

## NEWS RELEASE



### **ePals Connecting African Classrooms with Schools Worldwide**

#### **ePals Co-Founder Presenting at eLearning Africa on Global Classroom Connections through the Use of Safe, Protected Tools**

ACCRA, GHANA (May 29, 2008) –African schools and ministries of education have an opportunity for their students and teachers to safely connect online with classrooms worldwide, at no cost, with ePals ([www.epals.com](http://www.epals.com)), the largest and fastest growing global social network for meaningful learning. During eLearning Africa 2008 on May 29th, Tim DiScipio, co-founder of ePals, will demonstrate how the ePals Global Community, SchoolM@il, SchoolBlog and other collaborative technologies, help ePals schools make global project connections to improve critical digital literacy and 21st century skills.

“The Internet is helping schools create meaningful and effective project-based learning environments for students and teachers to connect and collaborate globally to learn about other countries and cultures, to practice language skills and develop global awareness,” said DiScipio. “These classroom exchanges enable 21st century shared learning regardless of geography, cultural background or economic status, and become important contributors to the global experience, and ultimately, the global economy.”

The company’s ongoing efforts provide African students and educators with the ability to create free cross-cultural penpal and project sharing programs in a safe, protected context using ePals.com and its rich set of communication tools. In addition, ePals’ safe learning community, connectivity tools and digital literacy curricula give educators the opportunity to help their students enhance 21st century literacy skills. Offering mobile access to students across Africa, the company recently partnered with Intel to offer access to its safe and connected Global Learning Community to users of the classmate PC.

During the conference on Thursday, May 29, visit DEM14 from 16:00-17:45 to see the demonstration of the ePals social learning network, ePals SchoolM@il and SchoolBlog. For more information on ePals and its tools, please visit [www.epals.com](http://www.epals.com)

Founded in 1996 and merged with In2Books in 2006, ePals offers K-12 students and teachers around the world a safe environment for building and exchanging knowledge based on protected connectivity tools, evidence-based curricula and authentic, collaborative learning experiences. The ePals Global Learning Community™ ([www.epals.com](http://www.epals.com)) is the largest online community of K-12 learners, enabling more than 325,000 educators across 200 countries and territories to safely connect, exchange ideas, and work together. The company’s mission is to support lifelong learning through collaborative experiences that empower and inspire

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