch** So sad about libraries; The foundation of every State is the education of its youth.  
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**TeachMoore** RT **@cybraryman1**: RT **@TeacherNextDoor**: **@DianeRavitch** recent closings of many libraries certainly not helping either! **#engchat**  
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**padgets #engchat** we have 15 + languages spoken at our school must educate staff as to how to teach they think they know but do not -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**JaclynDeRose** RT **@DianeRavitch #engchat** public doesn't understand teaching at all. They see too many movies where a movie star works an overnight miracle -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix @dianeravitch** teachers are expected to be martyrs :P **#engchat** -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Rogers Suzanne @DianeRavitch #engchat** yes but many of our schools have a

much higher rate of poverty than the national average. -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011 **SMART PAUSING**

**DefundWisconsin** RT **@ButSiriuslyFlks**: **#engchat** Has anyone calculated if we start allowing ALL students in priv. schools to take \$6500 of tax money as a "voucher", what'd be left? -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**pammoran** **@Anvonbank** perhaps we need to invest in prevention on front end and not intervention on back end **#engchat** -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** Good place to look at the work with diversity/multicultural might be Ontario? **#engchat** -7:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**AllanBeavis** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat**. Free schools here will covertly select. Worrying -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** RT **@dianeravitch**: Finland has two big ads: 1) no std tests; 2) very low pov. 3% of their kids vs. more than 20% of ours R poor **#engchat** -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@mrami2** Globalization demands build a new edu civilization; birth a long, slow, painful process with no guarantees **#engchat** **#edchat** **#coachat** -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**AndersonGL** & to grade formulaic essays. RT **@pammoran**: I wonder how much \$ ed pays for companies to count erasure marks on high stakes tests? **#engchat** -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** Supposed 2 b finishing my column abt the upcoming debt ceiling Armageddon but caught up in **#engchat** w/**@dianeravitch**, who I keep RTing! -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**pammoran @mthornton78 @irasocol @mramidon** love idea of a national day of student blogging **#engchat** -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**educator4WI** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bill Gates calls me his "biggest adversary" -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MsRowse @gmfunk** Kids pulled out of classes every day, four separate weeks, for state subject tests. State cost of writing test: \$610K. **#engchat** -7:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix @jbhanlon** so how do we do that? **#engchat** -7:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**runsingteach @kinnick72** sadly, its happening here in Maine. We need to empower teachers just like we need to empower our kiddos! **#engchat** -7:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**jbhanlon #engchat** Morale & culture begin with teachers. It is hard when jobs are

being lost but we must create and be the culture and climate we want -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011 SMART PAUSING

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**mrmi2** What do you think the odds are of real reform happening? More people are listening, but what can we do to effect real change? **#engchat** -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @englthchrleo @dianeravitch** Stds pulled from my speech classes today for testing while in media center learning to use databases. **#engchat** :( -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**feministteacher @Anvonbank** I'd like to know if Finland has class & race issues in their schools for both students/teachers **#engchat #edchat** -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**getrealvonciel** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Effort by conservative governors to destroy profession, make everyone insecure by removing tenure, seniority, job protections. -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**GaryBrannigan** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Teachers are demoralized in every district. They know that high-stakes testing is undermining education. So is competition. -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** So, okay, what can we do? We can write to newspapers. We can write to our representatives & elected officials. WHAT ELSE? **#engchat** -7:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RAndersonFHS** RT **@dianeravitch: @clix #engchat** competition between schools over test scores is not healthy. Narrows curriculum, emphasizes wrong things. Cheating. -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**JasonSeliskar** Join **@DianeRavitch** at **#engchat** for education chat. **#hhrrs #tcot** -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**yrbk\_db8** RT **@feministteacher**: Yes! RT **@bibliolisa: @DianeRavitch** Teachers do matter, but they should be the engineers for change, not deliverers of test results. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeacherNextDoor @pammoran** thx 4 sharing. didn't know that about kipp, have just encountered them in comm. **#engchat** -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**padgets #engchat** Hi everybody! sorry I am late, Sharon here a HS science teacher lurking and a learning! :) -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Personal letters to Duncan, Obama, and your electeds very important, more so than email. Many in Cong tell me everyone loves NCLB -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**English103** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix** Actually it feels more like bulimia... an unhealthy purge. :( **#engchat** -7:27 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**First\_Focus** RT **@DianeRavitch #engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by respect for teachers, recognizing child development needs -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**askMrTalbot @DianeRavitch #engchat** Our emphasis on testing has caused our Eng. dept. to use one day a week strictly for prep as opposed to literature. -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**gmfunk @mrami2 @dianeravitch** Cheating of students has to be our main

