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March for Public Education

Mark your calendar for Saturday, May 3rd. Plan to join an unprecedented coalition that will flood the state's capital with cars and busloads of people who care about public education, pre-K through post-grad.

The gathering, planned in response to Governor Pataki's proposed cutbacks in funding to education, is intended to be the largest event in support of public education that Albany has ever witnessed. It comes two weeks before statewide school budget votes.

The event, which will kick off at 1 p.m. at the Empire State Plaza in Albany, is sponsored by the New York State Education Conference Board, the Higher Education Conference Board and an ever-expanding list of supporters, including parents, teachers, school superintendents and administrators, school boards, college students, community groups and more.

There will be buses traveling to Albany from our region. Watch for further information.

Planning for Next Year

This winter's snow hasn't completely melted but it's already time for the NTC to begin preparing for next year, and we need your help. Please get to your Policy Board representatives and discuss courses you'd like to take, books you'd like to study, or courses you'd like to give. If you have seen something or someone that you'd like to see brought to Nyack, please let us know. The more feedback we get from you, the better our programs will be.

Correction

The deadline for submitting applications for the NTC's Standards & Assessments grant is **Friday, May 1st**, not April 28th as stated in the last newsletter.

Web Resources on the War in Iraq

News Feeds (designed for kids, but check for appropriateness in your setting)

from Yahoo!igans:

<http://dailynews.yahoo.com/fc3/yahooligans/middleeast/>

from Time for Kids:

<http://www.timeforkids.com/TFK/specials/iraq/0,8805,424876,00.html>

from CNN - Student News:

<http://fyi.cnn.com/fyi/>

from MSNBC - Pencil News:

http://www.pencilnews.com/index.php?fuseaction=home.DisplayStory&id=377&Section=Top_News

Resources for People Working With Young People:

from the National Association of School Psychologists:

<http://www.nasponline.org/NEAT/unsettlingtimes.html>

from PBS for Parents:

<http://www.pbs.org/parents/issuesadvice/war/>

from the University of Minnesota:

<http://www.cyfc.umn.edu/publications/newsreleases/3-10-03nr.html>

from New York University Child Study Center:

<http://www.aboutourkids.org/articles/war.html>

from the Families and Work Institute:

<http://salute.familiesandwork.org/teacherguide.pdf>

from Purdue - research and support:

<http://www.ces.purdue.edu/terrorism/>

from Scholastic (appropriate for older children too):

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/scholasticnews/indepth/war-iraq/news/index.asp?article=0319>

from the National Mental Health Association:

<http://www.nmha.org/reassurance/childrenDealwithWar.cfm>

from Children Now - talking about the news (generic, but good too):

<http://www.childrennow.org/television/twk-news.htm>

from the National Center for Children Exposed to Violence:

http://www.ncccev.org/docs/children_warT.pdf

from FEMA:

<http://www.fema.gov/kids/terrism.htm>

for kids from Kids Health.org:

http://www.kidshealth.org/kid/misc/terrorist_attacks.html

Background and Information on Iraq - for Adults First

From the Librarians Index to the Internet

<http://lii.org/warandpeace>

Background from Library of Congress:

<http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/igtoc.html>

Pictures of Iraq and More:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-srv/photo/world/iraq/index.htm>

Teaching Ideas:

from Marco Polo and partners - lesson plans and resources on Iraq:

http://www.marcopolo-education.org/teacher/featured_resources.aspx

from Educators for Social Responsibility some lessons and resources:

<http://www.esrnational.org/sp/we/world.htm>