



San Diego Unified School District

Newsline

March 12, 2007

Mandatory School Technology Survey due Friday, March 16

The California School Technology Survey, which collects data that measures the progress of technology integration in classrooms, must be completed by one person at every school site by Friday, March 16. Completion of the survey is required under NCLB. Contact Mary Lange at mlange@sandi.net or Susan Levine at slevine@sandi.net for log-on credentials. To complete the survey, go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/et/rs/techsurvey.asp>.

Free Tutoring for P.I. School Students

The Supplemental Education Services (SES) program, part of No Child Left Behind (NCLB), provides free tutoring to children who require additional assistance and attend a Program Improvement (P.I.) school. SES is currently enrolling students for the second semester. Free tutoring booklets have been mailed to parents of eligible students. The application deadline is Friday, March 30. For information, contact the SES Dept. at (619) 725-7297 or (619) 725-8185 (Spanish) or visit the website at <http://www.sandi.net/nclb/ses/>.

Certificated Openings at Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary

The first list of certificated vacancies for Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School, opening in fall 2007, will be posted from Monday, March 19, through Wednesday, March 28. The list will be online in the Employment section on www.sandi.net. The new K-5 year-round school is located at 4271 Myrtle Avenue, 92105. For information, contact Trish Wagner at pwagner@sandi.net or (619)-725-8011.

Call for NIE 2007 Teacher of the Year Nominations

Nominations for the *San Diego Union-Tribune's* Newspaper in Education (NIE) "2007 Teacher of the Year" award are due Friday, March 16. NIE is looking for a teacher who utilizes the newspaper in the classroom and is a "go to" teacher for NIE. The winning teacher will be honored at the Greater San Diego Reading Association (GSDRA) annual awards banquet. For information, contact Kristen Johnson at kristen.johnson@uniontrib.com.

Refresher Course on Office Depot Online Ordering Procedure

All employees registered as either Office Depot approvers or requesters should attend an online ordering refresher course 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.

Public Auction Set for April 5

The district is holding a public auction on Thursday, April 5, at the Supply Center Yard, 2351 Cardinal Lane. Obsolete, beyond economical repair and unusable-by-the-district furniture and equipment will be for sale. Registration and preview start at 9 a.m.; auction at 10 a.m. A \$200 cash refundable deposit is required to receive a bidder number. For information, contact Rose Gustafson at (858) 496-8020 or Anstead's Auctioneers and Associates at (619) 233-3148.

Professional Development

• **Discover Program Offers Acting Class**

The SDUSD Discover Program is offering *Teaching Theatrical Skills: Acting* course on Friday, March 23, from 4 to 8 p.m., and Saturday, March 24, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the IMC. Attendees will learn skills in acting, directing, and designing to create formal and informal theatre. Elementary school teachers are especially encouraged to take this course. For information, registration, or a list of upcoming classes, visit the Discover website at <http://216.122.44.192/SandiNetDiscover/> or contact ecaluz@sandinet.net or (858) 496-1887.

- **AAAE Annual Conference**

The Association of African American Educators (AAAE) Annual Conference will be held March 15 – 17, at the Mission Valley Marriott. For information, contact Darin Noyes at (619) 725-8019.

- **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 (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 today, March 12. For information, contact Linda at linda@asdc.org or (619) 295-2118.

Funding Alert

- **Leadership by Example**

Nominations are now being accepted for the Innovation in Education Awards, sponsored by the Classroom of the Future Foundation and the San Diego County Office of Education. Cash stipends of \$5,000 and \$10,000 will be awarded. The deadline to submit a nomination form is Monday, April 2. For information, contact cffstaff@list.sdcoe.net or (858) 292-3685.

- **Funds for Vocational & Technical Education**

Carl D. Perkins Vocational & Technical Education provides educational agencies with funding for the improvement of secondary and post-secondary vocational and technical education programs.

Applications are now available. The application deadline date is Tuesday, May 1. For information, go to <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fq/fo/profile.asp?id=1009> or contact Russell Weikle at rweikle@cde.ca.gov or (916) 324-5676.

