

# Global Education Collaboration

Winter 2011 Newsletter

**KDSL partners with education organizations worldwide to increase student achievement, teacher knowledge, and leadership.**

**KDSL Values — Knowledge, Action, Achievement, Relationships**

*In What ways is your classroom a “global classroom?”*

*How to Teach Now by William Powell and Ochan Kusama-Powell*

The Powells ask a thought-provoking question of educators as noted above. I pose the question education” and you are bombarded with numerous links and resources. One of the most powerful titles I read was from Dr. Anthony Jackson of The Asia Society called “Putting the “World” into World-Class Education.” I thought this was simple yet brilliant as I wrote this in route from Thailand to Qatarto Dubai. But what does world-class education mean?

In my view a world-class education is putting the world into the hands, minds, and hearts of students, teachers, administrators, curriculum, and professional learning. World-class is coming to know and understand about education from the perspective of our global colleagues. To be considered world-class one needs to seek ways to actively bring the world into the classroom....

For more on world class education visit:

<http://kdsl.wordpress.com/2011/09/16/global-education-collaboration/>

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## KDSL Collaboration and Activities

### Collaboration:

TEDxFlint; SchoolWorks; Global Sleepover; Pearson Learning; AdvancED (Egypt)

Nibras International School (Dubai)

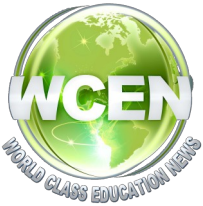
Wake Up Somalia; Building Better Futures; Michigan State University

U.S. Department of Education

Global Education Conference Partner

Knowledge Source Institute (Thailand)

Imagine Education (Taos, New Mexico)



World Class Education News <http://worldclassednews.com/>



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### Real Men Read

Recently, Ben Hoeflinger, former intern with KDSL read to a 7th grade class at Holmes Middle School in Flint, MI. The experience gave him a great opportunity to interact with students and educators in Flint. Ben says, "The experience was rewarding and enjoyable. The kids at Holmes Middle School were engaging and interested in the text. I really enjoyed working with the students and faculty. I hope to have the opportunity again." Thanks to organizations like KDSL and people like Kevin Simpson and Ben Hoeflinger, students have the opportunity to hear from real men of the community and be mentored.

For more information visit [REAL](#)

## Matt's Music Center

This year Matt's Music Center was fortunate to put a team of individuals together that provided a series of classes for some 60 youths, this spring through the summer. We were fortunate to collaborate with the Urban League of Flint, International Academy of Flint and the UAW Hall 651, our programs provided service to all of these venues. We are currently working on introducing Building Better Futures, 501C3, well as taking Matt's Music Center, to the next level. In 2012, we hope to serve as many students as we can throughout the community and provide all of the materials for our services. We are working on building our staff with qualified help, as well as establishing a strong volunteer base.

### **Mission:**

Through the incorporating of music and the arts to motivate, mentor and edify youth & students of the benefits of living a culturally positive, and productive global lifestyle.

### **Vision:**

Students ages 10 – 18 years of age will be taught how to play music on instruments of their choice. They will also be mentored in how to improve their personal character; using music as an avenue towards becoming a better citizen.



A focus on collaborating with schools which are world-class or seeking to be with an emphasis on:

- Global Learning
- Global Innovation
- Global Collaboration

School Based Professional Learning topics include:  
Mathematics – including Common Core Standards  
Differentiation  
Co-Teaching  
Instructional Strategies  
Data-Driven Instruction  
STEM

*Services are individualized and tailored to the needs of the schools, teachers, grade level teams, and student achievement data. KDSL firmly believes the best professional learning is ongoing and sustained. Therefore, schools must commit to working with KDSL more than one time throughout the academic year. No one shot deals.*



## Other Services Available:

- Virtual Coaching
- Curriculum Development
- Education Entrepreneur Start Ups
- School Accreditation
- School Development
- School Improvement
- Instructional Walkthroughs
- School Walkthrough for Parents
- Education Advising
- Quality Assurance

### Kevin Simpson...

has taught and collaborated in parochial, public, charter, and international schools located in Washington, D.C., Michigan, Maryland, Virginia, Laos, Qatar, Egypt, Dubai, and Lebanon. Simpson has also served as a countywide elementary social studies curriculum teacher, preschool to twelfth grade curriculum coordinator, and elementary math specialist. He was a National Consultant with the U.S. Department of Education's *Teacher-to-Teacher Initiative*, which provided effective, research-based practices to educators across the USA. Simpson specializes in teacher education, school development, curriculum development, and data-driven instruction. He believes that providing teachers with high quality, collaborative professional learning is essential to student achievement.



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