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Tuesday, March 2, Building Community Through Play: How Friendship, Fantasy and Fairness Become the Building Blocks of a New Society. 7:00-8:30 PM, Carleton Washburne School, 515 Hibbard Rd., Winnetka, 60093. **Vivian Gussin Paley** taught preschool and kindergarten at the **University of Chicago's** acclaimed **Laboratory School** for over 30 years. She is the author of thirteen books about young children, including, *You Can't Say You Can't Play*, *A Child's Work: The Importance of Fantasy Play*, and her brand-new book, *The Boy on the Beach: Building Community Through Play*. A winner of numerous awards and honors, including a **MacArthur Fellowship "Genius Grant,"** Ms. Paley has long advocated that fantasy play is the mechanism through which children make sense of their worlds. Such meaning-making activity develops both the logic and flexibility needed to form a society based on friendship, fantasy and fairness. Come hear Ms. Paley advocate for "building community through play," a positive message encouraging curiosity, openness, acceptance and love. Sponsored by the **Family Awareness Network of New Trier Township (FAN), The Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood, Kohl Children's Museum and MakeltBetter.net,** FAN's 09-10 exclusive media sponsor. This is a must-see free event for parents, educators and anyone who works with young children. We'll have advance copies of Ms. Paley's new book for sale and signing – not available in stores yet! CPDUs for education professionals. For more information, visit www.fan-ntts.org, or contact The Winnetka Alliance for Early Childhood at 847-441-9001, www.winnetkaalliance.org.