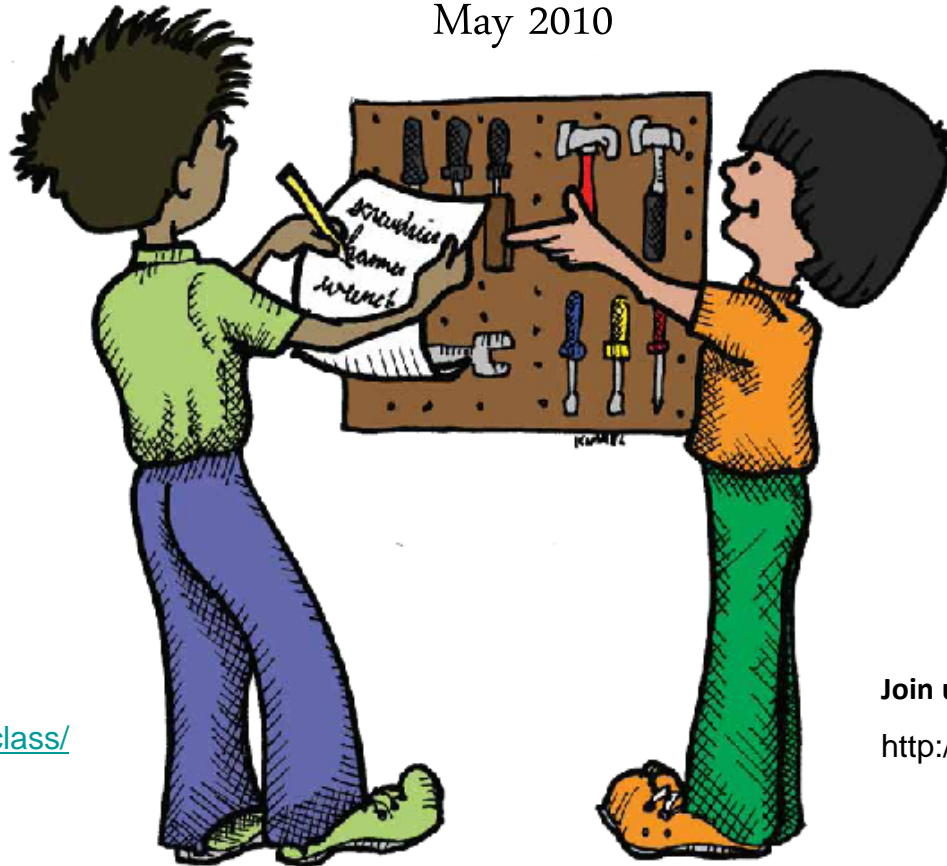




# E-TOOLS

May 2010



Join us on **twitter**  
<http://www.twitter.com/joyofclass/>

Join us on **facebook**  
<http://www.facebook.com/joyofclass>



*Remember there's no such thing as a small act of kindness.  
Every act creates a ripple with no logical end.*

**—Scott Adams, creator of Dilbert Comic Strip**



## **MAY TOPIC: All About You!**

Welcome to the May E-Tools. This is our final edition for the school year. It is hard to believe another year is coming to a close. Each year always brings success and challenges. The current environment in education makes it even more important to celebrate those successes and work even harder to deal with the challenges. With summer comes some extended time to rejuvenate ourselves. There is the chance to spend quality (and quantity) time with our friends and family. There is a chance for us to read that new professional book, or maybe take a graduate course. We can even find time to read a book for our own joy and entertainment as well. So, this month's E-Tools is all focused on you. We've got some forms you can work through as you plan the summer ahead so you can be rejuvenated and ready to go come August for another great year. Pick and choose those that work best for you, as each of us will have different needs and interests to spend our free time!

As for us, summer is our favorite time of year because it provides us with many opportunities to spend extended time with you. Make sure to check out the C.L.A.S.S. website for all the wonderful experiences C.L.A.S.S. is offering this summer – especially our annual Summer Institute in Indianapolis. We look forward to seeing you there!



