



The Monthly Staffer

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Welcome to 2008 - 09 School Year!

You may be eyebrow deep in bug spray, summer plans, or searching for tent stakes, but here at AFTER SCHOOL our energies are focused on fall. Please review the information included in this newsletter in preparation for a great school year season!

Special Events for 2008 - 09

Get a start on your 2008-09-planner. Watch for more information on the following special events!

December	Holiday Party
February 14th	Celebrating Youth
April	4-H Fair
May	Staff Appreciation Dinner

BONUS OPPORTUNITIES!

This fall there are three ways for staff to add to their earnings.

EARLY SIGN ON BONUS: Designed to encourage early commitment from returning staff and completion of personnel files. Returning staff can earn \$50 by sending back their response form and file needs by July 15th, attending all orientation sessions, and being ready to begin at their site on the first day of program.

MORNING PROGRAM SHIFT PREMIUM: Staff who commit to working a split shift earn an additional \$.50 during the morning shift. This can quickly add up to the cost of a new alarm clock!

RECRUITMENT BONUS: We still have openings for staff at various sites in the area. You could add up to \$100 to your wallet, help us out, and help a friend out too! It sure beats lending them money!

For more information contact Andrew at 276-9782 ext. 16.

Recruitment for 2008 - 09

Recruitment and hiring of Program Specialists and Site Supervisors for the upcoming school year is in full swing. If you know of anyone who may have an interest in working for AFTER SCHOOL, please pass along one of the enclosed recruitment cards. These cards are meant to help prospective employees get in touch with AFTER SCHOOL to request an application or ask a few questions. Please hand them out to anyone you know who might be interested in a position for the fall. Be sure to put your own name on the back of the cards so the new recruit remembers to put you down as the person who recruited them. If they are hired, you could be eligible for a recruitment bonus.

Orientation 2008 Information

Orientation will be held from August 25th - 29th, 2008. Additional information with specific times and locations will be sent out in the coming weeks. In addition, for Supervisors, many of our schools have registration days late in the summer that are a great opportunity to welcome back students and meet new families. A calendar of registration days will be available later this summer. Please contact your Community Director for more information and to arrange pick up of required marketing materials for distribution.

ALL STAFF AND SUPERVISOR REMINDERS:

Attendance at Orientation is a requirement of your position and is paid time. Please bring all outstanding personnel file paperwork. Files must be complete to begin employment. All Staff and Supervisors are required to fill out new W4s and WT4s each year in addition to other items needed for your staff file.

Proof of current Infant & Child CPR is also required for all returning Program Specialists and Site Supervisors by September 1, 2008. If you already have CPR, please send us a copy of your certification card. Look for CPR training during orientation if you haven't already taken care of this requirement over the summer.

Celebration of Art - Designed For Fun

Each year AFTER SCHOOL celebrates and focuses on one aspect of art and uses that focus to inform and to ignite an interest in the AFTER SCHOOL participants. This year we build on that tradition with the focus on \diamond. The materials and tools needed to enrich your programs with examples along with project ideas, will be available for BOOST and CLUB projects, as well as Special Program plans. Spend some time looking around your community, what examples of \diamond could you share this fall?

Calendar Programming Ideas:

Maracas: (Hispanic Heritage Month) From *Kids Celebrate* by Maria Bonfanti Esche

Materials: 9-inch paper plate, markers or crayons, handful of rice or dried beans, stapler, five or six strips of crepe paper.

Directions:

1. Color the plate on the back in a bold design with bright colors.
2. Fold the plate in half. Put the dried beans or rice inside the plate and staple the edges shut.
3. Staple the colored crepe paper to the curved side of the plate as decoration. Your hand holds the folded side. Shake your maracas and make your own music.

