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MGI 2011: The Week in Pictures



Middle Grades Institute wrap-up

A huge thank you to all our educators, administrators, teaching staff and especially the students who made the 2011 Middle Grades Institute another wonderful experience.

See you all next year!

Coming Events:

July 2011:

7/7-7/8:
[Google Tools for VT Schools](#) (var. locations)

7/11,12,13:
[Google Tools for VT Schools](#) (var. locations)

7/26 - 28:
[Place and the Digital Native](#)
@ Hudson Park, NY

7/28 - 8/15:
TIE CLOSED

August 2011:

8/1-8/21:
[Differentiating Instruction Using Technology](#)
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This week: Are you a digital native?



Renowned author, inventor and game designer Marc Prensky gave the keynote at last week's 18th Annual [Middle Grades Institute](#) at UVM, talking to VT educators and administrators about the Digital Native phenomenon.

But what exactly is a digital native? Who are the digital immigrants?

And why are digital natives so important to tech integration in Vermont?

Find out [here](#)

More quick quotes from the MGI's student panel:

Q: What pops into your head when a teacher says, 'Let's plan a unit

together.'?

"I think it'd be more fun for students to have input rather than just giving them [the material]; 'Here. This is what we're going to learn.' I'd rather tell them what I want to study." --Alex, 8th grade

Q: What bores you the most?

"Math. Sometimes I just don't like math." --Jerome, 8th grade

"The time when teachers just talk and talk and talk and talk. We just fall asleep!" --Rainbow, 7th grader

Q: What happened in school that most engaged you?

"The after-school program." --Rainbow, 7th grade

**"In science class, we got to dissect frogs. Real ones!" -
-Jerome, 8th grade**

**"Tech Ed class. We used Alice to build a website!" --
Kristen, 9th grade**



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