

ExCEL Weekly Update
10-2-2009

Hello Everyone!

ExCEL District Coordinators – who to contact for what!

Eva Jo Meyers: meyerse@sfusd.edu – Elementary issues, Enrichment Providers, CBO
Aurelio Cisneros: cisnerosal@sfusd.edu - Elementary issues, Elementary Lead Teachers, Building Permits

Matt Pemberton: pembertonm@sfusd.edu – Middle School issues, Family Literacy

Laura Chavez: chavezL1@sfusd.edu – High School issues, Secondary Lead Teachers

Ali Metzler: metzlera@sfusd.edu – All level issues, Human Resources, Financial questions, CBO

Lucy Hong: hongL1@sfusd.edu – Snacks, Monitoring Log

Wendy Sar: sarw1@sfusd.edu – Payroll (greens, SFUSD classified staff)

Mahogany Spears: spearsm@sfusd.edu – BACR, Contracts

Ashley Hildred: ahildred@yscal.org & Helen Yu: hyu@yscal.org – Americorps VISTA Volunteers Service Learning

DISTRICT MAIL: For ExCEL to receive SFUSD District Mail, you need to put on the envelope: Deliver to ExCEL, 20 COOK Street. Otherwise, it will take us extra time to receive your documents.

REMINDER: CBO Partners Meeting

Friday, Oct 2 from 2-4pm at DCYF, 1390 Market St, Suite 900 in the Mint conference room

Please RSVP by clicking [here](#).

REMINDER: ExCEL Attendance is due October 5th! Please submit to Lucy Hong at excelasp_snacks@yahoo.com and Kitty Ou ouk@sfusd.edu.

GREENS are due October 9th. Due to the October 12th Indigenous Peoples Holiday, please submit your greens by Friday, October 9th to Wendy Sar at 20 Cook Street. Please note: you will need to submit the Certificated Time Report that documents staff's hours. On the green form, please compute the stipend amount (hours worked x \$29.27), have staff complete contact information and have staff AND Administrator sign the form. Greens need to be on green paper and no white out.

Phone List Request + phone number location of ASP phone

ExCEL needs to know if you need a phone line installed for your after school program. Please send the following information to Ali Metzler at metzlera@sfusd.edu by Friday, October 2nd:

-School Site

-Name of person Requesting the phone line

-Room number for installation (+ any details for location)

ExCEL's October Professional Development Series

It is time to sign up for **ExCEL's October Professional Development Series!** This month's focus is on Section 6 of the **OSA**, Youth Development. Please remember that all Site Coordinators must attend at least one event, but that you are welcomed to attend multiple events and to bring along lead staff members. Please choose one or more of the options by registering (clicking) on the link(s) below.

October Speakers' Forum: Wednesday, October 7, 11am-1pm. Please join us for a session with the Special Needs Inclusion Project (SNIP) as they present on Strengths and Strategies: A strength-based approach for after school staff. Participants will:

- Gain an understanding of their role in creating a positive learning environment
- Learn ways to frame their view of children and youth using a strength-based approach
- Be familiar with strategies for helping children and youth develop their own self-management skills

October Workshop: Thursday, October 15, 9am-1pm. "Johnny Hits Sally; Sally tells teacher; Johnny gets sent home." What does Johnny learn? How is Sally righted? How does the community respond to Johnny when he returns?

Misbehavior and conflict are an everyday part of life in school and after-school. How we handle them makes a world of difference for young people. Come listen, share, and strategize effective techniques for using mis-behavior as teachable moments with Will Paris, Strategic Specialist -Restorative Approach.

October Brown Bag: Friday, October 23, 11:30am-1pm. The Brown Bag topic for October is Youth Development. Come join us for discussions on topics related to increasing Youth Development-based practices in our after school programs.

Join the **AFA TAC Leadership Tracks: Professional Development and Coaching for After-School Leaders and Staff.** For more information, visit <http://afatac09.wordpress.com/>.

Service-Learning Weekly Updates

Fair Trade Service-Learning Kits in October!

Why Fair Trade? October is a big chocolate buying time (I have my Halloween costume picked out, do you?) and every month in the U.S. is a big coffee drinking month. What in the world do these two things have in common? A lot, actually. When unchecked (traded unfairly), both contribute to an exacerbated inequality in the distribution of wealth across the world AND child slavery. Learn more about Fair Trade and celebrate it this October through service-learning! If you would like to receive Fair Trade Service-Learning Kit, please email hyu@yscal.org or ahildred@yscal.org for a Registration Form!

Service-Learning Google Group - Get the hook up! Please join the Service-Learning Google Group to receive updates, links and access to all of our old and new materials for everything service-learning. Please visit the group here: <http://groups.google.com/group/sfcesarchavezclubs> and request to become a member. We promise to let you in.

Start A Student Run Food Pantry

This is a great time to reduce the impact the economic recession has on your immediate community. A Student-Run Pantry is an opportunity to educate students about the impact of poverty on hunger and give them the opportunity to alleviate it at the same time. Please take a moment to consider this option for your school. If you are interested, please

contact either Helen or Ashley (hyu@yscal.org or ahildred@yscal.org) and we will send you a comprehensive resource guide.

Youth Action Conference- Save the Date!

This is a Call To Action! Could your students benefit from a high-impact leadership trainings and service learning experiences? This year's **Youth Action Conference** will be held on November 25th! Please save the date so that you and your students may attend. To find out more, stay for a few minutes after the next Speakers Forum (October 7th, 2009) to sign up for more information and join the YAC planning committee. If you have any questions please email ahildred@yscal.org or hyu@yscal.org