concern. **#engchat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**truthaddict83** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** If only everyone's children had the class sizes and curriculum and resources that Bill Gates' kids enjoy in their school. -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**jenniferbarnett** **@DianeRavitch** How can we undo the testing goal of education? **#engchat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson** **@TeacherNextDoor** Whether we like it or not, charters are the next wave of educ, less expensive way to edu the masses. **#engchat** **#coachat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**tfteacher** RT **@tfteacher**: A Concerned Father And 8th Grade Test Prep Classes <http://goo.gl/fb/MvIXV> **#engchat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**AllanBeavis** Free schools ignoring the warnings of how charter schools are not guaranteeing academic excellent **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**clix @kinnick72**: is it that way all across the country? (I wish school still had the magic that WDW does...) **#engchat** -7:26 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**engltrleo @dianeravitch** Isn't testing as a goal backwards? Ppl talk about being behind other nations - tests are all surface no substance. **#engchat** -7:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**bonniejpreston** RT **@bibliolisa**: **#engchat** Collaboration is not valued in our culture the way competition and \*leadership\* are. Corporate model won't work. -7:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Elischico @DianeRavitch** We must stay fired-up. But, I admit it's awfully tough to swallow the anti-teacher rhetoric **#engchat** -7:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pammoran** The KIPP study as reported on NPR out of Western Michigan Uni **http://n.pr/gaLPB4 #engchat** -7:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** RT **@tfteacher**: Support Save Our Schools March, add a **#twibbon** now! - **http://twb.ly/gw4TZC #engchat** -7:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**shawngude** **@DianeRavitch** I came in with the same perspective, but it's challenged some of my preconceptions <http://tinyurl.com/3ce4tpr> **#engchat** -7:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**amylovestrees** I teach a precious kid that was kicked out of much-publicized charter when her standardized test scores were not high enough. **#engchat** -7:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**LYRichardson** **@DianeRavitch** Bill Gates needs to teach in urban schools, five periods a day, for five years. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**advoc8tr** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** read website for Pasi Sahlberg about Finland. Set out to strengthen profession, not to turn it over to amateurs and profiteers. -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** re writing - do handwritten notes have more clout than typed/xeroxed? more than email? **#engchat** -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jagill** RT **@irasocol**: Remember, using language and using media tools are how you give students power. Teachers need to demonstrate that now. **#engchat** -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** read website for Pasi Sahlberg about Finland. Set out to strengthen profession, not to turn it over to amateurs and profiteers. -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** We do this daily with amazing results! RT **@DianeRavitch**:

**#engchat** Speak up, invite parents,civic leaders, busi... (cont) <http://cSMARTPAUSING/~iKJHn> -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** RT **@DianeRavitch**: **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bi... (cont) <http://deck.ly/~nrRe6> -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Speak up, invite parents,civic leaders, business leaders into your school. Let them know what you do. Open the doors. -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**pammoran** Duncan quote on NIE for Singapore abt his takeaways from International Summit on Tching Profession <http://bit.ly/h9B8eL> **#engchat** -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gavintachibana** ~**@dianeravitch** To follow Meenoo's question, I'm wondering if you ever see a good example of a charter school in U.S.? **#engchat** **@mrami2** -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SmBMSUBronco** **#engchat** Michigan Gov. Snyder is a clone of Wisc. Gov. Walker-wants to destroy teacher unions, which has nothing to do with improving educ. -7:15 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** **@dianeravitch** is preaching to the choir ;) on **#engchat** -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@DianeRavitch** I agree; teachers are greatest human capital for restoring American dream; **#engchat** -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol** **@TeachMoore** **@cybraryman** in Black communities teachers had "European style" respect, but yes... **#engchat** -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**AriVoice** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Eng teachers can write. Use power of pen. That's all I have done for a year, and Bill Gates calls me his "biggest adversary" -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** **@thereadingzone** Blog, use Twitter and other social tools, talk, open your classroom, invite everyone you know to come inside... **#engchat** -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**shighley** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** What is working? Teachers collaborating. Trying to sustain culture of school in atmosphere where jobs, school at stake -7:14 PM

