



Working Together to Increase the Availability & Quality of Afterschool Opportunities Statewide

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There are two great holidays taking place in June! Flag Day is June 14th and Father's Day is Sunday, June 15th. Flag Day commemorates the adoption of the U.S. Flag. To teacher the children in your program about the history of the Flag visit <http://www.nationalflagday.com/default.asp> and for great Flag Day activities visit <http://www.enchantedlearning.com/crafts/flagday/>. For great Father's Day ideas please visit <http://familyfun.go.com/#/>.

Another way to celebrate our nation's history is to plan some 4th of July events for your program. Invite families for a fireworks show and picnic, or even do some fun interactive history with your program. For more ideas please visit <http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/fourth-of-july/index.html>.

National Summer Learning Day will be celebrated on Thursday, July 10, 2008. This is an opportunity for communities in Montana to celebrate the need for summer learning of outstanding quality. For information on hosting an event please visit http://www.summerlearning.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=104&Itemid=426.

This newsletter is created as a resource for you! If you have suggestions or ideas for the newsletter, please email Amber!

RESOURCES

Community Afterschool Forums

Billings region: Contact Kristin Lundgren at 406.252.3839 x13 for information on BOOST and their meetings and events.

Have region: Contact [Tim Brurud](mailto:Tim.Brurud) at the Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line for information about the next afterschool meeting.

Helena region: HEY! Network meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Helena Middle School Youth Connections Conference Room 202. Contact [Sandi Smith](mailto:Sandi.Smith) at OPI for more information.

Kalispell region: Mission Valley Regional After School Program Network has had monthly meetings in Polson. For more information contact [Jenaya Webster](mailto:Jenaya.Webster).

Missoula region: The Youth Development Network is meeting the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 4:15 p.m. Students, educators, and community members are encouraged to get involved! For more information contact [Ellie Greenwood](mailto:Ellie.Greenwood) by email or call 406.258.4965.

Other meeting or training dates to share? Email Amber with the details!

Teach Vocabulary and Save the World!

The United Nations World Food Program has created a website feeding the hungry and teaching vocabulary. For each word the students in your program define correctly, twenty grains of rice are donated. One good way to include your group would be to have a word of the day from the site on the board, have your group find the definition and then make your donation. This is a great chance to teach vocabulary and to teach about philanthropy. To visit the site, please go to

www.freerice.com/index.php. For more ideas on philanthropy projects kids can do order "Kids Care!" at <http://www.idealsbooks.com/index.asp?PageAction=VIEWPROD&ProdID=2149>.

Financial Literacy

The Jump\$tart Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy's recent studies show that most high school graduates are far behind in financial literacy. Programs are encouraged to begin this education at a young age. To help children better understand financial responsibility and have fun please visit <http://www.moneyandstuff.info>.

Funding Tips

The Finance Project has created a series of monthly installments that provide various funding tips. For the month of May, the tip was "Transfer TANF Funds to CCDF to Support Out-of-School Time Initiatives." For more information on these funds and to view previous funding tips please visit <http://www.financeproject.org/special/irc/monthlyFundingTips.cfm>.

Send the Students in Your Program to the Moon!

The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter will carry a microchip to the moon, carrying the names of all that participate! Teach the children in your program about space exploration and get them excited in the mission by sending their names to the moon. For more information please visit <http://lro.jhuapl.edu/NameToMoon>.

Vacation Time is Here!

Many children take vacations with their families this time of year. A great activity to help kids capture those memories is to help them make place mats of the places they visited. Provide each child with a 13x18 piece of cardboard. Children can then arrange pictures, postcards, or other pictures on the board and write the place they visited. Once they have glued each thing on, cover both sides of the board with clear adhesive shelf paper that is cut a bit larger than the board. Trim the edges and you're finished! For more fun geography activities check out "Geography Fun" at <http://www.larkbooks.com/catalog?isbn=1579904343>.

History's Most Memorable

A good way to educate the children in your program about important figures in history is to compare what they know to what the nation knows! "Smithsonian" magazine recently surveyed teens on who they felt were the most important figures, not including presidents or their wives. The top ten outcome included Martin Luther King, Jr., Rosa Parks, Harriet Tubman, Susan B. Anthony, Benjamin Franklin, Amelia Earhart, Oprah Winfrey, Marilyn Monroe, Thomas Edison, and Albert Einstein. Does the list from your program compare? For more information on the survey please visit <http://www.smithsonianmag.com/history-archaeology/presence-famous.html?c=y&page=1>.

21st CCLC Learning Resources

The Office of Public Instruction has updated their resource lists, which include teacher, student, and organizational resources, as well as grant information. To view the site, please visit <http://www.opi.mt.gov/21cent/ednew.html>.

FUNDING

Montana Board of Crime Control: Afterschool Programs

RFP: October 1, 2007-June 30, 2008 (reminder)

The Montana Board of Crime Control is offering \$125,000 in funds to programs to promote keeping kids safe and reducing risk factors. Existing programs with 501-3C status may apply. For more information please contact Julie Fischer at 406.444.2056 or Glenda Grover at 406.444.2085.

