

#hsbloggers

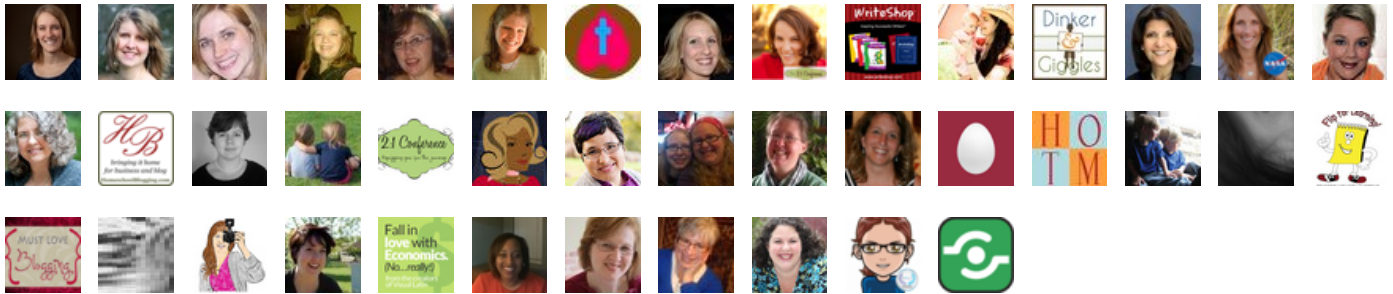
Twitter Tuesday Chat 7/24/12

Topic: Connecting with readers and making your blog more personal

Trending Words

rt, -, blog, @hsblogging, love, i'm, more, @apichea, it's, &, :), think, w/, time, @raising_arrows

Event Participants





@hsblogging A2: I'm learning to like FB for connecting w/ readers... Instagram has definitely helped my FB feed!
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:08 | apichea



@kerrybeck hi! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:08 | JimmiesCollage



Q2: Favorite way to meet readers? Twittah! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:08 | Getalonghome



LOL! :) RT @StefLayton: @hsblogging @raising_arrows AND - they follow me when I change my FB page 100x
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:08 | VA_Grown



@JimmiesCollage hey there #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | kerrybeck



@Getalonghome It's sort of like having irl friends read your blog & chide you when you drink a soda after saying
U R quitting. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | raising_arrows



Q2 FB is still my favorite way to connect with readers. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | UpsideDownHS



@WriteShop I shared at #2to1conf most people aren't commenting - we're drive thru society, thumbs up, like, rt
are faster. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | StefLayton



RT @UpsideDownHS: Q2 FB is still my favorite way to connect with readers. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | kerrybeck



@hsblogging A2 I like comments that go back and forth, as well as the occasional email. #hsbloggers Twitter
works well too

24-Jul-12 19:09 | DiannaKennedy



My husband wouldn't know how to find my blog if he had a map! RT @DiannaKennedy: Q1 My BFF
@angieballard, husband and grandma! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:09 | WriteShop



Welcome to world of #homeschool! RT @DinkerGiggles This is our first year - love all you #hsbloggers with so
many amazing ideas!

24-Jul-12 19:10 | JimmiesCollage



Q2- twitter is my fave, am loving instagram more and more as I use it :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:10 | ordinary_mom



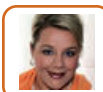
@writeshop just discovered you - love exploring your site! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:10 | DinkerGiggles



Hey everyone~ glad to be here! Reading to catch up. Q 2- FB #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:10 | FeliceGerwitz



Q2 Twitter is my favorite way to connect. Though I am still learning :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:10 | CFamChronicles



@DinkerGiggles Thanks bunches! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | WriteShop



{cont} I have "fluff" that will drive traffic ready to post, but no meat for loyal readers to digest. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | apichea



@WriteShop and w/ everyone & their mama blogging -- no one has time to comment everywhere they read. =/
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | StefLayton



Finally made it here! Q2 I find people email me or FB or mention the blog IRL rather than comment onsite
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | SuzBroadhurst



@FeliceGerwitz Hi there! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | VA_Grown



@raising_arrows Scary for me is when people I don't know approach: "Are you Cindy Dyer?". Um Depends.
Which post did you read? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:11 | Getalonghome



Q3 What one thing about connecting with readers do you find most difficult? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | hsblogging



RT @StefLayton: @WriteShop and w/ everyone & their mama blogging -- no one has time to comment
everywhere they read. =/ #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | WriteShop



I have suspicion that majority of my readers are not super active on social media. So interacting on blog itself is
enough. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | JimmiesCollage



@hsblogging Q2 I personally prefer Facebook or in my comments. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | AvgHousewife



Word of advice, double check your hootsuite settings when posting...have to go fix some stuff. Argh, posted on
wrong acct. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | Createdforhome



"@MamaLearning: You HAVE seen the dates for @2_to_1 right? Would love to go!! #hsbloggers
<http://t.co/vfaeRPhw>" Would LOVE to see you!

