



Linking All Types of Teachers to International, Cross-cultural Education

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TO: ALL LATTICE members and friends,
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1. LATTICE Updates

- a. LATTICE Session on Thursday, May 8

SAVE THE DATE -

May 8, and join us for the final LATTICE session!

Topic : Environmental Consequences of the food we eat.

Time : 12:00-4:30pm

Location: MSU Plant and Soil Sciences Building, Room A-149

This is the final LATTICE session for the academic year and it will be held on MSU campus! We encourage you to arrive at NOON and dress in your traditional wear for the annual photo session.

A FRIENDLY REMINDER:

Please bring PGLIE books or resources borrowed to the May 8th session or return to Kristin Janka Millar, 300 International Center, MSU.

b. Cyclone in Myanmar – Han Han’s family is safe
An email from Han Han today, May 6th, confirms that:
“My family was safe at home when I called them on Saturday after cyclone. Fortunately, I reached them once, at least. Since then, the connections were lost. I wish I'll be with them at this critical time. “

c. May 15 is the final LATTICE Book Club Meeting

This is the final LATTICE Book Club session for 2007-2008. We will meet at the East Lansing Public Library on Thursday, May 15 from 4-6pm. Please bring your suggestions for summer reading. For questions regarding the Book Club, please contact:
"Mary Hennessey" <maryhenn@sbcglobal.net>
"Amy Kilbridge " <KilbridgeA@aol.com>

2. Host Families Sought for One-Month Exchange, July 26-Aug 22

Bring the world into your home this summer by hosting a Japanese student! These young people are excited to learn about your family’s customs and culture, your values, foods, clothes, and lifestyle. But mostly they want to make friends, meet other young people, and try communicating in English! The dates of the exchange are July 26 through August 22.

The program is open to any family with a youth of the same age and gender as the Japanese youths. There will be 55 Japanese youths, boys and girls, traveling to Michigan and they range in age from 12 to 15. They have been studying English and are eager to try using it, so there is no need to know Japanese. Families will attend an orientation in early summer if selected as a host family for this year. Opportunities also exist for youths to travel to Japan and spend a month with their new friend the following year.

The 4-H/Japanese Exchange program is one of the largest exchange programs involving North American and Japanese youth in the world.

Since 1972 over 25,000 students have stayed with families in North America, and more than 4,000 American students have made reciprocal visits to Japan.

This summer, take the opportunity to open your hearts and homes to an exchange student and allow your entire family to enjoy a new experience they are sure to never forget!

For more information or to obtain a host family application, contact your county MSU Extension office or Vera Wiltse at 989-772-0911 extension 302 or wiltsev@msu.edu

3. Learn about Michigan’s Natural Resources, July 20-25

An educator's dream! Imagine an opportunity to learn about Michigan's diverse natural resources, discover current trends in their management and experience activities that bring this knowledge to the classroom. These concepts are the catalyst behind the Department of Natural Resources' Academy of Natural Resources.

Each day of the week-long program, educators will experience time in the field that will focus on Michigan wildlife, forests, freshwater resources and other related topics. In addition, DNR has partnered with conservation and education organizations and programs to train teachers on how to successfully use the most renowned conservation education curricula in America.

Teachers who participate will be certified to use Project WILD, Project Learning Tree, Project WET, the Leopold Education Project, and the Waste Information Series for Education (WISE). The DNR will provide these curricula materials to participants at the workshop. Your cost for this initial workshop is \$195. This includes room and board at the DNR's MacMullan Conference Center and a plethora of conservation education materials.

In addition, credit options will be available from Central Michigan University. (Participants are responsible for fees associated with college credit) The academy begins with registration and check-in between 4:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 20, and concludes with lunch on Friday, July 25. For information about registration, contact Kevin Frailey, Fraileyk@michigan.gov or 517-373-7306

4. The Quilt Exhibit at the MSU Museum

The Quilt Exhibit at the MSU Museum is a "must-see", Quilts and Human Rights, and featuring our LATTICE member, Chris Worland. The MSU Museum features three floors of special collections and changing exhibits and is open seven days a week free of charge (donations are encouraged). Located on West Circle Drive next to Beaumont Tower on the MSU campus, the MSU Museum is accessible to persons with disabilities.

Hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Visitor parking is available in front of the building and at metered spaces at the Grand River Ramp, one block away at the corner of Grand River Avenue and Charles Street. For more information, call (517) 355-2370 or see http://museum.msu.edu/Exhibitions/Current/quilts_and_human_rights.html

5. Teachers and students needed for trip to Brazil this summer:

A few spaces are still available for students, teachers or faculty in a program to Porto Alegre, Brazil this summer. If you are interested, please respond directly to Tom Pedroni, pedroni@oakland.edu

Luis Gandin and Tom Pedoni will lead the 2008 Urban Education Exchange Program in Porto Alegre, Brazil this August. As you may know, Porto Alegre has been the site of significant social and educational innovation, and is the birthplace of both the World Social Forum and the World Education Forum.

From August 13-26, under the auspices of Oakland University, participants will have the opportunity to spend two weeks studying with and interacting with educators and social reformers in Porto Alegre's Citizen schools and other educationally significant projects in the region. Participants will receive 4 credits (graduate or undergraduate) which they may transfer to their home institutions.

Please spread the word to any educators and/or researchers who you think might be interested in attending the program in Brazil, and consider joining us yourself. The deadline for application is May 14. More information: Dr. Thomas Pedoni, pedroni@oakland.edu, www.oakland.edu/brazil

"THANKS FOR READING ALL THE WAY TO THE END"

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