

OUSD

Student Newsletter



November 30, 2007

Newsletter highlights:

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Please pass on

Important messages:

Oakland Library Amnesty Continues through December 14!

Don't miss your chance to re-connect with the Oakland Public Library! For a limited period of time, the library will clear your overdue fines and lost books fees-no questions asked! Just come into any Oakland library location and we'll welcome you back. For more information, call (510) 238-3134 or go to www.oaklandlibrary.org.

Tips for a Lead-Safe Holiday

With all the recent recalls due to lead in children's toys and jewelry, many people are concerned about how to protect children from unsafe gifts over the holidays. To respond to this need, the *Alameda County Lead Poisoning Prevention Program*, in conjunction with a *Bay Area Coalition of Lead Poisoning Prevention Leaders*, has issued "**Tips for a Lead-Safe Holiday**" and an alternative gift list. These documents and additional information are available at www.aclppp.org (see toy info under "Recent Recalls").

Congratulations to Media Academy's Green & Gold newspaper

The newspaper won a "superior" award and second place in the "Best of the West" newspaper contest at a state journalism convention held in Sacramento Oct. 26-28.

To see a copy of the award winning newspaper, go to <http://my.highschooljournalism.org/ca/oakland/fhs/> (read below for more information about this award and the students and teachers who earned it!!)

College Readiness Network

The College Readiness Network [CRN] is a consortium of organizations from both within and outside of OUSD. Those organizations represent local institutions of higher learning, academic, scholarship, and guidance services, and student advocacy groups. Members of CRN seek to support and reinforce each others efforts so that as many OUSD high school students can be served. The College Readiness Office of OUSD serves as the coordinator of the CRN.

The OUSD Student Newsletter will provide news, relevant information, and scholarship opportunities in every newsletter.

Important News and Information

The DEADLINE for the CAL GRANT is March 2nd, 2008

UC and CSU A-G subject requirement listings

http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/undergrad_adm/paths_to_adm/freshman/subject_reqs.html

http://www.csumentor.edu/planning/high_school/subjects.asp

Top 10 Things Colleges Look for in a High-School Student

www.familyeducation.com/article/0,1120,21-8660,00.html

Common College Application Mistakes

<http://school.familyeducation.com/college-applications/college-prep/29728.html?detoured=1>

Questions about Community College?

<http://community.collegeanswer.com/CommunityCollege/content/index.jsp>

NCAA Student-Athlete Eligibility Requirements

http://www2.ncaa.org/portal/legislation_and_governance/eligibility_and_recruiting/eligibility.html

Scholarships

5 pages of scholarships listed on Student Website 5 pages of Scholarship Listings

http://ousdstudents.org/College_Prep_and_Scholarship_Info/Scholarship_information.html

200 Scholarships for Minority Students

<http://www.blackexcel.org/200-Scholarships.html>

Achievement Award - UC Berkeley Scholarship for Incoming Freshman and Junior Transfers

The Achievement Award Program gives over \$350,000 in scholarships providing these students the opportunity to obtain a U.C. Berkeley education through substantial scholarship funding and support services created specifically to encourage their success.

Applications are due by February 15, 2008. For more about The Achievement Award Program (TAAP) visit

alumni.berkeley.edu/taap.

For additional scholarship resources visit scholarships.berkeley.edu and www.scholarshipcoach.com.

Questions? The Achievement Award Program (510) 642-1720 | achieve@alumni.berkeley.edu

Upcoming Events

Laney College Vocational Education Fair

Wednesday, February 13, 2007

9:30am - 2:30pm

Events located at various Vocational Education departments on the Laney Campus

Cost: Free and Lunch will be provided for registered guests

This event will provide prospective students the opportunity to discover what is available to them in the 13 Vocational Education departments at Laney College. Programs include Machine Technology, Graphic Arts, Construction Management, Culinary Arts, Environmental Control Technology, Biotechnology Manufacturing, and more. Attendees will gain valuable information about

job opportunities in existing and new career fields, financial aid information, and a deeper understanding of these programs through tours and faculty/student demonstrations.

