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## A Message from the Executive Director



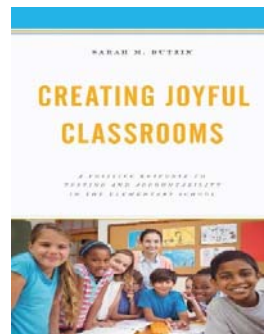
From school tragedies to pension reform to teacher concerns about pay and benefits, public education has certainly been in the national news this month. As a result, I wanted to highlight in this newsletter just a few of the inviting and intentionally caring opportunities our members are using to make a difference. I continue to be proud of the work being accomplished by of our Alliance.

## News and Updates:

### Creating Joyful Classrooms, A Positive Response to Testing and Accountability in the Elementary School

BY SARAH M. BUTZIN

“Sarah M. (Sally) Butzin, PhD is a beautiful writer and a major international advocate for children in schools. Her passion for teaching and her devotion to children are unsurpassed. Creating Joyful Classrooms is a heart-felt expression of her commitment to making schools a more inviting place for people. Creating Joyful Classrooms should be read by every educator who feels beaten down by the constant emphasis on high-stakes testing, zero tolerance, bureaucratic pressures and ruthless accountability. This optimistic book is filled with a zest for teaching and a joyous love for children. Creating Joyful Classrooms truly expresses an openness to positive possibilities in American Education. It is a significant contribution to education.”—William Watson Purkey, Professor Emeritus of Counselor Education, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro; Co-founder, International Alliance for Invitational Education



“As a classroom teacher with Project CHILD, I learned to use the procedures described in the book with my special needs students. Later I moved on to work with teachers around the country who are hungry for practical advice on classroom management procedures that actually work with today's challenging students. I highly recommend this book as a resource that not only explains the underlying theory, but offers specific strategies to create joyful classrooms for all students.”—Winky Jenkins-Rice, Director, Project CHILD and Professional Development, Innovative Educational Programs, Basking Ridge, NJ

Creating Joyful Classrooms is a practical response to the malaise in America's schools created by high stakes testing, disrespect for the teaching profession, and resources being redirected to charter schools and private school vouchers. Classroom teachers feel helpless and students feel hapless. Joy has left the building. This book offers the

antidote to return joy and passion to teaching and learning. As joyful classrooms multiply, their success will drive out the poisonous rancor of cynicism and despair to become beacons of hope for children everywhere. This book also makes the case for changing the status quo in the elementary school. The standard traditional grade school is failing to meet the needs of children growing up in the information age. Elementary schools must evolve into multi-grade, multidimensional safe havens that challenge children academically, while remembering to cherish childhood. Based upon the theory of invitational education, this book provides specific strategies, along with classroom management tools, to create highly engaging classrooms for young children. It also offers inspiring stories of heroic teachers who beat the odds to bring joy back to school. It's not too late for a better tomorrow.

Dr. Sarah Butzin is an award-winning teacher and author. She is creator of the Project CHILD instructional system, founder of the Institute for School Innovation in Tallahassee, FL and has served in numerous leadership positions including Chair of the International Alliance for Invitational Education. She will autograph all books at the 2018 World Conference during a book signing event and during her book study.

Please visit [www.rowman.com](http://www.rowman.com) or call (800) 462-6420 to place an order.

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## World Conference 2018:



**You Are Invited...How Practicing Invitational Strategies Can Positively Impact Schools, Work, Communities, and our World**

***Real People, Real Stories, Real Results!***



**2018 World Conference will be held in Georgetown, Kentucky, October 9-11.** Georgetown was the conference site of the World Conference in 2007 and offers a wealth of opportunity for school visits, beautiful excursions across the Bluegrass and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**This year's key note speakers will include:**

**John Young**, principal of Clarkson Community High School, Australia. John has worked with Dr John Hattie in the application of visible learning and Dr William Purkey with Invitational Education. John is currently an IAIE Trustee. He will be bringing a timely message, ***"The intentionality of making learning visible."*** You won't want to miss this!