24-Jul-12 19:12 | 2_to_1



Agreed! My faves too. RT @ordinary_mom: Q2- twitter is my fave, am loving instagram more and more as I use it
:) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | JimmiesCollage



Agreed! RT @DinkerGiggles: @writeshop just discovered you - love exploring your site! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:12 | FeliceGerwitz



@hsblogging Q-3 timely responses on my part. Seems like I use blogging these days more for contests than comments. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | FeliceGerwitz



@hsblogging A3: I'm not a "social" person... and connecting takes time and energy. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | apichea



Taking a break - my son just called from England! Woot! Back in a bit... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | WriteShop



@hsblogging Q3 - TONE! Unless you meet me and "hear" my writing sounds just like my joking ~ folks read me as a snob. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | StefLayton



@apichea I'm not as active on Twitter as I once was (except for Twitter Tues ;)) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | raising_arrows



@DiannaKennedy I seriously do! You have NO idea #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | apichea



Q3- time... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:13 | ordinary_mom



@WriteShop Is he on vacation? What part? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | kerrybeck



Q3: I find it difficult to know whether I should respond to comments sometimes. I realize not everybody wants to hear back. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | Getalonghome



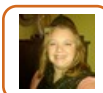
@WriteShop enjoy your time w/your son!! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | FeliceGerwitz



@apichea I'm not a "social" person... and connecting takes time and energy // ahem you're worth it! #twoyearsnotcounting #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | StefLayton



Q3: Time to keep up with all the new connections! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | VA_Grown



@raising_arrows yup - same here - Twitter Tues is a highlight of my week, but otherwise I could leave Twitter behind #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | apichea



Q3 I don't have time to answer every email and comment. I feel guilty for that. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | raising_arrows



Q3 Continuing a conversation onsite. It's like we say hello and share a few special words then the phone gets disconnected. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | SuzBroadhurst



@StefLayton {{hugs}} #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:14 | apichea



I'm also super forgetful. :(#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:15 | raising_arrows



U R too young for this! LOL !! -->>RT @raising_arrows: Im also super forgetful. :(#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:15 | FeliceGerwitz



@StefLayton I completely understand tone! It's hard to convey tone of voice on social media #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:15 | kerrybeck



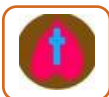
@SpellOutloud Never thought about that w/ your type of blog. Do you have trouble getting comments or just connecting? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | raising_arrows



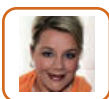
@raising_arrows I've heard 20% is a good number to aim for in comments #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | apichea



Q3 Definitely not enough time to do all I would like to do to connect with readers. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | UpsideDownHS



I agree! @kerrybeck:Q3 timely responses and trying to get a balance on what I share on fb, twitter, blog #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | CFamChronicles



ditto! RT @raising_arrows: Im also super forgetful. :(#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | ordinary_mom



@SuzBroadhurst hi, friend! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | JimmiesCollage



Both. RT @raising_arrows: Do you have trouble getting comments or just connecting? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | SpellOutloud



I prefer to call myself distracted, but it's the same thing. :) RT @raising_arrows: I'm also super forgetful. :(#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | VA_Grown



@FeliceGerwitz I'm hypoglycemic and often anemic in pregnancy...makes my brain not always remember things. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | raising_arrows



@apichea I could use twitter behind also, but we get traffic from it...so I will continue #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:16 | kerrybeck



Q7 How do you deal with negative comments on your blog and other social media outlets? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:17 | hsblogging



Thanks! Hoping to get more content up soon ! RT @DinkerGiggles: @spelloutloud yours is another site I just discovered #awesome #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:17 | SpellOutloud



@raising_arrows ahh...now, that makes sense! Hugs! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | FeliceGerwitz



@apichea I am a stalker... I read and read but find it hard to comment. But I always Like or +1 #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | DinkerGiggles



@hsblogging I haven't had to deal w/ this yet, thankfully. I avoid controversial topics! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | apichea



Me too :) @apichea: @hsblogging I haven't had to deal w/ this yet, thankfully. I avoid controversial topics! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | SpellOutloud



Agree! RT @kerrybeck: @StefLayton I completely understand tone! It's hard to convey tone of voice on social media #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | TraciTakesTea



Until we looked into homeschooling this year I never knew how many #hsbloggers and families were out there!

24-Jul-12 19:18 | DinkerGiggles



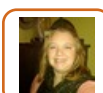
@FeliceGerwitz It depends on what your blog purpose is... comments are important for community. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | apichea



@hsblogging A3 getting people to talk. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:18 | DiannaKennedy



RT @dinkergiggles: @apichea I am a stalker... I read and read but find it hard to comment. But I always Like or +1 #hsbloggers //Or tweet!

