



San Diego Unified School District

Newsline

January 8, 2007

Schools, Offices Close for Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday

All schools and central offices will be closed Monday, January 15, in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday. Resources for commemorating Dr. King can be found at https://www.sandi.net/staff/principals/resources/mlk_commemoration.html.

District Volunteer Sign-in Sheet Revised

The Volunteer Sign-in Sheet has been modified by our Legal Department to clarify the language for staff and parent/community volunteers. Please use the new Sign-in Sheet found at http://www.sandi.net/depts/comm_relations/vol_signin.pdf. For information or with questions, contact Ellen Tiffany at etiffany@sandi.net or (619) 725-5594.

Discover Program Winter Offerings

Don't miss out on the upcoming professional development opportunities offered this winter by the Discover Program. For information, to register or to see a list of upcoming classes, visit the Discover Program website at <http://216.122.44.192/SandiNetDiscover/> or contact Esther Caluza at ecaluza@sandi.net or (858) 496-1887.

Discover Program Seeking Instructors

Do you have knowledge that you would like to share with other professionals? The Discover Program is seeking instructors to teach classes to employees. The Discover Program offers a variety of professional development and training opportunities to both certificated and classified employees. Courses provide opportunities for teachers to earn district salary enhancement credit. Instructors are paid \$43.43 per hour for teaching time and \$29.31 for preparation time spent outside of assigned workday. If you are interested in teaching a course, contact Esther Caluza at ecaluza@sandi.net or (858) 496-1887.

GATE Department Distinguished Lecture Series

The Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Department welcomes all interested individuals to attend the next Distinguished Lecture Series program on Wednesday, January 17, in the Education Center auditorium. Both sessions will be presented by Dr. Carolyn Light. Reservations are not required.

- **4 to 6 p.m. - Educator Series** (open to all), "Meeting the Needs of Gifted Children: Social and Emotional Considerations"
- **7 to 8:30 p.m. - Parent Series** (open to all), "Contemplating the Challenging Concept of Creativity"

For information, contact Marcia DiJiosia at MarciaDi@aol.com or (858) 573-5998.

Professional Development

January SDCOE Technology Workshops

The San Diego County Regional Technology Centers is offering several workshops in January. Classes are available for teachers, support personnel and students. Classes are appropriate for K-12 and include:

- **Google Earth in the Classroom** on Wednesday, January 24, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Fee: \$10
- **Copyright Wisdom when using Music in Multimedia for Education** on Wednesday, January 24 (see website for times). Fee: \$20
- **iMovie Basic Training** on Friday, January 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fee: \$150

For information and a list of upcoming workshops, visit the website at <http://www.sdcoe.net/edtechcal.asp> or contact Becki Goehl at bgoehl@sdcoe.net or (858) 292-3832.

Student Opportunities

- **Essay Competition for 4th and 5th Graders**

The State Bar of California is holding an essay contest for 4th and 5th graders. The essay contest asks students to tell why a certain law is useful or not, or to recommend a new law that affects kids. The top prize is a \$250 savings bond. Entry deadline is Thursday, February 1. For information, contact Diane Curtis at diane.curtis@calbar.ca.gov or (415) 538-2028.

- **Blacks In Government Greater San Diego Chapter Scholarship**

Blacks in Government, a non-profit organization for federal, state, county and local government employees, is offering a \$500 scholarship to African-American students who reside within the City or County of San Diego and who will be attending their first year of a four-year college or university in fall 2007. The deadline to file an application is Saturday, April 21. For information, contact the scholarship committee chairs, Mr. C.C. Smith at (619) 264-9130, or Mr. George Lindsay at (619) 479-2560.

Funding Alert

- **School Library Award Program**

The Sara Jaffarian School Library Program Award for Exemplary Humanities Programming recognizes, promotes and supports excellence in humanities programming in elementary and middle school libraries that serve children K-8. The winning school library will receive a \$4,000 cash award. The deadline application is Tuesday, February 27. For information and application form, visit the website at <http://www.ala.org/ala/ppo/jaffarianaward.htm>.

Parent Forum Set for February 7

Parent Voices for Education San Diego (PVSD) presents a Parent Forum, *Continuing our Conversation with Superintendent Carl Cohn and Interacting with the Area Superintendents*, on Wednesday, February 7, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the Harold J. Ballard Parent. The forum will include a discussion on the new district leadership structure and how it affects all of us. Child Care will be provided and Spanish translation will be offered. RSVP by Friday, February 2 at parentvoicessd@sbcglobal.net or (619) 688-0054.

Free Old Globe Tickets Available for Middle/High School Students

The Old Globe Theater is offering free student matinees to two upcoming shows. Act now. Tickets are given on a first come, first served basis. For information, contact The Old Globe Education Department at (619) 238-0043, ext. 2141.

Upcoming Events

- **Cookies with Carl**

District employees are invited to come by and speak with Superintendent Cohn at the next Cookies with Carl on Thursday, January 11, from 4 to 6 p.m., at Freese Elementary.

- **Dailard Elementary Celebrates 30th**

Dailard Elementary is celebrating its 30th birthday on Friday, March 23, at 5:30 p.m., at the school. Former and current staff members, students and parents of student(s) are invited to attend. The evening's festivities include entertainment by the school chorus, speakers, Memory Lane exhibit, giving opportunities to buy books for the library and dinner (for a nominal cost). RSVP's required for dinner. For information or to RSVP, contact Joan

Hayes at j-hayes@cox.net or Darlene Cason at dcason8640@sbcglobal.net.

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