Read more about John and his school: <http://www.educationtoday.com.au/current-issue.php>



*"One of the most crucial questions is whether teachers want to know about their impact and make it visible. Teachers who have set themselves this goal and are consistently trying to implement it are fundamentally different from teachers who do not ask themselves this question." (Hattie and Zierer)*

## Sweethearts and Heroes



A group of motivational speakers bringing a message of Sweethearts and Heroes to educate society about the impact bullying has on all of our schools, our neighborhoods, and individuals. Their unique perspective, action plan (for every

member of the bullying cycle), and unmatched ignition to make change puts Sweethearts and Heroes at the top of the list when it comes to changing schools' climates. They also deliver messages of bystander empowerment, empathy and leadership to all audiences, including K-12 students, colleges and universities, teaching professionals and corporations. Children, teachers, parents and all members of society need to know that we all have the potential to be someone's Sweetheart and the power to be a Hero.

<https://www.sweetheartsandheroes.com/AboutUs>



**Conference registration and hotel information will be available in March. Stay tuned!**



### **An Opportunity to Serve: Dr. Jetta Tarr, Advisory Council Chair**

The IAIE organization of amazing members is growing! This is a great time to invite "YOU" to join the IAIE Advisory Council. Our purpose is to serve the Board of Trustees by assisting their decision-making as they work toward the main mission of IAIE. Just as many hands make light work, it is also true that many experienced educators make healthy and wise school plans for students and teachers. The council tasks will be directed toward reading proposed ideas, by-law review, etc. and presenting the council's consensus to the board. The council will communicate via email, text messaging, Skype and face-to-face at our annual conference. The learning and benefits of collaborating with new and seasoned educators, I believe, is worth its weight in gold. I would love for you to bring your expertise and spirit for IAIE to contribute to the Advisory Council.

Please contact Kathy Fields if you are interested in being a part of this dynamic team of IAIE members.

## **IAIE Memorial Recognition Fellowship**

Long time friend and IAIE member, John D. Piper passed away on Sunday, November 26, 2017, in Fort Myers, Florida, where he and his wife of 55 years, Sylvia, have resided for the past three years. John began his professional career teaching English and coaching basketball and golf at Port Clinton, Sandusky, and Lakewood High Schools. He earned an M.Ed. from Bowling Green State University in 1961 and went on to earn a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University in 1969. He joined the Bowling Green State University faculty as a member of the Department of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation in 1967 and remained there until his retirement in 1993. John Piper had great passion for teaching and coaching as evidenced by the dedication he gave to study and preparation for his classes and his teams. He received the Faculty Teaching Award for the College of Education from the BGSU Undergraduate Student Government Organization in 1987, and in 1990 was selected to be the BGSU Faculty Representative to the National Exemplary Teaching Forum sponsored by the American Association for Higher Education.



Following his retirement from the University, John was a sought after motivational speaker and private consultant, leading staff development seminars for numerous educational and corporate organizations throughout the country.

John Piper was an outstanding leader in the International Alliance for Invitational Education. He served on the IAIE Advisory Committee, and the Board of Trustees. John also presented keynote addresses at two IAIE World Conferences and conducted many conference workshops for over two decades.

Donations for This Memorial Recognition Fellowship will provide funding to cover the registration fee for a full-time student \* to attend the 2018 World Conference. Donations may be made by check or money order and mailed to the IAIE PO Box 594, Nicholasville, KY. 40356-9407. Please note reference to John Piper Memorial Fund.

The recipient of the Fellowship will be introduced at the conference in October.

\*Student is defined as a one being enrolled in undergraduate, master's specials, or doctorate level work

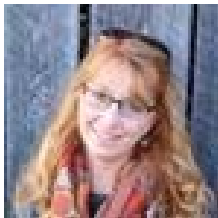
### Acts of Kindness Week:



**East Jessamine Middle School,** Nicholasville, Kentucky recently celebrated "Acts of Kindness Week" by having staff members write individual notes to students and then posting them on their lockers. Principal and IAIE member, Tracy Devney understands the importance of intentionally building rapport with students and consistently messaging the IAIE tenets of care, optimism, respect, and trust.



### 2018 World Conference Planning Consultants:



Angela Miller, teacher and IAIE Regional Coordinator along with Charlanne Pook, retired Jessamine County Schools principal will be joining Ken and Marlene Wright, IE Hong Kong Coordinator, in helping to plan the 2018 Conference in Georgetown, Ky. These planning consultants will be working along side a team of dedicated long-marchers who have many years of experience with World Conferences, school visits, student and teacher exchanges, summer programs, exceptional learning and lots of fun! Make plans now to attend this year's conference .

