Peace Corps at the International School of Broward

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INVITING THE WORLD INTO THE ISB

How can we bring the entire world to the ISB without ever leaving our backyard?

We can connect our classrooms with current and former Peace Corps Volunteers! The result? A vibrant exchange of ideas, stories, pictures, and artifacts that helps students in the classroom learn about the people, geography, environment, and culture of the world from volunteers living in other countries.
2012-2013 School Year Initiatives

Beginning next school year, the ISB will be teaming up with Peace Corps Volunteers and bringing the world’s experiences to our student’s desks. Our goal is to become a World-Wise school.

Those interested in traveling abroad will also have the ability to do so with this initiative!
Students Need 40 Community Service Hours to Graduate from High School – More for Grant and Scholarship Eligibility

- With the help of the Peace Corps, our students can earn valuable hours and experience all while learning important lessons!

- PeaceCorps/World Wise Schools Project [www.peacecorps.gov/wws](http://www.peacecorps.gov/wws)

- This educational initiative have developed and disseminated excellent interactive curriculum materials for teachers in grades 3 through high school.

- The materials are intended to help students gain a multicultural perspective about the world, themselves and others. It encourages global connections, cultural awareness, and encourages service.

- Teacher guides, videotapes, and a wide array of curriculum resources are available, including contact information to a speakers bureau of returning Peace Corps volunteers.

- Major components include “Insights from the Field: Understanding Geography, Culture and Service”, “Culture Matters: the Peace Corps Cross-Cultural Workbook”, “Voices from the Field: Reading and Writing about the World, Ourselves, and Others”, and “Looking at Ourselves and Others”.
Thematic Concepts

Along with the Peace Corps, these are just a few of the virtual places our students will visit by teaming up with a live volunteer and conducting individual and team research for special projects:

- Water source protection and the traditions of Ramadan – Camaroon
- Markets and manufacturing – China
- Rainforest and environmental projects – Costa Rica
- Disease prevention – Ghana
- Rural villages – East Africa and India
- Protecting coral reefs – Philippines and Fiji
- Cooking with the sun as solar energy – Peru
- Agriculture – Bolivia
- Folk tales- Togo, Panama, and Morocco
Volunteer Programs

Possibilities in the program are endless. This chart depicts where many of the volunteers choose to serve their time.

- **Health & HIV/AIDS**: 21%
- **Environment**: 14%
- **Business Development**: 15%
- **Education**: 36%
- **Youth**: 6%
- **Agriculture**: 5%
- **Other**: 4%

Figures based on data as of 9/30/07
Percentages do not total 100% due to rounding.
Volunteer Diversity

- Active Volunteers and trainees: 8,079
- Gender: 59% women, 41% men
- Marital status: 93% single, 7% married
- Minorities: 17% of Volunteers

Age Distribution

- Average age: 27 years
- Volunteers youngest age: 8 years
- Volunteers over age 50: 5% (oldest Volunteer is 80)

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Volunteer Locations

- Active Countries
- Inactive Countries
Designing Projects

Appreciative Inquiry

There are four phases in the appreciative inquiry method:

- **DISCOVERY**: The Best of what is
- **DREAMING**: What might be
- **DESIGN**: What should be
- **DELIVERY**: What will be
Looking at the Education Sector

1. Teaching Students (math, science, social studies, technology, and literacy)

2. Capacity Building for Teachers (Team-teaching, University Teacher Training, In-service workshops, communities of practice)

3. Organizational Strengthening (resource development, education administration, professional networks)

4. Community Development (school-community links, extra-curricular projects e.g., big brother/sister projects, life skills, leadership camps)
Agriculture Project Areas

- Crop Extension
- Apiculture
- Agribusiness
- Fisheries
- Post-Harvest Activities
- Animal Husbandry
Environment Project Areas

- Environmental Education
- Environmental Awareness
- Ecotourism
- Natural Resources Management
- Agroforestry/forestry
- Parks and Wildlife
Health
Promoting Healthy Lifestyles

- Behavior Change and Communication
- Food and Nutrition
- Health Workers and Peer Educators
- Malaria/Mosquito-borne illnesses
- Maternal and Child Health
- Men's Health
- Organizational Development
- Reproductive Health
- School-Based Health
- Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
Teacher & Student Competitions are Available in the Areas of:

While intrinsic rewards are the highest of all accolades, World Wise Schools continue to offer incentives for:

- **Teacher Lesson Plans and Thematic Units**

- **Student Programs**
  (Life Skills, Sports, Arts, Music, Theater, Multi-Media, Spelling Bees, Health & Wellness, Entrepreneurship Training, ICT Literacy, Service Learning, and Environmental Action)
Video Segment of the Peace Corps at Work & Teamed Up With Schools Across the Globe

http://youtu.be/DwIdClyaq7I