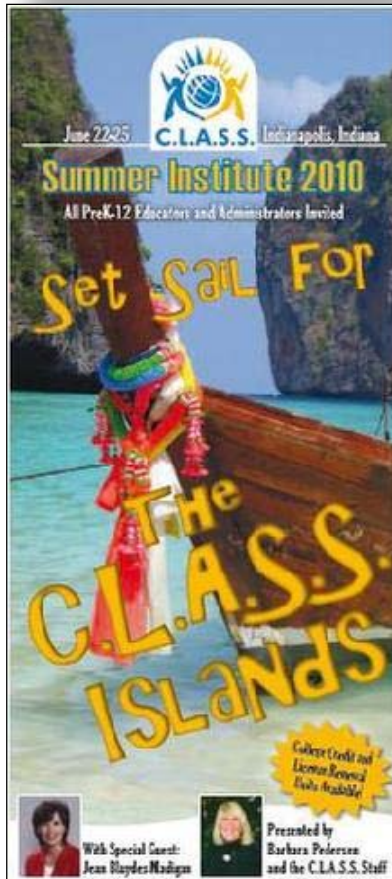
## UPCOMING WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

For more information or to register for workshops & events go to:  
[www.joyofclass.org](http://www.joyofclass.org) or C.L.A.S.S. Phone: 317-572-1576

### 2010 Summer Institute

June 22 – 25, 2010  
Pike Freshman Center  
Indianapolis, IN

College Credit and License  
Renewal Credits Available



May 20, 2010  
Parkside Elementary School  
Goshen, IN

Life Essentials Observation Day featuring Parkside  
Elementary and the Student Leadership Ambassadors!

Come and observe our Student Ambassador Program  
in action – attendance is free! Please register through  
the C.L.A.S.S. office. Registration form and details may  
be found on-line at [www.joyofclass.org](http://www.joyofclass.org).

See the C.L.A.S.S. Summer Events  
descriptions and registration forms at:  
[www.joyofclass.org](http://www.joyofclass.org)



5975 Castle Creek Parkway N Dr  
Building VI – Suite 475  
Indianapolis, IN 46250

Phone: 317-572-1576 Fax: 317-579-9358

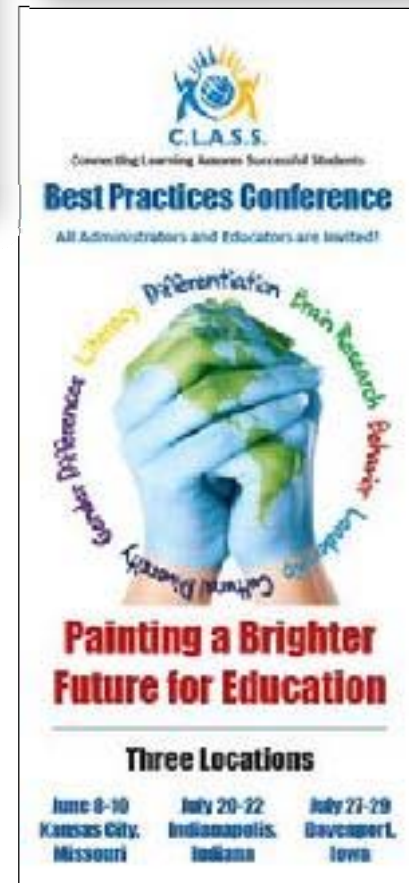
Email: [class@joyofclass.org](mailto:class@joyofclass.org) Web: [www.joyofclass.org](http://www.joyofclass.org)

Registration Forms & Info: <http://joyofclass.pbwiki.com>

### Best Practice Conference

June 8-10 – Kansas City, MO  
July 20-22 – Indianapolis  
July 27-29 – Davenport, IA

College Credit and License  
Renewal Credits Available



June 8-10	July 20-22	July 27-29
Kansas City, Missouri	Indianapolis, Indiana	Davenport, Iowa

# Reflection

It is always a good idea before planning where to go forward, to rewind a bit and remember where we've been. Take a few minutes to reflect about this school year. What were the successes and challenges? It will help you see what things in your classroom are working and what things may need a few tweaks for next year.

Successes	Challenges

# Next Year

Now that we know where we've been, we can begin to plan for next year! Make a list of those things that are working really well. Those you know you want to keep. Now make a list of things you need to change for 2010-11. Some of these might be from the list of Challenges and Successes and others might be different. Give yourself permission that it is ok to have things on the improvement list. Remember, as good as we are, we can always get better!

<b>The Good Stuff (Must Keep)</b>	<b>Things I Want to Improve</b>

# Summer “To Do” List

Summer goes quickly as we all know. So start off with some goals for the summer. They might be personal or professional, but what is it you really hope to accomplish during the time away. Setting goals are the first step to achieving them. Below are some questions to get you thinking.

- What is one thing you want to do with your family this summer?
  - What is the one thing you want to do with your friends this summer?
  - What is one thing you want to do to get ready for next school year?
  - What is one topic you want to spend time learning more about the summer?
  - What book do you most want to read this summer?
  - What is one thing I don't have time during the school year to do that I really want to do this summer?
  - What is one way I can grow professionally this summer?
  - What new piece of technology do you want to experiment with this summer?
  - What C.L.A.S.S. strategy or component do I need to work on implementing for next year?
  - What part of our year-long plan needs revised?
  - What needs to be cleaned out off your classroom?
  - What new children's literature do you want to read to be up-to-date with your students?
- ..... We bet you can come with other ideas, too!

