

Outreach Services

For Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children



November 2008

The National Deaf Agenda; Goal two: Language, Communication, and Literacy

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Last fall the Outreach newsletter listed some activities for increasing literacy, communication, and language. It is well documented that children need exposure and experience with many forms of language and communication in various media in order to develop literacy skills. Some of the more unique opportunities for deaf and hard of hearing children are coming up in the next few weeks.

Rosa Gallimore, is providing several performances in Indiana at the beginning of November. Rosa is a very talented young lady who is an alumni of Indiana School for the Deaf. Her mother, Dr. Laurene Sims is another famous Deaf Education contributor who hails from ISD as well. Rosa's shows will inspire students and adults and enlighten many hearing audience members who are not fully aware of the many forms literacy takes in a visual language and music.

The Indiana School for the Deaf will be hosting a play by the High School Drama class for the first time in several years. Mainstream and public school students are invited to a special

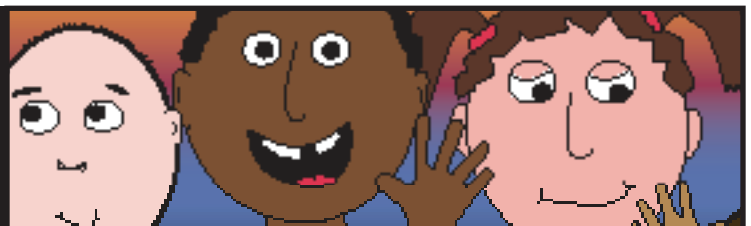


performance that we hope will inspire all. The students will be invited to join ISD students for lunch as well in order to have an opportunity to interact with each other.

Please feel free to contact Outreach services at Outreach@isd.k12.in.us with other opportunities in your area. Let's work together so deaf and hard of hearing students can have an opportunity to participate in other literacy events with students who have so much in common with their life experiences.

Outreach Mission:

To identify and find resources to meet the needs of deaf and hard of hearing children and their families throughout the state of Indiana.



Did You Know?

The Deaf and Hard of Hearing Project List Serve is a closed list designed for teachers of students who are deaf or hard of hearing in Indiana to use for discussions on various related topics. To sign up to be on our list serve, send an e-mail to our list moderator at SharonBryan@indstate.edu and ask to be added to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing List Serve. Please include your name, title, school district, and e-mail address. You will receive notification that you have been added with instructions on how to use the list.

The Deaf Digest is always seeking information on deaf mainstreamed athletes on high school team? The Deaf Digest maintains a web site at www.deafdigest.com.

The website wishes to honor current mainstreamed deaf or hard of hearing students that play varsity sports for their high school teams. Please email Barry Strassler at barry@deafdigest.com.

Open Caption films are being shown at Kerasotes Showplace 12 at the Glendale Town Center (formerly Glendale Mall). The films generally show on Monday, between 3 pm and 5 pm and Tuesday, between 6 pm and 8 pm. Please email Richard Riley at riley@kerasotes.com for more information. Ask Richard about the Five Buck Club!



Send us your Pictures

We want to see what your students and families are doing. Send your photos along with captions to jjones@isd.k12.in.us in JPEG format so we can consider featuring them in our newsletter.

Benefits of Baby Sign Language

Baby Signing Benefits for your infant or toddler

Before a child can properly vocalize their wants and needs, they must master very complex actions of the muscles in their face:

- Placement of tongue
- Formation of lips
- Shaping of nasal passage
- Controlling of vocal chords
- Breathing regulation, etc!

There are so many benefits for a baby utilizing Baby Sign Language it is hard for some enthusiasts to understand why more parents are not teaching their infants this particular form of communication. Researchers propose (Acredolo et al., 1999 , Goodwyn et al., 2000) those taught to sign reap rewards such as:

- larger expressive and receptive spoken language vocabularies;
- more advanced mental development;
- a reduction in problematic behaviors like tantrums resulting from frustration; and
- improved parent-child relationships.

Everyone has had moments in their lives when they could not communicate their needs in a way others could understand. The result is a level of frustration beyond compare. Babies are the same as adults in this regard.

Wanting something and being unable to explain what exactly is wanted frequently results in loud crying, utter frustration, and/or tantrums. However, the benefit of using Baby Sign Language is it gives your baby the ability to express his or her important needs and thoughts.

Recommended Readings: **Sign With Your Baby: How to Communicate With Infants Before They Can Speak (Paperback)** by Joseph Garcia

Your Baby Can Talk! By John G. Walker

Informative websites and more products:

www.Sign2me.com

www.signingbaby.com

www.signingtime.com

www.yourtalkingbaby.com

Upcoming Events

November 6

Parent Education Workshop

“Your Community.

Your Opportunity.

