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CHILD Conference Highlights



General Session

Over 320 teachers and administrators spent an exciting day at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida at the 16th Annual CHILD Conference. Over 60% of CHILD schools were represented, which was a record-breaking turnout. The theme of this year's conference was "CHILD: Puttin' It All



Together," emphasizing the power of CHILD to integrate effective practices.



Keynote Speaker

Larry Bell, renowned educator and motivational speaker, gave the keynote address on the Power of an Educator. His powerful message resonated with the audience as he encouraged them with the mantra, "Somebody needs you." His enthusiasm and passion for teaching kicked off the day on a high note.

There were over 30 break out sessions and workshops. More vendors participated this year and there were also two book signings- Dr. Sally Butzin signed her book, "Joyful Classrooms in a Age of Accountability- the Project CHILD Recipe for Success" and keynote speaker, Larry Bell, signed his book, "Twelve Powerful Words."

Awards Luncheon

Ronnique Major-Hundley & Clesha' Henry, Emma Booker Elementary School, Sarasota, FL receive the prestigious **Classroom Champions for Change** award. The following special awards were presented during the Awards Luncheon. Honored guest, Representative Dennis Baxley spoke at the luncheon.



Florida Education Innovator of the Year: Representative Dennis Baxley
Innovation District Leader of the Year: Melba Luciano, Osceola County Schools
Innovation Principal of the Year: Dr. Mary Mosley, Bayshore Elementary School, Port St. Lucie, FL
Innovation Assistant Principal of the Year: Sharon Hime, Ocala Springs Elementary School, Ocala, FL
ISI Staff Appreciation Award: Diana Paulson
Above & Beyond Awards: First Year Star Teacher: Loujean Nelson, Spencer Academy of Math & Science, Chicago, IL. **First Year Star Clusters:** Steve Wert, Julie Dean, Alyssa Seevers; Elaine Ragley, Sean O'Brien, Holly Vannoy; Teri Dugan, Amy Demmy, and Jane Askren from Citrus Elementary in Vero Beach, FL

Look for more photos from the conference on the web site. www.ifsi.org

Consultants Meet at Cocoa Beach



Consultants working on scenarios

Consultant Training: May 6 & 7, 2006- Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach, FL.

While most teachers spent last weekend kicking back and relaxing, 42 educators spent the weekend in Cocoa Beach, FL honing their skills to become certified as CHILD consultants for the Institute. This was a great time to refocus on the essential components of CHILD and learn presentation skills to help spread the word about CHILD.

Upcoming Events

CHILD Leadership Academy

Friday & Saturday, June 23 & 24, 2006- Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront in Cocoa Beach, FL.

Calling all administrators and coaches! Bring the family and spend the weekend at the beach while learning with your colleagues at the same time. The Academy runs from noon on Friday to noon on Saturday. There is still time to sign up. [Go here for registration information.](#)



Technology Update

Hot Web Sites

- ALFY is a good resource site for thematic lesson plans. http://www.alfy.com/teachers/teach/thematic_units/index.asp
- Teacher Planet has a great site for monthly theme activities. There is a calendar with links to activities for holidays like the more common Mother's Day to the more obscure World No-Tobacco Day! <http://www.teacherplanet.com/calendar/calendar.php?op=cal&month=5&year=2006>
- Hummingbird Educational Resources is a site geared to early childhood educators. Find lots of theme-based lesson plans. <http://www.hummingbirded.com/index.html>
- Read-Write-Think is a partnership between the International Reading Association (IRA), the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE), and the Marco Polo Education Foundation. Top notch site with high quality activities and lessons. <http://www.readwritethink.org/index.asp>
- Beacon Learning Center's site has a plethora of lesson plans with a very user-friendly searchable data base. <http://www.beaconlearningcenter.com/>
- Teach-nology, the Art and Science of Teaching with Technology site, has over 67,000 lesson plans, rubrics, and worksheets. Create on-line forms and print out certificates and hands-on learning station ideas. http://teachers.teach-nology.com/web_tools/materials/
- Florida Center for Instructional Technology provides numerous free resources to help teachers integrate technology and boost academic achievement. <http://fcit.usf.edu/>
- 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/>
- 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>
- Kid Info/School Subjects: A student-created site arranged by subject area. <http://www.kidinfo.com/SchoolSubjects.html>

Website Update

- **T News:** Do not miss the monthly Training Table News with ideas for your classroom. http://www.ifs.org/Training_Table.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.ifs.org and go to the Infonet Subscriber's page.
- **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.ifs.org/kids_page.htm
- **Calendar:** Go here to see about the latest events. Send us your school events to post here. www.ifs.org/calendar.htm



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