

OUSID Student Newsletter



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District News

2008 June Jordan Poetry Contest

CHANGE Is Possible--Write a poem in which you explore how individuals and groups make change in themselves, in their communities, and in the world. Think about this country and our upcoming election, as well as global issues. Submit your best poem that expresses the depth of your emotion with out profanity. **Ask your teacher for a contest application.** All submissions must be typed. **Submission Deadline: April 18th, 2008**

PRIZES:

1st--\$1000

2nd--\$500

3rd--\$250

College Readiness Network

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The LAST Oakland Cash for College workshop is Saturday, February 23 from 1:00-4:00pm at Laney College. High school seniors should attend this workshop to receive free help completing the FAFSA. In addition, the workshop will offer over 20 scholarship applications, free tax preparation, and CSUEB on-the-spot admission.

For more information, <http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/>

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Students Interested in ART--PreCollege Summer Program 2008

The Pre-College Program is for high school students interested in pursuing art that completed 10th, 11th, or 12th grade by the summer of 2008 . The Pre-College Program is an opportunity to study art in an art college setting while earning 3 college credits, and developing strong portfolio pieces for art college admissions.

For more information, including the application, go to www.cca.edu/academics/summer/precollege/

Deadline for application: March 14, 2008

COSMOS Summer program for students interested in Science, Engineering, and Mathematics

The mission of COSMOS is to motivate the most creative minds of the new generation of prospective scientists, engineers and mathematicians who will become leaders for California, the nation, and the world. COSMOS is a four-week residential program for talented and motivated students completing grades 8-12.

For more information, go to www.ucop.edu/cosmos

UCI & UCSC June 29 - July 26, 2008

UCD & UCSD July 6 - August 2, 2008

Deadline for application: March 14, 2008

RESOURCES

"Who Do U Want 2 B?" Resources for high school students to prepare for future jobs through Career Technical

Education (CTE) coursework at high schools, Regional Occupation Centers and Programs (ROCPs) and community colleges. CTE integrates core academics with technical and occupational courses to give students a pathway to postsecondary education and careers.

All program materials will highlight the Web site, www.WhoDoUWant2B.com a student-focused, interactive resource that guides students, parents, and educators to CTE opportunities, potential career pathways and curriculum offerings in high schools, ROCPs and community colleges

SCHOLARSHIPS

East Bay Consortium of Educational Institutions / Cal-SOAP Scholarship

Awards--At least forty (40) \$2,500 scholarships for students attending 4-year colleges/ universities.

Approximately ten (10) \$1,000 scholarships for students attending community colleges.

For more information, including an application form, www.eastbayconsortium.org

Deadline: Friday, April 4, 2008

Book of the Month

(new addition to the newsletter !!)

This section is being supported by the OUSD District Librarian, Ann Gallagher

If you have any suggestions, please contact Ann at Ann.Gallagher@ousd.12.ca.us

Shattering Glass

by Gail Giles

Fat, clumsy Simon Glass is a textbook geek, and all three of Rob's posse hates him, each for his own reasons. But Rob is driven by the need to prove his power, and so he decrees that they will take on the seemingly impossible task of making Simon popular. They take him shopping for a better look, get his hair styled, teach him how to behave. Rob extracts painful sacrifices and uneasy moral compromises to achieve the goal, but each of his followers has a hidden empty place and a related secret that holds them in bondage to his manipulations. Soon Simon is on his reluctant way to becoming Class Favorite, but then he begins to show a dark, cruel side, and an ability to do what the others can't--defy Rob. The complex interlocking motivations of these five move the story inexorably to a startling bloody catharsis.

To offer a book suggestion, please contact Ann.Gallagher@ousd.k12.ca.us

Student Opportunities

Foster Youth Development Program (FYDP)

The Foster Youth Development Program is a mental health program in Alameda County that helps youth transition successfully out of foster care. The program is for 15-16 years old, who are in foster care.

For more information, contact: Susanna McKean Moore, PhD, Foster Youth Development Program, WestCoast Children's Clinic,

Tel: (510) 269-9096 smoore@westcoastcc.org

Midnight Basketball League

Free to Men & Women Ages 15 to 25

Friday Nights starting at 7pm

Session I: March 7 – May 30, 2008 @ Ira Jenkins Rec. Center-9175 Edes Avenue

League Draft & Open Gym

Friday, February 29, 2008 5pm-8pm @ Tassafioranga Gym-975 85th Avenue

Daily Signups @ All Parks & Recreation Centers

Oakland PAL--9600 Sunnyside Street--Daily 12noon – 5pm

OR

OPR Office 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, 3rd Floor--Daily 9am – 4pm

For more information, please contact: Officer Jumaal Hill 510-615-5758 OR Mr. Howard Gamble 510-238-3495

Microsoft DigiGirlz Summer Camps for girls in 9th-12th grade

The camp was developed to provide girls with a better understanding of what a career in technology is all about. This exciting three to five day experience provides opportunities to learn about careers in technology, talk with Microsoft employees about their life experiences, and enjoy hands-on computer and technology workshops. To apply, girls need to complete the online application form

which is available at: <https://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/programs/camps.mspix>
Visit <https://www.microsoft.com/about/diversity/programs/camps.mspix> for more information.

