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## International View In Education To Get Emphasis

The growing movement to infuse a global perspective into the curriculum and classroom activities will get an added boost by a Langley, Washington educator and author August 15-16 when she addresses elementary and middle school teachers of the Central Bucks School District.

Catherine W. Scherer, president of Simon & Barkee, Inc., publisher of children's books that have international themes related to content in core subjects, will press the issue that students must have an awareness and acknowledgement of the world beyond their own city, state and country.

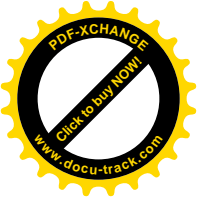
Teaching students about the history, politics and culture of other countries does not have to be a separate subject, according to Scherer, who contends that a global perspective is easily assimilated into classroom materials already under study and tested under state and federal school improvement initiatives.



"There is a tendency for schools in this country to focus exclusively on the U.S. perspective, as well as high stakes and standardized testing in core subjects, Scherer explains. "But the reality is that there are six billion people in the world, and 95 percent of them don't live here."

Scherer adds that teachers are becoming better conduits of international education in their classrooms. It is evident in at least 18 states, she says, where policies encourage or require greater attention to instruction in world history.

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The guest speaker will be hosted by Bucks County School District curriculum planner Jenny Clark and Carla McDermot Walls, a Titus Elementary teacher. They are among 35 other district Global Connections teachers working to place international themes into prevailing subjects.

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