



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!

DISABILITY SCOOP

Disability Scoop is a terrific website! It bills itself as "The Premier Source for Developmental Disability News". Information is organized by Health & Behavior, Education, Politics, Living, Money, Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Down Syndrome and Intellectual Disability. Some sub-headings are: Parenting and Caregiving and Teaching and Learning. The March 21, 2011 "issue" highlights, among many stories, the disproportionate amount of bullying faced by students with disabilities. "Hot Topics" include "Disabilities in Literature." You can read online, sign up for a free email newsletter, and follow the Scoop on Facebook and Twitter.

Disability Scoop:
<http://www.disabilityscoop.com>
The Scoop on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/disabilityscoop>
The Scoop on Twitter:
<http://twitter.com/disabilityscoop>

TEACHING KITS AND HANDBOOKS

The Southern Poverty Law Center's Teaching Tolerance website offers free teaching kits and handbooks suitable for Pre-K students to professional development for staff. The site states, "Teaching Tolerance's educational kits and subscriptions to its magazine are FREE to classroom teachers, school librarians, school counselors, school administrators, professors of education, leaders of homeschool networks, youth directors at houses of worship and employees of youth-serving nonprofit organizations." You can use their searchable database to sort offerings by age group and/or subject matter. Some of the subjects addressed are: Beyond the Golden Rule, Vietnamese Americans and Writing for Change.

Teaching Tolerance Teaching Kits:
<http://http://www.tolerance.org/teaching-kits>

BUST BULLYING, NOT BULLIES

Two excellent sites to check out are The National School Climate Center and Single Dad Laughing. The mission of the NSCC is "to promote positive and sustained school climate: a safe, supportive environment that nurtures social and emotional, ethical, and academic skills." The mission of Single Dad Laughing is to encourage readers to "Laugh. Think. Debate."

National School Climate Center:
<http://www.schoolclimate.org/guidelines/>
Bully Bust:
<http://www.schoolclimate.org/bullybust/>
Single Dad Laughing, Memoirs of a Bullied Kid:
<http://www.danoah.com/2010/10/memoirs-of-bullied-kid.html>

The NSCC offers guidelines on improving school climate and short videos discussing why school climate is important to learning. They also present a website called Bully Bust, with materials and information for students, parents and educators.

Single Dad Laughing has done a series of posts about bullies and bullying from the point of view of a bullying survivor and a loving father.

A LONG WALK TO WATER

Linda Sue Park's book is based on a true story of one of the "Lost Boys" of Sudan. It weaves together two stories: of Salva, a boy who , in 1985, leads a group of 1,200 boys separated from their families to a refugee camp in Kenya; and Nya, a girl in 2008 who benefits from Salva's survival. Salva came to the United States, then returned to Sudan with a project to drill wells for clean water for villages like Nya's. The book is available at the Harrison County Public Library. Patrons of Harrison County's branch libraries can request it be sent to your branch for your checkout.

A Long Walk to Water:
<http://www.lindasuepark.com/books/longwalk/longwalk.html>
Video book trailer:
<http://is.gd/1k5Xvr>
Harrison County Public Library:
<http://www.hcpl.lib.in.us/>

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MUSEUM **WOMEN IN EARLY FILM**

If your students think women are just coming into their own in the film industry, point them to this site. The NWHM has a wonderful website, with lesson plans, activities, materials for classroom use, online exhibits, news and ties to events. The Women in Early Film online exhibit explores the roles of women as audience, innovators, directors and screenwriters as well as stars. Special attention is given to roles assigned to African-American, Asian and Hispanic women in early film.

National Women's History Museum online:
<http://www.nwhm.org/online-exhibits/>
Women in Early Film:
<http://www.nwhm.org/online-exhibits/film/index.html>
Downloadable PDF, MP3 and lesson plans:
<http://www.nwhm.org/online-exhibits/film/25.html>

GREATER LOUISVILLE JAPAN CENTER

Indiana University Southeast has a Japan Center, providing a Japanese Cultural Presentation for area teachers. The presentation can be tailored to the age and particular cultural interest of your group. The Center is also willing to provide instructional classes to teachers who want to provide a presentation to their own classes. Some examples of activities provided are videos, reading Japanese stories in English, a lecture by a Japanese business person for middle and high school students, language activities, songs and games and origami. Please visit their website for current contact information.

Greater Louisville Japan Center:
<http://www.ius.edu/continuingstudies/japancenter/>

WORLD CITIZENS GUIDE

Put together by students for students, The World Citizens Guide is full of questions, fun facts, things to think about, courtesy in other cultures and even a crash course in six languages! On their website, you'll find a special section on studying and traveling abroad and a downloadable mini-version of the Guide. You can also order the full version, which includes a CD.

World Citizens Guide:
<http://worldcitizensguide.org/guides.cfm>
Resources:
<http://worldcitizensguide.org/resources.cf>