White House Internship Summer 2008

A White House Internship is an opportunity for current students and recent graduates to experience everyday life at the White House while working with high-level officials on a variety of tasks and projects. Beyond experiencing the day-to-day operations of the White House, interns participate in a speaker series, tours, community service projects, and various White House events.

For more information please visit www.whitehouse.gov/intern

Application due February 26, 2008

Homework Help @ Oakland Public Libraries

High school and middle school students in Oakland who need homework help have a new option: the public library. Oakland Public Library now has a free drop-in Homework Assistance Program for teens, ages 12 to 18 years old. Teens who want help in English, math, research and science from an experienced volunteer tutor can come to one of six Oakland libraries for assistance. No advance registration is needed; just drop in on the days you want homework help to complete your assignments.

Homework Assistance Program Locations:

Asian Branch Library

www.oaklandlibrary.org/Branches/asian.html

388 9th Street, Suite 190 , 238-3400

Mondays & Tuesdays, 6 - 8 pm (math only)

Eastmont Branch Library

www.oaklandlibrary.org/Branches/eastmont.htm

Eastmont Town Center , 7200 Bancroft Ave., Suite 211, 615-5726

Mondays 3-7 pm and Saturdays, 1 - 3 pm

Main Library

www.oaklandlibrary.org/Seasonal/Sections/mainhrs.html

(West Auditorium)

125 14th Street , 238-7233

Wednesdays & Thursdays, 6 - 8 pm

OUSD Student Journalism

Read a student blog from a Skyline Senior

<http://www.ibabuzz.com/education/category/jesse-dutton-kenny/>

Two new student articles are posted on the Journalism Page of the Student Website:

[Ryan Barnes, Skyline HS](#)

[Jessica Tabares, Media Academy](#)

Upcoming Local Events

YOUTH SPEAKS Teen Poetry Slam Preliminaries and Semi-Finals..

Youth Speaks, the nation's leading nonprofit presenter of Spoken Word performance, education, and youth development programs, presents the **12th Annual Youth Speaks Teen Poetry Slam!** We're now in the second week of preliminaries, but it's not too late to pre-register! www.youthspeaks.org

Preliminaries

Friday, Feb. 22 at 7pm, FREE

Urban Services YMCA Teen Center, 5908 Foothill Blvd., Oakland

Saturday, Feb. 23 at 7pm, FREE

Eastside Arts Alliance, 277 International Blvd., Oakland

Semi-Finals--2 Semi-Finals in Oakland

Friday, March 7 and Saturday, March 8 at 7pm

The Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak Street, Oakland

Tickets at www.brownpapertickets.com

\$6 Youth (under 20) & Seniors, \$10 General

Bay Area Hispanic Youth Symposium

The Hispanic Youth Symposium is a four day, three night program for rising sophomores and juniors in high school that provides: College access and matriculation information, Career exposure, A network of role models and mentors, Culturally relevant curriculum, Motivational speakers, Leadership development workshops, College life experience and \$14,000 in scholarships through speech, art, talent, and essay competitions

Date: June 25th – 28th

Location: St. Mary's College of California, Moraga CA

The application deadline for participants is March 15th, 2007

High school students may apply at <http://hispanicyouth.org/students.php>

For more information about the program, please visit <http://www.hispanicyouth.org/>

The Color of Fear--movie about racism

Lessons from The Color of Fear--Film Screening, Panel Discussion & Curriculum Launch Celebration

"The Color of Fear is one of the best films on racism I have ever seen"--Cornell West, author, scholar and activist

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008, 7:00 pm

WHERE: First Congregational Church of Oakland, 2501 Harrison St. Oakland

TICKETS: General Admission \$10, Youth 18 and under \$5

Available online at: www.brownpapertickets.com/event/26426

Or call Brown Paper Tickets' 24/7 ticket hotline: 1-800-838-3006

I se Lyfe in Who's Crazy? (Former OUSD Student)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2008, 8:00 pm

WHERE: Malonga Caquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice St. Oakland

TICKETS: General Admission \$15-20 sliding scale, Youth under 18 \$8

Available online at: <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/26907>

Or call Brown Paper Tickets' 24/7 ticket hotline: 1-800-838-3006

Cool Links and Resources

Tons of great Black History Stories

http://www.awesomestories.com/sample_topics/black_history.shtml

2008 Presidential Primaries

Do you know enough to make an informed decision? Before you cast your vote, read about where both Republican and Democratic presidential candidates stand on the important issues that affect your family: health care, taxes, education, and the war in Iraq.

http://life.familyeducation.com/elections/us-presidency/56370.html?WT.mc_id=FE_Your-Child_7-11_2008-02-18_email

Youth on the Trail: Election 2008

It's the buzz: Youth are participating in this year's presidential elections in record numbers. Are this year's presidential candidates reaching out to young people in ways their predecessors did not? Has the political debut of websites like YouTube, Facebook, and MySpace made politics more exciting or personal? And who are these politically engaged youth?

http://www.wkcd.org/youth_on_the_trail/index.html

Youth Photography from the Mathare Slum in Nairobi, Kenya

Today's news is filled with images and stories of violence in Kenya. Some of this unrest has taken place in the Mathare slum of Nairobi. Ten years ago a visitor to the slum provided Julius Mwelu, then 12 years old, a disposable camera, and encouraged him and other Mathare youth to document daily life around them. The project is still going strong.

http://www.wkcd.org/your_stories/2008/01_photography_Kenya/index.html

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