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OUSD Student Newsletter

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Please pass on...

Expect Success: Every classroom. Every student. Every day.

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Happy Lunar New Year

About 20 percent of Oakland's population celebrates the Lunar New Year; this is 4706 according to the Chinese calendar upon which it is based. **On February 7th, the Year of the Rat begins according the Chinese Zodiac.**

District News

Use Your Voice Survey Results Posted on Student Website

Last year we heard from over 30,000 people on the Use Your Voice survey. Your comments were very useful in helping principals, teachers, and even School Board members create changes that will improve your school experience. To see what other students, parents, and teachers were thinking last year, go to http://ousdstudents.org/Use_Your_Voice_Survey/index.html and check out the results. We're looking forward to hearing more from you this May.

New Library Open @ the Havenscourt Campus

Roots International and Coliseum Community College Prep will open their school Library on the Havenscourt campus under the direction of Library clerk, Brenda Hebert, and principals, Brandee Stewart and Aaron Townsend on Monday, February 11th, 2008. An open House will be held from 11:00 to 1:00. Following months of reorganization the Library is finally ready and is open 4 days a week (M,T, Tr, F) before and after school, during school and Lunch.

College Readiness Network

Information:

Make sure you are on the right track..

- Junior's College Admission Check List--<http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/index.php?s=115>
- Senior's College Admission Check List-- <http://www.eastbayconsortium.org/index.php?s=116>

Upcoming SAT dates

TEST DATES	TEST	DEADLINE (regular)	DEADLINE (late fees)
Mar 1, 2008	SAT only	Jan. 29, 2008	Feb 7, 2008
May 3, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	April 1, 2008	Apr 10, 2008
June 7, 2008	SAT & Subject Tests	May 6, 2008	May 15, 2008

Bad behavior could be roadblock to higher education

http://www.insidebavarea.com/ci_8052788?source=email

Upcoming College-Prep Events

Cash for College Workshops -- California Cash for College (CCFC) workshops provide students and their families an opportunity to receive FREE, professional help to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and Cal Grant GPA Verification Form necessary for Cal Grants and other financial aid.

- [Tuesday, Feb. 12:](#) Fremont Federation • 6:30-8:30pm • 4610 Foothill Blvd., Oakland
- [Saturday, Feb. 23:](#) Laney College-Cash for College major community event*1-4pm* Theater and Student Center

Vocational Education Day--This event will provide prospective students the opportunity to explore career possibilities and discover learning opportunities available to them in the Vocational Education departments at Laney College.

[Wednesday February 13th 2008](#)

10:00am-12:30pm

1:00pm-3:30pm

Free

Location: Vocational Education departments and Instructional Labs on the Laney Campus

Lunch will be provided for morning session participants
For more information, contact: David Reed, Outreach Specialist, Office of Student Services
(510) 464-3537, dreed@peralta.edu

College Information Night at Castlemont High School-- Castlemont Community of Small Schools and the Castlemont Play It Smart Program presents its first College Information event for juniors and parents/guardians. This event will have information regarding local colleges and universities, Historical Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), college tours, financial aid and college preparation programs. Students should bring copies of their transcripts for scholarship consideration.
[Thursday, February 21st, 2008 6:00pm-8:00pm](#)

Castlemont High School Gymnasium--8601 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland, Ca
For more information, please contact Harold Logwood by Email at: theminds@pacbell.net or by cell phone (510)410.2221

Hey Oakland Seniors...Got Plans?-- Get the 411 on your options after graduation. Workshops, info sessions, and a resource fair. Raffles for student and families, food, kid zone and entertainment provided! All students, parents, and families are welcome

[February 23, 2008](#)
10am-4pm
Laney College
Registration begins at 9:30am!

The African American Education Summit

[Saturday, March 1, 2008](#)
Registration starts at 8am; workshops and sessions from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
California State University, East Bay
25800 Carlos Bee Blvd., Hayward, CA

Scholarships

Oakland Academic Stars Scholarship Program for African American 9th, 10th and 11th grade student

Oakland Academic Stars Scholarship Program Essay--Using your best writing skills, write a short essay that tells us about you and your plans and hopes for your future. Please type or print clearly.
For an application and more information, please contact Annette.Starks@ousd.k12.ca.us, Counselor at Large for OUSD.

100 Black Men of the Bay Area Young Black Scholars Program offers scholarships to students in Bay Area schools who are bound for a four-year college/university, junior/community college or trade school. For the application (located on the home page under the News and events area), go to www.100blackmenba.org

For more scholarship listings, check the OUSD Student Website
http://ousdstudents.org/College_Prep_and_Scholarship_Info/Scholarship_information.html

All City Council/Meaningful Student Engagement

All City Council High School meeting

Open to all OUSD High School students/schools
[February 21, 2008](#)
1 pm - 3pm
Hosted by: **Rudsdale High School**

1180 70th Ave.
Oakland, CA 94621

All City Council Middle School meeting

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

10am-noon

Topic: Getting Involved in Running Your School: School Site Council

Hosted by: United for Success Academy

2001 35th Ave.

Oakland, CA 94601

Middle School Peer Resource Conference

Thursday, April 3rd, 2008

Clark Kerr Campus at UC-Berkeley

The MS Peer Resource Conference supports the continued development of school-linked services through the use of Peer Resources/Leadership Programs. Peer Resources refer to any program that trains youth to work with and/or help other youth to empower teens to become leaders and involved in creating change in their lives and in their schools.

