



# San Diego Unified School District

## Newsline

March 19, 2007

### Special Distribution of March Pay Warrants for Year Round Sites

The March 30 pay day falls on the same day as the beginning of spring break for year round schools. March pay warrants and advices for all year round school monthly and hourly employees will be in the U.S. Mail on Thursday, March 29, and payable on Friday, March 30. Special handling will not be available. For information, contact your payroll technician.

### Changes at IMC during Remodel

The front of the Instructional Media Center (IMC) is under construction to accommodate the new Center for Educational Technology, opening fall 2007. During construction, the front doors will be locked and access to the IMC and TMC will be through the side doors. The Curriculum Library will remain open for browsing. The Multimedia Library will not be available for self selection of materials. Materials from that collection can still be ordered by phone, online or in person. For information, contact Martha Karanopoulos at [mkaranopoulos@sandi.net](mailto:mkaranopoulos@sandi.net) or (858) 496-8439

### Be Part of a New School

The first list of certificated vacancies for Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary School, opening in fall 2007, is posted in the Employment section of the district website now through Wednesday, March 28. The new K-5 year-round school is located in City Heights. For information, check Administrative Circular No. 91 or contact Trish Wagner at [pwagner@sandi.net](mailto:pwagner@sandi.net) or (619) 725-8011.

### Beautify Your Campus

Does your campus, community park or local beach need some spring-cleaning? You supply the volunteers and the district's Recycling Program will supply gloves, bags, promotional posters and information about organizing a cleanup. For information or to receive supplies, contact Laura Henne at [lhenne@sandi.net](mailto:lhenne@sandi.net) or (858) 627-7154.

### Normal Heights Elementary School is Celebrating

Normal Heights Elementary School invites you to attend its official dedication ceremony at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, March 28. Join students, staff, parents, district leaders and community members for this celebratory event. The school is located at 3750 Ward Road, San Diego, 92116. For information, contact Maria Gomez, vice principal, at [mgomez1@sandi.net](mailto:mgomez1@sandi.net) or (619) 584-6000.

### Safety Reminder

Planners of carnivals, fairs or other events need to know that the use of astrojumps, large inflatable slides, trampolines, and dunk tanks is prohibited on district property. Mini-trampolines or similar devices used for special education or adaptive physical education programs are permitted. For information, see Administrative Procedure 5153 or contact Risk Management at (858) 627-7345.

### Public Auction Set for April 5

The district is holding a public auction starting at 10 a.m., 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. Arrive at 9 a.m. to preview and register. 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.

## District Trainings

- **Truancy Letter B Training**

The Mandated Cost Unit is offering a *Truancy Letter B* training. Participants will learn the definition of a “truant” and how to use Zangle to run reports on truant students. Training sessions will be held Monday, March 26, and Wednesday, March 28, from 10 to 11 a.m., and Friday, March 30, from 1 to 2 p.m., in room B-6 at the Fremont Training Center. To register, contact Tyinesha Calhoun at [tcalhoun@sandi.net](mailto:tcalhoun@sandi.net) or (619) 725-7568, by Friday, March 23.

## Professional Development

- **Discover Program Spring/Summer Offerings**

Don't miss out on the Discover Program upcoming spring/summer professional development classes. April offerings include *Garden Design/Project Based*; *Art, Media, and Techniques for the Classroom*; *Public Speaking*; and *Basic Life Support*. For information, registration or complete class schedule, visit the Discover Program website at <http://216.122.44.192/SandiNetDiscover/> or contact [ecaluza@sandi.net](mailto:ecaluza@sandi.net) or (858) 496-1887.

- **Toyota International Teacher Program**

In October 2007, the Toyota International Teacher Program will send 20 secondary (grades 7-12) school teachers on a fully funded, 10-day study program to the Galapagos Islands. The application deadline is Monday, April 23. For information and application, visit <http://www.iie.org/toyota>.

## Funding Alert

- **Parent Group of the Year 2007**

The Parent Group of the Year Contest is an excellent opportunity to showcase all parent groups – PTA, PTSA, PTO, etc. – while giving schools the chance to win prizes and cash up to \$8,000. The deadline for entries is Thursday, May 31. For information, go to <http://www.ptoday.com/pgy/>.

- **NEA Foundation Student Achievement Grants**

The National Education Association (NEA) Foundation Student Achievement Grant awards \$5,000 grants to practicing U.S. public school teachers in grades K-12. The next application deadline is Friday, June 1. For information and an application, go to [www.neafoundation.org](http://www.neafoundation.org).

## Student Opportunities

- **QuestBridge College Prep Scholarship**

Questbridge is a non-profit organization dedicated to giving high-achieving low-income students resources during the college application process. More than 800 high school juniors will be awarded scholarship packages that will include one or more of the following: full scholarship to summer program, college admissions counseling and attendance at college preparatory conferences. The deadline to apply is Saturday, March 31. Information can be found at <http://www.questbridge.org/cps/info.php>.

- **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](http://www.sandiegoshakespearesociety.org).

## Upcoming Events

- **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.

- The City/County Choral Honor Concert, featuring elementary, middle and secondary school students from throughout the County, will be held Saturday, March 24, at 7 p.m., at Brown Chapel, Point Loma Nazarene University. For information, contact the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) Department at (858) 539-5349.
- **ELDA Open House**  
The Educational Leadership Development Academy at the University of San Diego (USD) is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, March 27, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Interested individuals are invited to learn about USD's premier programs in educational leadership. For information, go to [www.sandiego.edu/soles/elda](http://www.sandiego.edu/soles/elda). RSVP by March 22 to Lauren Armellini at [armellini@sandiego.edu](mailto:armellini@sandiego.edu).
- **IEP Day Conference**  
The Involved Exceptional Parents (IEP) Day conference will be held Saturday, March 31, at the Handlery Hotel. The theme of this one-day event is "Integrating Experience and Perspectives: Individuals with Disabilities, Parents, and Professionals Working Together." For more information or registration, go to <http://www.iepday.org/>.
- **Fiesta Educativa**  
The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Fiesta Educativa conference will be held Saturday, April 14, from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at the San Diego County Office of Education. This conference is conducted in Spanish for parents with children who have special needs and for the professionals who work with them. For information and registration, contact the Exceptional Family Resource Center (EFRC) at 1-800-281-8252 or [www.EFRConline.org](http://www.EFRConline.org).

#### **In the News**

SDUSD was featured in a Fox 6 News story about *The Price of Absence*. Fox 6 News reporter Eric Collins visited Birney Elementary on Wednesday, March 15, and interviewed Principal Amanda Hammond-Williams. Area Superintendents Vince Matthews and Delfino Aleman were interviewed in studio on the Fox in the Morning show on Thursday, March 16. The story can be found at [http://www.fox6.com/news/local/story.aspx?content\\_id=07D217BA-CF3A-422D-B7D8-B2E9A6EDF246&gsa=true](http://www.fox6.com/news/local/story.aspx?content_id=07D217BA-CF3A-422D-B7D8-B2E9A6EDF246&gsa=true).

The opening of Florence Griffith Joyner Elementary was the subject of a report on KPBS radio. Roy MacPhail, director, Instructional Facilities Planning, was interviewed on March 14 by reporter Ana Tintocalis. To listen to the report, go to <http://www.kpbs.org/news/local?id=7686#>.

La Jolla High science and physics instructor Martin Teachworth received a \$17,500 grant from Best Buy for his proposal to lead an electric car conversion project at the school. The *La Jolla Light* ran an article about Teachworth and his project in the March 6 edition. To read the article, go to <http://lajollalight.com/news/contentview.asp?c=208220>.

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