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**RagingLibrulPDX** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Christeenie3** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** .**@dianeravitch: #engchat** What is working? Tchrs collaborating. Trying to sustain culture of school in atmosphere where jobs, school at stake -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol @BHS Doyle** And I know them (was a paramedic) - but still... not dissing one prof, just raising another **#engchat** -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** read website for Pasi Sahlberg about Finland. Set out to strengthen profession, not to turn it over to amateurs and profiteers. -7:14 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Csel251** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeacherReality** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jashsf** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TB101163** RT **@irasocol:** Remember, using language and using media tools are how you give students power. Teachers need to demonstrate that now. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** RT **@mrmi2:** ... What is working in education? \*mutter\* ...teachers are. ;p **#engchat** -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**stevenboyko** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How to reinvent schools? **reimagined**  
reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs  
-7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**thereadingzone @DianeRavitch-** English tchr from NJ. Do you have ideas for how  
tchrs/schls can get the word out about great things they are doing? **#engchat** -7:13  
PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil @DianeRavitch** This feels like a lot of complaining. How do we act and  
cause change? Major change. **#engchat** -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** Globalization and techn are dismantling the industrial/factory model  
of schools. Must now teach critical thinking to ALL student **#engchat** -7:13 PM Apr 11th,  
2011

**TeachMoore** RT **@SmBMSUBronco: #engchat** The truth is that public education  
is the foundation of true democracy, and some powerful forces FEAR democracy -7:13  
PM Apr 11th, 2011

**janetsomerville @DianeRavitch** I have 11/12th graders tweeting about literature  
w/ daily prompts **@TeenBoyLitCrit**. A fab critical thinking warmup. **#engchat** -7:13  
PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chadsansing** RT **@irasocol: Remember, using language and using media tools are**  
how you give students power. Teachers need to demonstrate that now. **#engchat**  
-7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** What is working? Teachers collaborating. Trying to sustain  
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**AnneG\_2011** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** We have a huge problem in our  
society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just  
someone else's. -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TAGphilly** We get told the bad ideas are for the children, so disagreeing with bad  
policy is being against the children **#engchat** -7:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol** Remember, using language and using media tools are how you give  
students power. Teachers need to demonstrate that now. **#engchat** -7:12 PM Apr 11th,  
2011

**WDEA** Check out **#Peeps** de Resistance **@WDEA**, peeps diorama:  
**<http://www.wdea3115.org>** by a HS English **#teacher** in **#Syracuse #engchat**

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**emilyhaberman** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs

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**gmfunk** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**njbrand** RT **@irasocol**: But 2 me teaching is most important profession, & deals more w/ life & death than others **#engchat** **#greatteacherssavedmylife** -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** **@dianeravitch** how did Finland PRODUCE respect for teachers? it's EASY to tear ppl down :( harder to regain respect. alas. **#engchat** -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** We have a huge problem in our society. Elites running public policy that does not affect their own children, just someone else's. -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** A recall of Luna is in the works as well as a referendum on the three horrible laws we face. **#engchat** -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**natachakennedy** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child developmt needs -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**TeachMoore** **@irasocol** **@cybraryman** Blk tchrs long viewed as prof's in our community, until numbers were decimated by resistance to Brown **#engchat** -7:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** **@SmBMSUBronco** There's always a reason to fear reason when it serves the few and not the many. **#engchat** -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** **@dianeravitch** re survival: it's VITAL to have support from people close to you. **#engchat** -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**CriticalSkills1** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** How can they expect to improve

