

## ODEC E-NEWSLETTER

### International DEC Conference in Portland

Join us in October at the Portland Hilton and Executive Tower for the 21st Annual International Conference on Young Children with Special Needs and Their Families. The Conference will provide you with great opportunities across a wide range of topics: (1) assessment, (2) families, (3) cultural/linguistic diversity, (4) intervention, (5) international, (6) personnel preparation, (7) policy/administration, (8) professionalism/leadership, (9) research, (10) service coordination, and more. The preliminary program is now available online at the DEC web site.

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Donate artwork for the  
DEC charitable art auction

### Attention ARTISTS!

Here is your chance to get your masterpiece recognized...

The DEC will be hosting a charitable silent art auction at the conference. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate artwork to be celebrated at the DEC international conference in Portland, please contact Tim Andrews at [tandrews@mesd.k12.or.us](mailto:tandrews@mesd.k12.or.us).

Hi Families,

### Family Focus

Consider attending the DEC conference. From the preliminary listing of workshops, different areas of interest might be language, social emotional, behavior, interventions, etc. I listed sessions specified for families.

- [Love, Language, and Literacy: Foundations of School Readiness for All Young Children](#)
- [Building Partnerships in Critical Times](#)
- [Addressing Challenging Behaviors in the Home: Strategies for Families](#)
- [Using Eco-Mapping to Understand Family Strengths and Resources](#)

There are more sessions, presentations and workshops.

If you have any questions, just email me. I will be happy to talk with you. ~Suzanne McManus, ODEC Family Representative

Check out our updated **ODEC** web site at <http://www.tr.wou.edu/dec/>

### Especially for DEC Student Members

We are planning several activities just for students at the DEC conference. Here are some of the special student activities: (1) student research presentations, (2) student activities committee meeting, (3) student activities committee luncheon reception for student members, (4) career fair, (5) student hospitality room, (6) publishing in DEC journals, (7) disseminating research findings, and (8) securing funding for research.

More information can be found at [http://www.dec-sped.org/pdf/annualconference/DEC2005\\_PProgram.pdf](http://www.dec-sped.org/pdf/annualconference/DEC2005_PProgram.pdf). As you all know, student DEC members will receive a discount. I hope you will not miss this great chance in Portland. See you then! ~Jinai No, ODEC Student Representative

### Happy Spring!



### Volunteer at the Conference

We need you! If you are interested in volunteering at the conference, we have a great deal for you. Give us 4 hours of your time and we'll take 50% off your registration fee. Contact Linda Crum, the Program Host Chair, for details at 503.228.8481 or [lindacr@easystreet.com](mailto:lindacr@easystreet.com).

For questions or comments, email us at [mmacy@uoregon.edu](mailto:mmacy@uoregon.edu) or call 541.346.0809