

Important Dates

Educational Programs:

2008

October 29: Echoes and Reflections 4 hour workshop

November 6th: Miller Early Childhood Training

December 4th: Echoes and Reflections Essay Contest
Teacher Review

December 16th: Peer Site Coordinator Gathering

2009

Jan-Mar: Visit ADL website for info about essay
contest: www.adl.org/arizona

Mar 5: Echoes and Reflections Essay Contest
Deadline

Mar 17 & Mar 24: Juror Nights for Essay Contest

April 16: Peer Links

May 7: Educator Appreciation and Essay Contest
Award Ceremony

ADL Office Closed

2008

Sept. 30 & Oct. 1: Rosh Hashana

Oct. 9: Yom Kippur

Oct. 14 & 15: Sukkot

Oct. 21: Shemini Atzeret

Oct. 22: Simchat Torah

Nov. 27 & 28: Thanksgiving

Dec. 25: Christmas

2009

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan 19: MLK Day

Feb. 16: President's Day

April 9 & 10: Passover

April 15 & 16: Passover

May 24: Memorial Day

Additional ADL

ONLINE RESOURCES

The **A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE™**

Institute's education experts create a steadily
increasing number of Web-based resources
available at:

www.adl.org/education

Curriculum Connections

A series of anti-bias lesson plans
for K-12 educators.

Children's Bibliography

Recommends more than 800 anti-bias
and multicultural books for children grades
PreK-6.

The Question Corner

Provides a growing collection
of frequently asked questions about anti-bias
issues for early childhood professionals
and family members.

Making Diversity Count

An interactive program for middle and high
school educators to help increase cultural com-
petency when working with diverse
student populations.



2008/2009 Education Information

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Dear Educator,

Freedom from discrimination and fear is a fundamental right that all our children should enjoy. The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has been working to eliminate prejudice and bigotry since 1913, and has become America's leading civil rights and human rights organization. Our highest priority is to secure justice and fair treatment for all. As educators, you too can make a difference by working with us to eliminate bigotry. Help us to fight hate and build hope.

The potential for conflict, discrimination and scapegoating is high when prejudice and stereotypes go unchallenged or are ignored. Biased behavior is learned behavior. In schools, name calling and acts of social exclusion are examples of discriminatory behavior and prejudicial thinking. Our anti-bias curriculum promotes an understanding of school social problems and provides teachers and students with strategies for improving social conditions.

To schedule a school-based program for students or teachers in the area of anti-bias training and/or Holocaust education, please call the Arizona Regional Office of Anti-Defamation League. 602-274-0991

A CLASSROOM OF DIFFERENCE™

Addresses diversity in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade school communities.

A CLASSROOM OF DIFFERENCE™ INCLUDES:

Teacher Training Programs: Professional development programs provide teachers and administrators with the skills and knowledge to build safe, respectful learning environments for all students. Interdisciplinary, standards-based curricular materials help to integrate anti-bias education into existing curriculum throughout the school year. Workshops also provide effective strategies to address prejudice, name-calling and bullying face-to-face and in cyberspace.

Student Programs: The Institute's Peer Education programs prepare middle and high school students to work with their peers and younger students to confront bias and prejudice in their schools and communities. Workshops allow participants to explore the harms of name-calling and bullying while encouraging them to challenge these behaviors (with their peers) and be allies to others.

The Miller Early Childhood Initiative: In partnership with Sesame Workshop™ (producers of *Sesame Street*), anti-bias training and resources assist educators, caregivers, and family members of children ages 3-5 in creating bias-free environments that encourage children to appreciate diversity.

Becoming an Ally: Workshops assist a school community in responding to name-calling and bullying behaviors and in creating safe and respectful school environments. Programs make it possible to assess the effectiveness of school policies and procedures and provide the necessary tools and skills to respond effectively to students' behaviors in school and in cyberspace.

ECHOES AND REFLECTIONS:

A Multimedia Curriculum

on the Holocaust

This curriculum provides teachers with the opportunity to explore with students the conditions in Germany that made the Holocaust possible and to consider what can happen when prejudice and discrimination are allowed to flourish.

Everyday, students confront issues of prejudice and bias. Through the study of the Holocaust, the *Echoes and Reflections* curriculum helps students connect history with contemporary issues and develop skills to become active members of a democratic society.

Cyberbullying:

Trickery, Trolling and Threats

A half-day (3-hour) or full-day (6-hour) training for middle and high school educators, administrators, parents and student support personnel that increases awareness about the unique features and impact of cyberbullying, provides strategies for educators to respond effectively to cyberbullying and fosters an increased culture of e-safety among youth.

Free downloadable lessons from the Curriculum Connections Website:

Elementary Level Lesson: Building a Foundation for Safe and Kind Online Communications.

Middle Level Lesson: Dealing with the Social Pressures that Promote Online Cruelty.

Secondary Level Lesson: Cyberbullying and Online Cruelty: Challenging Social Norms.

**[www.adl.org/education/
curriculum_connections/cyberbullying](http://www.adl.org/education/curriculum_connections/cyberbullying)**