



San Diego Unified School District

Newsline

January 22, 2007

Ed Center Information Desk Welcomes Visitors

The Eugene Brucker Education Center has a new Information Desk in the lobby near the auditorium. Ana Maria Ayub is assigned to the desk, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., to help direct visitors and callers to offices and departments at the complex. Employees should contact Ana Maria at aayub@sandi.net or (619) 725-8072 with information about upcoming Ed Center events or meetings that involve visitors. Ed Center offices/departments should make sure that the information desk has an up-to-date roster of current employees, telephone numbers, and locations. For information, contact Donis Armenta at darmenta@sandi.net.

Six Teachers Receive National Board Certification

A total of 149 district teachers have now earned National Board Certification. Congratulations to elementary school teachers Skye Bridwell (Audubon), Susan Lopez (Nye), Joseph Wainio (Horton) and Veronica Youso (Rosa Parks), middle school teacher Tona Wilson (Clark) and high school teacher Sylvia James (San Diego High School of International Studies) on receiving their certification in December. To learn about the process for becoming a National Board Certified Teacher, attend one of the district's upcoming information meetings. For information, contact Esther Caluza at ecaluza@sandi.net or (858) 496-1887.

Reminder: Enrollment Options Application Deadline is January 31

The 2007-08 Enrollment Options priority application deadline is January 31. All Enrollment Options Choice, VEEP, Magnet and Program Improvement School Choice applications received during the priority period will be on the first wait list released to schools in mid-March. Parents can submit an application at any district location. Enrollment Options posters for display are available through the Enrollment Options Office at eoptions@sandi.net, (619) 725-7153, or <http://sandi.net/enrollmentoptions/>.

Deadline for Teacher of the Year Nominations is Friday

The deadline to submit school site 2007-08 Teacher of the Year nominations) is Friday, January 26. Nomination forms can be emailed to lzintz@sandi.net, faxed to (619) 725-5576, or mailed to Room 2145 at the Ed Center. For information, go to <http://www.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0607/ac052.pdf>. School Site Teachers of the Year will be recognized at the May 8 Day of the Teacher Celebration. Nominees also have the opportunity to apply to the district-level competition. For information, contact Linda Zintz at lzintz@sandi.net or (619) 725-5568.

Spring Intersession Posting Begins

Opportunities for certificated staff at year-round schools to work during Spring Intersession (April 9 – 20) will be posted on the PeopleSoft eRecruit system from January 26 to February 28. Staff who transferred from a traditional calendar school site to a year-round calendar school site after July 1, 2006, may need to work Intersession to make-up for days missed in July. Check with your Payroll Specialist. Applications must be completed and submitted using the on-line application. For assistance, call (619) 725-8086 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

District Trainings

- **Prevention and Intervention Fair**

Learn about available intervention programs that address behavior and academic issues interfering with student achievement by attending the Prevention and Intervention Fair

being held January 24 and 25, from noon to 4:30 p.m., at the Ballard Parent Center. Information will be helpful in developing 2007-08 Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). Stop by anytime. No registration required. For information, contact Edward Caballero at ecaballero@sandi.net.

- **Free Grant Writing Workshop**

SDUSD Office of Resource Development and BP are collaborating to sponsor a two-hour grant writing workshop for educators interested in applying for special grants offered under the *A+ for Energy* program sponsored by BP. The free workshop is being held Tuesday, February 6, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., at Maintenance & Operations. The deadline to register is Tuesday, January 30. For information or to register, contact Mary Ramos at mramos1@sandi.net or (619) 725-7786.

CSA Extends Membership Deadline to Friday, January 26

The Community Service Association (CSA), the district's employee charitable club, has extended its annual membership campaign deadline to Friday, January 26. CSA collects and distributes funds to local nonprofit agencies on behalf of district employees. Employees interested in joining can obtain a payroll deduction (membership) form from school and work sites. Completed forms should be sent to CSA via school mail by January 26. For information, contact Mary Bartholomew, Membership Secretary, at (619) 465-2210.

Professional Development

- **Professional Tools: Online Resources**

Educators need information from comprehensive, user-friendly, online resources to improve learning and increase student performance. The Discover Program is offering two courses, Online Resources 101 and Online Resources 202, to provide information about appropriate online resources that can support student learning and research. For information or to register, contact Esther Caluza at ecaluza@sandi.net or (858) 496-1887, or visit the Discover Program website at <http://216.122.44.192/SandiNetDiscover/>.

