



## Dreamer Update #3

Resources and Information for Dream Flag Participant Schools and Groups

### Welcome to the 2011 Dream Flag Project! . . .

Connecting dreams has never been more exciting—with new schools joining from Texas, New Hampshire, Montana, and beyond. A special hello to Cheryl Corby who's joining us from Ontario, Canada, and to Chris and Emily Sparks who have taken the project from The Philadelphia School to Arunachi Pradesh, India where they are teaching this year! And of course the students of the Khumjung School in Nepal are joining us for the first time (at 12,500 feet elevation!) More on that below. We know teachers join because other teachers invite them, so don't hesitate. It's not too late for this year, and we'd love to welcome your friends too! Just send them to [www.dreamflags.org/join](http://www.dreamflags.org/join) to get started.

— Jeff & Sandy

[List of schools signed up as of 2/28/11.](#)

### What Do I Do Now? – for first year teachers

**First Week Ideas:** This page has a list of resources and ideas to introduce the project to your group and begin dreaming—video, poems, song, lessons.

Also, check out the pdf downloads to the right—ideas on teaching Hughes Poetry, specifics on making the Dream Flags, and so on. . .

And we'd love to answer your questions! Just email us at [Dreamflags@agnesirwin.org](mailto:Dreamflags@agnesirwin.org).

### How Can I Do More? – for returning teachers

**Bringing Others Along:** Here's a 4-minute video with Mary Pat talking about getting more teachers involved. She got her Lower Merion District dreaming together!

**Teacher-To-Teacher:** If you haven't already, sign up for our Ning to make direct connections to other Dream Flag teachers.

#### Reading and Thinking About Dream Poems

Also check out this lesson on sharing Dream Flags and learning from other students' writing in the Share section of our site. Good for middle and high school, or adapt it for elementary.

>[Comparison Lesson Handout](#)

>[On-Line Dream Flag Poems](#)

### Mark Your Calendar for **Saturday, May 7th!!**

That's the date for this year's Philadelphia Dream Flag Celebration—this year in the **afternoon!** If you're local, we hope you can come. If you're not, we hope you can mail flags or poems. It will be held at the Philadelphia Kimmel Center at Broad and Spruce Streets in Center City Philadelphia. Each year we connect 2-3,000 dream flags across three levels of balconies surrounding the Kimmel Center atrium, and we hear from student poets representing their schools—also lots of arts and other activities in the pre-program time. More details on the flyer, but here are a few:

- 1:30 Teachers arrive with flags.
  - 2:00 Students arrive and pre-program activities start.
  - 3:00-4:30 Celebration Program.
- Free and open to the public.  
Hope to dream with you there! [Details flyer.](#)

### What's This About Nepal??

On May 19 we (Jeff and Sandy) will fly out of Newark, NJ carrying the special Dream Flags you send us all the way to Khumjung, Nepal where they will be connected with Dream Flags made by the Khumjung students. We'll fly to Katmandu, then, Lukla, then walk for three days to get to Khumjung at 12,500 feet elevation!

And all along the way we'll take pictures, make videos, and write about the sights, sounds, and dreams of students who live in the place that first inspired the first Dream Flag! Khumjung is definitely "off the grid," but we expect some Internet connection to send you the news live and read your questions for us.

[Read about how you and your students can be directly involved in this special event.](#)

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### Not Too Late! To Sign Up This Year



Here's one of the first flags sent to us this year. It's from Advantage Academy in Bridgeport, PA. (Click it to enlarge.)  
[Please sign up if you haven't yet!](#)

### Printable PDF Downloads

#### BASICS

FAQ, About, Basics, Lesson Plan for 4-8 Classes, Sites and Books

#### POETRY

Ideas by Age, Six Assignments, Hughes Lessons, etc.

#### FLAGS

Words on Fabric, Decoration, Attaching, Art-Poetry Integrations

#### CONNECTING

Song, Exhibition Ideas, Poetry & Pizza Lesson, Pen-Pals Lesson, Poems On-Line

### Other Useful Downloads

#### Key Dates with Clickable Links!



#### All About Your Dream Flags In Nepal!



#### May 7 Philadelphia Celebration!



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