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To: Families, Friends, and Partners for all Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children
From: Cindy Lawrence, Outreach Director
Date: October 26, 2009
Re: Grand Re-Opening and other Literacy Events

November is National Family Literacy Month!!

This time of year always brings joy and excitement as we all anticipate the change of Seasons. What better way to celebrate the 10th year as a State Wide Educational Resource Center than to have a party! That is exactly what will be happening along with many other events during the week of November 9th – 14th, 2009. I would like to share with you some of the events that will be occurring in hopes that your schedule will allow you to participate in some if not all. Below is a list of events that would make your trip to Indianapolis fun but educational too!

Monday – Friday, November 9th – 13th 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Scholastic Book Fair

This special event corresponds with November being National Family Literacy month. The Irene Hodock Library, located in the Alumni Building is the location for this event and will have lots of books and games for everyone to purchase. There will also be time on Saturday, November 14th for you to visit and shop!

Wednesday, November 11th 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. ISD School Board Regular Meeting

This meeting will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR), Room 202 located in Raney Hall North. This would be an excellent time to meet the ISD School Board members and to witness what occurs during a school board meeting.

Thursday, November 12th 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. F.L.I.P. (Families Learning In Play)

This program is held in Raney Hall South. Dinner is available from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. but you must RSVP to attend. **FLIP** is for deaf and hard of hearing children ages birth to five and their families/caretakers. Families and children learn language together through play, story time, and other activities. Outreach Early Intervention Specialists coordinate **FLIP** and invite

specialists who are highly qualified in Spoken Language Development, Listening, and American Sign Language.

Friday, November 13th 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. *OPEN HOUSE* for the Grand Re-Opening of Outreach Services for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

This will take place in Raney Hall South and the Eliza Willard Assessment Center. There is so much to see and learn that you may want to bring your camera!!

Friday, November 13th 7:00 p.m. “The Legend of Sleepy Hollow”

The Indiana School for the Deaf Theatre Department proudly presents this play for 2 nights only. Tickets are available by contacting Pam Lewis at 317-924-8402 V/TTY or Plewis@isd.k12.in.us

Saturday, November 14th 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. *Family Literacy Day*

Parents and caregivers of children from birth to 8 years old are invited to participate in a variety of activities that will promote future success in reading and thinking skills. Keynote speaker will be Dr. Suzanne Reading from Butler University. Participants will have the opportunity to engage in a variety of activities such as: reading tips, read aloud strategies, storytelling strategies, and art activities. Registration fee is \$10.00 per family which includes lunch. Childcare will be provided by the YMCA. See attached flyer and registration form.

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So, as you can see there are many opportunities to learn and to have fun. With so much happening it is imperative that you send in your **registration form** early, order your tickets, and even **book your hotel** as soon as possible. There are a block of rooms being held for Friday, November 13th at a rate of \$84.00 plus 17% tax at the Courtyard Marriott Castleton 8670 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis, IN 46250 Phone: (317) 576-9559. You must make your reservations before November 6th at 5:00 p.m. to receive the special rate.

We are here to assist YOU! If you should have any questions, concerns, or need additional information please feel free to contact my Administrative Assistant, Mary Rice, at 317.920.6311 V/TTY, 866.970.7633 VP or Mrice@isd.k12.in.us . I hope you can join us!

Aloha