- **Become a Distinguished Teacher in Residence**

Apply to become a Distinguished Teacher in Residence in the College of Education at California State University, San Marcos (CSUSM). SDUSD is one of several districts participating in this unique opportunity to educate future teachers. The deadline to submit an application is Monday, February 12. For information, contact Bonnie Schindler at bschindler@sandi.net or (858) 496-1861, or visit the CSUSM website at <http://lynx.csusm.edu/coe/outreach/DTiR.App.Process.asp>.

- **Learn Financial Wisdom for Life**

A two-day financial literacy course designed to teach real world money smarts, real-life tips and skills is being held Saturday, January 27 and February 3, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Marshall Middle School. The course is approved by SDUSD for salary advancement and is accredited for 2 to 4 semester units. For information, contact contact@iqinfinance.com or (858) 513-0103. To register, go to <http://iqinfinance.com/register>.

Student Opportunities

- **Family Histories Essay Competition for Grades 6 -12**

The New Americans Immigration Museum and Learning Center is now accepting essays for its 6th Annual Essay Competition. Students in grades 6-12 are welcome to apply. The application deadline is Friday, March 16. Applications, User's Guides, teacher aids and posters are available online at www.naimlc.org or by email at essay2007@naimlc.org.

- **Water Conservation Poster Contest for Grades 1-6**

The City of San Diego Water Department encourages all students in grades 1- 6 to enter

the 7th Annual Water Conservation Poster Contest. Each student will receive a certificate of participation. Winners will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, four tickets to the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center and a Certificate of Excellence. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, March 28. For information, contact DestreeL@CollaborativeServices.biz or (619) 232-2112 ext.104.

- **Maritime Museum Offers Field Trips**

The San Diego Maritime Museum offers field trips and tours throughout the year to school children of all ages. The Museum has many historic ships, including the Star of India, the oldest actively sailed ship; the Berkeley, an 1898 steam ferry boat; a Soviet submarine; and two other sailing ships including the HMS Surprise from the movie *Master and Commander*. For information, contact the Tour Coordinator at volunteer@sdmaritime.org or (619) 234-9153, ext. 135, or visit the Museum website at <http://www.sdmaritime.org>.

- **LEGOLAND Announces Title One Schoolwide School Days**

LEGOLAND California's special rates for Title One schools are available February 16, February 23, March 16, May 18, May 29, May 30, June 5 and June 6. Advanced reservations and payment are required four weeks in advance. For information, call (760) 438-LEGO or visit <http://www.legoland.com/education>.

- **MCRD Command Museum Offers Free Education Classes**

The Marine Corps Recruit Depot (MCRD) Command Museum is open to the public, free of charge, Monday to Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Education classes for grades 9-12 are offered by appointment. For information, contact JoAnna McDonald at joanna.mcdonald@usmc.mil or (619) 524-6038.

Upcoming Events

- **Mini-Conference to Help Parents**

Everybody Recommitting to Academic Achievement (ERAA) is sponsoring a free mini-conference at Morse High School on Saturday, January 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Topics include Parents Taking Leadership in Your Schools, Preparing for California Standards Test (CST) and the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). For information, call (619) 264-6860 or (619) 262-6954.

- **Valencia Park Celebrates 20 Years of Drama**

Valencia Park Center for Academics, Drama and Dance presents its 20th Anniversary Season with the production of the musical *Annie, Jr.* on February 1 and 2, at 7 p.m., and February 3, at 2 p.m. A 20th Anniversary Dessert Reception follows the February 3 performance at 3:45 p.m. For information and tickets, call (619) 264-0125, ext. 3022.

- **Mira Mesa High School Presents *Cinderella***

Performances of Mira Mesa High School Performing Arts Department's production of Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical *Cinderella* are scheduled for February 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. For information, contact dkriley@sandi.net or (858) 566-2262, ext. 4401, or visit the special Cinderella website.

- **MCASD Grand Opening for Educators**

The Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego (MCASD) hosts a free preview for educators of its new Jacobs Building, featuring art, food, music and prizes, on Tuesday, February 6, from 3 to 6 p.m. To RSVP or for information, contact education@mcasd.org or (858) 454-3541, ext. 151.

In the News

The re-opening of Lincoln High School in fall 2007 was the subject of an article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune*. On Saturday, January 20, hundreds of graduates from the old Lincoln High School brought their children and grandchildren to learn about the new Lincoln High School.

To read the article, go to

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20070121/news_1m21lincoln.html.

Budding playwright Ariel Cowell, a junior at University City High School, was featured in an article in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* and an article in the *University City Golden Triangle News*. Ariel was one of four winners of the 22nd annual California Young Playwrights Contest.

To read the article, go to

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20070113/news_lz1c13stage.html and

<http://www.sdnews.com/vnews/display.v/ART/07/01/12/45a837681f848>.

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