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Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-cultural Education.
www.latticeworld.org

To: All LATTICE members and friends

HAPPY EID to all LATTICE members and friends (Muslims), who will celebrate the joy of ending a successful fasting month. All Muslims around the world will celebrate Eid'ul Fitri on Sunday, October 13th. EID MUBARAK.

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- 1. LATTICE Updates
 - a. LATTICE Session – Thursday, October 25

LATTICE sessions include presentations or panels of information, small group discussions, connections to the classroom, and best of all, food and conversation.

We look forward to see you at the first LATTICE session.

The first LATTICE monthly session will be held on Thursday, October 25 from 12:00-4:30 pm at the MSU Museum. YES! It will be held on campus, at the MSU Museum. Therefore, we assume that transportation for international students to the Museum will not be an issue. Teachers/community members may park at the ramp (metered parking) near Olin Health Center and the CATA Bus station. Pls email kristin@msu.edu for questions about parking.

- b. LATTICE member is ART Teacher of the Year!

Congratulations, Heidi! Those of us who know Heidi Irvine, know that this is a well-deserved honor!

Published September 24, 2007 [From Lansing State Journal]

HOLT – For Holt High School art teacher Heidi Irvine, the craft is more than teaching students how to be creative.

"Art utilizes critical thinking," she said. "Students can use this method to deal with what is happening in the world. It empowers them." Irvine has been named Michigan Art Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Art Education Association.

After 30 letters of recommendation and a portfolio covering 10 different categories – including art advocacy and an exhibition record – Irvine was named top art teacher in the state.

Irvine will get the award at the Michigan Art Education Association Awards Banquet at the Amway Plaza in Grand Rapids on Oct. 12.

Irvine will have multiple opportunities to speak around the state at art functions throughout the next year. She said she will be in the grand marshal's car during the homecoming parade this year in Holt.

"That's an honor into itself," she said. "I heard it is a really nice car." Irvine, an Okemos native, taught for two years in St. Johns before coming to Holt. She is in her eighth year as an art teacher.

Irvine said she tries to bring a global perspective to the class. She once spent a summer in South Africa on a boat, exploring how art has influenced social change. "These are issues we can incorporate into art," she said. "I like the freedom to be able to teach them without having a standardized test over your shoulder."

"Art can do so much," Irvine said. "I'm really concerned about the recent trend of cutting art programs. That's something I feel passionate about."

c. LATTICE member from Myanmar – A Silent Hope!

"Personally, I do not accept that new capital city name because they are in their dream at new capital "Naypyidaw" (Palace of King) whereas people are starving in their huts with poverty. I feel sad for our people"

As a Burmese/ Myanmar citizen, let me reply to your question related to the name of the country. No Myanmar people know exactly why the government changed the name and why they chose it since they never explained us and just forced to use it. What we all assumed is the gov. thought that "Burma" sounds colonial. So, they chose the different pronunciation but sounds similar with Myanmar letter.

"Myanmar" is for both adjective and noun, for instance, Language = Myanmar language; and Nationality = Myanmar. Personally, I choose to use depending

on the situation. When many people from other countries do not know the name of "Myanmar", I describe the former name of "Burma".

In my generation, we prefer the name with which people around the world recognize us. As you might realize, they even changed the capital city name again from "Yangon" (the former name "Rangoon") to "Nay Pyi Daw" which means "Palace of the King". They had an astrological intention when they chose the particular capital city name.

I do wonder the world knows our new capital city name. Thanks again to all who care with great concern and who pay attention to what is going on in Burma/Myanmar. It is a painful investment of peaceful protesters' lives with the hunger for democracy.

On behalf of Myanmar people, all international calls are greatly appreciated and I am with my silent hope.....

d. LATTICE Basket and Scholarship Project

Since 1999, LATTICE members have supported education and traditional arts in South Africa by purchasing and selling baskets made by Zulu women from KwaZulu-Natal Province. All profits are then used to sponsor students from the same region of South Africa.

Please email Sally McClintock sallyma@comcast.net if you are available to VOLUNTEER for

A. Inventory Party:

Wednesday, October 24, 2007 from 5:00 – 7:30
6336 Skyline Drive, East Lansing (268 Zulu Baskets have arrived)

B. Labeling Parties:

Thursday, November 8 from 5:00 – 7:00 PM
Saturday, November 10 from 9:30 – 11:30 AM
6336 Skyline Drive, East Lansing

C. Sales will be December 8 and 9, 2007 and February 22 and 23, 2008
Volunteers may purchase baskets at the parties.

2. Spanish-speaking friends Needed Immediately.

Attention Spanish-speaking friends:

Are you interested in volunteering at Haslett High School and helping Spanish-speaking students? We have a few almost-non-English-speaking students from Mexico City. They are receiving English as a second language support, but they need more assistance with learning our curriculum. Call Lynn Bartley asap if you could possibly help.
339.6019 or 339.8249

3. New International Book Discussion Group at the EL Library

Please spread the word to anyone who may be interested.

