

Correspondence Updates Since July 4, 2006 Board Meeting
(Note: Other Correspondence notes can be found in board meeting minutes)

1. **Gita and Darshan** - connections with Third Eye theatre group in Sri Lanka - Jeyasankar in Batticaloa: sjeyasankar@yahoo.com; and a girls school in Jaffna. The situation in Sri Lanka is currently unsettled - Gita will try to connect with Darshan once the situation settles.
2. **Paul Loeb** - USA author of best-selling books - is awaiting stories and information to pitch to major US teachers, unions, NEA, AFT... Nadine will refer him to website
3. **GIFTS** - Film & Television group on the Gulf Islands (Galiano) recently worked with a group of Canadian, Palestinian, and Israeli teens (with Peace it Together) to produce 7 collaborative and cross-culture films. These films can be viewed through website: www.GIFTSfilm.com Other interesting peace video website: <http://creativepeacenet.com> (thank you Janet Riecken) Darlene Tully (Lake Cowichan Community Services) is hoping to create global arts connections with Israeli and Palestinian children. Connection attempts:
 - Nadine contacted Deborah Ellis for connections with Israeli and Palestinian children
 - Nadine contacted GIFTS during the filming - follow-up needed (Janet Riecken ?)
 - Ara Parker (art therapist involved in EcoFest) has connected us to Cathie Guthrie of UNICEF - a link for an art therapy/healing global arts project in the Middle East (children in Lebanon).
4. **Lisa Scalapino** - Campbell River Early Years Coordinator has expressed an interest regarding Global Arts interests in her community. Nadine has made contact and is awaiting response.
5. **Susan Underwood** will contact a grade 8 friend/teacher in Campbell River regarding a Global Arts connection with children in Pakistan. Lois Harvey has offered to transport supplies to Pakistan.
6. **Zhiyan Ahmed**, Kurdistan Save the Children connection in Iraq has moved to USA to study a Master's degree in International Development for 2 years - she will keep in touch and do what she can to support the project from the States.
7. **Elaine McVie** interested in a global arts connection at Marigold School - Nadine will contact her in late September
8. **Nimira Jetha** (connection through World Partnership Walk) has informed friends/colleagues in Singapore, Kenya, and USA about CGAF
9. **Sheila Jiwan** (friend of Naz Rayani) has connected us with Roshan Thomas - the principal of Sparks Academy in Kabul, Afghanistan - Roshan is presently in N.A. awaiting his return to Kabul. This connection has been shared with Geoff Spriggs
10. **Gita John** has connected us with Leslie and Alexandre Wicks - friends traveling to Mexico

and Costa Rica with a Global Arts interest.

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11. **Dr. Carmen Rodriguez** (UVic professor) suggests we send a DVD to the Early Childhood Education Peace Conference in Spain - April 2007 - Carmen has offered to initiate connections

12. An artwork panel has arrived at **Erin Woods School in Calgary** from children in Belize (ongoing connection with Kim Miner's class) - Arrangements underway to photograph panel for global arts website and also to send "The Mouse and the Light" quilt to Deenabandhu, India

13. **Nina Morgan** (from UVic) is interested in building global arts connection with children in Uganda when she travels there in January 2007

14. **Budd Hall** has made a connection with a Spain resident "**Malik**" last week. Malik may be in contact to incorporate global arts with a small peace organization

15. **Suzanne Normandin** (UVic) is interested in a global arts exchange with her students in the French Immersion at Quadra Elementary (Victoria) and children in a French country. Connections between Suzanne and Malik will be pursued.