

ExCEL Weekly Update
02/20/09

Greetings Everyone!

Here are your ExCEL After School Programs weekly updates. Have a wonderful weekend!

Optional Workshop:

Please join us on **Friday, February 27** for an Optional Workshop, **Being Healthy: Nutrition and Physical Activity After School**. See the attached registration form for complete details and to sign up.

Read Across America Day is coming up on Monday, March 2. Please remember to let your District Coordinator know if your site will be hosting a celebration.

Lead Teacher meetings are approaching:

Tuesday, March 3, Grattan Elementary School
Wednesday, March 4, Miraloma Elementary School
Thursday, March 5, AP Giannini Middle School

Site Coordinator meetings will also be taking place in March:

Both meetings will be held from 10am-12pm at 1515 Quintara Street
Tuesday, March 10, Secondary Level Site Coordinator Meeting
Wednesday, March 11, Elementary Level Site Coordinator Meeting

AFA TAC Learning Circle: Engaging Parents and Caregivers

Thursday, March 5, 10am -1pm, The Women's Building, 3543 18th Street
Please join AFA TAC as we host presenters Dee Hayden and Katie Yacubian for this Learning Circle!

Decades of research show that when parents and caregivers are involved in their child's lives, students have higher grades and test scores, better school attendance, increased motivation, decreased use of drugs and alcohol and fewer instances of violent behavior. In addition, family participation in a child's education is twice as predictive of the child's academic success as family socioeconomic status. The Learning Circle will explore ways of getting--and keeping--parents and caregivers involved in your program.

A delicious lunch will be served after the workshop.

[Register today!](#)

Be the Change: Confronting the Achievement Gap Afterschool Style Conference & Call For Workshop Presenters

Region 4 Be the Change: Confronting the Achievement Gap After School Style Conference will focus on creative strategies that elementary, middle, and high school programs can utilize to confront the achievement gap - after school style. What is afterschool style? Afterschool style is enriching, engaging, meaningful, and hands on. Registration for this event is \$30. For more information and to Register for this **March 28, 2009** event go to

<http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/node/7104>

Call for Presenters

Region 4 Be the Change: Confronting the Achievement Gap After School Style Conference is seeking workshop presenters. The conference will serve professionals working in after school programs funded by the After School Education and Safety and 21st Century Community Learning Centers grants at elementary, middle, and high schools. Presenters receive a complimentary one-day registration and a \$100.00 honorarium. For more information and to submit a workshop proposal go to <http://www.afterschoolnetwork.org/node/7104>