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LATTICE 2007-2008 Membership:

- Active Participants: 95
- LATTICE Listserv: 628
- School Districts: 15 (Battle Creek, Brighton, East Lansing, Grand Ledge, Haslett, Holt, Ingham ISD, Lansing, Mason, Okemos, Palo, Perry, Portland, Waverly, Webberville)
- Countries Represented at Sessions: 19 (Benin, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kenya, Lebanon, Malaysia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Palestine, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Trinidad & Tobago, US, Vietnam)
- K-12 Teachers Receiving SBCEU Credit for Participating: 12

Community Sites (Sessions & Social Events):

MSU Museum, Haslett High School, MSU-Plant-Soil Sciences & Gardens, Potter Park Zoo, Holt High School, MSU-International Center

LATTICE 2007-2008 Monthly Sessions:

- Thursdays (noon-12:30 coffee) 12:30-4:30
- Session Resources:
www.latticeworld.org
www.educ.msu.edu/teachglobal/resources.htm

October 25, 2007: “World Environmental Issues”

MSU Museum

- Attendance: 76
- Facilitators: Margaret and Kristin
- Presenters: Heidi Irvine, Sally McClintock, John Metzler, Chris Worland

Session Testimonials:

“The “Meet and Greet” activity and the “Names” activity helped my learning today. I learned quite a bit about China—how names are constructed, the Chinese alphabet, and pronunciation. I also gained knowledge on recycling efforts in China as well as efforts in the US.”

“The environment theme “What happens in my backyard affects the world” could be applied to all the geography units I teach.”

“Chris, Heidi, and Sally—great presentations! I learned about the characteristics of eco-arts, the creative process, and examples of possible curriculum for looking at objects.”

“Everyone in LATTICE is so friendly and enthusiastic—it’s very contagious. I’m anxious to see where the environment theme will lead us. A crisp, sunny fall day at MSU with new friends...it doesn’t get any better!”

November 29, 2007: “Environment & Human Rights”

Haslett High School

- Attendance: 60
- Facilitator: John Metzler
- Panel: Kang Li (China), Pamela Galbraith (US/Aral Sea), Han Han Thi (Myanmar), Judy Olson (Great Lakes)

Session Testimonials:

“I plan to share several things with my class: facts/data on water access, the actual Great Lakes borders, the Aral Sea issue, and diversion projects in the Great Lakes.”

“I liked the variety of learning—lecture, small group, panel, large group. The movement from table groups to standing groups allowed us to experience a wider range of observations and concerns.”

“I was glad to learn background information about China—maps and pictures helped too. I was not familiar with the Aral Sea eco-disaster. I was glad to learn more about Myanmar life. I also enjoyed Margaret’s presentation, and plan to use her resource on the net with my class.”



January 10, 2008: “People, Environment & Culture”

Haslett High School

- Attendance: 53
- Presentation: Marianne Forman, “Material World”
- What’s Happening in the World Panel: Ghazala Khan, (Pakistan), Andy Saultz, (US), Damaris Mayienga (Kenya), Steve Sharra (Malawi)

Session Testimonials:

“I learned a lot from Marianne’s talents for engaging people, asking good questions and identifying problems. Marianne’s story about her daughters and self—very inspiring—also the Emily Bratton poem.”

“This was an eye-opener to family lifestyles around the world—how climate, culture, rural/urban setting shape the lifestyle of their material world.”

“The “What’s Happening in Our World” greatly aided my understanding of and personal connections to current events. Very educational and informative session.—the best yet!”

February session cancelled –Snow Day

March 13, 2008: “Gender, Environment & Poverty”

Haslett High School

- Attendance: 58
- Presentation: Tracy Dobson, “Gender, Environment and Social Justice”
- What’s Happening in the World Presenters: Neera Singh, (India), Rebecca Meuninck (US/Brazil)

Session Testimonials:

“I thought Tracy’s presentation was great—covered a lot of important points, but also included specific information and examples that many might not be familiar with. The list on the back of the agenda was great—very helpful for further exploration.”

“Wows and Wonders—I will use this activity with my own students—lots of conversations, and I was in a group of people I hadn’t talk with before for the maps activity.”

“I learned about the perspective of women on men with respect to environmental issues (small-scale, large-scale thinking). Tracy’s expertise helped a great deal in my learning today.”