To see a complete list of Vocational Education programs at Laney College, visit us on the web at www.peralta.laney.edu, then click "Instructional Programs" at the top of the page. For more information and to register for this free event please contact: David Reed, Laney College Outreach Specialist/(510) 464-3537//dreed@peralta.edu

****For more information on Scholarships and other resources and tools, visit the NEW and REVISED College Readiness Page on the OUSD Student Website http://ousdstudents.org/College_Prep_and_Scholarship_Info/index.html**

All City Council (ACC)/Meaningful Student Engagement (MSE)

Our students, teachers, community organizations, and district administrators are doing some great work together in improving our schools. Here are the most recent updates from the All City Council students and the All City Council Governing Board:

Completed ACC student site walks/facility inspections with Tim White, Leroy Stokes, Roland Broach, Morris Tatum at Oakland High and Skyline to fix emergency and unresolved facilities issues brought up by students at the ACC retreat on October 5th. These site walks were conducted in coordination and unity with Youth Together, Californians for Justice, Asain-Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership (AYPAL).

Convened ACC middle school meeting. 41 students attended from Westlake, Roots, and Bret Harte. This meeting was completely run by Westlake leadership students! They ran an interactive training on meeting facilitation and strategies for making decisions in meetings.

Convened ACC high school meeting. 48 students attended from 12 schools: Robeson, Mandela, Media, Architecture, EOSA, Life, Met West, YES, Skyline, O.High, Excel, and BEST. This meeting was hosted by Robeson leadership students, and facilitated by ACC GB. We finished discussing endorsed action proposals on college access and ethnic studies/PRC, received formal training by LCCR on Williams, schools selected their Williams delegate, and elected final positions on Governing Board (Historian and Media Director). We now have a full Governing Board!

Shannon, our Meaningful Student Engagement student intern from Met West, led time management session in the leadership class at Westlake, and heterosexism session in the YES Leadership class.

Convened leadership teacher meeting during ACC HS meeting; discussed vending machines as resource for leadership classes, school action projects, and upcoming projects/opportunities for collaboration (ie: Met West and YES joint prom)

Convened 2nd MSE collaborative meeting of the year, 3 teachers present; discussed benchmarks for curriculum, and teachers set goals/outcomes for curriculum.

Keep up the great work!

The Student Journalism page

If you haven't already done so, please check out the new OUSD Student Website Student Journalism page http://ousdstudents.org/Student_Newspapers/index.html

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The editors-in-chief of the Green & Gold are Jessica Tabares and Christina Geovany. Other editors include Ronald Johnson, news; Anne Andrade, features; Jamari Caldwell, opinion; and Branisha Davis, sports.

Media Academy journalists Jamari Caldwell, Powell Lee and Ronald Johnson spoke to journalism educators during a convention break-out session on diversity in journalism. The three seniors spoke about their upcoming senior project with Motamedi. The project, dubbed "One Block," will require seniors to find a project to research that has some sort of tie to a person, place or issue within one block of their Foothill Boulevard school. The students will take a journalistic approach to their senior project, interviewing community residents and business owners as primary sources.

Check out the [The Oakland Teen Times November 2007 Edition.](#)

The Oakland Teen Times is a collaboration between high school journalism teachers and students from OUSD high schools and represents the news and views of teens in Oakland, Ca

Interested in submitting a story? writing for the newspaper? Have newsworthy pictures to share?.....The Oakland Teen Times WANTS YOU.....

--The Oakland Teen Times can send you story ideas so you can write for us or we can contact you to answer questions about current events, schools or anything that relates to teenagers. We also would love to hear your story ideas. We'd love to have your letters to the editor. We'd love to publish your newsworthy photographs.

Let's make this a true all-city teen newspaper. Contact oaktownteen@yahoo.com

Oakland Students in the News...

Growing up resilient in Oakland

Youth overcome obstacles, work to make others' lives better

http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci_7560787?source=email

Upcoming Events

To submit an upcoming event, please send your information to studentwebsite@ousd.k12.ca.us

Don't Miss The Oakland Holiday Parade!

Saturday, December 1 | 2pm

Join over 70,000 spectators for America's Children's Parade! Click here for all of the details! Cheer for OPR centers & programs when we pass!

Parade Starts @ 11th & Broadway

Citywide Sports Winter Basketball League Sign-up Session:

Saturday, December 1 - 10am to 12pm

Ira Jinkins Recreation Center | 9175 Edes Avenue

Open to Girls and Boys in Kindergarten through 8th Grades

EastSide Arts Final Fridays Films of Resistance and Solidarity presents

Everything Remains Raw

Fri. Nov. 30 at 8pm, Followed by dance cipher at 10pm

Q & A with filmmaker Moncell Durden.

