



San Diego Unified School District

Newsline

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Keep Our Schools Safe

San Diego County Law Enforcement Officers are reminding school administrators and staff members to be vigilant about protecting school campuses from thefts. Recently, thieves have been using various methods to gain access to campuses by posing as parents looking for a new school for their child or just walking through an unsecured gate. The perpetrators walk into unlocked/unoccupied classrooms or offices and take wallets, credit cards, cash, purses or other small classroom items, then leave the campus.

Remember to monitor campus visitors. Make sure they properly check in at the front office. Try to escort visitors around campus whenever possible. Secure personal items and lock classrooms when unoccupied. If you have any information about a theft or need to report a theft, contact School Police at (619) 291-7678.

Deadline to Nominate Your Site Classified Employee of the Year is Friday

School sites and district offices are encouraged to nominate a deserving candidate for the 2007 Classified Employee of the Year awards. Information about the nomination process, go to <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 this 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.

Classified Catastrophic Leave Bank Needs Donations.

Many seriously ill or injured classified employees have been helped over the years by donations from the Classified Catastrophic Leave Bank. All monthly classified employees in the OTBS, PARA and OSS bargaining units have been sent Administrative Circular #71, found at <http://www.sandi.net/staff/circulars/0607/ac071.pdf>, announcing a special open enrollment to build up the bank's balance. Current members can make an additional donation and non-members can join and make an initial donation. A catastrophic leave donation form can be obtained online. Return the completed form as soon as possible to Human Resource Services Division, Room 1241. All donations are appreciated. For information, contact Gloria Rangel at grangel@sandi.net or (619) 725-8172.

Last Chance to Attend National Board Certified Teacher Info Meeting

The final informational meeting explaining the process to become a National Board Certified Teacher (NBCT) will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m., on Wednesday, March 28, at Roosevelt Middle School. All interested teachers are encouraged to attend. Learn about the district's National Board Program and its partnership with National University's Master's Program. NBCTs in high priority schools with API 5 or below will receive a \$20,000 stipend. For information, contact Esther Caluza at ecaluza@sandi.net or (858) 496-1887.

District Trainings

- **Office Depot Online Ordering Refresher Training**

All SDUSD employees registered as either Office Depot approvers or requesters should plan to attend a refresher training on online ordering. Sessions will be held on Thursday, March 15, or Thursday, March 22, from 3 to 4 p.m., in the Ed Center auditorium. Space is limited. For information or to make a reservation, email John Groll at jgroll@sandi.net.

Professional Development

- **Teaching about the Holocaust Workshop**
The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and San Diego State University (SDSU) Department of Educational Technology are offering a free workshop for classroom teachers on Friday, March 30, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at SDSU. Participation is limited to 50 applicants. For information, check online at <http://webquest.org/workshops/holocaust07/> or contact danmcdowell@cox.net.
- **Info Meetings on Educational Leadership/Administrative Credential Program**
Point Loma Nazarene University (PLNU) will be holding seven informational meetings during March and April for those interested in obtaining a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and/or a Preliminary Administrative Services Credential. The Administrative Credential can be earned in 12 months and the Master's degree can be earned with four additional classes. For information, contact Brian Thurman at brainthurman@pointloma.edu or (619) 563-2868.
- **SDSU Elementary Math Specialist Certificate Program**
A two-year Math Specialist Certificate program designed specifically for elementary school teachers is being offered by San Diego State University. All courses are offered at reduced tuition rates and are held at Mt. Everest Academy. Information is available online at <http://pdc.sdsu.edu> or by contacting jalbers@foundation.sdsu.edu or (619) 594-3403.

Student Opportunities

- **Kids Do Shakespeare**
The Second Annual San Diego Student Shakespeare Festival will be held from 12:30 to 5 p.m., on Saturday, April 28, in Balboa Park. The free event features performances by students in elementary, middle and high schools. For information, go to www.sandiegoshakespearesociety.org.
- **Sixth Anniversary Family Histories Essay Competition for Students**
Applications are available online or by request for this year's essay competition open to all SDUSD students in grades 3-12. Sixteen finalists will receive \$200 awards. Four grand prize winners will receive \$2,000 each. Submissions are now being accepted. The deadline date to enter is Friday, March 16. Learn more online at <http://www.naimlc.org> or email essay2007@naimlc.org.

Upcoming Events

- **Montgomery M.S. Family Success Center Grand Opening**
Montgomery Middle School is celebrating the grand opening of its Family Success Center (FSC) on Wednesday, February 28, from 5 to 6 p.m. Visit this new resource for parents to help their child(ren) succeed. Enjoy complimentary food and drink.
- **Conference of Somali Women Poetry**
The Center for Bridging Communities is sponsoring a Buraanbur Conference on Saturday, March 3, to commemorate International Women's Day. The conference brings together master buraanbur artists, community elders, families and students from San Diego Unified. It will be held at 7373 University Avenue in La Mesa. For information, visit <http://www.c4bc.org/> or contact Bridgingcomm@Gmail.com or (619) 881-7331.
- **AASD Annual Spring Conference**
Thinking on Your Feet: Improving Student Achievement through Brain-based Research will be presented by Jean Blaydes Madigan at the Administrators Association of San Diego City

Schools (AASD) annual spring conference. The conference will be held Thursday, March 22, from 8 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., at the Mission Valley Resort. Cost is \$50 per person. The registration deadline is Monday, March 12. For information, contact Linda at linda@asdc.org or (619) 295-2118.

- **Point Loma High School Open House**

The Point Loma High School Foundation and Alumni Association is presenting a Visual and Performing Arts Open House from 1 to 4 p.m., on Saturday, April 14. This event is a collaborative effort between PLHS staff, students, Foundation and the PTSA. For information, contact the school at (619) 223-3121.

- **Las Vegas Trip**

The Education Center Building Committee is sponsoring a three-day, two-night trip to Las Vegas from June 3-5. The trip is open to all district employees, their families and friends. Price is \$105 per person double or \$143 per person single. Price includes transportation in a luxury motor coach and two nights at the Four Queens Hotel. Only 50 seats are available. Must submit a reservation form no later than Friday, April 20. For information or to get a reservation form, contact LaDonna Chase at lchase@sandi.net or (619) 725-5653.

In the News

The Career Tech classes at Kearny High Educational Complex were spotlighted on KPBS-FM Radio. Reporter Ana Tintocalis interviewed senior John Pranger at Construction Tech Academy on February 19. To listen to the report, go to <http://www.kpbs.org/news/local?id=7407>.

The hard work of La Jolla Elementary parents in creating an outdoor classroom for kindergartners was featured in an article in the February 15 edition of the *La Jolla Village News*. To read the article, go to <http://www.sdnews.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2007/02/15/45d51047c0b8e>.

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