

## Message from an Inclusive Education Enthusiast

I received your flyer about inclusive education month from a co-worker and I immediately visited your website. I am a Speech Language Pathologist at [Upper Canada District School Board in Ontario](#) and inclusive education has been my passion for my whole 14 year career. On your website you asked us to let you know what we will be doing to celebrate Inclusive Education Month 2011.



At Upper Canada District School Board we have developed SMART Inclusion, a grass roots initiative that involves using SMARTBoards and assistive technology scaffolded by theory such as Universal Design for Learning, Differentiated Instruction and the Participation Model allowing ALL students to achieve meaningful social and academic participation. I have attached an article on SMART Inclusion that was just published in the Closing the Gap magazine [summarizing the first year of this initiative](#). We continue to research this concept and we are currently involved in a 2 year research project with two SMART Inclusion schools where technology and theory are being used to include ALL students from [Kindergarten](#) to [Grade 8](#). February 24, 2011 we will host a SMART Inclusion Day where we open our schools to school districts and agencies from across North America and beyond to see SMART Inclusion in action and to meet the real stars of the show - our students:) For more information on SMART Inclusion visit us at [smartinclusion.wikispaces.com](http://smartinclusion.wikispaces.com). [The SMART Inclusion team](#) is sharing resources here to help others along this most exciting road [that](#) we have been traveling along for the past three years.

Thanks for your passion and for your vision,

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*"Only those who risk going too far can possibly find out how far one can go."*

- T.S. Eliot