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## Passports to the Future



Kindergarten students will graduate in 2022! Can you even begin to imagine what their world will be like? The global digital age is upon us, and our students will need to master new skills to survive and thrive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

These new skills have been articulated by the **Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills**, a national organization focused on moving America's schools to be more globally competitive ([www.21stcenturyskills.org](http://www.21stcenturyskills.org)).

Some of the skills for the 21<sup>st</sup> century include creativity and innovation, critical thinking and problem solving, communication and collaboration, technology literacy, flexibility and adaptability, initiative and self-direction, social and cross-cultural skills, productivity and accountability. These should sound very familiar to Project CHILD

educators. This is what we work on every day in CHILD classrooms.

Project CHILD is on the leading edge to prepare students for their world of tomorrow. One important tool that we use is the **Pass-**

**port.** Think about the many lifetime skills CHILD students learn by regular and consistent use of Passports. These include:

- Setting goals
- Assessing progress toward meeting goals
- Building good work habits
- Managing your time
- Making wise choices
- Following through to complete assigned tasks
- Reflecting upon your work
- Communicating thoughts and ideas

So the next time you are tempted to complain about the **Passports** and wonder why we insist that they be used regularly and consistently, think about 2022. You are preparing your students to be



### Don't Look Back!

I've been watching the Winter Olympics. I happened to tune in to see American skier Johnny Spillane win the silver medal in the Nordic Combined, the first ever for an American in this event. He should have won the gold. But he kept looking back.

I watched as he had a commanding lead approaching the finish line. But he got nervous about the guys behind him, and kept turning his head to see where they were. He lost momentum, and got passed by the French skier.

As you sprint toward your state tests, don't get nervous and be deterred by what those behind you are doing. Don't look back. You are on the winning trajectory! Keep stations in full swing. Your students will win the gold if you keep moving forward with courage and conviction. You can do it!

*Dr. Sally Butzin,*

ISI Executive Director

ahead of the curve in order to succeed in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

-Sally Butzin

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### Save these dates:

- **CHILD National Conference**  
Tampa, FL, April 16-17, 2010
- **TEAMS Consultant Training**  
May, 2010 Location: Tampa area
- **CHILD Workshops in a Box**  
(Available Upon Request)

# Midyear Workshops Focus on Success and Progress!



Thirty-four CHILD teachers from 8 schools in **Okaloosa County, Florida** attended a Mid-Year Workshop on Friday, January 15.

The day started by sharing successes from the first 85 days of school. Discussion and debate topics included the benefits of utilizing the CHILD model for the academic needs of students, and the challenges of mandated testing requirements.

Across the board the same comment was heard repeatedly, "The best part of CHILD so far is working with a team to move toward the same goals." **-Debbie Haan**, CHILD District Coordinator

I recently visited the **IRC (Indian River County), Florida** CHILD schools the week of January 11<sup>th</sup>. Teachers there are fully implementing the CHILD model with high levels of technology throughout the classrooms. Many teachers have received additional professional development through Intel® to utilize new technology tools for their classrooms. These include interactive white boards, document cameras, projectors, hand-helds, and microphones. It was refreshing to see students and teachers comfortable using these technology tools.

Teachers from the six IRC CHILD schools also gathered for an afternoon "Workshop in a Box" at **Dodgertown Elementary in Vero Beach**. The topic was Differentiated Instruction: Creating Rigor & Relevance at Stations. Teachers met in subject area groups to create new and improved station Task Cards. It was a productive time for all.

**-Winky Jenkins-Rice**,  
Director of Educational Programs

Above right: IRC teachers use a document camera to project first graders' journal entries for classmates' questions and comments.

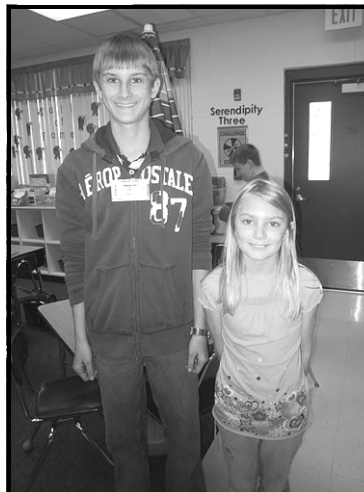


Right: CHILD teachers take advantage of hand held technology in IRC classrooms.