Free with refreshments served

Everything Remains Raw is a film about the deep-rooted structure and retention in the African Diaspora. This film takes a look at the language, music and movement of the Afro-Latin culture and its influences on Hip Hop. Filmmaker, dancer, choreographer and educator, Moncell Durden of Dance Educators of Funk & Hip Hop, will be present to discuss the film. This is part of the Final Fridays Film Series a free monthly community event produced by EastSide Arts Alliance.

Before the film, join us for a special dance workshop...

Master Class with Moncell Durden

Fri. Nov. 30 at 6pm

\$20

Moncell's Master Class will focus on Hip Hop dance culture, history and movement principles. Students will learn how to communicate thoughts and feelings in a way that gives them a vastly more powerful repertoire for self-expression. Style of dance will be Hip Hop and the connection between Hip Hop and House.

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The Lower Bottom Playaz Nickelbottom 5 Penny Opera

Saturday & Sunday December 1st & 2nd, 2007

7:00pm - \$10-15 sliding scale

(No one will be turned away due to lack of funds)

Featuring: Ayodele Nzinga (aka Word Slinger) in WARRIOR QUEEN: Story of a North American Griot, Lisa Marie Rollins' UNgrateful Daughter, Mack Dennis's Raising Sane, Mahogany Foster's Mo' Betta The Thug Poetess, and Doe & Reezzy: The Turf Starz in Big Brother & One Way to the NBA.

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EastSide First Anniversary Open House

Holiday Art & Book Sale

Sat. December 8 (Noon-4pm)

FREE

Please join us as we celebrate our first year in our new building. Enjoy live music, refreshments, and special tours of our building. We will have art and books for sale and student performances. We'll also be celebrating with an exhibition from the 100 Families Art Project.

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Winter Festival: A Cultural Experience

Sunday, December 9 | 3 pm

The Winter Festival showcases hundreds of Oakland's children and youth through drama, music and dance presentations. Don't miss this year's multicultural extravaganza!

\$6 Adults; \$3 Students & Seniors; Children 3 & Under - FREE.

Call (510) 238-4720 for more information.

Laney College Gymnasium | 900 Fallon Street

GSA Network Presents the 2007 Youth Empowerment Summit(YES)

YES is a FREE conference for LGBTQQI youth activists and their allies who are dedicated to defeating homophobia and transphobia, and creating safe and supporting schools for everyone. The target audience is high school and middle school students, teachers, GSA advisors and the community. The YES conference is a chance for LGBTQQI and straight ally youth to network and enjoy free workshops on activism and topics related to queer life.

Registration is now on-line at <http://gsanetwork.org/yes>

For presenter and community table faire info, please send your organization's information to Marco Castro-Bojorquez at <mailto:marco@gsanetwork.org> or call 415-552-4229.

Who: LGBTQQI youth activists and their allies

When: Saturday, December 8, 2007 - 9:00 am-5:00 pm

Where: Everett Middle School, 450 Church Street, San Francisco, CA

Cost: FREE, including breakfast and lunch!

What else: The after-YES dance will take place from 5:00-8:00pm at the Everett cafeteria!!

Ongoing classes/opportunities

*** Write2Passage: A YOUTH SPEAKS Under 21 Open Mic Series (FREE)**

Oakland Mic @ Pro Arts Gallery

When: Friday, December 14th (2nd Friday of most months)

Time: Doors open at 6:30pm, FREE

Where: Pro Arts Gallery, 550 2nd St. @ Clay, Oakland

*** FREE After School YOUTH SPEAKS Workshop Series. (No Registration Necessary)**

Tuesday Class

When: Tuesdays, October 16- December 5th, 2007

Time: 4-6 pm

Where: Oakland Museum: 1000 Oak Street

Led by two Youth Speaks alums, Chinaka Hodge & Terry Taplin. former Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam Champions, and leaders in the field, this workshop has been packed each week.

Wednesday Class

When: Wednesdays, October 17- December 5th

Time: 4-6 pm

Where: Berkeley High rm. C-327: 2223 MLK Way, Berkeley

Led by two emcees, two educators, two political activists-- Hodari Davis & Lauren Whitehead

*** Teen Comic Club at the Martin Luther King Jr. Library**

Join comic book fans as we venture into the world of superhero entertainment. Middle school and High school students are welcome.

When: Every Tuesday

Time: 3:30pm-5pm

Where: MLK Jr Branch, 6833 International Blvd. 510-615-5728

*** Teen Game Zone @ Eastmont Library -- Teens can come and play PS2 games at Eastmont Library**

When: Every Friday

Time: 3pm-5pm

Where: Eastmont Town Center, 7200 Bancroft Ave, Suite 211

