

Email News Update

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School Spotlight

CHILD Growing in Sumter County



North Sumter Primary will implement CHILD this Fall.

Through the strong support of **Superintendent Richard Shirley**, Sumter County in central Florida will be adding the CHILD system to another elementary school this upcoming school year. Since learning about CHILD in 2002 and implementing the system at two elementary schools, **Lake Panasoffkee Elementary** and **North Sumter Intermediate**, the district has added a new school each year. In 2003, Bushnell Elementary came on board, followed by **Webster Elementary** in 2004. This coming year 2005, **North Sumter Primary** will begin implementation with two primary clusters. The strong leadership and support from the top provides a powerful environment for successful implementation of this innovative instructional model. We welcome Principal Dana Williams and her staff to the CHILD family.



Institute Spotlight

Dr. Butzin's Book Now Available



[Would you like to bring back the joy of teaching to your classroom and still see your](#)

students achieve at higher levels?

Dr. Sarah (Sally) M. Butzin, Executive Director of the Institute, in her new book, "**Joyful Classrooms in an Age of Accountability: The Project CHILD Recipe for Success**," challenges educators to chart a new course in elementary education and provides readers with an inside look at the innovative approach delivering results in classrooms across the nation. Project CHILD (Changing How Instruction for Learning is Delivered) students demonstrate higher test scores and have fewer discipline problems and lower absenteeism. This book includes case studies and standardized testing data. It takes the reader inside real classrooms to hear the voices of children, teachers, and parents experiencing a new way of teaching and learning.

Order by calling 1-800-766-1156 or 812-339-1156 or order online at www.pdkintl.org

Upcoming Events

Leadership Academy Set for June 17-18 in Jacksonville

CHILD leadership teams, including principals, assistant principals, coaches, and district administrators will spend two days in Jacksonville, Florida at the CHILD Leadership Academy. They will come to hone their skills, network with their peers, and go home with some new insights and expectations. All leaders are invited- new and veteran alike.

[Go here for more information.](#)

Friday & Saturday, June 17-18, 2005

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Technology Update

Hot Web Sites

- Check out "Free", a website set up by the US government that compiles teaching resources from federal agencies. <http://www.ed.gov/free>
- An Online Resource for Kids and Parents is a directory of hundreds of articles and resources. Go to the Just for Kids section. <http://math-and-reading-help-for-kids.org/>
- The Smithsonian Museum has wonderful resources on a variety of science topics. Here is a link to the educators page with lesson plans. www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/lesson_plans/science_technology.html
- The American Museum of Natural History has a new website for kids ages 7-11. Interactive and engaging. www.ology.amnh.org
- Yahoo!igans!: a categorized list of Internet sites for kids. <http://www.yahooligans.com>
- The Internet Public Library's Youth Division: a collection of Internet resources for kids. <http://www.ipl.org/youth>
- BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helper: Compiled by a sharp middle school student.

<http://school.discovery.com/homeworkhelp/bjpinchbeck/>

- Kid Info/School Subjects: Another student-created site arranged by subject area.
<http://www.kidinfo.com/SchoolSubjects.html>
- Gwinnett County, Georgia has a good website for suggestions for activities and interventions to help students meet the standards common to most state. Visit their website for specifics by clicking on a grade level on their home page, then clicking on a specific curriculum area.
<http://www.gwinnett.k12.ga.us/aks.nsf>

Website Update

- **New Software Reviews for 2005:** Twenty-nine software titles were reviewed this year for inclusion in the CHILD Software Correlation Guide. Go here for links to the Software Reviews as well as the Correlation Guide on the website. http://www.ifsi.org/CHILD_software.htm
- **Quia Assessment:** Make sure you get on to the password-protected area of the ISI website and go to the Quia link. Here you will find a sample webpage that you can create, as well as directions to begin your subscription to Quia - the on-line assessment program that comes with your CHILD renewal. www.ifsi.org and go to the Infonet Subscriber's page.
- **Sharing Successes:** Send in your successes so we can show off for you.
www.ifsi.org/sharing_success.htm
- **Kid's Page:** Share your students' work here or have your students email us with their comments and we will post them. Looking for another CHILD school to email? Put in a request here.
www.ifsi.org/kids_page.htm
- **Calendar:** Go here to see about the latest events. Send us your school events to post here.
www.ifsi.org/calendar.htm



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