

LiDA Study Group



Building bridges between games and learning

Monday, April 17, 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in LeChase 305

Facilitator: Yu Jung Han (Warner Ph.D. student, Teaching and Curriculum)

Special Guest: Shane Annal (6th grade teacher, Auburn)

Hello, all.

The first part of our session focuses on maximizing student engagement, facilitated by our special guest Mr. Shane Annal, a 6th grader teacher in Auburn who has taken up digitally-rich teaching and learning practices. He will share how he attempts to achieve the goal by making students "characters in the curriculum" via personalized learning activities, and by building games into his lessons. His primary focus will be on discussing how paid and free apps/websites/programs actually give the teacher more creative tweaking capabilities. While mainly focusing on the app *Class Dojo*, he will also share his experiences with Google Classroom, Google Slides, and Powerpoint.

In the second part of our session, Yu Jung Han, a second year Ph.D. student in Teaching and Curriculum, will explore the community of the world-famous online multiplayer shooting game *Overwatch* from connected learning perspectives. What are young people learning by actively participating in the community under our radar? Do schools provide opportunities and environments where their knowledge and skills are recognized and appreciated? Is the current connected learning movement inclusive enough to build a bridge between what students learn in and out of school? Together, participants will consider what education can learn from this online game and its vast community.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Kind regards,

LiDA Study Group

*Images taken and edited from:

Overwatch background:

<http://gameswar.co/wp-content/uploads/2015/11/overwatch-versus-sky-wallpaper-1920-x-1080-by-mac117-d85xg5b.png>

Overwatch logo: <http://i.imgur.com/IF0dVuY.png>

Class Dojo Background: <http://www.gettingsmart.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/classdojo-723x503.jpg>

Class Dojo Logo: <https://s-media-cache-ak0.pinimg.com/originals/c2/f7/c9/c2f7c9d1ef44432e641b4c23596f33e3.jpg>