24-Jul-12 19:19 | VA_Grown



I get lots comments on giveaways where they have to answer a question. When there isn't a giveaway, I have much less comments #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:19 | kerrybeck



@FeliceGerwitz blog comments let U know people R reading and not just deleting from their inbox, but it isn't the be all end all #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:19 | hsblogging



@FeliceGerwitz I think that depends on your personality. I'd rather have a conversation than a huge one-sided following. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:19 | Getalonghome



@DinkerGiggles I comment occasionally, but share more often. It's easier AND it's a great way to drive traffic to their blog #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:19 | apichea



Q7 besides track them down & choke them ... wait, pray, try to disagree maturely & leave it alone. DON'T GO FOR LAST WORD! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:19 | StefLayton



I love the new "auto-schedule" feature on the Hootsuite plugin for Firefox - it's like Buffer only better! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:20 | apichea



agree RT @Getalonghome: @FeliceGerwitz I'd rather have a conversation than a huge one-sided following. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:20 | kerrybeck



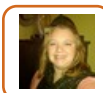
@FeliceGerwitz if you're a writer you want comments, if you're a company w/ a blog you want subscribers. #targetaudience #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:20 | StefLayton



Q7 My HSE editor suggests acknowledging the comment, not defending the comment, and reiterating something + from the post #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:20 | SuzBroadhurst



RT @apichea: I comment occasionally, but share more often. It's easier AND it's a great way to drive traffic to their blog #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:20 | VA_Grown



Exactly! RT @apichea I comment occasionally, but share more often. It's easier & it's a great way to drive traffic to their blog #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | DinkerGiggles



RT @apichea: I love the new "auto-schedule" feature on the Hootsuite plugin for Firefox - it's like Buffer only better! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | kerrybeck



@apichea ooo, did not know there was a plugin for Firefox! Checking that out! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | raising_arrows



@apichea YOU don't get tons of traffic from here b'cause you're always sharing other's posts more than yourself! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | StefLayton



@TraciTakesTea @kerrybeck @steflayton Vlogging helps readers get a feel for your tone - even occasional Vlogging. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | 2_to_1



Hi and happy Tuesday! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | marymakesmusic



@StefLayton that's probably true :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | apichea



me too RT @raising_arrows: @apichea ooo, did not know there was a plugin for Firefox! Checking that out! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:21 | kerrybeck



Q5 What kind of personality does your blog have? How can you create a more personal blog that connects w/ readers? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:22 | hsblogging



@2_to_1 unless you have a southern accent & an "occasional" vlog makes the savvy rounds #wearlipgloss #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:22 | StefLayton



@hsblogging Q7-Praise the Lord, I haven't had any. If I did, PRAY first, try to walk in love/grace/honesty. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | TraciTakesTea



Great idea! RT Vlogging helps readers get a feel for your tone - even occasional Vlogging. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | SuzBroadhurst



@hsblogging I delete negative/unrelated comments. It's my house, play by my rules. #hsbloggers Q7

24-Jul-12 19:23 | DiannaKennedy



Saying hello...first time here #Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | shesthatmom



Q 5 mostly commentary about homeschooling from a veteran's perspective clocking 26yrs experience! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | FeliceGervitz



RT @TraciTakesTea: @hsblogging Q7-Praise the Lord, I haven't had any. If I did, PRAY first, try to walk in love/grace/honesty. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | kerrybeck



@hsblogging A5: but a lot of the content I have in draft is more "fluff" and less personal. Trying to find a good balance #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | apichea



@hsblogging Q5 Keeping it real showing the triumphs and the messes of this #averagehousewife #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | AvgHousewife



Do any of you have a post related to unsupportive family (esp those that are retired educators) - link me! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | DinkerGiggles



Q6 I like to think my blog is very much me, but I had so many comments on today's post I think maybe there needs to be more me #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | raising_arrows



@shesthatmom welcome!! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:23 | apichea



RT @DiannaKennedy: @hsblogging I delete negative/unrelated comments. It's my house, play by my rules. #hsbloggers Q7

24-Jul-12 19:24 | 2_to_1



Q5: I know it's hackneyed and obvious, but the only answer is to BE YOURSELF! In bold, big print. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:24 | Getalonghome



That's hub's response RT @DiannaKennedy: @hsblogging I delete negative/unrelated comments. It's my house, play by my rules. #hsbloggers Q7

24-Jul-12 19:24 | kerrybeck



Me too! First time here #hsbloggers #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:24 | HOTMOnline



Another thought - change the comment to flowery praise. Q7 #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | DiannaKennedy



@HOTMonline welcome #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | kerrybeck



Is there any place where all your blog addresses are posted in one spot?
#Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | shesthatmom



@HOTMonline Welcome! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | raising_arrows



Did we skip 4,5&6? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | DiannaKennedy



Good point. RT @JimmiesCollage: If you want search engine traffic, stick w/ helpful content & personalize it to a degree. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | SpellOutloud



same here. RT @diannakennedy: @hsblogging I delete negative/unrelated comments. It's my house, play by my rules. #hsbloggers Q7

24-Jul-12 19:25 | DinkerGiggles



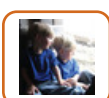
RT @DiannaKennedy: Did we skip 4,5&6? #hsbloggers // I'm going with probably not.

