



## Bridgeport Public Schools

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### **Bridgeport Public Schools Hosts 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Conference Oct. 20**

**Bridgeport, CT – October 19, 2007** – The Bridgeport Public Schools' 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Literacy Conference will be held on Sat., Oct. 20 at Cesar Batalla School from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The conference is open to parents, children and early childhood educators.

Irene Smalls, nationally acclaimed children's author, storyteller and historian, will be the conference keynote speaker. Her books include *My Nana and Me* and *My Pop and Me*. Each family will receive a copy of one of Smalls' books and a book signing will be conducted after the conference from 12:00 to 12:30 p.m. Following Small's presentation, workshops will be available to adults and activities will be provided for children.

"This conference is a dynamic exchange designed to involve parents in their child's education because they are a child's first educators," said Mary Beth Stickley, Director of Early Childhood Programs.

For more information about the Literacy Conference, please contact Early Childhood Programs at 332-2830.

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