Our first meeting is Thursday Oct. 25 from 7-8:30 pm. We will be discussing the book *Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, a Man Who Would Cure the World* by Tracy Kidder. Our guest will be Pierre Balthazar, who is from Haiti.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday Nov. 29 from 7-8:30 when we will be talking about *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen.

Please sign up by calling 517-351-2420 ext. 3. Copies of the books are available at the library or through MELCAT, the statewide interlibrary loan system. Or you can purchase these titles for 20% off at Everybody Reads Bookstore.

Speaking of Everybody Reads, they also have a wonderful book discussion group focusing on books about Africa. See their web site www.becauseeverybodyreads.com for more info.

Questions? Email me at maryhenn@sbcglobal.net

Mary Hennessey
Reference/Teen Services Librarian
East Lansing Public Library

4. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS:

a. 2007 GLUNA Global Education Awards – due October 10, 2007

Application materials for the 2007 GLUNA Global Education Awards have been distributed to high schools in the Tri-County area. We am hopeful that there will be some submissions from LATTICE members.

A copy of our invitation letter is attached for your consideration/distribution. Please contact Lyndon Babcock for the explicit teacher and student entry forms.

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b. Teaching about East Asia

LATTICE member Marilyn McCullough is teaching a seminar about East Asia on Wednesday nights in Novi. The seminar has already begun but more middle and high school teachers can attend. Teachers will be paid to attend and will receive books and other resources. There is grant money to be used up! The link is <http://asianstudies.msu.edu/outreach/EastAsiaTeachingSem/index.htm>

c. Teaching Tolerance: The ABCs of 'We the People'

This newsletter has so many wonderful suggestions for teachers like those in LATTICE who want to address issues of diversity. LATTICE teachers can request to receive this information every six weeks or so provided they contact TeachingTolerance@newsletter.tolerance.org. Materials and articles are also available online at Tolerance.Org.

September 13, 2007

The ABCs of 'We the People'

With Constitution and Citizenship Day right around the corner, the word "We" should take on particular importance in our classrooms.

Who Is "We"?

American Value: Freedom

American Value: Equality

Immigrants and "Us"

Mix It Up At Lunch Day Activity

Get students thinking about boundary crossing with this activity, inspired by the Little Rock Nine.

Get supplies for Nov. 13th!

Eighth-grader Raven Taylor reflects on her Mix It Up at Lunch Day experience

Anti-Bullying Lessons For Early Grades

Teaching Tolerance is pleased to announce the release of a new research-based curriculum, designed to counteract gender bullying in the early grades — in just six simple lessons.

d. Peace Corps Newsletter

The Fall 2007 issue of Global TeachNet News is accessible now on NPCA's website.

Among the features of this issue:

Journey to Jordan

NCSS Conference International Alley

9-12 Corner: A Global Peace Summit

K-8 Corner: How Things are Made

Going Global 101

Electronically Speaking and Global Education Resources

Please note that the "Journey to Jordan" article with extensive hyperlinks is also uploaded to NPCA's website.

Sally McClintock definitely recommends the article "Journey to Jordan."

e. Why International Education is Important?

Dear Lattice Friends:

I want to pass along an item I read in the magazine for Int'l Baccalaureate schools (759 of the 2000 worldwide are in USA; half of IB schools are publicly funded and half are privately paid for). The magazine's editors are looking for responses to these questions for their January 2008 issue.

Send your responses to editor@ibo.org

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INTERNATIONAL-MINDEDNESS AND THE TEACHER'S ROLE

i. How should teachers instill a global awareness in students?

ii. Why is it important for teachers to be internationally aware?

iii. What example should teachers set to students?

f. Keep Arts in Schools

Ford Debuts New Site: Keep Arts in Schools

<http://www.KeepArtsInSchools.org/>

"Keep Arts in Schools" is an exciting new Web site designed to "equip individuals with what they need to make compelling cases for arts education." Part the Ford Foundation's "Integrating the Arts and Education Reform" program, the site was created by a public-interest communications firm, Douglas Gould and Company. It's packed with news, video clips, research, case studies and tools (for writing a letter to the business community requesting support, using the Web to create an online petition or providing testimony at a school-board meeting, etc.).

