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Access, Equity & Acceleration

Academic English Mastery Program (AEMP) Black History Month Essay

Contest – AEMP will feature a Written Word Essay contest for AEMP schools in honor of African American History Month.

Students who participate will write an original essay or create a multi-media project. Each AEMP school is invited to conduct the Written Word Essay Contest between January 24th – February 24th, 2017. The Grand Prize Winners will be honored at the COBA’s 42nd Annual Black Child Conference on Saturday, March 18, 2017.

[Information](#)

Contact: Jessica Thomas, *Specialist*, jlt0473@lausd.net, (213) 241-3340

Local District Standard English Learner (SEL) Coordinators’ Meeting – SEL

Coordinators throughout the District will engage in data driven dialogue in order to: create shared meaning of the data, reflect on current practices, and explore the implications for classroom practice utilizing culturally and linguistically responsive instructional strategies to improve student outcomes for underserved students.

Date/Time: Thursday, February 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Location: Beaudry Building

Contact: Kandice McLurkin, *Administrative Coordinator*, kandice.mclurkin@lausd.net (213) 241-3340

Arts Education Branch

LAUSD Arts Programs Booklets – In response to the growing student and parent demand for high quality arts instruction in LAUSD schools, the Arts Education Branch (AEB) has created the first ever LAUSD Arts Programs booklet, a comprehensive guide detailing all K-12 arts programs in theatre, film, dance, visual arts, media, instrumental, and vocal/general music provided by highly qualified certificated arts teachers in each local and board region throughout the District. The LAUSD Arts Programs booklets are being made available at each school’s Parent Center, through counselors, arts teachers, school administrators, and can be found online on the [AEB website](#).

Contact: Steven McCarthy, *Coordinator*, steven.mccarthy@lausd.net, (213) 241-5226

Mastery Learning and Grading

Mastery Learning and Grading: Facilitator Training *(Recommended for administrators and out of classroom personnel)*

– In a series of five training days, participants will be provided with the time, deliberate practice, feedback, and resources that will equip participants to lead teachers through the Mastery Learning and Grading (MLG) five workshop series. This training will build participant capacity to support school-site implementation of research-based instructional and grading practices which optimize student learning and engender a growth mindset in students. [Website](#)

Dates/Times: Day 1: Friday, March 3, 2017
 Day 2: Friday, March 24, 2017
 Day 3: Friday, April 21, 2017
 Day 4: Friday, May 5, 2017
 Day 5: Friday, June 2, 2017
 All days begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m.

Location: Hilda L. Solis Learning Academy
 319 N. Humphreys Ave.
 Los Angeles, CA 90022

Sub Coverage: Provided by school site

Registration: To register, contact Melissa Guice, *MLG Coach*, mjg7290@lausd.net, (213) 241-8707, or Chris Grounds, *MLG Coach*, christopher.grounds@lausd.net, (213) 241-0648

Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department

Training for School Administrators Implementing Dual Language (DL), Maintenance Bilingual Education (MBE), Transitional Bilingual Education (TBE) and Foreign Language Immersion (FLI) Programs – Training for school administrators that are currently implementing DL/MBE/TBE/FLI programs at their school sites. This is our Mid-Year Check-in. Instructional/operational updates will be provided.

Date: Thursday, February 23, 2017
Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Location: TBD
Registration: [Website](#)

Contact: Judith Iguina, *Specialist*, judith.iguina@lausd.net, (213) 241-2550

Parent, Community and Student Services

2017 High School Voter Education Weeks – The 2017 Spring HS Voter Education Campaign Weeks are 1/30 - 2/21. Community organizations will be available beginning January 30th to assist high schools with their voter outreach effort. [Information](#)

Contact: Dr. Brenda Manuel, *Administrator*, brenda.manuel@lausd.net, (213) 481-3317

Personalized Learning Systems

Schoology Secondary Training – Secondary schools have the opportunity to send certificated staff member(s) to attend the Schoology Voluntary Gradebook Training. Staff member(s) who are selected to attend the training will receive the following supports:

- Three hours of hands-on training on the features of the Gradebook, such as Gradebook set up, creating assignments, applying weights and categories, and entering grades.

- Participants will receive a Trainer Toolkit to support school site implementation of the online Gradebook and will have access to user reference materials such as job aids, simulations, and recorded webinars which will be posted on the MiSiS website.

Registration available through [MyPLN](#) (Keyword: Schoology)

Contact: Paulina Rock, *Interim Director*, pxr2844@lausd.net, (213) 241-3017

Science

Next Generation Science Standards Aligned Units Available – The Science Leadership Team and designated teacher leaders have developed units aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). These NGSS units are available for teachers to pilot: [NGSS Units](#) [LAUSD Science Website](#)

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High School Contact: Karen Jin, *Coordinator*, karen.jin@lausd.net, (213) 241-5521

Scholarships and Grants

Warren Christopher Scholarship Awards Program, 2017 – This scholarship is open to 10th grade students in LAUSD, who demonstrates academic excellence, a commitment to community service, financial need, and ability to overcome hardship. Though the selected winners will receive a \$20,000 college scholarship, each 10th grade nominee who submits an online application will receive a \$500 grant just for being nominated. Note that:

- Only one application per school (CDS code) may be submitted
- Only 10th grade students are eligible
- Only LAUSD and affiliated charter schools are eligible
- The deadlines are:
 - Monday, February 13th - *Counselor identifies and submits student name that will be nominated.*
 - Monday, March 13th – *Scholarship application is due online.*

Please contact your Local District Counseling Coordinator for support in submitting eligible student names for scholarship consideration. This is a great opportunity for our 10th grade students. [More information](#)

Scholar Dollars Grant Program – The ScholarShare Investment Board, which oversees California’s ScholarShare 529 College Savings Plan, is launching the Scholar Dollars Grant Program to provide K-8 public and charter schools statewide with \$300,000 to support programs and services that foster a rich college-going culture on their campuses, innovatively prepare students for success in higher education, and enhance extracurricular and enrichment activities. The program will award 20 grants ranging from \$5,000-\$25,000 to those schools that participate. To participate, schools must register on the program website, clearly describe the new or existing program(s) or service(s) they would like funded, and partner with ScholarShare to educate students and parents about the benefits of attending college and the importance of saving for future higher education expenses early. The schools that garner the greatest level of participation through online voting from their communities will be awarded a grant. [Program Website](#)

Teacher Recognition Programs Nominations

LAUSD Teacher of the Year Program – The LAUSD Teacher of the Year (TOY) program recognizes outstanding veteran teachers with eight years or more of teaching experience for their diligence to teaching and the impact they have in their classrooms. Teachers of the Year will be our District’s ambassadors of excellence and will

advocate on pertinent issues of the teaching profession through presentations, quarterly meetings and model classrooms.

The nomination window will open Wednesday, February 1, 2017, and will close Tuesday, February 28, 2017. Teachers may be nominated or may self-nominate. For more information on the nomination, application, selection process and timelines, visit [TOY Nominations](#).

LAUSD Rookie of the Year Program – In partnership with The California Credit Union, the LAUSD Rookie of the Year program recognizes outstanding first year teachers nominated by school principals for demonstrating excellence in instruction, student engagement, professionalism, resiliency, and commitment to teaching. Principals will receive the announcement of the LAUSD Rookie of the Year nomination window on Wednesday, March 1, 2017, directions and timeline for submitting the nomination form. Official nominations must be submitted by the first year teacher's site principal. Teachers may not self-nominate.
