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KENAN FELLOW LAURA LEWIS BEGINS WORK



New Voices Kenan Fellow, Laura Lewis, in coordination with mentors, Dr. Pat Porter and Dr. Karen Erickson, just finished her first on-site set of Kenan seminars - curriculum development and teaching in the global economy. After completing a second week-long program on leadership and communication, she will continue developing adapted science lessons, consistent with the North Carolina Standard Curriculum for students in grades K-3 with severe communication and mobility problems. Her research will involve the assessment of the impact of these lessons on the child's classroom participation, literacy learning and content knowledge. The analysis of her research data will allow her to develop a set of rules for the adaptation of standard lessons in order to allow for teachers and therapists to modify curricula to allow full, authentic inclusion of these children into the education activities within the regular classroom.



NV ADVISOR BILL McNEAL BOOK RELEASE!

New Voices Advisor Bill McNeal will be at Quail Ridge Books on Wednesday, July 30, at 7 pm to discuss his new book, *A School District's Journey to EXCELLENCE*. Co-author Thomas B. Oxholm will also be on-hand to discuss the book's premise that there are four essential elements to be effective - courage, heart, brains and home. Hope to see you there!

GRANT FROM MARY DUKE BIDDLE FOUNDATION



The Mary Duke Biddle Foundation has awarded a grant to New Voices Foundation to help advance its work with Footpath Pictures Inc. in Raleigh. New Voices and Footpath partnered in 2006 to produce a documentary on New Voices children. A short version was produced and shown at the April New Voices launch event in RTP. Now a full documentary can be completed to expand and improve public understanding of our special needs kids. Thank you!



Advisor of the Month - Ave Lachiewicz



Dr. Ave Lachiewicz is New Voices Advisor of the Month – and rightly so! She was an original Triangle New School Planning Council member in 2006 and now serves on our Professional Advisory Committee. Ave is an Associate Professor in the Duke University Department of Child Development and Behavioral Pediatrics, an expert and long-time strong advocate for children with special needs. Ave was a member of the 2007 team that visited Cotting School in Lexington, Mass. to help plan the New Voices Assessment and School Program. She has provided leadership in plans for the health and wellness aspects of the New Voices Initiative. We are always encouraged by her advice and value her regular involvement in New Voices Foundation activities.