



Linking All Types of Teachers to International Cross-cultural Education

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To: All LATTICE members and friends

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Enjoy your HOLIDAYS and travel safely this holiday.

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1. LATTICE Updates

a. Next LATTICE Session is November 29th

Our next LATTICE session is Thursday, November 29th from 12:00–4:30 pm to be held at Haslett High School. We will explore yet another interesting topic related to the environment: "Environment & Human Rights."

We look forward to see you at the next LATTICE session on November 29th.

b. Previously at LATTICE Exhibit on Nov. 18th

Many thanks to LATTICE volunteers who graciously promoted LATTICE at the 2007 MSU Global Festival. They surely enjoyed meeting new people and making personal connections with those interested in international and cross-cultural experience.

For a glimpse of LATTICE faces at the exhibit, please check out this link:

<http://latticeworld.org/files/8/GlobalFest2007.pdf>

c. LATTICE Web-Updates

Previous e-letters for year 2007 are now available online at this link:

<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=eletter2007>

Also, picture gallery is made available on these pages:

<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=media>

<http://www.latticeworld.org/?q=projects>

d. LATTICE Social Event on December 1st

LATTICE social events are simply ways to bring the group together outside of the monthly sessions for more cross-cultural experiences.

It's time to get together! LATTICE is having a field trip that is just for fun. On Saturday, Dec. 1 we are going to the zoo together. The Festival of Lights will be at the Potter Park Zoo that night. Also, there will be special animal presentations at the Education Center, cookie decorating and Santa will be there. Of course, the best part will be the animals.

Then you are invited to Chris Worland's house for some holiday cheer. There will be hot chocolate and eggnog. Feel free to bring a snack or dessert if you wish. Here are the details:

5:30 pm Drivers will pick up riders at Erickson Hall

6:00 pm Enjoy the zoo at your own pace. You will be admitted to the zoo for free as a LATTICE member if you give us your name by the meeting on December 29. Otherwise the charge is \$4.00.

8:00 pm Arrive at Chris Worland's House, 2654 Blue Haven Court, East Lansing for holiday cheer and good conversation. It's on the corner of Blue Haven Drive and Blue Haven Ct. Take Park Lake Rd to Whistler, then Whistler to Blue Haven Dr. Turn left and the house will be on your right.

So please let us know if you are coming. You can email Pam Moore pmoore@inghamisd.org or Chris Worland chrworland@yahoo.com or sign up at the LATTICE meeting. Let us know if you want to be a driver or need a ride.

2. LATTICE Sales of Zulu Baskets

Support South African Artists and Students. Mark your calendars, tell your friends and contact Sally (sallyma@comcast.net) to help out for an hour on the following dates:

Fair Trade Sale

Saturday, December. 1, 2007 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Okemos Community Church
on Okemos Rd just south of Grand River Ave.

Alternative Christmas Sales

All Saints Episcopal Church
800 Abbott Road, East Lansing
Saturday December 8 – 10:00 AM to 2:00
Sunday, December 9 – 11:30 AM to 2:00

3. MSU Commencement is December 7 & 8

MSU's commencement ceremonies will be held Friday, Dec. 7, and Saturday, Dec. 8, at the Jack Breslin Student Events Center, One Birch Road. MSU's December commencement speakers think globally and beyond. For more information on this event, please visit:

<http://newsroom.msu.edu/site/indexer/3254/content.htm>

4. OPPORTUNITIES/RESOURCES FOR TEACHERS:

a. Teacher of the Year Award

Nominations Invited for Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year Award

Funder: National Center for Family Literacy and Toyota

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Proposal Due Date: 12/05/2007

Presented by the National Center for Family Literacy (<http://www.familit.org/>) and Toyota (<http://www.toyota.com/>), the Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year Award is given to educators who demonstrate exemplary efforts to help parents and children achieve their academic and non-academic goals.

