



What about the
Problem-Based
“Weekly Warm-ups”?





The Quick Answer:

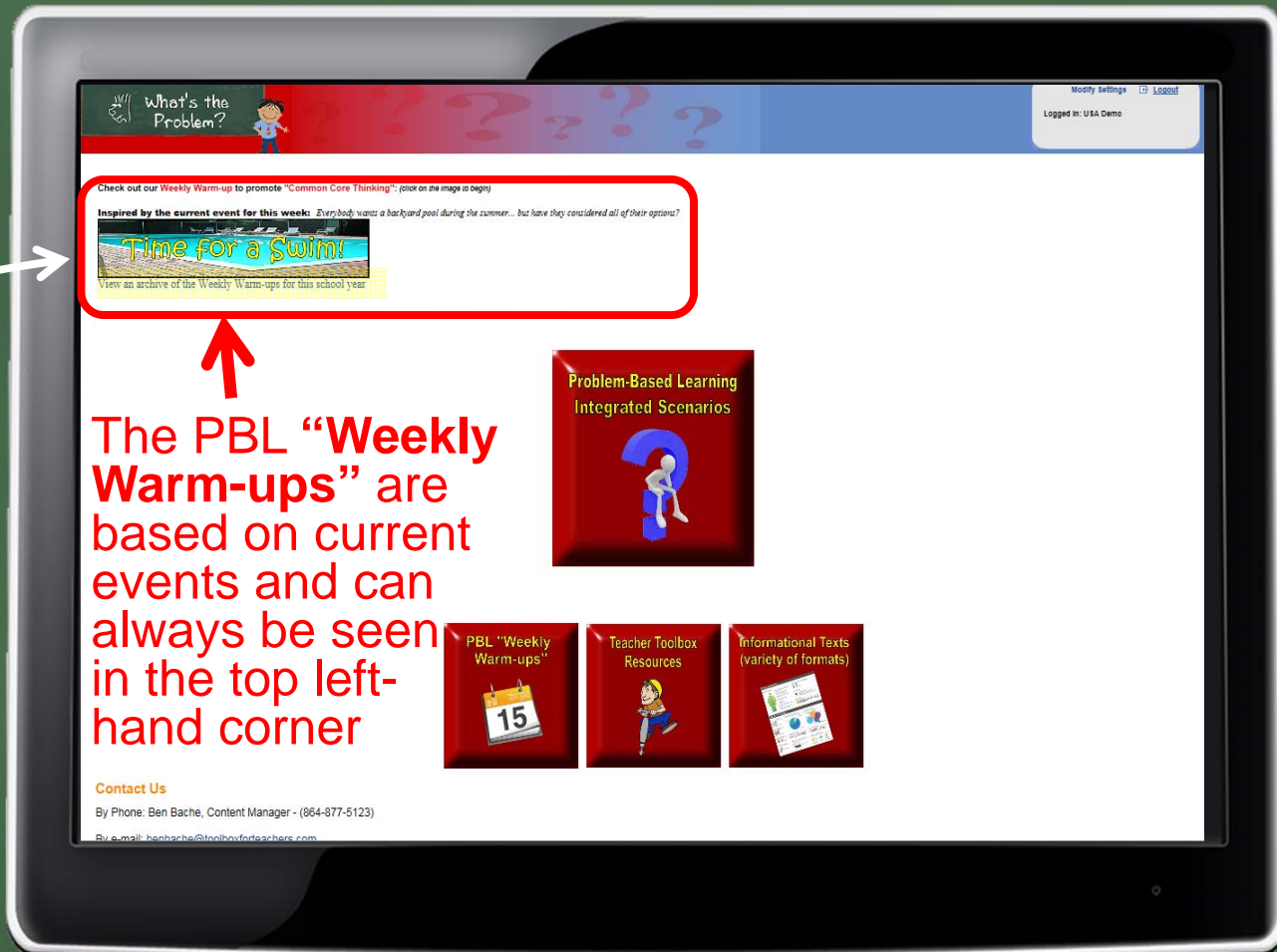
A new Problem-Based “Weekly Warm-up” is created each week, and it reviews a current event or issue from a broad perspective.

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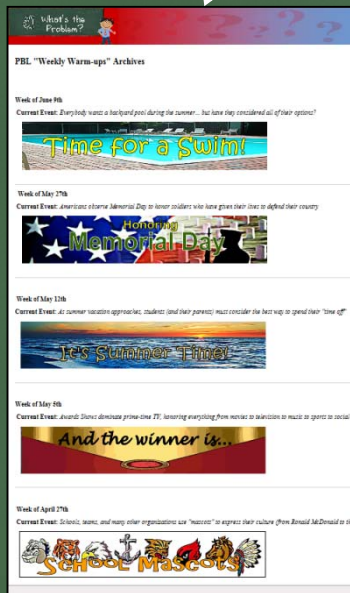
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The PBL "Weekly Warm-ups"

A link will send you to an archive of all previous "Weekly Warm-ups"



The PBL "Weekly Warm-ups" are based on current events and can always be seen in the top left-hand corner



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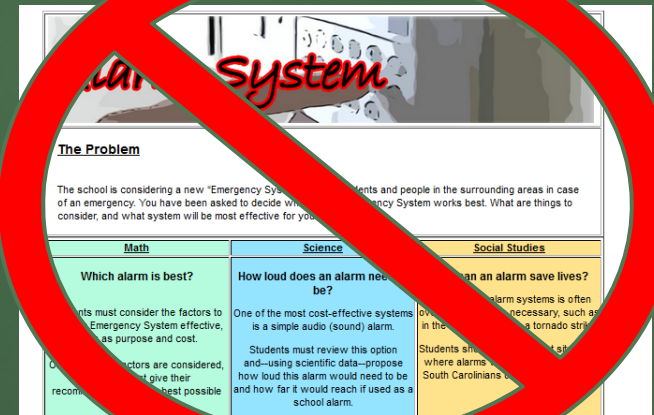
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- **Classroom Discussion Sheets**
- **Grading Rubrics**

Student Resources include:

- **Multiple "Stimulus Items"**
- **Thought Gathering Sheets**

The main difference between the PBL Integrated Scenarios and the “Weekly Warm-ups”:

- Unlike the Integrated Scenarios, the “Weekly Warm-ups” do NOT take a main problem and look at it from several points-of-view (i.e. subject areas).



Instead, the “Weekly Warm-ups” review a current event or issue from a broader perspective.

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