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TO: Board of Education
FROM: Carl Toliver, Superintendent
RE: For Your Information

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DEPARTMENT

After School Program

On Thursday, October 20, SUSD after school programs and programs across the nation celebrated the annual "Lights On!" event. Our after school programs have participated in this program for the last four years. This event is an opportunity to showcase the after school program and the services provided. Students and staff celebrated by creating different activities to share with parents.

Contact Janet Yarbrough (933-7130)

CHILD WELFARE AND ATTENDANCE DEPARTMENT

Attendance Improvement

Schools are working very hard to improve attendance at their sites. While attendance has dipped slightly districtwide, individual schools are showing strong increases in cumulative attendance as compared with the 2010-11 P2 attendance. Twenty-six K-8 schools, all four comprehensive high schools and four of the small, dependent charter or alternative schools improved cumulative attendance over last year's P2. Attendance percentages tend to decrease after school vacations but recover within a week. This is the time of year when some of our families begin planning extended vacations around the winter break. School site staff are meeting with parents and students and explaining the detrimental effects of missing so much school. Families are encouraged to use the scheduled school vacation time to visit family and friends out of state or out of the country.

CWA staff made 476 parent/student contacts during the month of September and held two group Truancy Mitigation Conferences for groups of parents whose children are exhibiting early tendencies to habitual truancy.

Contact Dee Alimbini (933-7020)

FACILITIES AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Chavez High School Athletic Facility Improvements

We are pleased to announce the Governing Board approved at its October 11 meeting the construction contract for the Chavez High School Athletic Facility improvements, funded through Measure Q Bond funds. This phase of the athletic improvements at Chavez High School consists of demolition of the existing track and field facilities and installation of a new track and football/soccer field, softball field and perimeter improvements. Additionally, restroom, concession and ticketing facilities will be constructed. The project is expected to break ground the beginning of November, 2011, with anticipated completion in the summer of 2013. Once again we are able to see the Measure Q Bond dollars being put to work in support of our children and our community.

Contact Michelle S. Spragg (933-7045)

HEALTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

King School to Host Community Health Fair

King Elementary School will be hosting its annual community health fair on **Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**. Medical screenings, dental screenings, health education, health insurance information, and other services will be provided by numerous community-based organizations and clinics. Food and raffle prizes will also be available. The event is free to the public and will be held in the King School Multi-Purpose Room.

Contact Tammy Evans (933-7060)

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Students Attend LULAC Conference

Approximately SUSD 300 students participated in the League of United American Citizens (LULAC) Youth Leadership Conference on Friday, October 21 at San Joaquin Delta College. The theme for this year's conference was "*Inspiring the Next Generation of Leaders*". The message given to students was to stay in school, graduate, pursue post-secondary educational opportunities and participate in community service. Students were provided with several exciting workshops and enjoyed the day learning about their role as leaders in school and in the community.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

October 21-28 is Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week, the national campaign for students to commit to a drug free lifestyle, is celebrating its 26th anniversary of encouraging students to pledge to live drug free. All Stockton Unified students are taught a research-based drug abuse prevention curriculum and Red Ribbon Week is another tool to create a drug free environment for our students. Thank you for your support of Red Ribbon Week!

- Wristbands and pledge cards were delivered to all SUSD schools for all SUSD students this week.
- Saturday, October 22, is the kickoff event for community celebration at Sherwood Mall. SUSD students in Friday Night Live Clubs and in the Students In Prevention program have planned several fun activities and surprises throughout the day. The event includes a health fair and is scheduled from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Other community activities include bowling, movie nights, and volleyball games at UOP. Information about community activities is printed on the back of the students' pledge cards. A list of activities is attached. Community activities are coordinated by the San Joaquin County Office of Substance Abuse Prevention.

Contact John New/Jennifer Robles (933-7130)

Suicide Intervention Training

This week, 17 SUSD staff participated in *Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training* (ASIST) at Walton School. In the past two years, more than 50 district staff has been trained in the ASIST model of suicide intervention. Our goal was to train at least one staff member from each school site and we have nearly met that goal. September was National Suicide Prevention month. Thank you to the many staff who has committed their services and skills to their school site crisis intervention teams.

Contact Julie Penn (933-7130)

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

21 (Friday)

(LULAC) Youth Leadership Conference
San Joaquin Delta College

21-28 (Fri-Fri)

Red Ribbon Week

25 (Tuesday)

Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

27 (Thursday)

Town Hall Meeting
Stagg High School, 1621 Brookside Road, 6 p.m.

NOVEMBER

1-3 (Tues-Thur)

Kohl Open House
Kohl Open School, 4115 North Crown Ave., 10-12:30 p.m.

4 (Friday)

Science Blast 2011
San Joaquin Delta College, 5151 Pacific Avenue, 8:45 am – 3:15 pm.

5 (Saturday)

Math Olympiad Tournaments (5/6 Grade)
San Joaquin County Office of Education, Burwood Auditorium,
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive

5 (Saturday)

SUSD Magnet Fair
Chavez High School, Multi-Purpose Room,
2929 Windflower Lane

8 (Tuesday)

Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

16 (Wednesday)

District Advisory Committee Meeting
Professional Dev Cntr, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.

17 (Thursday)

Dinner with a Scientist
San Joaquin County Office of Education, Burwood Auditorium,
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.

19 (Saturday)

Academic Decathlon Scrimmage
Wentworth Center, 2707 Transworld Drive

DECEMBER

13 (Tuesday)

Governing Board Meeting
Boardroom, 701 N. Madison Street, 6:00 p.m.

14 (Wednesday)

District Advisory Committee Meeting
Professional Dev Center, 1503 St. Mark's Plaza, C-1 or A-2, 6-8 p.m.