There are links to articles, national studies and Web sites on arts education -- categorized for families, advocacy, policy, talking points, media communication, assessments and more. The Programs section keeps up with the progress the eight Ford program grantees are making in their cities, schools, districts and communities.

Go to this entry:

http://www.communityarts.net/apinews/archivefiles/2007/08/ford_debuts_new.php

5. Day at State Program, Michigan State University

If you are a teacher or know of students who might be interested in this opportunity, please share with students and forward to others.

The Day at State Program invites high school juniors and seniors to visit the MSU campus by offering them the unique opportunity to spend the day or overnight with a current MSU student host. As they visit campus, prospective students see the campus through the eyes of a MSU student. The student shadows the host through their daily activities, which may include attending classes, visiting with a professor, eating in a residence hall, walking around campus, visiting a bookstore, attending student group meetings, and seeing a residence hall room.

Reservations are required and must be made online. For more information, call 517-353-1615 or visit the website

<http://www.admissions.msu.edu/visitcampus/dayatstate.asp>

6. Grade 5 & 6 children needed for Research Project

I am Aroutis Foster and I am a doctoral student in the Educational Technology program in the College of Education. I am in the process of trying to find out where I could get a number grade 5 and 6 children or children age 10-12 yrs to participate in a study that will be getting underway soon. The study is currently being piloted so the number of participants is not set at this moment.

However, I would need the students twice per week for 2hrs for 10-12 weeks. I am also not set on whether it will be weekends or after-school - this is subjected to most of the participants availability for the complete duration of the study. I do need the students to participate in the study together as a group so I will not be able visit individual participants. Hence, the location for the group of students is Erickson Hall.

At the moment, I am thinking that my best bet would be to get the students in an after-school or weekend program that may want their students to participate and take the students to MSU. There is a possibility that there are after-school programs and weekend programs that has grade 5 and 6 students - it would be great if I can also be informed of those programs. Parents of students age 10-12 are also welcome to send their child or children to participate in the study.

Students will be playing a computer game and socializing together. They will also be interviewed, tested and observed in the setting. I need a range of students by game playing frequency from those who never played a game to those who have played a lot and it does not matter, whether a student likes games or not. The students will be given the computer CD-ROM game that they will use in the study and a gift card as an appreciation for them participating the study.

Your assistance is truly appreciated. Please reply to foster74@msu.edu .
Thanks for your help.

7. Global Festival: items for the World Gift Shop

Noon to 5 PM, MSU Student Union: Displays, entertainment, children's games and international foods will be available for you, your families and your students.

Please consider donating items to the World Gift Shop. The Community of Volunteers for International Programs (CVIP) uses the profits to provide scholarships for spouses of international students. One three-credit-hour grant can now be over \$2700. For 38 years, your community donations and sales have made it possible for 324 scholarships to spouses of international students from 46 countries.

Items may be delivered to MSU: CVIP office, room 12C or Room 103,
Center for International Programs (1 – 5 pm)

East Lansing: Lillian Kumata's home (351-6046)

Okemos: Lois Sollenberger's home (349-1862)

For event information contact the University Activities Board at 355 3354 or
www.uabevents.com or
www.isp.msu.edu/oiss/globalfest

8. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub will be meeting from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library

Thursday Nov. 1 Before We Were Free by Julia Alvarez

No meeting in Dec.

Thursday Jan. 17 American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Thursday Feb. 14 Immigrant themes – books will be:

Ask Me No Questions by Marina Budhos and
At Ellis Island: A History in Many Voices
by Louise Peacock and Walter Lyon Krudop.

Thursday March 20 To Be Announced

Thursday April 24 To Be Announced.

Thursday May 15 Bring your suggestions for summer reading.

These books are available through local libraries and for a 20 % discount at Everybody Reads. You can find more information including summaries and reviews at elpl.org or amazon.com

For questions about LATTICE book club, please email:

"Mary Hennessey" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

"Amy Kilbridge" <AKILBRID@inghamisd.org>

9. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

Please Remember to Mark your calendar!

October 25 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM (at the MSU MUSEUM)

November 29 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM

December 7

Friday, 6 pm: International Movie Nite @ MSU International Center.

January 10 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

February 7 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

March 13 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

April 17 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

May 8 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Monthly sessions are held at Haslett High School on Marsh Road.

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY DOWN"!!!

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If you would like to submit an item to be included in the e-letter or if you know someone interested in LATTICE and would like to be added to the listserv please contact lattice@msu.edu

We look forward to see you at the first LATTICE session on Thursday, October 25.

Margaret, Kristin & Norseha.

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Best Wishes!

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