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A Message from the Executive Director



As the school year comes to a close, many of you are finding yourself caught between wrapping up and planning for. I have been there! While finishing up this semester, you are already knee deep into the budgeting, staffing, professional development and maintenance planning. It is an exciting, yet daunting time of year. Here at the IAIE office, we are doing much of the same tasks. So many exciting things

are happening and many are included in this newsletter. We have just completed a record-breaking award vetting session in China and are working to prepare experiences for the 2019 World Conference that will meet the growing needs of our members. We also are only days away from rolling out our brand new website. While it will always be a fluid work, what you will soon see is an up to date, user friendly web design that is a major investment in our organization. Stay tuned for a follow up email from me announcing the new site up date. Again, as you plan your summer team building and professional development, I invite you to consider purchasing copies of

Dr. Purkey's latest book, Creating a Positive School Climate Nuts and Bolts of Invitational Education. It is packed with ideas that can easily be applied in your classroom and school today. This book would be an excellent resource for a team book study. To help facilitate these opportunities, I am offering this helpful tool at a reduced price. Regularly \$14.00 it is now on sale for \$11.00. Orders of 20 or more copies can be purchased at \$9.80. Feel free to contact me for orders or simply go to our IAIE website.



WILLIAM PURKEY

Other very valuable resources are also available which include books, and the IAIE toolkit.

Wishing you all a smooth closing to your most invitational year yet.

Thanks again for all you do!

Kathy

News and Updates:

New Logo



Thanks to our new web design team, we have a new logo. We are again indebted to our board for their support and encouragement toward the new website and program design.

Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting

The IAIE Board of Trustees held their quarterly meeting April 24. During this meeting the Board heard financial, membership, and World Conference reports. They also approved the development of sponsorship and legacy campaigns that will provide financial support for our organization and for schools that are deserving of an Inviting School/Fidelity award or individual coaching, but that does not have the financial means to do so. These campaigns will begin next month. The Board also approved the creation of a new IAIE designation, Inviting Living Environments. This designation will be designed along the same lines as Welcoming Schools and Organizations, but will be focused upon adult-living environments. A design team will work with the Executive Director to organize and market this new certification.



The board also recommended looking into a new format to complete and submit the ISS-R which is currently being used for the Inviting School and Fidelity awards. The board chair, Executive Director, and administrative assistant will be reviewing programs that will produce a similar report. A special thanks to Dr. Ken Smith, who has compiled and submitted these reports. Dr. Smith has been an invaluable support for many schools and our organization through out the years. He will be retiring in May.

2019 World Conference

The board also approved the final school visits and cultural excursions planned for the 2019 World Conference. The registration brochure is nearly complete and will be sent out separately to all members mid May. A special thanks to CK Fung who is the master designer for our brochures. He certainly has an artist gift. This year's conference will be hosted by the Ohio IAIE Chapter and held at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Columbus Airport. **Invitational Education: Preparing the Whole Child for the Whole World,** will provide opportunities to learn, share, and network. The full conference week, October 14-18 will be packed with school visits, keynotes, breakout sessions, and cultural excursions. Requests for proposals are being accepted now For additional information regarding a conference presentation, please visit the following Request for presentation proposals.

Rooms are available now and may be reserved through the link below.



US Team Visits Hong Kong and Mainland China for Award Vetting

At the request of 40 schools and HK IE, 12 IAIE members and educators traveled to Hong Kong and Mainland China to visit schools that are applying for the Inviting School or Fidelity Award. This was a record for IAIE! A special thanks to Dr. Peter Wong, Ken Wright, and the HK IE consultants who organized and orchestrated this wonderful opportunity. We are all looking forward to presenting these awards during the upcoming World Conference.













Sue Bowen Memorial Fellowship



As you know, this year we lost a very special member of our IAIE team. Mrs. Sue Bowen, who had held multiple positions of leadership in IAIE will be sorely missed.

A Memorial Fellowship has been established in Sue's honor. This Fellowship will provide 2019 conference registration and membership to a student who will benefit from learning more about Invitational Schools. If you would like to donate in memory of Sue, please make checks or money orders payable to IAIE and mail to PO Box 594, Nicholasville, Kentucky 40340. Please denote on the check that this is for the Sue Bowen Memorial.

Jessamine County Schools Host Student Exchange



April was a busy month for Jessamine County Schools, with West Jessamine High School and Red Oak Elementary hosting student exchange programs. Both groups of students and their teachers were greeted by Jessamine staff and were treated to cultural experiences along with daily classroom lessons. A special thanks to Supt. Matt Moore, Principal Brady Thornton, Principal

Andi McNeal, Mr. James Botts, Ms. Janet O'Connell and Ms. Angela Miller for making these amazing global learning opportunities possible.





Membership Campaign

As the holidays approach, it is a great time to think about sharing the benefits of IAIEmembership with a colleague, family member, or friend. As a member, you are aware of the many benefits which include international networking, reduced cost for conference events, student/teacher exchange opportunities, and access to research.



The IAIE Membership Committee asks that all members suggest a colleague who may benefit from being part of our organization. Simply notify Dr. William Purkey, wwpurkey@aol.com with the name, address, and email. (Those of you who participate will be entered into a drawing for 2 free books of your choice.)

If by chance time has gotten away and you need to renew your membership, or perhaps you experienced issues during the website refresh, simply logon now to <u>our website</u> and visit the store to find the type of membership. * Remember, you may now login using your full email address or a previously used username.

Should you have any issues or need assistance, don't hesitate to contact, Kathy Fields

Share Your IAIE Story



Every day schools are asking for resources and reaching out to make connections with members and schools that can help make their work more meaningful or to help with a specific challenge.

I encourage you to share your story or success with others. Email <u>Kathy</u> <u>Fields</u> today!