Being Connected and Staying Connected

Strategies for Virtual Teaching and Learning
Building Community in Our Virtual Classrooms

How do we build a community in a virtual setting?

**Synchronous**
- Camera-make it fun. So good to see your face! Still no face?...step by step
- Routine-did you have warm-ups, share on chat and together
- Break-out rooms-mix-it-up, cohort style
- Polling

**A-Synchronous**
- Add pictures to profile
- Discussion Boards-chime in
- Feedback on Assignments-communicate and model expectations
How do we stay connected to our students?

**Routines**

- Gradebooks
  - Use LMS-Canvas experience
  - Written-check once a week to pull people in
  - Other ideas?
- Check-Ins
  - Google Forms
  - Exit Slips
  - Other ideas?
- Class Pages
  - Weebly-remind and remind again
  - Post recordings-accessibility
  - Other ideas?
How do we connect to our students?

- How do your students prefer to communicate? Group emails okay? - good conversations to have
- Do you use an LMS? - announcements are key - routine and random - email option
- How about assignment feedback?
  - Video option
  - Specifics for re-submit options
  - Copy and paste into word and email
  - Handwritten notes - scan option (CamScanner on my phone)
How do we connect to our students?

TEXTING!!

- Google Voice
- Remind
- What’s App

Are there any reminders I could or should send today?
Is there anyone I can reach out to for an extra boost?
Beyond the Classroom

During your course
- Study Groups-created or attend together?
- Individual or cohort style office hours, conferences

After your course
- Assess future needs-ELA? GED?
- Can students benefit from keeping in touch? In what way?