

AFTER-SCHOOL ALL-STARS

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1. After-School All-Stars Winter Coordinator Training

When: Thursday, January 11, 2007
8:30 am - 12:30 pm (ASAS sites); 8:30 am - 3:30 pm (ASAS ELITES)

Where: West Side Technical Institute
Conference Center 1203
2800 South Western Avenue

A panel of ASAS coordinators and staff will discuss their successes and challenges regarding program structure, options, and logistics; student and staff recruitment; use of outside providers/organizations; and parent/community involvement. There will be two break-out sessions with topics that include: youth development and engagement; program intentionality; tying programs together; and ASAS 101.

Please complete and fax the attached RSVP form to 773-553-3595 before **January 8, 2007**.

2. Attendance

Attendance this year will again be recorded on the After School Attendance Reporting (ASAR) system. Due to delays from the IMPACT roll-out, the STARS system is now scheduled to be available for the 2007-2008 school year. All after-school program attendance from July 1, 2006 to the present for After School Counts, Community Schools, Tuition-Based and After-School All-Stars must be entered into ASAR **no later than Friday, January 19, 2007**. Attendance must be entered into ASAR for **each activity** within each program area.

For a step-by-step guide to ASAR, go to http://cpsafterschool.org/ASAR_Step_by_Step.pdf. All questions regarding ASAR should be directed to the ASAR Help Line at **312-612-8229**.

3. Funding Disbursements and Coordinator Stipends

Funding for 2nd semester ASAS program disbursements is currently under review. Pending the appropriate drawdown of funds through 1st semester, funds will be released once all attendance is entered in ASAR (see information above). The first \$500 Coordinator Stipend installment will also be processed at that time. Please contact Mandee Polonsky if you have questions regarding that issue at mpolonsky@cps.k12.il.us or 3-1499.

4. Newsletter Submission

Are you proud of your after-school programs? Do you have an after-school student success story you would like to share? Then send us your story and pictures! E-mail them to Jocelyn Moralde at jgmoralde@cps.k12.il.us. Deadline for the Winter *Fun When School is Done* Newsletter story submission is January 18, 2007.

5. Our Name has Changed!

Please note! Our name has changed to the Office of Extended Learning Opportunities (OELO). As our programs have grown to before-school, during-school, after-school, weekends, and summers, we now help students and families extend learning throughout the day and year!

6. Funding Resources

FUND FOR TEACHERS

The Fund for Teachers is offering a new round of grants for teacher and teacher teams who want to hone their K-12 classroom skills. Under this program, teachers must propose a classroom project and explain how the project or activity will make the applicant a better teacher; how the implementation of the activity will improve the applicant's skills or capacity in the classroom; and how the activity and experience will affect students, curricula, and school. Applicants must have a minimum of three years teaching experience and be fulltime teachers, spending at least 50% of the time in the classroom. Teachers may apply as individuals or as a team. Individual awards are up to \$5,000 and team awards are up to \$7,000.

In Illinois: http://www.fundforteachers.org/re_il.html

Upcoming Illinois Deadlines:

- Expeditionary Learning Schools Program: January 16, 2007
- Chicago Program: February 9, 2007

<http://www.fundforteachers.org/apply.html>

For more information call: 713-296-6127

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Be on the lookout for our monthly e-newsletter!
And as always, let us know if you have any questions. Best of luck!