24-Jul-12 19:25 | StefLayton



Have many/any of you Vlogged? I've been curious about it in the hs world #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | SuzBroadhurst



Hello friends! We're almost through with our new book, My Beloved and My Friend (about marriage!). #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:25 | raisingrealmen



@apichea @2_to_1 I like vlogging but I have to actually put on make up :-) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:26 | kerrybeck



Great idea, not quite ready ;) RT @2_to_1 @TraciTakesTea @kerrybeck @steflayton Vlogging helps readers get a feel for your tone #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:26 | TraciTakesTea



@apichea Why'd you stop, your vlogs were great! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:26 | 2_to_1



@raising_arrows I've been feeling dried up lately, and all I can come up w/ are traffic-driving posts that require 0 personality #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:26 | apichea



@SuzBroadhurst I have, but it's not my favorite thing in the world. I need to try to do more. :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:26 | raising_arrows



@SuzBroadhurst I used to vlog weekly, but stopped when life got crazy busy and then summer came... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | apichea



@hsblogging I talk like I write. In other words, if you don't like my blogs tone, you wouldnt like me in real life. #hsbloggers Q5

24-Jul-12 19:27 | DiannaKennedy



I'm finally comfortable with my "voice" but I still hate posting negative stuff. Struggle w/balancing real and encouragement #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | VA_Grown



@steflayton I was wondering the same :-) #hsbloggers #newtotwitterparty

24-Jul-12 19:27 | SuzBroadhurst



RT @hsblogging: Q6 Think about the blogs you love to read. What draws you to them? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | kerrybeck



@2_to_1 life got in the way! and then I went on a summer schedule on the blog. I want to start back up this fall! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | apichea



@apichea I see. That's rough. Sounds like you need a break...come on over. ;) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | raising_arrows



@shesthatmom no, but some of us have lists of #homeschool bloggers. I do. You can also search key tags #homeschool for example. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | JimmiesCollage



@kerrybeck oh how I love HootSuite! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | DinkerGiggles



How quickly would you expect a blog to grow? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | MeghanCCarver



Same here! @apichea: @hsblogging I haven't had to deal w/ this yet, thankfully. I avoid controversial topics! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:27 | TraciTakesTea



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24-Jul-12 19:27 | raising_arrows



@raising_arrows I do! :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | apichea



LOL! RT @DiannaKennedy: @hsblogging I talk like I write-In other words, if you don't like my blogs tone, you wouldnt like me IRL #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | kerrybeck



I'm not patient enough to watch a whole video. With text I can skim when I want. But I get the feeling I must be odd man out. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | TriggerMemory



RT @MeghanCCarver: How quickly would you expect a blog to grow? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | kerrybeck



I need to run! Love you girls. If we are not connected, do so and I'll follow back! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | FeliceGerwitz



@hsblogging Q6: I like a blog that is consistent and offers me an idea when I visit... time is precious #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:28 | marymakesmusic



Re Vlogging, I hate watching video, too noisy in my house :-)
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | raisingrealmen



"@apichea: @2_to_1 life got in the way!...I went on a summer schedule on the blog. I want to start back up this fall! #hsbloggers" good! :-)

24-Jul-12 19:29 | 2_to_1



FYI - Some of these tweets have the wrong numbers with them since I schedule so I can play along. Sorry about that. ;) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | hsblogging



@raising_arrows but I have sponsors and reviews and guest posts scheduled, so I need to "stay open"
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | apichea



Vlogginh Harder than it looks & for SEO you still need basic transcript. SE cant see video. RT @raising_arrows @SuzBroadhurst #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | JimmiesCollage



@TriggerMemory I'm with you. Video must be super-short. i'd rather read, but I know I'm in the minority
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | kerrybeck



Looks like some of them got rearranged for me! lol #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | hsblogging



drawn to a blog by someone with real life experience who doesn't claim to have all the answers #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | HOTMonline



@dinkergiggles I don't have a post, but I have experience w/ it. The best cure: time. They'll see the fruit when it's ripe :-)
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | SuzBroadhurst



Would love a let...looking for good resources for the HEDUA online convention site for mommy encouragement
#Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:29 | shesthatmom



@FeliceGerwitz glad you stopped by for awhile #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | kerrybeck



@apichea That's the issue I run into too. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | raising_arrows



Practical, useful. Images, well written. RT @hsblogging: Q6 Think about the blogs you love to read. What draws you to them? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | JimmiesCollage



#Homeschooling? Make this year the best! Ready for immediate download 100+ audios! <http://t.co/OxcJYfB4> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | FeliceGerwitz



Join the #hsbloggers chat, it's not too late! Great thoughts being shared.

