

# 2010 Participants The Dream Flag Project

Connecting Students To Their Dreams and Their Dreams To the World



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## Dreamer Update #2

Resources and Information for Dream Flag Participant Schools and Groups

[Update #1](#)

### Hello Dreamers . . .

Yes there is indeed ground. Here in the northeast of the U.S. we're seeing it for the first time in months. And with that comes two emotions:

Time to blossom and dream,  
and  
How will I get this all done?

Don't worry. At our school, we are just starting our own Dream Flags.

There are lots of resources to help and keep it simple. Poems can be as easy as a poem about a dream place, a dream for yourself, or for the world—or just taking a line from a Hughes poem such as “When I get to be a composer. . .” and going from there. Here's a simple list of [seven poetry writing assignments](#). And look in the side bar for more links to resources—or email us! We'd love to hear from you. Just remember, this project is only about a kid, a dream, a piece of paper, and a flag that connects to the world.

—Jeff & Sandy

### Connecting Makes It All Work

Last year when one sixth grader was asked about what made a Dream Flag poem powerful, she said, “Because people are listening, and it comes from the heart.” What makes a Dream Flag a Dream Flag is when it's shared.

What are ways to have those heartfelt words shared?

In our experience, it works best to first share *within* the school and *then* with the greater community. Some ideas:

- Visiting Another Classroom
- Flags in the Cafeteria
- A Take-your-flags-to-work Day
- Public Places: a Library, a hospital, a Shopping Mall
- Participate in Philadelphia Dream Flag Celebration by attending or sending (details below).
- Use Technology for Class-To-Class Connections (details below.)

The choice is yours. We'd love to know YOUR ideas for ways to share with others. We're all teachers teaching teachers. Email us: [Dreamflags@agnesirwin.org](mailto:Dreamflags@agnesirwin.org)

### Philadelphia Dream Flag Celebration. . .

. . . Is happening on **Saturday, April 17th** at the Philadelphia Kimmel Center.

We'd love to have you attend or send flags. It's a way to celebrate the dreams and let our students know how important they are.

If you attend, you : bring your Dream Flag Lines, Exhibit them all, choose two students to read from the stage, and invite all interested poets to read from the Open Mike. It's free and open to the public, so it's a great connection with families and friends.

If you send, you: send your Dream Flags to us before April 9 and/or email poems to be read out loud by volunteer students.

We'd love to (and need to) know you're coming, so please register and your school packet will be waiting when you arrive!

Register Now for 2010  
[ATTEND](#) or [SEND](#)

March, 2010

### April 17 Philadelphia Celebration



Students read poems while musicians play . .

[photos of 2009](#)

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### Working With Dream Flags

Basic resources for poetry and flags:

[Dream Poem Writing Ideas](#)

[Flag and Fabric Tips](#)

[Tips On Making DF Lines](#)

### Connection Ideas

This is a printable page of ideas and way to share your Dream Flags.

### “The Dream Keeper” set to music

The Dream Flag Song



[Hear It](#) – [Print It](#)

### Teacher Community

Please join our teacher site can communicate directly with other Dream Flag teachers.

[Click to Join and Talk](#)

### Look Who's Dreaming Now

Here's the current list of groups signed up with yours. It's around 13,000 students now and all over. See who else is “in the class.”

### Philadelphia Celebration Details

(click for lots more)

#### Date:

Saturday, April 17

#### Location:

Broad and Spruce Streets, Philadelphia, PA

#### Timing:

10:30 Teachers arrive with flags to sign in.

11:00 Pre-Program Activities Start (button making, tee-shirt decoration, open mike, etc.)

11:30 All participating students signed in

12-1:30 Program

## Technology Rap-Around

### Tech Links Can Connect Dreamers

. . .and it's easier than you might think. Hearing the voice and seeing the face of a student doing the same thing in another school makes the connections of the Dream Flag Project come alive for our students. Now there are some relatively simple and cheap way to connect classroom to classroom. Here are three ways you can check out:

1. **Skype**. Classes can see and talk to each other live. It's a free program download and only needs one Internet computer in each connecting classroom.
2. **GoToWebinar**. You can all talk to each other and all see the same computer screen. You can get a free 30-day trial to use it. It requires student computers with headsets.
3. **Video on DF Ning Site**. You can send other classes video of your students reading their poems and see other videos posted. Requires digital video camera and signing up for Dream Flags Ning.

making direct dream connections

### Skype



Skype with Kenya. [Click for video.](#)

[How To Skype Printable](#)

### GoToWebinar



Pennsylvania and Dallas Connect with GoToWebinar

[How To Webinar Printable](#)

### DF Ning Video Sharing

Simple directions on the Ning Site.

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Questions or comments? E-mail us at [dreamflags@agnesirwin.org](mailto:dreamflags@agnesirwin.org) or call 610-525-8400 x1703 (USA, EST)

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