## Congratulations Teachers of the Year!



**Bluewater Elementary** shirts show Project CHILD pride.



CHILD is a family affair at **Walker Elementary** in Okaloosa County. **Colin Fortner**, a former CHILD student (now in high school) is pictured with his sister **Carley**. Their brother **Coltin** (who is now in middle school) was also a CHILD student! "Teaching others" comes to life as Colin now helps out in Carley's Project CHILD classroom.

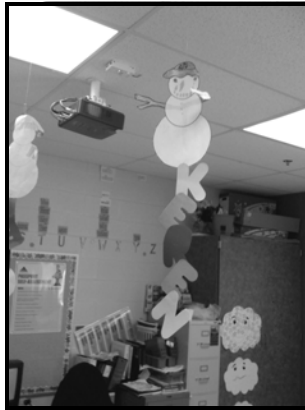
### Indian River County, Florida

- **Lisa Skinnider** (Glendale)
- **Lisa Bishop** (Treasure Coast)
- **Dee Hall** (Pelican Island)

### Okaloosa County, Florida

- **Lee Barkley** (Elliott Point)

Kentucky schools have had their share of snow this winter! So **Nicole Lee**, Primary Writing teacher at **Parker Bennett Curry Elementary** in **Bowling Green**, took advantage of the opportunity to write snowman stories. Students shared their stories, and then hung decorated snowman from the ceiling to enjoy all winter long.



Consider using hearts, flowers, shamrocks, or just about anything to motivate student writing.

**Right.** **Alicia Stritz**, Primary Math teacher at **Imagine Charter School at North Port, Florida**, shows how active stations help students have fun while practicing skills.

## Share your ideas!

Great things are happening in CHILD/TEAMS classrooms.



*Idea*

Intermediate Writing Teacher, **Susan Kishler**, from **Edwins Elementary**, in **Okaloosa County, FL** went to the local copy shop to create a new sign for her "Review Station." Extra stations are good ways to include test and review skills throughout the entire year.

Primary Math Teacher, **Melody Rohlf**s, from **Marietta Charter School** in **Georgia** says, "Having the pages of the *Passport* in a PDF file is great for whole group discussions and directions."

If you have an LCD projector or SMART Board, you can bring them up large scale for the whole class to see. See Teacher Tools at [www.ifs.org](http://www.ifs.org) for *Passport* PDF's.



MY GOALS FOR THIS UNIT	
1.	_____
2.	_____
3.	_____
I was able to achieve my goals	
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2.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
3.	<input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no
Student	_____
Teacher	_____

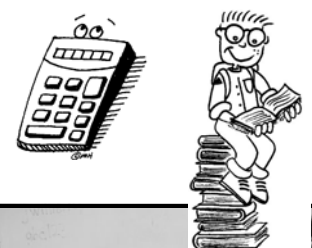


CHILD students at **Sebastian Elementary** in **Florida** use personal hand-held devices in all three CHILD classes. Students carry them from class to class for easy access.

-**Barbara Preziosi**, Intermediate Math

Primary Writing Teacher, **Jennifer Willis** from **Imagine Charter School at Palmer Ranch, FL** presented **Sally Butzin** with a special book about Project *CHILD*. "Thank you so much for the *Buckaroos Love Project CHILD* book. I will treasure it," says Dr. Butzin. "I especially like when they say, 'I like Project CHILD. We learn a lot.' Hooray!"

**Far right.** Jennifer has mounted a rain gutter as a low shelf for her young readers. Creative organization!



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Dear CHILD® and TEAMS Educators,

As we move into the second half of the school year, keep your focus on the 20 Essential Components. Stay true to the research behind CHILD and TEAMS, and students will make it through testing with flying colors! We, at the Institute, appreciate your commitment to the model and look forward to celebrating your successes at the upcoming CHILD National Conference in April. We hope to see all of you there to encourage you, laugh with you, and enlighten you!

See you at the Conference! Treat yourself and a friend to a great weekend in Tampa!



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**Register Now...**

**CHILD National Conference**, April 16-17th, Tampa, FL. Join us for a fantastic two-day conference to gain new insights, make new friends, and get activities that are ready to use the very next day!

**Check it out online !!!!**

Congratulations, Julie and Kevin!



Congratulations to Julie and Kevin Switzer on the birth of Nathaniel Mac, born January 24th in Tallahassee. Julie will be on maternity leave until April, when she returns to her position as the CHILD Training Facilitator at ISI.



Check in to [www.ifsii.org](http://www.ifsii.org) at the beginning of every month for new ideas on **Teacher Tips!**

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