24-Jul-12 19:30 | 2_to_1



How fast did your blogs grow? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | MeghanCCarver



Sorry I missed you @FeliceGerwitz, my friend! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | raisingrealmen



@kerrybeck@raisingrealmen lol At least I'm not alone! My partner, Jennie, loves videos, though. So that helps. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | TriggerMemory



Q6 - blogs I read: authentic, don't have it all polished, not #s driven (bad motives), leave something for me to take away. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:30 | StefLayton



RT @HOTMOnline: drawn to a blog by someone with real life experience who doesnt claim to have all the answers #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | ordinary_mom



@VA_Grown @DiannaKennedy I totally agree about that. Write how you live is what I think. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | finding_joy



@hsblogging personalities similar to my own, someone REAL, someone I can learn from, or admire. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | DiannaKennedy



A6 I like useful blogs b/c I'm usually reading b/c I'm looking for information. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | raising_arrows



@apichea @hsblogging Love that Ashley. :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | finding_joy



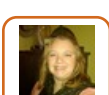
@hsblogging I love those that are real life and not heavy on the freebies/coupons/etc #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | DinkerGiggles



Q6 Simplicity. Solid info. A human element. Vulnerability. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | SuzBroadhurst



Shared values, quality advice, iron sharpening iron thoughts...RT @hsblogging: Q6 Think about the blogs you love to read. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:31 | VA_Grown



Me too! RT @kerrybeck: @TriggerMemory I'm with you. Video must be super-short. i'd rather read, but I know I'm in the minority #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:32 | JimmiesCollage



Exactly - well put. RT @raising_arrows A6 I like useful blogs b/c I'm usually reading b/c I'm looking for information. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:32 | marymakesmusic



A4 I hope so. We try to be transparent and real.
#hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | TriggerMemory



However it goes, at least you were authentic about it. RT @finding_joy @DiannaKennedy #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | VA_Grown



Q4 I believe they do see me. I think photos of your real life help too. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | raising_arrows



@hsblogging A4: When I was vlogging more, I had more of a "face." Been pondering a header revamp w/ my photo included... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | apichea



What about podcasts? What is the best length? #Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | shesthatmom



@avghousewife LOL I've been working on a video pres for my hs co-op class ... getting experience in front of 5 year olds :-) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | SuzBroadhurst



RT @apichea: I love @finding_joy and @gracefullmama - I feel like they "get it" and I always leave encouraged! #hsbloggers <-- AGREE!

24-Jul-12 19:33 | StefLayton



@DinkerGiggles I'm retired public school teacher . I'll see if I have any posts you could share with your mom #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | kerrybeck



@AvgHousewife yes - I like the shorter posts versus the longer ones! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | apichea



Good advice! RT @VA_Grown: Yes, I try to write like I talk. My IRL friends have told me Im getting it right. :) . #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:33 | raisingrealmen



@shesthatmom I don't have time to listen to a podcast that is more than 30 mins and sometimes that is too long. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:34 | raising_arrows



Q6 blogs w/ something unique or encouraging #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:34 | kerrybeck



A4 We do have a cute header with caricatures of the three of us. Well...we think it's cute. :-) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:34 | TriggerMemory



#hsbloggers -- if you have a FB page - would you leave it here for me? Thanks!! <http://t.co/6UUGC1fR>

24-Jul-12 19:35 | StefLayton



@jimmiescollage I wondered about that. So the text could be a shortened version of the vid with key words, yes? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:35 | SuzBroadhurst



"@apichea: @AvgHousewife yes - I like the shorter posts versus the longer ones! #hsbloggers" Agreed, and quick vlogs

24-Jul-12 19:35 | 2_to_1



@suzbroadhurst Well, you can always depend on a 5 year old to tell it like it is! #hsbloggers #vlogging

24-Jul-12 19:35 | AvgHousewife



@avghousewife You should check out @VloggingTips as @JendisJournal is awesome!! <http://t.co/b7KCCbCg> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:35 | DinkerGiggles



RT @raising_arrows: Q4 I believe they do see me. I think photos of your real life help too. // real life photos do help #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:36 | kerrybeck



