



San Diego Unified School District Newsline

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In the News

A profile of Marston Middle School teacher Eduardo Ochoa appeared in today's issue of *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. Eduardo was recently selected one of four San Diego County Teachers of the Year. To read the profile, go to

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20061013/news_2m13ochoa.html.

SDUSD Fraud Hotline Goes Live

The new SDUSD Fraud Hotline provides employees with a simple and effective means to report fraud or financial abuse. Reports can be made by calling toll free (800) 539-6621 or going to an external website at www.tnwinc.com/reportline/university. All contacts are confidential. Employees can choose to remain anonymous. For information or with questions, contact Andrea Niehaus at aniehaus@sandi.net or (619) 725- 5692.

Days of National Concern Set for October 17 and 18

The Student Pledge Against Gun Violence is a national program that honors the role young people, through their own decisions, can play in reducing gun violence. The campaign culminates each year on a Day of National Concern with students signing a pledge that encourages them to take a proactive stance in reducing gun violence. To obtain a copy of the pledge, go to the district's Day of Concern webpage at <http://www.sandi.net/events/concern/index.htm>. The pledge is available for K-12 students in English and Spanish. Interested schools can check out Day of Concern videos or get more information from the Race/Human Relations and Advocacy Department at (858) 490-8678.

Board President's Scholarship Deadline is October 20

The Board President's Scholarship Award is awarded annually to two monthly classified employees interested in becoming teachers. Completed applications must be received in the Board of Education Office, Room 2231, Eugene Brucker Education Center, by 5 p.m., Friday, October 20. Each winner will each receive a \$1,000 check at the Tuesday, November 14 Board of Education meeting. Prior recipients are not eligible to reapply. To get a copy of the application, contact the Board of Education office at (619) 725-5550.

District Trainings

• **Office Depot Orientations Continue**

Orientations about the Office Depot online ordering system are scheduled for:

— Wednesday, October 18, from 2 to 3:30 p.m., in the Fremont Center Auditorium

— Friday, October 27 and November 3, from 9:30 to 11 a.m., in the Ed Center Auditorium

Anyone registered on PeopleSoft Financials, as either an "approver" or "requestor," and who has not yet attended this orientation, should attend. Reservations required. For information or reservations, contact John Groll at jgroll@sandi.net or (858) 496-1989.

SDUSD Logo Shirts for Sale

The Education Center Building Committee is selling ladies' and men's t-shirts, oxford shirts and denim shirts with the new SDUSD logo. Orders will be placed every Monday and delivered in two weeks. For information or to place an order, contact Pat Moulton at (619) 725-5501.

Office Depot Offers Discounts to SDUSD Employees

Interested employees can register their personal credit cards with Office Depot online at https://odams.officedepot.com/registrations/sdusd_cc.php and receive the discounted SDUSD contract price on purchases made at any Office Depot retail store. The discount, approximately 43% below regular prices, will be activated 48 hours after registering online. Items must be purchased as CREDIT not DEBIT. Only items included in the SDUSD contract are eligible for the discount. For information, contact John Groll at jgroll@sandi.net or (858) 496-1989.

Run for Office on the CSA Board

The Community Service Association (CSA), the district's employee contribution club, invites all CSA members who are interested in running as a candidate for the CSA Board to contact Michelle Fettig at (619) 282-9595 or Mary Bartholomew at (619) 465-2210 before Friday, October 20. Open board positions include one certificated, one classified and one administrative. CSA site reps will receive information at meetings on Monday, October 30.

Professional Development

- **School Community Violence Prevention Webcast**

The School/Law Enforcement partnership will present a live, interactive webcast for the School Community Violence Prevention Program on Tuesday, October 17, from 1 to 4 p.m., at the North SD County Office of Education in San Marcos. Registration is free. Space is limited. For information or to register, contact Wayne Sakamoto at (858) 292-3569.

- **Reading Workshop Offered at USD**

The Slingerland Institute for Literacy in cooperation with the University of San Diego (USD) presents *Techniques for Teaching Reading Skills* on October 20-21 and October 27-28. The course is appropriate for all age levels and all educational settings. For information, go to <http://www.slingerland.org/workshops/index.htm>.

- **Children's Health and Education Luncheon Conference**

The San Diego Committee for Stress-Free Schools invites educators to a no fee luncheon on Friday, October 20, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Doubletree Club Hotel, 1515 Hotel Circle South, San Diego. The conference topic is *Improving Academic Achievement and Preventing and Treating Stress, Anxiety, Depression and Learning Disabilities in the Schools through Meditation*. For information or to register, go to www.westcoast.stressfreeschools.org.