SADAKO and The Thousand Cranes

9/2 Peace Treaty signed 9/29 Nobel Peace Prize

Ancient legend teaches that your greatest wish will come true if you fold one thousand origami cranes. In 1955, Sadako, a 12-year old Japanese girl, lay dying from radiation sickness 10 years after the bombing in Hiroshima. She undertook to fold 1,000 cranes so that she could live. Sadako also wrote a Haiku (Japanese poem) that read in part: "I shall write peace upon your wings, and you shall fly around the world so that children will no longer have to die this way." Sweet Sadako died before she could complete her task. Her classmates folded the remaining number so that she was buried with One Thousand Cranes. Ever since, the Origami crane has become recognized worldwide as a symbol of peace and nuclear disarmament. A granite statue of Sadako stands in the Hiroshima Peace Park: a young girl standing with her hand outstretched, a paper crane flying from her fingertips.

For instructions on how to make paper cranes visit:
<http://www.eco-store.com/cranes.html>.

Shoebox Time Capsule

From *DIY Kids*

Items to include in the time capsule might include: photos of friends, family, your house or pets, drawings, newspaper and magazine clippings and lists of how much different things cost or your favorite songs and groups -- even lists of your favorite movies and television shows. Include any personal items that mean something to you and that say something about who you are.

Materials: Shoebox, Contact paper (clear and designed patterns), Clear tape, Markers, Pencil, Scissors, Paper

1. Wrap the box with contact paper.
2. Decorate shapes cut from paper with markers and tape them on to the box.
3. Cover with clear contact paper to give it a finished look.
4. Select the most memorable items for the year. Things about you, your family, your town, and pop culture and place your items in the box.
5. Finally, store your time capsule in a dark, forgettable place, but not totally and all together forgotten!

The September Calendar

- Sept. 1 Pioneer 11 makes first fly by of Saturn and discovers new moons and rings (1979)
- Sept. 2 Peace Treaty signed ending WW II (1945)
- Sept. 3 Longest game in Fenway Park; 20 innings, Mariners 8; Red Sox 7 (1981)
- Sept. 4 Skyscraper architect Daniel Burnham birthday (1846)
- Sept. 5 Jesse James' birthday (1847)
- Sept. 6 Star Trek premiers on NBC-T (1966)
- Sept. 7 1st closed circuit auto race Cranston, NJ (1896)
- Sept. 8 Lincoln makes speech about when you can fool people (1858)
- Sept. 9 Elvis Presley appears on US TV on the Ed Sullivan show (1956)
- Sept. 10 Youngest racer to win World Grand Prix, Emerson Fittipaldi; age 17 (1972)
- Sept. 11 First US newspaper cartoon strip (1875)
- Sept. 12 Bonanza premiers on TV (1959)
- Sept. 13 NYC becomes capital of US (1788)
- Sept. 14 First US lighthouse lit, Boston Harbor (1716)
- Sept. 15 Alexander Fleming discovers penicillin (1928)
- Sept. 16 Arnold Schwarzenegger becomes a US Citizen (1983)
- Sept. 17 NFL organized in Canton Ohio (1920)
- Sept. 18 Beach boy birthday Frankie Avalon (1940)
- Sept. 19 Nikita Khrushchev denied access to Disneyland (1959)
- Sept. 20 Walt Disney World celebrates 200 millionth guest (1985)
- Sept. 21 Birthday of H.G. Wells science fiction writer: 100 books including Time Machine (1866)
- Sept. 22 Birthday of the first woman to climb Mt. Everest, Junko Tabei (1939)
- Sept. 23 Time capsule buried at NY Worlds Fair with Bible, newsreels of Pres. Roosevelt and college football, and a mail order catalogue (1939)
- Sept. 24 First baseball team organized (1845)
- Sept. 25 Superman Christopher Reeve's birthday (1952)
- Sept. 26 The "Beverly Hillbillies" premiers on CBS
- Sept. 27 Moon Cake Festival Day in Hong Kong
- Sept. 28 Confucius Birthday/Teachers Day in Taiwan
- Sept. 29 UN Peacekeeping Force awarded Nobel Peace Prize (1988)
- Sept. 30 Babe Ruth, the Sultan of Swat, played his last game for the Yankees

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