



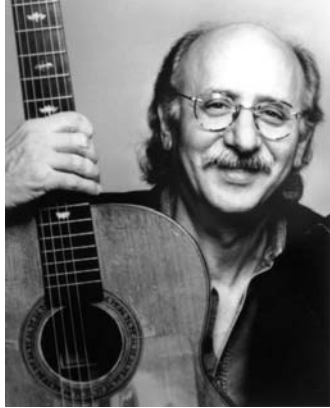
# Nassau TRACT

## Teacher Center



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### Operation Respect: Don't Laugh At Me

Tuesday, November 4, 2003 - 7:30 AM- 2:30 PM

Violence in schools and in classrooms is on the rise. Today's teachers must not only teach, they must be able to create a safe, caring and reassuring environment that is free from hostility, fear and ridicule in which students can learn. As such we are very pleased to announce that our keynote address will be delivered by **Peter Yarrow**, of Peter, Paul and Mary, and founder of Operation Respect, a non-profit organization whose *Don't Laugh At Me* School Programs "are designed to help teachers and students create a respectful, compassionate and ridicule-free

environment that nurture both the emotional/social and academic growth of students." Peter will be joined by Charlotte Frank, Co-Chair of Operation Respect and Senior Vice President of McGraw-Hill. The McGraw-Hill Companies are the major corporate sponsor of Operation Respect.

Following Peter Yarrow's presentation, attendees will participate in hands-on, experiential sessions that will provide an understanding of the program, open the door to discussion and stimulate the development of strategies and techniques that can be used to implement the program in all content areas.

### STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE: A STANDARDS BASED CONFERENCE

Tuesday, November 18, 2003 - 7:30 AM to 3:00 PM

Keynote speaker Steve Seskin will present excerpts from one of the premier character education programs in schools today, *Operation Respect: Don't Laugh At Me*. The goal of the program is to create emotionally safe, nurturing environments for children, where they can learn academics as well as respect, compassion and how to celebrate rather than be threatened by diversity. It's not about "tolerance," it's about acceptance.

Dr. Lindamichellebaron, *edutainer* extraordinaire, is returning to Nassau TRACT. Her address will focus on creating an environment that enhances character development. She will offer specific and creative strategies that intertwine the standards with the content areas as well as with the social and emotional needs of our students.

The conference will include two sets of workshop sessions. A complete schedule of the conference can be found in the Standard's Brochure or online at [www.nassautract.org](http://www.nassautract.org). If you would like a new brochure send an email to [les@nassautract.org](mailto:les@nassautract.org).

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## WEB SITES

### Math Sites:

[www.quickmath.com](http://www.quickmath.com) and [www.calc101.com](http://www.calc101.com) – enter an expression and get an answer to problems dealing with polynomial factoring, multiplication, long division and integration and differentiation.

[www.mathforum.org/dr.math](http://www.mathforum.org/dr.math) - database of math problems and tutorial solutions

### Edgar Allan Poe:

[Knowingpoe.thinkport.org/default\\_flash.asp](http://Knowingpoe.thinkport.org/default_flash.asp) – lets users explore Poe through more than 10 different interactive activities.

### Historical Documents:

[www.ourdocuments.gov](http://www.ourdocuments.gov) – a site of the National Archives and Records Administration and National History Day Inc. contains scanned copies of original speeches, treaties, Supreme Court cases, patent designs and other documents that affected American History.

[www.oyez.org](http://www.oyez.org) – pronounced OHYAY which means “hear ye” in Middle English, this site contains streaming audio and MP3 files of Supreme Court proceedings.

### Foreign Language:

[www.clta.net/lessons](http://www.clta.net/lessons) - this site offers student activities tied to Web sites in Spanish, French and German.

### K-3:

[www.colgatebsbf.com](http://www.colgatebsbf.com) – bright smiles, bright futures web site that provides oral health education for elementary students.

### Middle School:

[www.pbs.org/johnshopkins](http://www.pbs.org/johnshopkins) - this site examines new and established links between human diseases and deteriorating environmental conditions on a global scale.

### Albert Einstein:

[www.alberteinstein.info](http://www.alberteinstein.info) – includes more than 900 scientific documents and personal papers detailing one of the world’s most fascinating minds.

## BEST PRACTICES

Have a favorite lesson plan? Know a colleague who has a great unit?

There are great things happening in our schools. We will be publishing a Best Practices Booklet. Send your entries to [best@nassautract.org](mailto:best@nassautract.org). Share what happens in your classroom and school.

### LISTSERVE

Join the TRACT email list for the latest info and updates. Send an email to [list@nassautract.org](mailto:list@nassautract.org) to join.

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## TECHNOLOGY TIPS

### WI – FI

Wireless Fidelity – a certification program created by the Wi-Fi Alliance to insure interoperability among 802.11 products. Only devices that are Wi-Fi-certified may bear the Wi-Fi logo.

You can set up a wireless network in your home for under \$100. Surf the Net from your backyard or any room of your house.

If purchasing a new laptop you might want to consider the Intel Pentium M processor designed for mobile technology.

[www.microsoft.com/hardware/broadbandnetworking](http://www.microsoft.com/hardware/broadbandnetworking) - information and tips for setting up a home network and wireless configuration.

## EQUIPMENT/SOFTWARE FOR LOAN

Our Teacher Center has laptops and equipment for you to borrow and software that you can preview. To view the list visit [www.nassautract.org](http://www.nassautract.org) and follow the links to equipment/software. You can reserve material online or call the office to see if your choice is available. If you reserve online call the office to make sure the items you need are available.

### COLLABORTIVE LEARNING - LEARNING CENTERS

Plan to borrow 5 laptop computers to use in your classroom. You may keep the computers for several weeks until your project is completed. The computers can be set up with software of your choosing, if available.

## CALL FOR PRESENTERS

Do you have an expertise in the area of Technology? Know someone in your school who does? Share your talents at the annual Technology Helps Educate Conference on January 20.

Each presentation should be two hours in length. Send an email with the topic and brief description to: [the@nassautract.org](mailto:the@nassautract.org)

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