Neighborhood Builders and Local Heroes

Deadline: June 27, 2008 (reminder)

The Neighborhood Builders program funded by Bank of America will award two \$200,000 grants to nonprofits that promote "vibrant neighborhoods." Group should also include their involvement in education, community development, and human services. Local Heroes will be selected among people that make significant impacts and changes in the community and will be given \$5,000 that can be given to the nonprofit of their choice. For more information or to see if you qualify please visit <http://www.bankofamerica.com/foundation/>.

Mattel Domestic Grantmaking Program

Deadline: July 15, 2008 (reminder)

The Mattel Children's Foundation is awarding grants from \$5,000 to \$25,000 to "youth-serving organizations" that focus on learning, literacy, health, and empowerment of girls up to age 12. For more information or to see if your program qualifies please visit http://www.mattel.com/about_us/philanthropy/ci_mcf_philanthropy_mattelFoundation.asp.

Digital Starlab Giveaway

Latest Reminder

Learning Technologies is giving away a digital starlab worth \$58,000 to a school or youth program. For your chance to win this great prize please visit www.cosmiclesson.com.

Youth Garden Grants

Deadline: November 1, 2008

The National Gardening Association and Home Depot are offering this grant to develop a love for gardening and being able to relate it to education. Some of the elements that may be included are team building, community support, health connections, or environmental awareness. The program must include at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18 on the project. For more information please visit <http://www.kidsgardening.com/YGG.asp>.

Tobacco Settlement Revenue

For more information on the tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (MSA) and where those funds are being used, please visit www.financeproject.org/tobacco. The Finance project has created this site to inform policy makers, programs, and leaders on how these funds can be allocated to support "youth initiatives".

2009 Global Youth Service Day Lead Agencies

Deadline: July 11, 2008

Global Youth Service Day is accepting application from groups wanting to be lead agencies in developing community service-learning projects. The programs selected will receive \$2,000. For more information please contact Andraea Lavant at alavant@ysa.org.

Sharing the Dream

Deadline: June 20, 2008

The National Association of Elementary School Principals with funding from the MetLife Foundation offers awards to principals that actively shared responsibility and engaged the community with students. For more information please visit www.collaborativecommunications.com.

RESEARCH

Qualities of a Leader

In an "Exchange" magazine article, Marianne Jones addresses the qualities needed in leadership. Of these qualities, integrity and responsibility are included. The article entitled, "What is a Leader, Anyway?" is available at

http://ccie.com/resources/view_article.php?article_id=5017874&keyword_id=120.

Winning the Obesity Battle

The "Journal of the American Medical Association" recently published that we may be leveling off the childhood obesity rates. The 32% rate has held steady since 2003, while previously at a continuous increase since 1980. For tips on how to educate the children in your program on health and nutrition please visit www.smallstep.gov.

Playing is Important!

PBS has recently released a documentary by Joe Frost on the history of children's play. For centuries cultures have found that the active interaction among children is extremely important. Since the end of the twentieth century, however, this encouragement of activity has tapered. Children are less active and less healthy, because they stay indoors more often due to various reasons listed by Frost. For more information on this study or documentary please visit

<http://www.allianceforchildhood.org/>.

TRAINING

Leave No Child Left Inside

Montana Parks and Recreation, Montana FWP, and the National Park Service are holding a summit on September 23, 2008 in Helena on the health and nutrition of children. The summit will focus on bringing in educators, after school programs, recreation programs, and so on. The Keynote Speaker will be Cheryl Charles, Ph.D., president of the Children & Nature Network. For more information on attending please call Ken Soderberg at 444.3701 or email him at

ksoderberg@mt.gov.

Healthy Teen Network Conference

The Healthy Teen Network will hold its conference entitled, Speaking Many Languages: Respecting Diversity, Believing in Equity in Albuquerque, New Mexico October 29-November 1, 2008. This is a great training and networking opportunity. For more information, please visit

<http://healthyteenconference.org/default.aspx>.

MBI Summer Institute

The Montana Behavioral Initiative will host its 2008 summer institute June 16th-20th in Bozeman, focusing on emphasizing positive behavior and interventions. It will offer training for many skills necessary when dealing with children. For more information on attending please visit

<https://toto.msu.montana.edu/cs/mbi/>.

Teacher and Learning in Out-of-School Time

This Summer Institute will take place August 15-17, 2008 in Arcadia University, PA on campus. The institute offers many professional opportunities. The early registration deadline has been extended. For more information please visit www.afterschooled.org.

Beyond School Hours XII Conference

Early registration is still available for this professional development conference taking place February 11-14, 2009 at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport in Burlingame, California. For more information please visit

<http://www.foundationsinc.org/events/conference/beyond12/default.asp>.

2008 NIOST Summer Seminars

There's still time to sign up for the National Institute on Out-of-School Time's Summer Seminars. Applications are due by July 1, 2008. The conference is taking place at the John Hancock Conference Center in Boston, MA. For more information please visit www.NIOST.org.

2008 Montana Mentor Institute

The 2008 Montana Mentor Institute-The Art and Science of Teacher Mentoring will be held August 12-14, 2008 in the Student Union Building and MSU Bozeman. For more information or to register please visit http://www.opi.mt.gov/pdf/speced/link/08Mentor_Institute.pdf.

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