Student Opportunities

- **Earth Day Poster Contest for Elementary Students**

Senator Barbara Boxer is sponsoring a poster contest for elementary school students in celebration of Earth Day on April 22. The theme is “What I Am Doing to Improve Our Environment – Earth Day 2007.” Posters must be 8½” x 11” and only crayons, magic markers and colored pencils can be used. The winning posters will be displayed on Senator Boxer’s website and in her Senate offices. All entries must be postmarked by Friday, April 6. For information, contact Able Sun at (213) 894-5000.

- **Last Call for Family Histories Essay Competition**

Applications are available online or by request for this year’s essay competition open to all SDUSD students in grades 3-12. The deadline date to enter is this Friday, March 16. Sixteen finalists will receive \$200 awards. Four grand prize winners will receive \$2,000 each. Learn more online at <http://www.naimlc.org> or email essay2007@naimlc.org.

- **San Diego’s 50 Best Moms Essay Contest**

Students in grades 4 -12 are eligible to enter an essay contest and tell “What makes your mom the best?” The three students who write the best essay in the elementary, middle and high school divisions will win a Sony VAIO laptop computer. The 50 Best Moms and three guests will be invited to a celebration on Saturday, May 12. The deadline to submit an entry form is this Thursday, March 15. For information, visit the Time Warner Cable website at www.twcsd.com.

- **Fourth Grade Cabrillo Art Contest**

Cabrillo Festival, Inc. invites fourth grade students to enter its annual art contest depicting the theme “Cabrillo Festival: Where Cultures Come Together and History Comes Alive!” The student with the winning entry will receive a \$100 U.S. savings bond; the student’s teacher will receive \$100 for use in the classroom. The winning piece of art will be featured in the Cabrillo Festival brochure. All contest entries must be received by Friday, June 1. For information, contact Mary Correia at (619) 223-0056.

Limited Time 24 Hour Fitness Family Add-on Special

24 Hour Fitness is having a special \$0 initiation on all add-ons for SDUSD employees who want to upgrade a membership or become a member. The offer is valid through Saturday, March 31. To take advantage of this special promotion, contact Marc Alldredge at malldredge@24hourfit.com.

Upcoming Events

- **Annual County Superintendents' Dinner**

Superintendent Carl Cohn will be the guest speaker at the Annual County Superintendents' Dinner/Reception on Wednesday, March 14, at Tom Ham's Lighthouse. Social hour begins at 5 p.m. \$30 per person. RSVP deadline is extended to today, March 12. For information, contact Jeannie Steeg at jeannie@asdc.org or (619) 295-2118.

- **Parent Forum**

Parents are invited to join Superintendent Cohn, Area 3 Superintendent Rich Cansdale and Assistant Superintendent for High Schools Nellie Meyer at the next district Parent Forum being held Monday, March 26, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., in the Kearny High School Library. Although the meeting is being held in Area 3, parents from throughout the district are welcome to attend. For information, contact Dolores Corrao Marin at (619) 725-7210.

- **All Weather Track Dedication**

Point Loma High School celebrates the opening of its new All Weather Track at a dedication ceremony being held Wednesday, March 14, at 2:30 p.m. The varsity track meet between Pt. Loma and Morse high schools takes place immediately following the ceremony. For information, contact Debra Glanz at dglanz@sandi.net or (619) 223-3121, ext.1109.

- **Share the Joy of Music**

The La Jolla Symphony and Chorus invites students and their parents to a dress rehearsal on Friday, March 16, at 7 p.m., at the Mandeville Center at UCSD. Admission is free. For information, contact (858) 534-4437 or visit the website at www.lajollasympphony.com.

In the News

Freese Elementary School was the location for Renee Kohn's morning weather reports on KUSI Friday morning, March 9. She was also taping a nutrition public service announcement with Ada Lukas' second graders who are focusing on staying healthy.

Dana Middle and Sunset View Elementary volunteer yearbook advisor Deni Baughn was profiled in the March 8 edition of the *Peninsula Beacon*. Lifetouch Publishing – a leading producer of yearbooks for elementary, middle and high schools – recently appointed Baughn to its yearbook think tank committee. To read the article, go to

<http://www.sdnews.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2007/03/08/45f05c659e747>.

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