Yes! RT @SuzBroadhurst: @jimmiescollage So the text could be a shortened version of the vid with key words, yes? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:36 | JimmiesCollage



@HOTMonline Stalked? That's alarming! What happened? I worry about how public our family is... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:36 | raisingrealmen



me too, RT @apichea: @AvgHousewife yes - I like the shorter posts versus the longer ones! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:36 | kerrybeck



Q8 How does your design, layout, & sidebars speak to who you are? Are readers "comfortable" on your site? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | hsblogging



RT @raisingrealmen: @HOTMonline Stalked? Thats alarming! What happened? I worry about how public our family is... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | raising_arrows



Right. RT @raising_arrows: I will read/listen to something longer if it really captures my attention. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | JimmiesCollage



@StefLayton <https://t.co/5ckCtUYn> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | TriggerMemory



Short? Like 300 words? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | MeghanCCarver



@raising_arrows Agree! I heard from a friend that she LOVED real life pics of my family and expressed distaste at stock photos #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:37 | SuzBroadhurst



Q8 We redesigned our site last Dec and got great feedback from long-time readers. They liked the new look & feel #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:38 | kerrybeck



@hsblogging A8: I think my design/layout speaks to my abhorrence of clutter :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:38 | apichea



@hsblogging Q8: design possibly mirrors our personalities? I do not like clutter and my blog is simple, but others are different #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:38 | marymakesmusic



RT @apichea: @hsblogging A8: I think my design/layout speaks to my abhorrence of clutter :) #hsbloggers <-- HA!

24-Jul-12 19:38 | StefLayton



@shesthatmom I'd aim more for the 10-15 min mark #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | DinkerGiggles



Scary!, RT @HOTMOnline: except that recently we were stalked because of the pics. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | JimmiesCollage



@raising_arrows More than 30? Wow. I was thinking, like 5. ;-) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | SuzBroadhurst



@MeghanCCarver regular posts can be 300-600, but synopsis of video would be 300 or less #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | kerrybeck



Q8 I want my layout/design to invite readers to dig deeper and feel like they could stay a while. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | raising_arrows



@StefLayton I *have* to have clean lines and symmetry... it's my OCD #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | apichea



@JimmiesCollage I download to ipod and listen when I workout too #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | kerrybeck



I just said that! ;-) RT @apichea @hsblogging A8: I think my design/layout speaks to my abhorrence of clutter :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | marymakesmusic



@TraciTakesTea glad you were here #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | kerrybeck



@SuzBroadhurst podcast, not vlog...will not watch a vlog over 5 #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | raising_arrows



Some are longer, some in a series, most about 20 minutes. #Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:39 | shesthatmom



RT @raisingrealmen: @HOTMonline Stalked? //violent person from my family located us via blog and tracked us- we contacted police #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:40 | HOTMonline



@raisingrealmen Get one of those guys on it for a #homeschool project! ;) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:40 | raising_arrows



@dinkergiggles I will, too, thanks! :-) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:40 | SuzBroadhurst



@meganccarver I like blog posts 300-600. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:41 | AvgHousewife



yes! RT @StefLayton: Q8 - I hope my design isn't repulsive, but I really hope my CONTENT is what makes people feel "comfortable" #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:41 | kerrybeck



@hsblogging Nothing bugs me more than a header that takes up the whole screen and sidebars that flash/go on for days #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:41 | DinkerGiggles



Not sure. Readers would have to answer. Hope so! Try to achieve that. RT @hsblogging: Q8 Are readers "comfortable" on your site? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:41 | JimmiesCollage



Podcasts are audio recordings and can be downloaded right to your mp3 player via itunes #Hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:41 | shesthatmom



Q9 How have you been doing lately in reaching out to others via social media? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | hsblogging



@StefLayton but I do believe outward appearances (unfortunately) can cause a reader to stay or go #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | marymakesmusic



vlog is a video - podcast is audio @suzbroadhurst: @shesthatmom What's the difference between a vlog and a podcast? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | DinkerGiggles



Only thing that passes time & distracts me. RT @kerrybeck: @JimmiesCollage I download to ipod and listen when I workout too #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | JimmiesCollage



They're already working hard on the biz - I wish! RT @raising_arrows: Get one of those guys on it for a #homeschool... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | raisingrealmen



@StefLayton content is definitely the draw, but if a blog {not yours} is too cluttered/flashy/etc, it's a turnoff #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | apichea



@marymakesmusic agree - but that's not the reader for me. I can't cultivate community scared someone doesn't like my shoes. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:42 | StefLayton



@MeghanCCarver Thanks! I change my header pic every couple months and I'm always fiddling to get it just right. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:56 | VA_Grown



@VA_Grown oh ok... shooo! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:56 | apichea