The educator selected as the 2008 Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year will receive a \$5,000 award for his/her program, courtesy of Toyota. He/she also will receive a trip to the 17th Annual National Conference on Family Literacy in Louisville, Kentucky, March 30–April 1, 2008. Several finalists, each of whom will receive a \$500 scholarship, will be selected for the 2008 Award.

Nominations must be submitted by the program director or coordinator -- someone who is familiar with the nominated educator's work with children, adult learners, and the community.

Visit the NCFL Web site for complete nomination guidelines.

Contact Info:

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b. Bridging Elementary Schools via video conferencing technology

From L. Crosby Savage III

My mother is a 4th grade teacher in Virginia Beach, VA. She is currently teaching geography (climate, landforms, etc.) to her students using video conferencing technology to talk to 4th grade classrooms around the country.

Her students prepare predetermined questions and ask 4th graders from the different regions about their local geography. The students really enjoy this activity because they are learning geography while talking to kids their own age. The class has already successfully conferenced with 4th grade classrooms in the Northeast (New York) and the Southeast (Alabama), and are now looking for a classroom in the Great Lakes region.

What I am asking from you is to be the bridge between the two schools. If you know of any elementary schools capable of video conferencing within the area, or Michigan in general, please contact me (savagelo@msu.edu) so I may swap contact information. If you know a 4th grade teacher who may be willing to do this, that would be even more helpful.

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c. Teachers: Study in Southern Africa this Summer

The University of Toledo, with funding from the U.S. Department of Education Fulbright-Hays Program, is sponsoring a seminar in South Africa and Lesotho, June 21 – July 30, 2008.

Designed for educators, the focus of the seminar will be southern African political, cultural and historical relations, especially the relations between South Africa and Lesotho.

Participants will spend over five weeks in southern Africa interacting with African teachers and government officials while visiting historic and contemporary sites and sharing professional expertise with teachers and organizations in the region.

Applications due January 10, 2008.

More information : <http://www.utoledo.edu/as/ids/global/Africa2008index.html>

d. End World Hunger via Free Rice Donation

Please check out this site to donate rice via the United Nations. Thanks! Pass it on....

<http://www.freerice.com/index.php>

e. Ohio State's Global Education Database and Listserv

Ohio State's five area studies centers and its program in Social Studies and Global Education have created an online database of over 6,000 resources reviewed to help teachers teach about Africa, East Asia, Latin America, the Middle East, Slavic and Eastern Europe, global issues, global systems, and intercultural and global education. There are special modules for elementary teachers and teachers of several world languages.

Visit the online database

<http://www.coe.ohio-state.edu/globaled/home.cfm>

In addition, there is a listserv for educators interested in teaching world history, global issues, and world cultures. We usually have 4 to 7 messages a week. The listserv, "World727" provides teachers with links to new and recommended resources, professional opportunities, and a place to ask for ideas ("How do you organize your world cultures course?") and resources ("How do I find e-pals for my students?"). To subscribe, send an e-mail to

Dr. Merry Merryfield (merryfield.1@osu.edu)

5. LATTICE Bookclub Dates for 2007-2008

The bookclub meets from 4-6 pm at the East Lansing Public Library.

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 bookclub, please email:

"Mary Hennessey" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>

"Amy Kilbridge" <AKILBRID@inghamisd.org>

6. LATTICE Dates for 2007-08

Please Remember to Mark your calendar!

THEME : ENVIRONMENT

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

Topic : World Environmental Issues

November 29 Thursday 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic : Environment & Human Rights

December 7 Friday, 6 pm: International Movie Nite

@ MSU International Center.

January 10 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic: People, Environment & Culture

February 7 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic: Gender, Environment & Poverty

March 13 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic: Media, Technology & Environment

April 17 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic: Protecting the Commons & Environmental Activism

May 8 Thursdays 12:00-4:30 PM

Topic: To be Announced

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

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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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 listserve please contact lattice@msu.edu

Once again, enjoy the long weekend holidays.

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