education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mrami2 @dianeravitch #engchat**: What good practices do you see happening around the country as you travel and speak? What is working in education? -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch #engchat** How to reinvent schools? Finland reinvented them by more respect for teachers, recognizing child development needs -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SmBMSUBronco** RT **@irasocol: @BHS Doyle** just that on US doctors rarely see the poor, teachers contact them everyday. A system thing **#engchat** -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SofritoGringo** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**fisher1000** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Anvonbank** RT **@SmBMSUBronco: #engchat** The truth is that public education is the foundation of true democracy, and some powerful forces FEAR democracy & power of people! -7:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**mhutcheson** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class SZ -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch #engchat** Idaho: They present a bad plan then reject you if you don't accept it. That's wrong. You do the daily work. They don't. -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** **#engchat** How can they expect to improve education by demoralizing teachers, cutting pay for experience and masters degrees, raising class  
SZ -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gatorbonBC** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LYRichardson** **@skajder** **@dianeravitch** Shouldn't we mobilize to inform the public that the role teachers, schools needs reinvention? **#engchat** -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SofritoGringo** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Effort by conservative governors to destroy profession, make everyone insecure by removing tenure, seniority, job protections. -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@TeachMoore** I agree but we are labeled here in ID w/ protests by teachers, etc. We did not offer alternative to **#LunaPlan**. Problem. **#engchat** -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**coopmike48** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -7:10 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Not sure how teachers survive the relentless hostility of media & Gates & Broad-trained supts. They are running down your work. -7:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** It's interesting that many ppl who complain about "burned out tchrs who need to be moved out" will also praise those **@their** school. **#engchat** -7:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol** **@cybraryman1** yes but professional status in US created pre WWI. Lawyers doctors architects but not teachers **#engchat** -7:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**joycecl** RT **@TeachMoore**: RT **@irasocol**: But to me teaching is most important profession, and deals more with life and death than others **#engchat** -7:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** **#engchat** **@DianeRavitch**: Reason for hope: Research doesn't support any of the anti-teacher rhetoric. At AERA... (cont) **<http://deck.ly/~4jgNx>**

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**gmfunk** RT **@TeachMoore**: **@gmfunk** Just because we speak truth about situation in educ does not make us whiners, but we could show people real alternatives **#engchat** -7:09 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**knightofgood** **#engchat** Why has Obama/Duncan signed on to the right wing corporatist agenda for education- ignoring evidence? -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**nancydevine** i'm watching this unfold at twitterfall. good way to watch discuss unfold **#engchat** -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** RT **@irasocol**: But to me teaching is most important profession, and deals more with life and death than others **#engchat** -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil** RT **@chadsansing**: **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** what's your advice for campaigns like **#blog4nwp** that fight to restore fed \$ to key nat'l ed programs facing cuts? -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TB101163** RT **@irasocol**: But to me teaching is most important profession, and deals more with life and death than others **#engchat** **#greateacherssavedmylife** -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**alexanderchee** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TMODOM** RT **@Larryferlazzo**: Right now **@DianeRavitch** is the guest on **#engchat** -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil** **@DianeRavitch** Why should young educators stay in this profess? Sometimes it feels like we're crashing into a brick wall. No change. **#engchat** -7:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cybraryman1** **@irasocol** I always felt the Vietnam War drew more male teachers into the NYC Bd of Ed **#engchat** -7:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chadsansing** **@DianeRavitch** **#engchat** what's your advice for campaigns like **#blog4nwp** that fight to restore fed \$ to key nat'l ed programs facing cuts? -7:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**SarahDarerLitt** RT **@dianeravitch**: **#engchat** Hi, Paul, glad to see you. Remaining relevant is hard when all that matters are test scores on bad tests. -7:07 PM

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**SarahDarerLitt** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face.

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**kconners09** sorry, typing faster than my brain is working. **#sschat** Don't look **#engchat.** :) -7:07 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder @dianeravitch** - I prepare preservice tchrs. Hard to inspire w/in a context of anti-teacher rhetoric. What are the HOPEFUL points? **#engchat** -7:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol** Teachers still suffering from Henry Barnard's move to female teachers after Civil War. Never got professional respect of AMA, ABA **#engchat** -7:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore @SmBMSUBronco** Don't think "convincing" Arne Duncan is the problem; he's playing to a much bigger more powerful audience on testing **#engchat** -7:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**WDEA @DianeRavitch** What are your thoughts on the collapse of **#edreform** giants in **#NY**? Black? Steiner? Who's next? **#engchat** -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**LaneLipton** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face.