@JimmiesCollage @cfamchronicles @raising_arrows Would live a webinar #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:56 | 2_to_1



@apichea I like your saying, it seems to get lost being so small in that big open space. rest of your blog looks great #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | kerrybeck



@jenny_welton I will have a 3rd, 1st, k that I'm #homeschooling for the first time - overwhelmed, confused #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | DinkerGiggles



RT @DinkerGiggles: Here is some beginner tips for G+ from @kelbycarr <http://t.co/fnUPc6XE> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | kerrybeck



@marymakesmusic I just browsed quickly, but I didn't see your name anywhere on the about page or contact page. Who are you? ;) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | AvgHousewife



@apichea A couple of my regular reads changed to yellow and I have to highlight the whole thing w/my cursor to read it. Ugh! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | VA_Grown



@SuzBroadhurst Love that your photo is right there! social media is a little squished below. wht is the pic in the header? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:57 | raising_arrows



@kerrybeck aha! You and my hubby agree! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:58 | marymakesmusic



@kerrybeck first impression - LOVE the layout and colors!! maybe add some formatting in your posts {bold, italics, etc} #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:58 | apichea



@raising_arrows @jimmiescollage I really love G+ --- I like @kelbycarr beginners guide <http://t.co/suuwN4gq> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:58 | DinkerGiggles



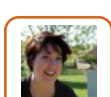
@raisingrealmen Maybe more blue than gray. Lighter usually means easier to read. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:58 | raising_arrows



@StefLayton LOVE the new design, maybe make the font (esp. titles) a tad bit bigger? Might be my browser settings... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:59 | VA_Grown



@DinkerGiggles Oh wow! Your hands are quite full! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:59 | Jenny_Welton



@AvgHousewife interesting...I do not have my name "Mary" on my blog. Huge DUH moment! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:59 | marymakesmusic



@kerrybeck Looks nice!! You do have a bit of space in there, but that's easy enough to repair. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:59 | wishfulme



@JimmiesCollage Do we really need a Google+ blog page or will our reg. Google+ suffice? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 19:59 | SpellOutloud



Thanks so much for coming to Twitter Tues! Pls visit & thank our sponsor @EconThinking <http://t.co/iYC5JsXE> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:00 | hsblogging



@kerrybeck thanks - I think I'll work on adding it to my new header when I get around to creating it :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:00 | apichea



@DinkerGiggles are we connected on G+? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:00 | JimmiesCollage



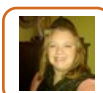
thanks #hsbloggers - nice to come to a community of women trying to encourage & lift each other up!!

24-Jul-12 20:00 | StefLayton



RT @hsblogging: Thanks so much for coming to Twitter Tues! Pls visit & thank our sponsor @EconThinking <http://t.co/2GxG019x> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:00 | apichea



@jimmiescollage Yes, I only read every few posts now. Yellow is a great background color, not so much font, I think. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:00 | VA_Grown



RT @hsblogging: Thanks for coming to Twitter Tues! visit & thank our sponsor @EconThinking <http://t.co/G8DE2vGQ> #hsbloggers Thank You !

24-Jul-12 20:00 | EconThinking



RT @StefLayton: thanks #hsbloggers - nice to come to a community of women trying to encourage & lift each other up!!

24-Jul-12 20:01 | 2_to_1



@wishfulme Thanks! What other colors do you think would go? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:01 | hsblogging



@apichea thx - the top post was uploaded by my daughter who didn't include an image. appreciate you looking at it #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:01 | kerrybeck



@apichea Try moving your tagline and social buttons to get more content above the fold #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:01 | DinkerGiggles



@raising_arrows Yah, "fun" learning how to add social media - wondering if i should take it out of sidebar (in ea post now) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:01 | SuzBroadhurst



@StefLayton Oh, definitely a bit easier on the eyes! Love the colors and simple-clean layout though. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | VA_Grown



@apichea Like the clean content - not too busy and love the personal photos #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | DinkerGiggles



@meghancarver @finding_joy Thanks so much! I'll look into it. My theme has some quirks that make some options unfixable. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | AvgHousewife



RT @SpellOutloud: @JimmiesCollage Do we really need a Google+ blog page or will our reg. Google+ suffice? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | raising_arrows



10 Parts of the Hodgepodge #homeschool day <http://t.co/7YuBwlw3> with @iHomeschoolNet 's 10 in 10 #iHN #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | hodgepodgemom



@wishfulme when we upgraded our theme, it added white space & took away our special font on navbar. thx for looking #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:02 | kerrybeck



@StefLayton BTW...I like the look of your blog #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | kerrybeck



@marymakesmusic I only noticed because I was once guilty of the same offense. LOL #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | AvgHousewife



@SuzBroadhurst It's nice to have it in the sidebar, but you might look for a whole set of free social media icons for uniformity #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | raising_arrows



@apichea Yes it will be fixed on Thursday after our move over to WP :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | CFamChronicles



RT @2_to_1: RT @StefLayton: thanks #hsbloggers - nice to come to a community of women trying to encourage & lift each other up!!