April 17, 2008:

“Media, Technology & Environment” at Haslett High School

- Attendance: 56
- Presentation: Jim Detjen & MSU journalism students, “Environmental Journalism”

Session Testimonials:

“I thought today’s session was fabulous! Jim’s presentation was very well organized. It contained important insights about both journalism and environment. The LATTICE members were obviously interested in these important issues. The small group discussion at my table was the best I can remember. I think this was as near to a perfect LATTICE session as we will ever come.”

“It was interesting to hear the perspectives of the journalism students and about the Turtle Game. I will definitely need to check this out. The small group discussions were wonderful...I would like to learn more about local activities: recycling programs, opportunities for outreach and cleanup.”

“Ghazala, as always, was great--able to illustrate much that is important about Pakistan with a very personal story of her trip, her children, and other family members. I was particularly impressed with what she said about her husband spending his time treating village people.”



May 8, 2008: “Environmental Consequences of the Food We Eat”

Plant & Soil Science Bldg. and MSU Horticulture Gardens/ Children’s Garden

- Attendance: 55
- Presentation: Laurie Thorp, “It’s All Connected: Food and the Environment”
- Year Wrap-up: Sally McClintock

Session Testimonials:

“I never thought that the food I bought in grocery stores is so tightly associated with environmental issues. I feel glad that I don’t eat so much processed food and I will keep that in mind. I really was attracted to Laurie’s content and the way she presented.”

“As an environmentalist and vegetarian, some of the content in Laurie’s presentation was already familiar to me. However what I learned (and am so pleased to have gained) is a better understanding of how to communicate those issues to the general public and to my students. This was my favorite presentation of LATTICE yet!”

“Laurie was very knowledgeable and passionate—I loved her presentation. This was the best this year on environment!”

Quotes about LATTICE:

“In LATTICE I have the opportunity to recharge my batteries every month, to be inspired to go back for another month of teaching, keeping in mind the importance of bringing the international perspective to the classroom.”

“LATTICE keeps widening my circle of knowledge.”

“LATTICE to me is about personal connections across cultures with additional bonus of learning something new and insightful around various themes that guide our meetings.”

“It’s been a great, exciting, challenging year!”

“LATTICE really helps me open my eyes to all kinds of issues around the world. It’s learning while listening to the speakers. It’s sharing while talking to friends. It’s also a good way for international students to know about US schools.”

“Thanks to LATTICE I feel at home, not lonely. This is a mosaic of learners, teachers with not only academic values but also true humane values of caring and sharing. Thanks, LATTICE.”

LATTICE Social Activities:

December 1, 2007: Festival of Lights, Potter Park Zoo, hosted by Chris Worland
Attendance: 20

December 7, 2007: International Movie Night, "The Shape of Water,"
International Center, MSU
Attendance: 50

February 5: Paint a Plate, Holt High School, hosted by Heidi Irvine and Jessica Dicky
Attendance: 25

April 25: International Movie Night, "New Year Baby," International Center, MSU
Attendance: 65

LATTICE Yearbook: Please visit the LATTICE website to download the LATTICE yearbook (www.latticeworld.org)

2007-2008 LATTICE-Related Presentations

Nov. 18, 2007: Global Festival, MSU

February 18, 2008: Michigan Council for the Social Studies Professional Development Conference "Transformational Citizenship for a Global World"

February 20, 2008: Michigan Legislative Luncheon, "Michigan K-12 Education on an International Scale," sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy and Social Research (IPPSR) and International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University

February 29, 2008: Global and International Education Professional Development Session, sponsored by the Lansing Area Elementary Team (LAET), Department of Teacher Education, College of Education, Michigan State University.

April 18, 2008: "Internationalizing Michigan Education Conference: Building Bridges from Michigan to the World." Sponsored by the College of Education, Office of K-12 Outreach Programs, MSU; Education Alliance of Michigan, Confucius Institute, MSU; U.S. China Center for Research on Educational Excellence, MSU; Michigan Department of Education.

LATTICE Graduate Fellowships:

Fall 2007

Han Han Thi, Ph.D. student in Teacher Education
Dwi Agus Yuliantoro, M.A. student in Curriculum and Teaching
Sri-Hayati Kamal, Ph.D. student in K-12 Educational Administration

Spring 2008

Wiline Pangle, Ph.D. student in Zoology

Summer 2008

Hayat Farid Alhokayem, Ph.D. student in Teacher Education
Hong Qian, Ph.D. student in Teacher Education

Other LATTICE Work:

- Participation on the Lansing Regional Sister Cities Commission (LRSCC)
- Representation at MSU events, meetings, committees
- Participation on the Partnership to Prepare Global and International Educators
- (P-GLIE) Steering Committee



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