

Email News Update

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School Spotlight



Glendale Elementary- a catalyst for innovation.

CHILD Expanding in Indian River County!

In the fall of 1999, **Glendale Elementary** in Vero Beach, Florida began implementing CHILD with six enterprising, innovative teachers. Now six years later, thanks to the leadership of principal **Mark Dugan**, the success of the CHILD teachers at Glendale, and the vision of Superintendent **Tom Maher**, CHILD has expanded at the school and "exploded" into five other schools in Indian River County. Welcome on board to the administrators and teachers of **Citrus Elementary, Dodgertown Elementary, Pelican Island Elementary, Thompson Elementary, and Vero Beach Elementary.**

A grant from the Institute created a district coordinator position which has been filled by a veteran CHILD teacher from Glendale, **Barbara Hett**. After district wide training, Barbara was encouraged by the enthusiasm of all involved, "As people begin to see what a positive impact the CHILD system has on students, the more they will want to get involved." As one motto of CHILD states, "...the future is NOW!"

Institute Spotlight





Annual Conference News

Keynote speaker, Larry Bell, renowned educator and motivational speaker.

Plan now to join us Saturday, April 22, 2006 at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando for the Annual CHILD Conference. The theme of this year's conference is "CHILD: Putting It All Together." Check the Conference page on our website regularly for updates.

<http://www.ifs.org/Annual%20Conference.htm>

Larry Bell, a nationally known motivational speaker, is the confirmed Keynote Speaker. Larry is a twenty-five year veteran in education with fifteen of those years spent as a classroom teacher where he was nominated for the National Agnes Mayer Outstanding Teacher Award.

Larry Bell has been the keynote speaker at many conferences across the country such as the National ASCD Conference, the National Association of Multicultural Education Conference, numerous state NEA affiliates, and hundreds of local and regional conferences.

Please take a moment and help us as we plan by completing the following on-line survey.

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Technology Update

Hot Web Sites

- 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/>
- 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.ifs.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.ifs.org and go to the Infonet Subscriber's page.
- **Sharing Successes:** Send in your successes so we can show off for you. www.ifs.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.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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