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EDITOR'S NOTE

We want to thank Andreas, Bernd and Rosi of the Amelia-Earhart-Oberschule for their contribution to the INEPS Newsletter. We look forward to more such contributions from all of you. Send your pieces to the Newsletter to: bschlies36@aol.com

PRODUCTIVE LEARNING AT THE AMELIA-EARHART-OBERSCHULE IN BERLIN - TREPTOW



The Newspaper Project "Baum Blatt" ("tree sheet")

Our newspaper project represents a substantial element of our public relations. In the context of this project we developed a network that gradually opens new practice places for our pupils. At the same time it offers our partners (trade, physicians, attorneys etc.) the chance to recruit through the medium of a newspaper. This communication level developed for "tree sheet" a quarterly magazine with the name „Baum Blatt". In this project practice sites within the medium range are developed under the guidance of our co-workers. The pupils learn how to work, create and edit journalistic texts. Gradually they gain knowledge in handling computer programs. The layout, picture production and processing represent further fields of work. The necessary means were made available to promote this project from ESF. Beyond this the magazine „tree sheet" promotes contacts between school/productive learning and the surrounding field/neighborhood. From the beginning our pupil's participation connects the acquisition of knowledge with a high measure of sole responsibility.

The Productive Learning Boat Project of the Amelia-Earhart-Oberschule

We understand that productive learning is a good way to learn very practical and occupation-oriented skills. The students chose this project by electing it each trimester for 3 days a week. On this occasion they will acquire their skills or commercial abilities working on a discarded craft. In our project, we developed this practice-place idea itself for the students to manage. We acquired an old wooden boat at a very low price. This boat was to be restored by the students again. At the moment 6 students will do the work on this project from both classes 9 and 10. The activities will range from planning the work and materials, purchasing the tools and materials for painting and joining. The necessary methods applied in this project came from the ESF (European socially-back).

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICITY

On 10/25/06 the English version of DWTY (German TV) featured a piece on educating the poor and minorities in Germany. They featured the Jean Piaget Oberschule in Berlin. Your editor caught it sitting in New York City. We congratulate Marion Lang, her staff and students for such a wonderful piece which emphasized the positive aspects of Productive Learning and the joy of learning.