Your Child.” by Eddie Laird

6-8 PM please RSVP to Diane Jones at DHJones@

isd.k12.in.us or 317-924-8418 v/TTy

November 6-9

“The Rosa Lee Show” in four cities:

November 6 Fort Wayne

November 7 Mishawaka

November 8 Louisville, Kentucky

November 9 Indianapolis

For more information go to www.rosaleeshow.com

November 15

Indiana Hands & Voices

Informational Meeting!

1-4 PM For parents of children who are deaf or hard of hearing, professionals are welcome too.

Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center

3701 Bellemeade Ave., Evansville, IN 47714

RSVP: LisaKovacs@inhandsandvoices.org or 317-605-3885

November 8

December 13

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf's Parent/Child Playgroup 10 am - 11:30 am

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

9192 Waldemar Road, Indianapolis, IN 46268

Contact Carrie Tamminga at

ctamminga@sjid.org or call 317-442-4233

November 14 6 PM

November 15 7 PM

“The Legend of the Mountain Man”

ASL Film at the Indiana School for the Deaf Alumni Hall Auditorium, 1200 E. 42nd Street Indianapolis, IN 46205

Tickets email ASLFilmsEA@gmail.com

November 14

December 12,

January 16, January 30

February 20

March 6, March 20

April 24, May 8

Infant Toddler Playgroups 9:30 am -11 am

Indiana School for the Deaf,

1200 E. 42nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46205

Preschool Building, Preschool Gym #131

Contact Lori at ldille@isd.k12.in.us

November 14

26th Annual Education Conference

HEAR Indiana

“Building Partnerships: Working Together to Support Children with Hearing Loss”

The conference will be at the Garrison Hotel, Indianapolis, IN

For registration information visit

www.hearindiana.org or call 317-828-0211

Upcoming Events for Interpreters

November 22

“How do I Say THAT? Exploring Semantics in ASL and English”

9 am to 4:30 pm

For more information call 574-535-7566

November 24th ICRID READS

“Ethical Decision Making for Interpreters”

Borders at 116th & Keystone, 7:30 - 8:30 pm,

Contact Indy.muellers@sbcglobal.net

or call 317-373-5597

You Are Invited

“Alice in Wonderland”

The Indiana School for the Deaf is pleased to extend an invitation to you and your hard of hearing and deaf students to attend our fall high school play, “Alice In Wonderland” on Thursday, November 6th and Friday, November 7th at 10:15 A.M.

The one-act play performed by high school students, is approximately one hour in length. The play will be performed in American Sign Language and there will be voice interpreters. “Alice In Wonderland” is written by Bob May and directed by Judy Catron.

Ticket Information:

Seating is limited so please make arrangements for your group with Meli Ward at Mward@isd.k12.in.us. Please be prepared to give her the total number of students and adults that will be attending. Meli will send you directions to the school along with a confirmation letter and tickets for your group.

“The Rosa Lee Show”

The Rosa Lee Show is performed by Rosa Lee Gallimore. Rosa is a Deaf person in this one woman show featuring live performance, music, and video. The show has been performed all over the United States. The audience consists of Deaf and hearing members numbering in the tens of thousands in various cities. Rosa’s mother is Laurene Simms, Ph. D, a native of Indiana and currently the Director in M. A. Deaf Education Program with Department of Education at Gallaudet University. For more information see Rosa’s website at www.rosaleeshow.com See the upcoming shows listed in Upcoming Events.

Meet some of the Outreach Staff



Carolyn Pimentel has a M.A. degree in Developmental Psychology and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Studies in School Psychology with specialization in working with Deaf and hard-of-hearing children. She began working at ISD in 1981. Carolyn primarily concentrates her psychological assessments with students who attend the public schools and with students at the Indiana School for the Deaf following an applied curriculum. Carolyn may be reached at cpimentel@isd.k12.in.us and at (317) 920-6230 TYVoice or (317) 941-6525 VP.



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Terri Waddell-Motter has a M.A. degree in Developmental Psychology and Specialist degree (Psy.S) in School Psychology with specialization in working with Deaf and hard-of-hearing children. She began working at the Indiana School for the Deaf in 1993. Terri primarily completes psychological assessments for students in Middle School and High School at the Indiana School for the Deaf. Terri may be reached at twaddellmotter@isd.k12.in.us and at (317) 920-7117 (VP).

Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children has a website, www.deaf-kids.com, which allows you to share your event information with the entire state of Indiana.

We value diversity and respect all viewpoints and opportunities for communication; therefore, please contact sponsors of events supporting specific methodologies. We suggest the questions on the following link be considered when viewing website and newsletter information:

<http://www.deaf-kids.com/IND/Links.asp>

Please submit information at least one month in advance of your event. Questions? Call Joanie Jones at 1-800-722-6166 or email jjones@isd.k12.in.us