

# TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM NEWSLETTER



TIMELY INFORMATION OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO  
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES AND OTHERS IN THE COMMUNITY

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RON GENCO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

TO: PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

Please see the attached information from the Office of Lt. Governor Mitchell J. Landrieu, Louisiana Serve Commission regarding Learn and Serve America 2006-2007 Mid-Year Grant Application.

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PAT WILLIAMS, COORDINATOR OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT

TO: PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS

Please be reminded that Melba Johnson, author of "Write for the Future" will return to our school system to continue with training for secondary and middle school teachers. This workshop will include new strategies along with a quick review of strategies for writing previously presented for middle school teachers and new strategies for writing exercises on the ACT, process writing, cause/effect writing as well other new strategies for secondary teachers. Participants should bring their Write for the Future manual. Also, please bring any writing samples that you have acquired since the beginning of school. If you have a success story, please be prepared to share.

New participants can expect a fast-paced day of instructional writing strategies and will receive a training manual during these sessions.

Interested participants should sign up for this in-service by completing the following process:

Please go to the Staff Developmental Portal (there is a link on the Tangischools homepage) and login your username and password. Directions for using the Staff Development Portal can be found at [www.tangischools.org/mastercalendar/portaldirections.html](http://www.tangischools.org/mastercalendar/portaldirections.html).

Once you login, click the Workshop Registration link on the left hand side and then scroll down until you see NAME OF WORKSHOP goes here and click on the link. Choose the date of the workshop and click the Register button.

**Write for the Future for Grades 9-12 Teachers**  
**November 14-15, 2006**  
**C. M. Fagan Special Service Center**  
**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Write from the Beginning/Write for the Future for Middle School Teachers**  
**November 13, 2006**  
**C. M. Fagan Special Service Center**  
**8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

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## LEARN AND SERVE AMERICA

### 2006-07 MID-YEAR GRANT APPLICATION RELEASED



<b>Grants:</b>	Awards up to \$3,000 per program Multiple applications may be submitted by school	
<b>Deadline:</b>	Electronic submission to Louisiana Serve Commission E-mail all forms to <a href="mailto:LearnAndServe@crt.state.la.us">LearnAndServe@crt.state.la.us</a> (Application, Budget Summary and/or Waiver of Match form)	November 20, 2006
<b>Download From:</b>	<a href="http://www.crt.state.la.us/laserve/forms.aspx">http://www.crt.state.la.us/laserve/forms.aspx</a> Louisiana Serve Commission/Forms website	
<b>Grant Application Videoconference:</b>	Download registration form, fax to (225) 342-0106 (Specify site for participation in interactive videoconference)	November 8, 2006

LOUISIANA'S K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS FULFILL COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE.



Service-learning is a teaching methodology in which teachers and students work together to fulfill community needs through projects that reinforce classroom studies.

#### Student Benefits of Service-Learning

- Personal growth (sense of purpose, self-confidence, etc.)
- Social growth (leadership skills, teamwork, communication)
- Intellectual growth (application of knowledge, positive attitude toward learning, problem-solving skills, etc.)

#### Teacher Benefits of Service-Learning

- Standards, benchmarks, and GLEs are met.
- Students' interest in school and learning are increased.

#### 2004-05 Evaluation Report

- 4,072 service-learning students
- 138,287 service hours provided

#### *Teachers stated:*

- 77.4% - positive impact upon students (behavior, attendance)
- 64.5% - positive impact upon students' academic performance

*"The most positive effect besides learning is that our students are growing into responsible, mature adults."*

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For more information on Learn and Serve programs and grant opportunities, contact ▶▶▶

Or visit our website at

<http://www.crt.state.la.us/laserve/index.aspx>