



## Dreamer Update #1

Resources and Information for Dream Flag Participant Schools and Groups

October 2010

### Hello Dreamers . . .

As simple as a kid, a dream, and a flag in one afternoon—or as full as a Langston Hughes poetry unit—we hope you'll join us in sending a message to our students that their dreams count, more than ever, and that they are a part of an incredibly wide and diverse group of dreamers.



It's that wonderful time of year when we get to invite you to join in another year of sharing dreams with students near and far. **It's time for the annual sign-up for The Dream Flag Project.**

[On-Line Sign Up](#)

Last year was terrific, with 14,000 students creating Dream Flags. You taught once again that the most important aspect of this project is the power of a child sending her dream — or his dream — in beautiful lines of poetry or in just a few simple words, and of *connecting* that to others. Thank you for telling others about this project and making it what it has become.

This year the project is literally “reaching new heights,” and we'll explain that below, but whether the Dream Flags are down the hall or up to Nepal, it's the connection that counts. Whether you're new or coming back for the eighth year in a row, please join us and sign up now.

[On-Line Sign Up](#)

—Jeff & Sandy

### The Dream Flag Project FAQ

#### What is a Dream Flag?

An original dream poem on fabric, decorated and attached to others on a line.

#### Who can do Dream Flags?

What does it cost?

How will I know how?

Curriculum connections?

What makes this different?

Find out here . . .

### Flyer Download (pdf)

### 2010-11 DF Time Line

#### Dream & Create

**February 1, 2011**

Birthday of Langston Hughes and “official” start of The Dream Flag Project. Schools create poems and Dream Flags *any time* before April.

#### Connect

**April 2011**

National Poetry month and connection time for Dream Flags.

#### Share

**April & May 2011**

Celebration of Dream Flags everywhere. Philadelphia Regional Celebration at the Kimmel Center on **Saturday, May 7** in the afternoon. Dream Flags trekked to Nepal for May 29 celebration.

### More Detailed Information

### On-Line Sign Up 2010-11 Dream Flag Project

### Teacher Support

Web Site

[www.dreamflags.org](http://www.dreamflags.org)

Participant Update Emails

With sign up for 2010-11

Workshops in Jan./Feb.

[Click to get more info.](#)

Sherpa & Nepal Resources

[Click to get more info.](#)

Philadelphia District

Teacher Assistance

See article below.

Teacher-To-Teacher Site

[www.dreamflags.ning.com](http://www.dreamflags.ning.com)



### Journey to Nepal!

On May 29, 2011, The [Khumjung School](#), near Mt. Everest in Nepal, is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and our Dream Flags are invited!! Photos from this area inspired the very first Dream Flags in 2003. The students at the Khumjung School will be making their own Dream Flags to honor the 50 years since Sir Edmund Hillary founded the school in gratitude to the Sherpa people.

Every Dream Flag school will be invited to send representative Dream Flags that will be flown to Kathmandu and trekked up to 12,500 feet. There they'll be connected to flags from the Khumjung school to celebrate the dreams we share! We'll post pictures, reports, and (we hope) live reporting!

We're also working on an annotated list of sources related to Nepal and the Sherpa—books, articles and video.

[Click here to receive notice of when our list is posted.](#)

## SUMMER UPDATES

### Akhila Institute Dreamers In Action

The Akhila Institute of Rwanda made Dream Flags last year, and now the flags are flying! In a web post, the school wrote of student Anita Umuroni's dream poem and how it's coming true. [Read Anita's Dream Flag poem here.](#) [Read about Akhila Dream Flags here.](#)

In October, Akhila students Anita Umuroni and Giselle Bahati came to The Agnes Irwin School and spoke to students about their Dream Flags and about life.

Check out the videos:

>[Anita Talks to Middle School](#)

>[Anita and Giselle Lunch Talk with Seventh Graders About Dream Flags](#)



### National Character Award to First Philadelphia Charter



For their all-school participation in The Dream Flag Project, the [Center for Character Education Partnership](#) recognized [First Philadelphia Charter](#) as a 2010 National Award Winning School. The tireless efforts of principal Stacey Clark, reading specialist Debbie Smith, and many others, resulted in this wonderful and well-deserved award.

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