Summer Goal (personal)	Summer Goal (professional)

# Summer Reading

We like to encourage our students to read books over the summer, so why not encourage us to do the same. Make a list of those novels you've been waiting to read. Divide the list into two types. Whether you download them to a online book reader or a paper copy in your hand, the pleasure and knowledge you gain will only help to make you a better educator for your students.

Professional Books	Personal Books

# Thinking of Me...Thinking of Others

It certainly is ok to have a few moments for ourselves. Take time this summer for a few of those moments. Read a book, take a drive through the country, or just sit out on your deck or patio and listen to the sounds of summer. But, also think about how you could help someone else out this summer. Maybe mow the lawn of a neighbor, help a colleague de-clutter their classroom, or just share a friendly conversation on the phone with a distant relative.

One thing I'm going to do for Me!	One thing I'm going to do for someone else!



# Spend some time with your “C.L.A.S.S.”y Friends!

- Come spend part of your summer with us! We look forward to seeing you at our various trainings. You can register and find more details at <http://joyofclass.org>

## **Summer Institute 2010**

June 22-25, 2010

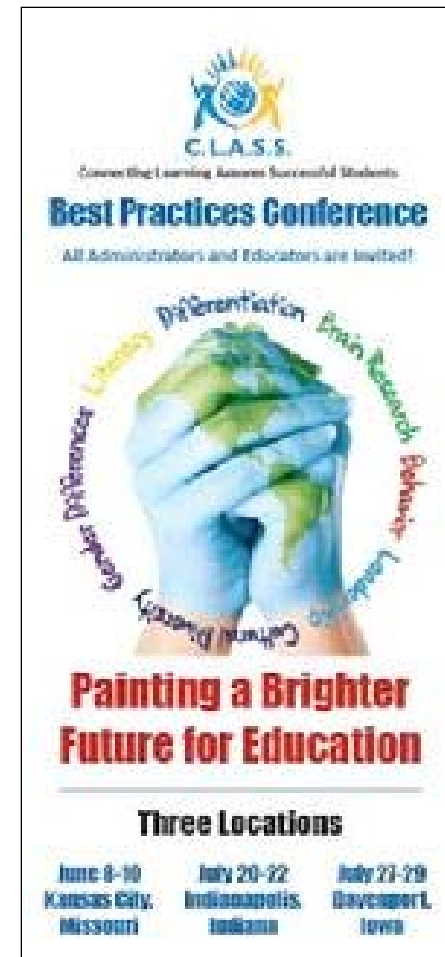
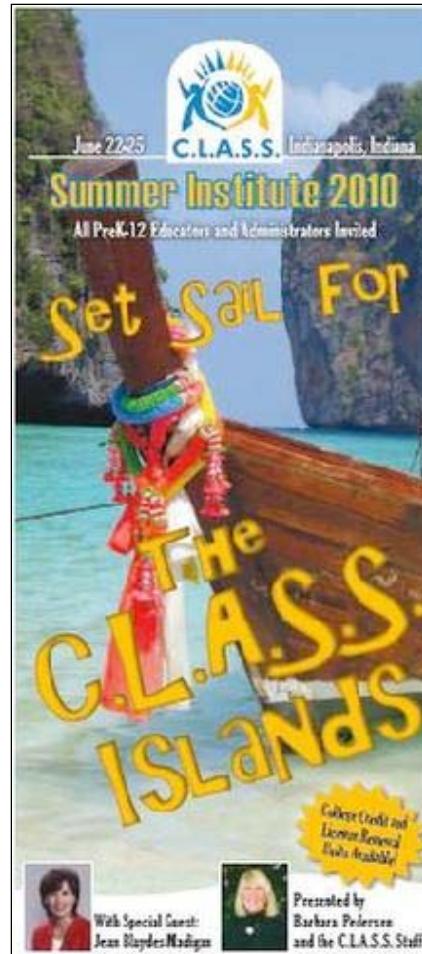
Indianapolis, IN

## **Best Practices Conferences**

June 8-10 – Kansas City, MO

July 20-22 – Indianapolis

July 27-29 – Davenport, IA



No matter what you decide to spend your  
summer doing,  
Do Not Let Anyone Steal your Joy!

The 2010-2011 school year will be full of  
success and challenges just like every  
year. Our job is to make sure the  
students don't even notice the bumps in  
the road and that they have their best  
school year ever!