- **Summer BCLAD Certificate Program in Mexico**

The Policy Studies in the Department of Education at San Diego State University is now accepting applications for the BCLAD certification summer 2007 Study Abroad program in Querétaro, Mexico. For information or application, contact Jacquelyn Tamayo at mtamayo@mail.sdsu.edu or (619) 594-1184 ext. 2.

Funding Alerts

- **Rodale Offers Organic School Garden Awards**

Schools with an organic garden used for educational purposes can apply for a Rodale Institute award. The first place winner will receive \$1,000; second place \$500; and third place \$250. The deadline to apply is Tuesday, October 31. For information or to apply, go to www.kidsregen.org/gardens/index.shtml.

- **NEA Foundation Achievement Grants Available**

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation offers \$5,000 grants to improve academic achievement of students (this was formerly known as the "innovation grants" program). Applications may be submitted at any time, and are reviewed three times a year. For information or to apply, go to

www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm.

Student Opportunities

- **Send Free Postcards to U.S. Troops Overseas**

A new website, www.LetsSayThanks.com, sponsored by Xerox Corporation allows people to select a postcard drawn by children ages 6-14 and write a personal message to be sent to deployed forces overseas.

- **2007 Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Conference**

Applications for the 17th Annual Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Conference are now available. The conference will take place at the State Capitol on March 29 – April 1, 2007. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, November 6. For information, contact Tony Wong at (916) 508-6030 or go to <http://apylp.org/application.html>.

- **Field Trip Opportunity to Ship Launch**

The General Dynamics NASSCO shipyard will christen and launch a new U.S. Navy resupply ship on Wednesday, December 6, at 8:30 a.m. The new ship will be called the USNS Alan Shepard, in honor of the late astronaut. The launch of the new ship will be a particularly rare event since it will be held on a weekday. Schools are invited to attend the launch at the shipyard located at 28th Street and Harbor Drive in San Diego. For information, contact Karl Johnson at kjohnson@nassco.com or (619) 544-8860.

Student, Adult Volunteers Needed

The 24th Annual National Association of Black Storytellers Convention will be held at the Hazard Center Doubletree Hotel in San Diego on November 14 -19. Volunteering for this event is an excellent opportunity for students needing to fulfill community service hours. For information or to volunteer, contact Veronica Gerace at (619) 656-6809 or Flo Edmunds at (619) 443-4397.

Upcoming Events

- **Cabrillo Elementary Turns 100**

Everyone is invited to attend Cabrillo Elementary's Centennial Celebration this evening, October 13, beginning at 6 p.m. For information, call (619) 223-7154.

- **Borders Educators Savings Week October 12 - 17**

Borders Educator Savings Week is taking place at all Borders, Borders Express and Waldenbooks stores through Tuesday, October 17. All SDUSD employees and retirees with proof of employment can receive a special 25 % discount* on classroom and personal purchases. A special reception with food, fun and prizes will be held Friday, October 13, from 4 to 8 p.m., at all Borders Store (not Borders Express) locations.

*Discount on DVD's is 20%.

- **Join the Fight Against Breast Cancer**

The American Cancer Society's "Making Strides San Diego" walk will take place on Sunday, October 22, in Balboa Park. The four-mile walk will raise funds to support breast cancer research. Sadly, among professional women, teachers are the most likely to die from breast cancer. Employees can walk as an individual, start a team, join a team (including the SDEA team) or make a donation. For information, go <http://makingstrides.acsevents.org>.

- **Make/Save Money at Ed Center Flea Market**

Make extra money on your new/used items or come shopping for bargains, or both. The Eugene Brucker Education Center Building Committee is holding a flea market Saturday, October 28, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the main parking lot of the Ed. Center. Rental space is open to all SDUSD employees and the community. For information and rental space application, contact Julie Hendershot at jhendershot@sandi.net or (619) 725-7317.

- **San Diego Symphony Young People's Concert Scheduled**

Tickets are now on sale for *The World of Opera* Young People's Concert scheduled for November 8 and 9, at 9:30 and 11 a.m., at Copley Symphony Hall. Tickets are \$5 per student for the performances geared for grades K-8. For information, contact James Miles at jmiles@sandiegosymphony.org or (619) 615-3911.