

International Education News

Washington State Coalition for International Education

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Dear Reader,

You are looking at a new format for the Washington State Coalition for International Education e-newsletter. We will endeavor to provide a forum to inform, inspire, celebrate, and share resources so that we may all better fulfill our goal to prepare our students for the world we live in. Please read on!

If you have questions or suggestions, contact our editor, Aysha Haq at intledwa@gmail.com.

Coalition Receives State Innovations Grant for 2007!

In Spring 2007, the Coalition was awarded its fifth State Innovations Grant from Longview Foundation and the National Coalition for International Education.

In the previous four years, also with the help of State Innovations grants, the Coalition has successfully built broad, grassroots support for international education in Washington State and increased the flow of information and resource-sharing through its website and email lists. We have come a long way and our work is worth celebrating! To learn more about the various projects the grant will help fund this year, visit [About the Coalition > Projects](#).

Model for Global Perspectives in Education



Karen Kodama, principal of the award-winning John Stanford International School in Seattle, will be leaving the school this spring to work with the Seattle School District to start another eight international schools. As part of our State Innovations grant, the Coalition will sponsor "best practices" workshops and share globalized curriculum in Math & Science. We will also help

document the approaches to integrating global perspectives into school programs, as developed at John Stanford and Hamilton International Middle School.

Surveying the Languages Being Taught in Washington State - The MELL Project

The University of Washington's Jackson School of International Studies received funding to launch a four-year project entitled "Mapping and Enhancing Language Learning" (MELL) in Washington state. The online survey, produced through a collaborative effort, represents a first step to help us get a better picture of what languages students are currently learning in our K-12 schools and community language programs. This project builds on the World

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WashingtonTeacher of the Year Goes National!

Andrea Peterson, a music teacher in Granite Falls, WA, was named National Teacher of the Year this spring. Ms. Peterson received an International Ed Scholarship funded by our State Innovations grant. She used the scholarship money to purchase African drums for her school. Congratulations to Andrea!

[Read White House Press Release](#)

Starter Kits Available Online

Download [starter kits](#) to help you imagine and implement an online exchange integrating a curricular topic with one of the International Education and Resource Network (www.learn.org) collaborative projects.

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Languages Survey that was part of the Coalition's 2004 State Innovations Grant and it has received additional funding from our 2007 State Innovations grant. You can view current survey results at [UW>LLC>MELL](#).

Alert! Please encourage your elementary or middle school to complete the [MELL Online Survey](#). It takes less than 5 minutes.

Chinese Language Capacity Expanding Quickly

Our "Expanding Chinese Language Capacity" Initiative is growing rapidly and has attracted broad participation from a vibrant Chinese American community, business leaders, and of course, Coalition members. We have a very active Chinese Language Core Team spearheading this initiative. To learn more, visit [Expanding Chinese Language Capacity](#)

Capitol Forum on America's Future



Capitol Forum on America's Future is an innovative program from Brown University that provides students first hand experience in deliberation and understanding America's role in the world. This year's State Innovations Grant will help support twenty teachers with teams of five students to participate in the 2008 Capitol Forum in Olympia in March, 2008. To

learn more, visit [Capitol Forum](#).

Calendar Events & Announcements

For full details, visit the [Calendar](#) and [Announcements](#) pages on our website.

May 25-28 Northwest Folklife Festival at the Seattle Center
June 1-2 Symposium in Modern Chinese Painting, Seattle
June 3 Alliance Française Gala & Auction, Seattle
June 13 "Different Pathways" to Global Education, Tacoma
July 7-16 Peruvian Amazon Workshop for Educators
July 8-12 Bring the World into Your Classroom, Enumclaw
July 16-18 & 19-20 Food, Farming, Culture, & Education: Summer Institute, Bainbridge Island
July 29-August 3, Summer Institute for K-12 Educators by the East Asia Resource Center, Seattle

Additional Announcements

- Nominate a Teacher for the 2007-08 World Educator Award
- Facing the Future Offers Global Issues Workshops for Teachers
- ACE Offers Summer Language Camps
- Summer Chinese Camp with Xiao Yu Jackson
- AFS Looking for Families to Host Visiting Teachers
- 2007 Goldman Sachs Foundation Youth Prize
- Web Japan, a Premier Online Source of Information on Japan
- The U.S. in Iraq: Interactive Lesson Plan
- Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition Summer Institutes 2007
- "Society, Equality, & Change" Study Trip