24-Jul-12 20:03 | SuzBroadhurst



@EconThinking first impression - might want to add formatting {bold, italics, etc} in your posts... also, add social media icons #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | apichea



@DinkerGiggles thank you! :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:03 | apichea



just finished the meat loaf and its in the oven...now reading teh #hsbloggers stream to see what I missed from you wonderful women!!!

24-Jul-12 20:04 | faithfamilyfibr



@hsblogging oh fun!!! <http://t.co/1jHHDmo> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:04 | DinkerGiggles



Did I miss anyone?? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:06 | apichea



@jenny_welton Plus I have a 8 week old :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:06 | DinkerGiggles



RT @raising_arrows RT @SpellOutloud @JimmiesCollage Do we really need a Google+ blog page or will our reg. Google+ suffice? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:06 | hodgepodgemom



@AvgHousewife I like menu bars under the header. It's a more standard location? I wish I could read more of each post too. Cute! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | wishfulme



@raising_arrows I've not been able to find a whole set for the sidebar widget (using genesis prose, self-hosted) newbie #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | SuzBroadhurst



@SpellOutloud it's really easy to Instagram to your page. It's just a settings change. I changed it a few weeks ago. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | TaraZiegmont



@AvgHousewife I used to put my menu over my header and people couldn't find it as easily... #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | wishfulme



@hsblogging first impression - comment # bubble seems out of place. maybe add a bit more white space b/t main content & sidebar #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | apichea



@suzbroadhurst I would put a FB and Twitter button on your front page and space out the social media buttons more evenly. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | AvgHousewife



@apichea for what...what did I miss? You can all critique my blog any time! <http://t.co/fkjVsl61> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:07 | faithfamilyfibr



@jimmiescollage I don't think so - we shall connect My personal: <http://t.co/Qrpm55qO> My blog: <http://t.co/w3epPFoa> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:08 | DinkerGiggles



@faithfamilyfibr lol :) the #hsbloggers chat ended w/ an open blog critique

24-Jul-12 20:08 | apichea



@apichea I'm a relative newbie in the field of blogging <http://t.co/NGITp6DO> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:08 | SuzBroadhurst



@apichea Oh I will just open it up to whenever anyone wants to stop by and say hi!! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:09 | faithfamilyfibr



@faithfamilyfibr first impression - LOVE your look/feel... maybe a bit more formatting {bold, non-italic, etc} in the posts? #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:09 | apichea



@wishfulme Thanks for the tips! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:12 | AvgHousewife



@apichea Would mean I need to learn how to use my new theme-so not used to thesis & tech is weakness! thanks 4 popping over #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:12 | faithfamilyfibr



@Lisa_MarieF first impression - font under title is hard to read {too light}, but otherwise looks good :) #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:12 | apichea



Got to run ship some orders - thanks for the feedback, hope to see y'all again soon ~ Hal #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:12 | raisingrealmen



@apichea but sweet friend offered to help me with the tech/blog upkeep type of things so will start learning soon! very blessed! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:13 | faithfamilyfibr



@SuzBroadhurst Hope they're working out for you! They look great. :) Let me know if you have any questions! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:13 | Shareaholic



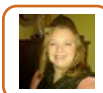
@faithfamilyfibr :) let me know if you ever need help... I offer blog maintenance assistance <http://t.co/9RNQceXR> #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:13 | apichea



@cfamchronicles With your move to WP be careful to not have too many categories - use tags to help. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:13 | DinkerGiggles



@AvgHousewife Having a few full posts might balance the sidebar a little better. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:13 | VA_Grown



RT @steflayton: thanks #hsbloggers - nice to come to a community of women trying to encourage & lift each other up!!

24-Jul-12 20:13 | AvgHousewife



I still can't figure out why @shareaholic isn't showing up on posts - it was before updated - waiting for tech to answer email. #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:14 | faithfamilyfibr



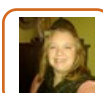
@apichea Oooh thank you! I've been trying to figure out how. I gave up, thinking maybe I shouldn't. Now, I will keep lookin'! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:14 | SuzBroadhurst



@cfamchronicles Yeah for a smaller header! Try left justifying text -use centering to bring attention to photos/important text #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:15 | DinkerGiggles



@hsblogging Thanks--that was a great chat! Thanks for all the input!! See y'all later! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:15 | VA_Grown



Thank you all! Have a beautiful week and enjoy some summer whimsy! #hsbloggers

24-Jul-12 20:16 | SuzBroadhurst