



The Monthly Staffer

July 2005
Dane County

Welcome to 2005-2006 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!

Orientation 2005 Schedule

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| Aug. 23 rd | New Employees. McKenna Blvd office. 9:00 - 3:00 |
| Aug. 25 th & 26 th | All Staff and Supervisors. Covenant Presbyterian Church (326 S. Segoe Rd., Madison). 9:00 - 3:00 |
| Aug. 29 th | All Supervisors. Covenant Presbyterian Church (326 S. Segoe Rd., Madison). 9:00 - 12:00 |
| Aug. 29 th or 30 th | Supervisor Pick Up and Site Set-up arranged individually by site. |

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 are required to fill out new W4s, WT-4s and emergency forms each year.

CPR is also required for all returning Staff and Supervisors by September 1, 2005. If you already have CPR, please send us a copy of your certification card. Look for a CPR training during orientation if you haven't already taken care of this requirement over the summer.

Special Events for 2005-2006

Get a start on your 2005-06-planner. Watch for more information on the following special events!

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| September | Celebration of Art Training Day |
| December | Holiday Party |
| Jan 22 nd | Celebrating Youth |
| Feb 25 th | Social Emotional Conference |
| April | 4H Fair |
| May | Staff Appreciation Dinner |

CELEBRATION OF ART

Come Join the CIRCUS!

Each year AFTER SCHOOL celebrates and focuses on one aspect of art and uses that focus to inform and ignite an interest in our program participants. This year we continue the tradition with our focus on CIRCUS ARTS. The materials and tools needed to enrich your programs with examples, the history of the circus, along with project ideas, will be

available within BOOST modules, CLUB projects, and Special Program plans. It's never too late to search the world around you for the fun and fabulous feats of the circus!

BOOST Grows UP!

BOOST provides a range of fully developed modules that contain background information, activities, web sites, and resources based on suggestions provided by staff at the close of each year. New topics are available, and materials are continuously added for old favorites. Additionally, in support of the Celebration of Art focus, modules related to the circus and performance arts are also included.

Why do we offer BOOST? It encourages children to Build On Out of School Time through play and exploration, all while learning every step of the way. BOOST is one very important way that we can create and ignite a spark of interest in topics through informal education opportunities that are both fun and challenging.

The BOOST modules continue to be an exciting programming tool as an enrichment component offered within the After School K-3 programs. We continue to explore the possibilities that BOOST can offer, not only for our younger program, but also as a stand alone enrichment course for children. We hope that BOOST will be offered in the future not only at current schools served but also in additional schools where we do not currently have AFTER SCHOOL programs.

BONUS OPPORTUNITIES!

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

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

EARLY SIGN ON BONUS: Designed to encourage early commitment from returning staff and completion of personnel files. Returning staff and supervisors can earn \$50 by sending back their response form by July 31st, file needs by Aug. 15th, attending all orientation sessions, current CPR (by Sept 1st), 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!

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

As of September 1st, all staff and all supervisors are required to have CPR and first aid certification. We will be offering some limited opportunities to become certified. Please send any current certifications documentation to the AFTER SCHOOL office for your file. Thanks!

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

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

September is all of these things: National Fall Hat Month, Coupon Month, Baby Safety Month, Chicken Month, Honey Month, Potato Month, Hispanic Heritage Month, Sewing Month, Children's Eye Health & Safety Month, International Strategic Thinking Month, and Backpack Safety Month. In September we also celebrate, on the 3rd Do It Day to combat procrastination, on the 9th Wonderful Weirdos Day Heritage Month, and on the 12th Video Games Day.

Calendar Programming Ideas

- 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-TV (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 Pix, 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 Krushchev 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.

Have a great summer...see you in the fall!