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**dianeravitch #engchat** Effort by conservative governors to destroy profession, make everyone insecure by removing tenure, seniority, job protections. -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix @dianeravitch** It seems like we teachers have a big ol' BULLSEYE drawn on us right now. Why are we being targeted? **#engchat** -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @DianeRavitch** Letter in local paper called teachers "whiners" last Sat. How do we avoid the label? **#engchat** -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**SmBMSUBronco #engchat** Is there any chance left that teachers can convince Arne Duncan that standardized testing is not the solution to education reform? -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**irasocol @DianeRavitch** Was it a mistake to doubt the open education movement of the 70s? Wasn't that a path to teacher/learner freedom? **#engchat** -7:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** Yes. RT **@TeachMoore: @DianeRavitch** Many argue teaching is not a true profession anyway; what can we do to change that? **#engchat** -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2 .@dianeravitch: #engchat** Eng teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters 2 editors, explain what teaching is today, problems u face. -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** Most hope is your idealism, belief in the importance of your work. The corporate bullies will fail, but will do a lotta damage. -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**BobSikes** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat**: I have so much to learn! And to think the NY Times called me a "tireless tweeter"! -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Larryferlazzo** Right now **@DianeRavitch** is the guest on **#engchat** -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RAndersonFHS** RT **@dianeravitch: #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk @DianeRavitch** Plz comment on last interview comment w/ **@mrmi2** How is teaching being turned into a job from being a profession? **#engchat** -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore @DianeRavitch** Many argue teaching is not a true profession anyway; what can we do to change that? **#engchat** -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** How do English teachers push back against that valuing of scores, **@dianeravitch?** **#engchat** -7:04 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch #engchat** English teachers can write. Write articles, blogs, letters to

editors, explain what teaching is today, problems you face. -7:04 PM Apr 11th, SMART PAUSING

