

SFUSD EXCEL AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS WEEKLY UPDATES

– week of March 15th, 2010

Parent Teacher Conference week will be the week of March 22nd. **Please plan to run programs from the release of school until 6:00 pm.** This is a good time for field trips or service learning activities. Contact Ashley Hildred or Helen Yu for resources or ideas; (415) 750-4500.

Professional Development Updates

March Site Coordinator Meetings: Please calendar the following date for March Site Coordinator meeting, as we will be sharing important updates for each grade level. The March meetings are required for Site Coordinators, please note:

-Secondary Site Coordinator's meeting: Thursday, March 18th, 10:30-12:30 at 20 Cook Street

To view upcoming ExCEL PD Opportunities and to REGISTER, visit **the ExCEL PD page** online by clicking [here](#), or visit the [ExCEL 2010 calendar here!](#)

CBO In-Kind & Contracted funds needed

SFUSD is requesting the current documentation of the contracted and in kind services provided by our community partners for ExCEL after school programs by this **Friday, March 19th at 4:00 pm.** We have updated our monitoring log to collect this information and have created access for CBO Partners Executive Directors and Program Managers who work with ExCEL. If you have access to the ExCEL Monitoring Log to enter this data you will be receiving an email by Wednesday, March 17, 2010.

Summer Professional Development and Resource Fair – April 21st

Site Coordinators are invited to network and share ideas with colleagues: Take part in the first ever summer professional development and resource fair! See attached flyer for more information. **TO REGISTER CONTACT:** Melanie Hopson, New Day for Learning at

hopsonm@sfusd.edu

Sponsored by DCYF, SFUSD, and New Day for Learning.

April 21st

10AM – 3PM

First Unitarian Church

1187 Franklin Street

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – 2010 INFORMATION & RESOURCE CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 20, 2010 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at John O'Connell High School (2355 Folsom Street, San Francisco, CA).

[Click here to download conference brochure \(PDF\)](#)

The event is free; there is a suggested donation of \$5 to \$25 per person. [Donate now online](#) or at the door. Free breakfast, lunch and child care provided with advanced registration.

To register online, or for more information, please visit:

www.supportforfamilies.org/resourcefair . If you have any questions or wish to register by phone, please call Open Gate at 415-920-5040. You can also contact us at ResourceFair@supportforfamilies.org.

PEER COURT - Restorative Justice Best Practices Questionnaire

Peer Court supports the efforts of the San Francisco Unified School District to make response to discipline more "restorative" and less punitive. Therefore, we're collecting anecdotes, suggestions, and strategies already being used by teachers, counselors, support staff, administrators and others working with young people.

If you currently work with students in an instructional or disciplinary setting, we want to know what strategies, creative solutions, and best practices you employ. The information you provide will be shared with others attempting to provide restorative alternatives for students, victims, families and community members.

Please go to the following link to participate in the questionnaire:

<http://www.peercourt.org/RJBestPractices.html> or www.peercourt.org

ExCEL Summer RFP

In order to provide a range of high quality summer activities, ExCEL After School Programs is seeking proposals from Community Partners with existing afterschool or summer programs to build on their current capacity. ExCEL funds would be used to augment programming and/or to add slots to existing programs. Please see the complete RFP (attached) for more information. **Deadline for submission of proposals is 5pm, April 16, 2010.**

Student Support Service Professional Development: "But They're Way Too Young For This! Elementary Students, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity" . Thursday, **March 18th**, from **2-4pm** on supporting LGBTQ youth and their families. *"But They're Way Too Young For This! Elementary Students, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity"* is a training that will help SSSD staff working with youth and their families around the topic of sexual orientation and gender identity. Please note that the training will have an emphasis on the elementary level, however, the topic is very applicable for supporting students at all levels and is open to all staff. Please register by faxing the attached form to Debbie Chin at 242-2618 or email her directly at chind@sfusd.edu.

GET ACTIVE!

It's Back . . . the 4th Annual - SHAPE UP SF WALKING CHALLENGE - March 1 to May 7

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! <http://www.shapeupsfwalkingchallenge.com/>

Mayor Gavin Newsom challenges your ExCEL After School Program to get *MOVING* by participating in the fourth annual **Shape Up SF Walking Challenge**. Each team is encouraged to collectively walk 1,016 miles –the California Coastline- during this 10 week challenge. Teams log and track their miles online, you can even compare their progress against other teams. See the attached flyer for more information.

Active for Life

Come participate in the 10 week Active for Life Challenge. Teams can win weekly prizes for being the most active, drinking water and eating healthy and can have the opportunity to receive free entry into Bay to Breakers. An informational meeting will be held at 1515 Quintara on Friday, March 19th from 4-6:00. Teams can be school sites, after school staff etc. For more information, contact Matt Pemberton.

PAID YOUTH SUMMER INTERNSHIP OPPORTUNITY

San Francisco Public Library is offering 3 youth paid internship opportunities in planning and promoting Teen Summer Read 2010. See application attached.

- **Application deadline: March 18th 2010**
- **Work Dates: May 10-Aug 5 2010**
- **Hours required/weekly schedule:** afternoons 2-3 hrs per week-32 hours TOTAL
- **Stipend: \$350—offered in 2 payments (June 30 and Aug 10th)**
- **Position Location:** San Francisco Public Main Library, 100 Larkin St SF CA

ExCEL SERVICE LEARNING UPDATES

Global Youth Service Day 2010

Throughout the month of April, over 100 countries will be holding their **Global Youth Service Day**, the largest service event led by youth in the world! **How can your students get involved?**

- Secondary Schools: Day of Service 2010

Help mobilize youth to identify and address the needs of their communities by registering them for ExCEL's **Day of Service on Saturday, April 10, 2010!** Your secondary students will get the opportunity to participate in service-learning projects with Baker Beach, Crocker-Amazon Playground, Precita Eyes Muralists, and even the American Red Cross in First Aid Disaster Preparedness!

MORE INFO OR REGISTER HERE: <http://exceldayofservice2010.eventbrite.com/>

Questions? Contact our Americorps*VISTA Helen Yu (hyu@yscal.org, (415)750-4500 x1021).

- Elementary Schools: Environmental-Science Service-Learning Kits and Olympiads

Elementary students can celebrate **Global Youth Service Day** as well! Register for up to **5** environmental-science service-learning kits and celebrate service all month long! What's better than that? Scheduling an **Environmental-Science SL Olympiad with nearby schools and service providers** so students learn and compete together! For more information contact Americorps*VISTA Ashley Hildred (ahildred@yscal.org, (415)750-4500 x1020). (Kit registration attached)

Change for Change - Haiti

Thank you to all of our sites for raising over **\$1,000** for Haiti earthquake relief through our Change for Change Haiti Lesson Plan! Amazing work! Please contact our Americorps*VISTA, Helen Yu (hyu@yscal.org, (415)750-8650 x 1021) for more information on how your site can show their support.

Service-Learning Professional Development Workshops

Need a little dose of action in your next professional development? Our VISTA*s, Helen and Ashley, have an excellent "How-To" session for integrating service-learning into your curriculum. What's better than that? They bring it to your house (er, school). Email them to schedule right away: ahildred@yscal.org or hyu@yscal.org.

FREE Help Preparing your Tax Returns. Let qualified professionals assist you in filing your return. Learn about the earned Income Tax Credit as well as other tax credits that may be available to you. The program is open to all families with a total gross income less than \$52,000. See attached flyers for more information.

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**Please note, our phone number has changed.*