



San Diego Unified School District

Newsline

January 29, 2007

Nominate Your Site Classified Employee of the Year

School sites and district offices are encouraged to nominate a deserving candidate for the 2007 Classified Employee of the Year awards. Information and nomination petitions can be found at <http://www.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0607/ac059.pdf>. A nominee must be a classified employee with at least three years of service in a monthly position. The deadline to submit a nomination petition is Friday, March 2, by 5 p.m. Completed petitions should be sent or hand-delivered to Gloria Rangel at the Education Center, Room 1241. For information, contact Gloria at grangel@sandi.net or (619) 725-8172.

Summer School Posting Begins January 30

Summer School opportunities for certificated staff assigned to traditional calendar schools will be posted from Tuesday, January 30, to Friday, March 2, on the PeopleSoft eRecruit system. Teachers with math, science, English and special education credentials and experience are especially needed. Administrative Circular 64 posted on the web at <http://www.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0607/ac064.pdf> has details. To submit an application, go to the Quick Links section on the Human Resources website at <http://www.sandi.net/personnel/hr/index.htm>. For assistance, call the Human Resources at (619) 725-8086, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Reminder: Enrollment Options Application Deadline is Wednesday

The 2007-08 Enrollment Options priority application deadline is this Wednesday, 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. For information or an enrollment application, contact the Enrollment Options Office at eoptions@sandi.net or (619) 725-7153, or visit the website at <http://sandi.net/enrollmentoptions/>.

Reduced Work Load Program

Administrative Circular 57 posted on the web at <http://www.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0607/ac057.pdf> provides information about the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS) Reduced Workload Program for eligible, interested certificated staff. Applications and Reduced Work Load calendars for the coming school year must be received in Human Resources by Thursday, March 1. For information, contact Trish Wagner at pwagner@sandi.net or (619) 725-8011.

District Trainings

- **Deadline for Free Grant Writing Workshop is Tomorrow**
SDUSD Office of Resource Development and BP are collaborating to sponsor a free two-hour grant writing workshop for educators interested in applying for special grants offered under the *A+ for Energy* program. The workshop will be held Tuesday, February 6, from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., at Maintenance & Operations. The deadline to submit a registration form is tomorrow, January 30. For information or to register, contact Mary Ramos at mramos1@sandi.net or (619) 725-7786.
- **CSET Prep Courses Scheduled**
The district's Teacher Preparation and Student Support Division will offer California Subject Examinations for Teachers (CSET) Prep Courses to prepare teachers for the March 17,

2007 exam. Classes begin Thursday, February 22. Courses are available in Single Subject English, Single Subject Science, Single Subject Mathematics, and Multiple Subjects. Courses are free for district employees; \$60 for others. The registration form is due Thursday, February 15, by 5 p.m. For information or to register, contact Gail Butler at gbutler@sandi.net or (858) 539-5330.

CSA Announces 2007 Board Members

The Community Service Association (CSA), the district's employee charitable club, has announced its 2007 Board of Directors who will oversee the allocation of CSA funds to local nonprofit agencies throughout San Diego County. Bill Blankartz, special education teacher at Angier Elementary, will serve as CSA chairperson and Michele Brown, material coordinator with Maintenance and Operations, will serve as vice chairperson. Art Hanby, director of business support services, and Maureen Nolan, vice principal, Pacific Beach Middle School, will serve as the administrators' representatives. Cristina Carroll, teacher, Silver Gate Elementary; Camille Johnson, teacher, Sunset View Elementary; Barbara Shelosky, speech/language pathologist, Alcott Elementary; and Leslie Paculba, Marston Middle School head counselor, will serve as the certificated staff representatives. Noel Lyon, construction crew leader, Maintenance and Operations, and Debbie Zisa, personnel clerk, Human Resources, will serve as classified employees' representatives.

Academic League Moderators Needed

The Academic League is a competition between high schools in which teams answer questions based on various subjects. Moderators are needed at each match to ask pre-prepared questions and oversee the competition. Matches take place Thursday evenings, February through April, for approximately two hours. Moderators are paid per match and must be district employees and provide their own transportation. If interested, contact Rhonda Zawadzki at rzawadzki@sandi.net or Mark Heinze at mheinze@sandi.net.

Dr. Ruby Cremaschi-Schwimmer Scholarship Fund

Dr. Ruby Cremaschi-Schwimmer (December 27, 1939 – December 30, 2006) was a dedicated educator in San Diego for more than 30 years. She was principal at Lincoln High School, Muir Alternative, Montgomery Junior High, and Twain High School. The staff at Twain is honoring this beloved leader by establishing a scholarship in her name. For information or to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Joann Bertsch at jbertsch@sandi.net or Kathy Bell at kbell2@sandi.net.

Professional Development

- **SDCOE Offers Exciting Technology Workshops**

The San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE) is offering two workshops to enhance classroom learning using technology. "You Can Do That with PowerPoint?", part of the "You Can Do That?" Microsoft Office (LINK TO flyer) workshop series, and "Podcast Basic Training" will be held in February. To learn more or to register, go to the Educational Technology Calendar at <http://www.sdcoe.net/hrt2/?loc=edtechcal&m=4> or contact Becki Goehl at bgoehl@sdcoe.net or (858) 292-3832.

Upcoming Events

- **Sherman Groundbreaking Ceremony**

The groundbreaking ceremony for the rebuilding of Matthew Sherman Elementary School will be held Wednesday, January 31, at 10 a.m., at 450 24th Street, San Diego, 92102. To RSVP, contact Sheila Boling at (858) 637-6285.

- **PVSD Parent Forum**

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 this Friday, February 2, at parentvoicesd@sbcglobal.net or (619) 688-0054.

- **Annual Community Leaders Celebration Breakfast**

The Administrators Association of San Diego City Schools (AASD) Annual Community Leaders Celebration will be held on Thursday, February 15, at 7:30 a.m., at the Town and Country Resort and Convention Center in Mission Valley. Bill Maheu, executive assistant chief of the San Diego Police Department, will present "The Safety Climate of Schools Today." Cost is \$26 per person. For information or to register, contact Linda Crout-Hamel, at linda@aasdc.org or (619) 295-2118.

In the News

Counselors from Hoover High and Pershing Middle schools were featured in an article that ran in the *San Diego Union-Tribune* on January 22. The article focused on new state funding that will provide \$200 million to public middle and high schools throughout California to hire an additional 3,000 counselors. To read a copy of the article, go to

http://www.signonsandiego.com/uniontrib/20070122/news_1m22counsel.html.

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