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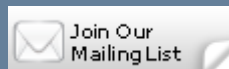
"Supporting Inclusive Education Worldwide"

The Inclusive Schools Network (ISN) is a web-based resource for families, schools, and communities interested in the topic of inclusive education. This network has grown out of Inclusive Schools Week™, an internationally-recognized, annual event sponsored by Education Development Center, Inc. (EDC). In 2009, ISN will be expanding its capacity to offer new products, conferences, online events, and social networking opportunities.



Great things happen in inclusive schools™

Inclusive Schools Network News is your source for updates and information about the Inclusive Schools Network, Inclusive Schools Week, and other resources and events related to building more welcoming and supportive schools and communities. Click below to subscribe:



ISN News & Events:

9th Annual Inclusive Schools Week



The Inclusive Schools Network is hosting the 9th Annual Inclusive Schools Week this December 7-11, celebrating the theme, "Inclusive Technologies". Each year, Inclusive Schools Week participants from all over flood the ISN discussion forum and email box with details about their exciting Celebration Plans for the Week. Once again we invite you to share your Celebration Plans with us and with other educators, families and communities around the world.

To share your Celebration Plans, please post a short description of activities and events you have planned for this year's Inclusive Schools Week on our discussion forum at: <http://www.inclusiveschools.org/forums/inclusive-schools-week>

You may also submit these plans via email to inclusiveschools@edc.org. Celebration Plans from selected schools, districts, and communities will be posted in the "Celebration Plans" section of our website starting in October.

ISN products are available for purchase online! Use these items, including Celebration Kits, posters, pencils and much more, to promote your 2009 Inclusive Schools Week celebration and to raise awareness about inclusive educational practices throughout the year. This year, ISN will again be collaborating with the Federation for Children with Special Needs, who will be the official online store for ISN products. To view these products, order online, or download a PDF order form, please visit our [Products Page and Secure Online Order Form](#)

Featured Events:

Including Samuel to Air on Public TV Nationwide!

The nationally acclaimed documentary by photojournalist, Dan Habib - which chronicles the Habib family's efforts to include Habib's son, Samuel, in every facet of their lives - will air on public television in September and October 2009. To find out when this film will be broadcast on your public television station, go to:

<http://www.includingsamuel.com/television/>

Embracing Inclusive Approaches for Children and Youth with Special Education Needs

July 11-14, 2010
Riga, Latvia

Practitioners, researchers, policy makers, and NGOs from Europe, Central Asia, and North America will be joined by colleagues from around the globe to engage in lively and informed discussions about the current state of the expertise in meeting the needs of children and youth with special educational needs. This event will serve as the 2010 Annual Conference for ISSA. To learn more, please visit:

<http://www.cec.sped.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ProfessionalDevelopment/RIGA2010Conference/>

Featured Resource:

New IRIS Center Module: Universal Design for Learning

The IRIS Center has created a interactive, web-based module where education professionals work alongside the faculty at Sycamore Middle School - a urban school with a large percentage of students from diverse backgrounds - as they learn how to develop materials, techniques, and strategies to meet their students learning needs. You can access the module at <http://iris.peabody.vanderbilt.edu/udl/chalcycle.htm>

Tribute to a Pioneer:

On the afternoon of June 23, 2009, William Henderson, a pioneer who has improved the lives of thousands of children through his national model for teaching students with disabilities in mainstream classrooms, was honored at a ceremony in which the Patrick O'Hearn Elementary School in Dorchester, MA, where he recently retired as principal, was renamed the William Henderson Elementary School. Henderson, who is blind, spent 36 years working in the Boston Public Schools - 20 of those years were spent transforming what was formally a school where students with disabilities were segregated to a school at the forefront of inclusion. The full article highlighting his successes can be found at http://www.boston.com/news/education/k_12/articles/2009/06/23/with_disabilities_no_obstacle_ohearn_elementary_salutes_its_inspiration/?page=2.

Henderson is a member of the ISN Advisory Board.

Inclusive Practices Around the World:

South Africa

Believed to be the only one of its kind in South Africa, the facilities at Eduplex Primary School and Training Centre in Queenswood, Pretoria offer a model of inclusion where 76 hearing-impaired pupils can learn alongside their hearing peers and follow the exact same curriculum. For instance, the classrooms are designed in a hexagon shape - representing a beehive - to fit in individual rooms where teachers have one-on-one sessions with the deaf student after school. To read more about this mainstream private school, click [here](#).

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Here's how YOU can make a difference:

Your purchase of products or tax-deductible contribution supports the work we are doing to support families, schools, and communities around the world to create awareness, build knowledge, and encourage systems change toward more inclusive educational opportunities for all children. We are a nonprofit, 501 (c) (3) organization, and we are extremely grateful for your support!

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