**mrmi2** RT **@jenniferbarnett**: Thanks to **@DianeRavitch** for joining **#engchat**  
In your view, what provides us the most hope for a future in education? -7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**cybraryman1** **@DianeRavitch** How can we restore the public's confidence in teachers and have them respected for their hard work? **#engchat** -32 years in ENY  
-7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jenniferbarnett** Thanks to **@DianeRavitch** for joining **#engchat** In your view, what provides us the most hope for a future in education? -7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** **#engchat**: How can we restore the public's confidence in teachers and have them respected for their hard work? -7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**clix** Yaaaaaay! How exciting :D **#engchat** -7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** Hi, Paul, glad to see you. Remaining relevant is hard when all that matters are test scores on bad tests. -7:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**PaulWHankins** RT **@writingproject**: Did you hear? Diane Ravitch is hosting today's **#engchat** at 4 EST. Prepare your questions w/ this interview: **[#http://bit.ly/eRrInG](http://bit.ly/eRrInG)** **#nwp** -7:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** from **#engchat** participant: What should teachers do to remain relevant in a global environment? -7:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** "If we continue down this path...the teaching profession will not be a profession but a job for temporary workers." **#engchat** -7:02 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**PaulWHankins** I am in New York City tonight, getting ready for dinner, but I had time for one tweet to say hello to **@DianeRavitch** and the **#engchat** group! -7:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat** I will be with you until 8 pm EST, then have to go home--an hour's trip from Teachers College to Bklyn. Just did an oral history -7:01 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** Takes energy to keep up the tweets. Carry on and thank you. **#engchat** -7:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**dianeravitch** ask away! **#engchat** -7:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** Welcome to tonight's **#engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** who has graciously accepted my invitation to host! -7:00 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** Please share! RT **@profrush**: Please RT: Survey of beginning English teachers -- **http://bit.ly/giZeTb** **#engchat** **#edchat** **#engchat** -6:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gravesle** **@DianeRavitch** thanks for joining **#engchat** tonight! -6:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat**: I have so much to learn! And to think the NY Times called me a "tireless tweeter"! -6:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** **@profrush** Happy to share this out! Eager to learn what you learn... **#engchat** -6:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil** **@DianeRavitch** We have to follow you unless you put the **#engchat** hashtag, I think. :) -6:59 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** **@dianeravitch** yup, just remember to put **#engchat** in every tweet so others can see your responses -6:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** **@DianeRavitch** Thanks for hosting **#engchat** -6:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**maryannreilly** **@DianeRavitch** I'm ready Diane. Welcome. **#engchat** -6:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrmi2** **@dianeravitch** we can see your responses as long as you put the hashtag **#engchat** - in your every tweet -6:58 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** Hi, **#engchat**, do you read me? -6:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dianeravitch** **#engchat**: how do I connect to you? I searched and found the chat but can't tweet you? -6:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**TeachMoore** Worth reading-RT **@poh**: "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch**, host of today's **#engchat** at 7 EST. **http://j.mp/fKdQf7** -6:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**magpete55** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -6:55 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**emsingleton** RT **@mrami2**: Post your question for **@DianeRavitch** here.  
<http://ow.ly/4xZWl> **#engchat #nwp** - Pls. RT -6:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MsEstep** RT **@chadsansing**: remember to **#blog4nwp** <http://bit.ly/hbWXfB>  
 RT **@mrami2**: **.@writingproject #engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** is at 7 PM EST.  
 pls RT. -6:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**profrush** Please RT: Survey of beginning English teachers -- my new(ish) research project! <http://bit.ly/giZeTb> **#engchat #edchat #ntchat** -6:44 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**thereadingzone** Timed dinner so that it will be ready right in time for **#engchat**!  
 -6:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** RT **@mrami2**: RT **@poh**: "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch**, host of today's **#engchat** at 7 EST. <http://j.mp/fKdQf7> **#nwp** -6:42 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**chadsansing** remember to **#blog4nwp** <http://bit.ly/hbWXfB> RT **@mrami2**: **.@writingproject #engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** is at 7 PM EST. pls RT. -6:39 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** RT **@poh**: "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch**, host of today's **#engchat** at 7 EST. <http://j.mp/fKdQf7> **#nwp** -6:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RAndersonFHS** RT **@mrami2**: **.@writingproject #engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** is at 7 PM EST. pls RT. -6:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** **.@writingproject #engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** is at 7 PM EST. pls RT.  
 -6:38 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil** RT **@writingproject**: Did you hear? Diane Ravitch is hosting today's **#engchat** at 4 EST. Prepare your questions w/ this interview: <http://bit.ly/eRrInG> **#nwp** -6:36 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dogtrax** RT **@writingproject**: Did you hear? Diane Ravitch is hosting today's **#engchat** at 4 EST. Prepare your questions w/ this interview: <http://bit.ly/eRrInG> **#nwp** -6:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrsebiology** Content Area Literacy Guide: <http://bit.ly/ec7t9M> Every literacy strategy imaginable. **#edchat #engchat #ntchat #tlchat** -6:34 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**writingproject** Did you hear? Diane Ravitch is hosting today's **#engchat** at 4 EST. Prepare your questions w/ this interview: <http://bit.ly/eRrInG> **#nwp** -6:31 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**Prosenteach** RT **@cybraryman1**: Monday Chats: **#mathchat2** **#smcedu** **#engchat** **#sschat** **#musedchat** **#ellchat** **#journchat** **#kinderchat** **#SAGchat** **#4thchat**: <http://bit.ly/9SFJDj> -6:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**d\_martin05** Stu: "due to hmwk I have stopped reading" ARE WE LISTENING? **#edchat** **#edreform** **#engchat** **#abed** **#whathomeworkreallydoes** -6:28 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** RT **@poh**: "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch**, host of today's **#engchat** at 7 eastern. <http://j.mp/fKdQf7> **#nwp** -6:25 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**poh** "Five Questions" interview w/ **@DianeRavitch**, host of today's **#engchat** at 7 eastern. <http://j.mp/fKdQf7> **#nwp** -6:22 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**gmfunk** Looking forward to **#engchat** 47 minutes from now w/ **@DianeRavitch** -6:13 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**skajder** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -6:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**writingproject** If you want to know more about **#engchat** in preparation for today's chat w/ Diane Ravitch, check out this article: <http://bit.ly/dVb6S2> **#nwp** -6:12 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**writingproject** Get ready for **#engchat** today at 4 EST--hosted by Diane Ravitch--by reading this interview w/ her on **#NWP**'s website: <http://bit.ly/eRrInG> -6:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**dogtrax** RT **@mrami2**: Post your question for **@DianeRavitch** here: <http://ow.ly/4xZWI> **#engchat** **#nwp** - Pls. RT -6:06 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** less than one hour till **#engchat** w/ **@DianeRavitch** - hope you'll join! **#engchat** **#nwp** -6:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrami2** Post your question for **@DianeRavitch** here: <http://ow.ly/4xZWI> **#engchat** **#nwp** - Pls. RT -6:05 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**stevejmoore** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -5:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**poh** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -5:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**DahID** RT **@delta\_dc**: The Learning Museum has new exhibit - **@DahID** puts learning theory into practice **http://t.co/jzocRAn** **#edchat** **#LRNchat** **#engchat** -5:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ewilliams65** comments re use of bookmarking w students? RT **@sampeil** wanted 2 experiment w social bookmarking! Have u used these tools? **#edtech** **#engchat** -5:29 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**sampeil** **@ewilliams65** I have wanted to experiment with diigo but haven't gotten around to it! Have u used these tools? **#edtech** **#engchat** -5:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**ewilliams65** Do your students use delicious & other social bookmarks to recommend great reads to peers? asks J Spellos at **#NSBAConf** **#Engchat** **#edtech** -5:21 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Lehigh389** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -5:20 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MsRowse** RT **@writingproject**: Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -5:19 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**writingproject** Do you have a question for **@DianeRavitch** about the state of public education? Join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST. Pls RT. -5:03 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**teacherjake** What would you do if students got negative about schools and teachers by name on twitter? **#engchat** **#educhat** **#edtech** -4:47 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**theprofspage** RT **@classroomtools**: "Why the US is Destroying the Education System" is another gem from Chris Hedges. **http://bit.ly/gALka1** Read it now! **#sschat** **#engchat** -4:30 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**iyellyahtzee** RT **@classroomtools**: "Why the US is Destroying the Education System" is another gem from Chris Hedges. **http://bit.ly/gALka1** Read it now! **#sschat** **#engchat** -4:17 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**classroomtools** "Why the US is Destroying the Education System" is another gem from Chris Hedges. **http://bit.ly/gALka1** Read it now! **#sschat** **#engchat** -3:59 PM