High School Ethnic Studies Conference (formerly the HS Peer Resource Conference)

Tuesday, April 8, 2008

Pauley Ballroom in MLK Student Union at UC-Berkeley

The Ethnic Studies Conference has a college going focus and is co-sponsored by the UC Berkeley Ethnic Studies Department. This brings a holistic approach to the traditional Peer Resource Conference. **Our conference will now have four workshop themes: Culture and History, Leadership and Action, Health, and Getting Ready for College.** The overall spirit of the conference is Multi-Racial Alliance Building among students, as endorsed by All City Council leadership students, and the PRC/Ethnic Studies Planning Committee.

For more information about any of these events, contact raquel.jimenez@ousd.k12.ca.us 510-879-8714

OUSD Students in the News

Students brainstorm new paths to justice at Cole Middle School

http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci_8093037?source=email

Fifth-graders get early civics primer

http://www.insidebayarea.com/ci_8173075

Video

[Civics Lesson--The Presidential Election gives Fruitvale Students a Civics Lesson](#)

Upcoming Community Events

Oakland Asian Cultural Center Lunar New Year

Saturday, February 9th, 1-4 pm.

388 9th St, Second Floor, inside the Pacific Renaissance Plaza. Free.

This Pan Asian event includes lion dance, folk dance, Mongolian dance and music from Mien Legend, kung fu and qi gong demonstrations, and more. Several exhibits will also be available for viewing along the hallway galleries, including "In Search of Roots," based on a program where young Chinese Americans go to their ancestral homes in the Pearl River Delta Region in

southern China; "Driven Out: The Forgotten War Against Chinese Americans" based on Jean Pfaelzer's book; and the Oakland Chinatown Oral History Project.

Cultural Connections: A Satellite Exhibit of The Art of Living Black 2008

[10 am-5 pm, Monday through Friday through February 29, 2008](#)

Craft & Cultural Arts Gallery, State of California Office Building, 1515 Clay Street, Free admission.

Features works in various media by selected artists and a special tribute to Chauncey Bailey.

Live Performance and Artists' Talk on [Thursday, February 21](#). Performance by Mechelle LaChaux and Rodney Bell and conversations with artists featured in the exhibition-- 5-8 pm. 622-8190.

Educate to Liberate: The Schools of the Black Panther Party, 1969-1982

[Through April 15, 2008](#)

Oakland Public Library Main Branch, 125 14th Street, Second Floor. Free Admission.

Photo exhibit recognizing the 35th anniversary of the Oakland Community Learning Center, presented by the Oakland History Room in conjunction with It's About Time. 238-3222.

Black History Month Exhibit at the Mormon Temple

[Through February 28, 2008](#)

4560 Lincoln Avenue. Free Admission. Exhibit of retired professional athletes inducted into the African-American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame over the past 50 years.. (452-2693.)

YouthSpeaks Poetry Slam

[Saturday February 23rd 7:00pm](#)

Preliminary round for their 12th Annual Teen Poetry Slam. To register, and for more information, go to www.youthspeaks.org or call 415-255-9035 ext. 25

BUILD's 2nd Annual Business Plan Competition

[Saturday, May 31, 2008](#)

Haas Berkeley School of Business

Come see freshmen BUILD students from Oakland Tech, EXCEL, Oakland High, Lionel Wilson and CBITS deliver their team business plans with PowerPoint presentations and compete for the grand prize! It's also a great opportunity to support sophomore and junior BUILD students by buying their products at the Sales Bazaar. For more information, contact Brianne Fitzgerald at bfitzgerald@build.org or 510-271-6093

Cool Links and Resources for Black History Month and the Lunar New Year

African American Odyssey: A Quest for Full Citizenship (Library of Congress)

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohhtml/exhibit/aointro.html>

Explores black America's quest for equality from the early national period through the twentieth century. Displaying more than 240 items, including books, government documents, manuscripts, maps, musical scores, plays, films, and recordings, this is the largest black history exhibit ever.

African American Band Music and Recordings, 1883-1923 (Library of Congress)

<http://lweb2.loc.gov/diglib/ihas/html/stocks/stocks-home.html>

"Stock" arrangements for bands or small orchestras of popular songs written by African Americans. In addition, a smaller selection of historic sound recordings illustrating these songs and many others by the same composers. Educational materials

include short biographies of composers and performers of the time and historical essays. Over 300 performers/composers in the Browse tool.

All About the Lunar New Year

http://www.educ.uvic.ca/faculty/mroth/438/CHINA/chinese_new_year.html

Learn all about the 15-day celebration of the Lunar New Year including: Traditional New Year Foods, Chinese New Year Decorations, and Taboos and Superstitions of the Lunar New Year.

Explore the Chinese culture through the interesting customs, food and clothes for the Chinese New Year

<http://library.thinkquest.org/04oct/01913/>

Chinese New Year is an important festival for Chinese, just like Christmas for Western people. The customs, food and clothes are truly exotic to western people. However, have anyone ever thought that all these special customs, food and clothes for Chinese New Year shows the unique culture and thought of the Chinese people?

To see past newsletters, please check out the archive page at http://ousdstudents.org/Student_Newsletter_Archive/index.html

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