



Community Unity

Educational Resources Committee

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Did you know? – This newsletter is available online at our website: <http://www.communityunity.org>. The internet links printed in this paper copy are "live" online – click on them and go to right to the resource!

GABBY SPEAKS TO COMMUNITY UNITY

At the Community Unity meeting on October 8, 2009, at 7:00 P.M., someone from Blue River Services will speak about the BRS **Adventures with Gabby** program (written up in the Corydon Democrat on 7/15/2009). This program uses Gabby the world traveler puppet to "increase children's awareness and acceptance of cultural differences. The program is designed to promote and encourage active involvement and support of families, including extended and nontraditional family units." All Community Unity meetings are open to the public, and all Harrison County educators are especially invited to attend this 10/08/09 meeting in order to learn more about this valuable classroom resource. For more information, contact Julia Baylor at 812-738-4971 or e-mail at brccdir@brsinc.org.

KIDS FOR PEACE

Kids for Peace was founded and is directed by Danielle Gram and Jill McManigal. Ms. Gram is a student at Harvard University and Ms. McManigal is a former elementary school teacher, a mother and a playwright. Together, they've created the Kids for Peace organization with this mission: "To cultivate every child's innate ability to foster peace through cross-cultural experiences and hands-on arts, service and environmental projects."

The Kids for Peace pledge, as posted on their web site, <http://KidsForPeaceUSA.org>, is:

I pledge to use my words to speak in a kind way.
I pledge to help others as I go throughout my day.
I pledge to care for our earth with my healing heart and hands.
I pledge to respect people in each and every land.
I pledge to join together as we unite the big and small.
I pledge to do my part to create peace for one and all.

If you would like to start a Kids for Peace club in your school, please visit the Kids for Peace web site or email Jill McManigal at info@KidsForPeaceUSA.org.

PEACE POLES

Here's an idea for a school or classroom project: Peace Poles. There are Peace Poles in parks, at the site of the Egyptian Pyramids in Giza, at Beech Acres Park near Cincinnati, Ohio--even at the North Magnetic Pole. Peace Poles can be of any size or any material. The words "May Peace Prevail on Earth". More information on The Peace Pole Project can be found at <http://www.peacepoleproject.org/>. Instructions for making your own wooden Peace Pole are posted at <http://www.peace-pole.com/make-your-own.htm>.

SUFFERING FOR SUFFRAGE

How much do your students know about Women's struggle for the right to vote? Do they know that another word for that right is "suffrage"? Do they know that women went to jail for demanding that right? Do they know that women were beaten, force fed and threatened with commitment to insane asylums? Alice Paul and Lucy Burns, who founded the National Woman's Party, were arrested in 1917 for picketing Woodrow Wilson's White House for the right to vote. They--and over 100 other suffragists--were sent to the Occoquan Workhouse in Virginia and suffered under such conditions and mistreatment that news of it became a major turning point in public opinion and led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States' Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. To learn more go to:

History of the American Suffragist Movement

<http://www.suffragist.com>

Study Web - Women's Studies: Rights and Suffrage

<http://www.studywebcom/links/2282.html>

Library of Congress "American Memory" collection

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/ammem/vfwhtml/vfwhome.html>

Susan B. Anthony University Center: History of the Suffrage Movement

<http://www.rochester.edu/SBA>

National Museum of Women's History: Political Culture and Imagery of American Women Suffrage

<http://www.nmwh.org>

I AM IN THE WORLD TO CHANGE THE WORLD

--Käthe Kollwitz

ARE YOU GLOBALLY HIP?

William Sinunu, an alumnus of the University of Chicago, has launched Globally Hip, "an organization trying to eliminate ethnocentrism and promote cultural awareness." With cultural IQ tests, cultural personality profiles, podcasts, blogs and more, this web site is well worth checking out: <http://www.GloballyHip.com>.

STRIPES

A cultural exchange exhibit between the United States and Japan is touring the country. Stripes is a collection of 52 hooked rugs, 26 from each country. The theme--Stripes--was interpreted in many ways by the many artists: as straight lines, wavy lines, as part of natural patterns in nature, as background, as fabric, and as pure abstraction. The exhibit will be on display at the Carnegie Center for Art & History at 201 East Spring Street, New Albany, Indiana from September 4 - October 24, 2009. For more information, call the Carnegie Center at 812-944-7336.

<p>The Southern Poverty Law Center has a new teaching kit: Viva La Causa. This kit includes a 39-minute documentary, teaching guide and lesson plans to tell the story of the United Farm Workers' strike and other social justice and immigration issues. To see more about this kit, go to the SPLC web site: http://www.splcenter.org/news/item.jsp?aid=380.</p>