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**kconners09** Spoke at faculty mtg how my class blog has inspired my students - will you comment plz? <http://bit.ly/fJfx6f> **#edchat #engchat** -3:56 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**castlelibrary2** "This is Your Brain on Shakespeare" | Larry Ferlazzo's Websites of the Day... <http://bit.ly/fjgCKx> via **@maulibrarian2 #engchat #engedu** -2:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**mrsebiology** Reading Comprehension Strategies: <http://bit.ly/hJX8Yo> Links to resources/how-tos **#edchat #lrnchat #engchat** -2:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**JJMangler** I'd never heard of this before. You?->RT **@MrSchuReads**: Tomorrow is D.E.A.R. Day! [www.dropeverythingandread.com](http://www.dropeverythingandread.com). **#fcsd #edchat #engchat** -2:08 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**JJMangler** RT **@kylepace**: Authors who will visit your classroom via Skype: <http://bit.ly/gxiZXq> **#engchat #fcsd** -1:51 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Mister\_Lopez** RT **@dcripe14**: RT **@MZimmer557**: 10 Resources for Teaching Reading/Literature with Technology <http://goo.gl/pTTtJ> **#edchat #edtech #engchat #NMSPLC** -1:35 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**marknkilmer** **@MrChase** did anyone say no? **#engchat** -1:24 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**MrChase** Question for class discussion: Have you let someone's looks stand in the way of having a relationship? **#engchat** -1:11 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Begabungs** **#mathchat2 #smcedu #engchat #sschat #musedchat #ellchat #journchat #kinderchat #SAGchat #4thchat** <http://t.co/mqN9HGn> via **@youtube** -12:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**Begabungs** **#mathchat2 #smcedu #engchat #sschat #musedchat #ellchat #journchat #kinderchat #SAGchat #4thchat** <http://t.co/rXGJyiJ> via **@youtube** -12:57 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**jmeyert** RT **@klbz**: RT **@mrami2**: Pls join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST w/ **@DianeRavitch** - The Death & Life of Great American Schools - Pls RT. -12:52 PM Apr 11th, 2011

**RitaOates** RT **@engagingEDU**: Reading ability in third grade linked to graduation rate - **#ASCD** SmartBrief <http://t.co/7g2Vic9> <<-- WOW! **#edchat #engchat** -12:46 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**alytapp** RT **@klbz**: RT **@mrami2**: Pls join **#engchat** today at 7 PM EST, **@DianeRavitch** - The Death & Life of Great American Schools - Pls RT. -12:45 PM Apr 11th, 2011

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**castlelibrary2** On WRITING PROMPTS (video and otherwise) « NeverEndingSearch <http://bit.ly/i4Jz9V> **#engchat** -12:41 PM Apr 11th, 2011