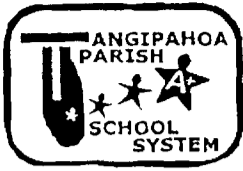


TANGIPAHOA PARISH SCHOOL SYSTEM NEWSLETTER



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

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THOMAS BELAVIA, ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

TO: PRINCIPALS

Please post the attached advertisement.

RON GENCO, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

TO: HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPALS AND COUNSELORS

Please see the attached information from Gay Nell McIntosh, President of Louisiana Municipal Clerks' Association (LMCA), regarding a new scholarship program. The information is self-explanatory. The deadline for submitting applications is February, 07, 2007.

LYNELL HIGGENBOTHAM, SUPERVISOR OF CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

TO: PRINCIPALS AND MATH & SCIENCE TEACHERS (Grades 7-12)

Please see the attached information concerning the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

TO: PRINCIPALS AND HEALTH & PHYSICAL ED TEACHERS

Please see the attached information concerning grant opportunities and the December Toolbox from the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

PAT WILLIAMS, COORDINATOR OF STAFF DEVELOPMENT

TO: PRINCIPALS AND THINKING MAPS TOT'S (Grades K-12)

It's time to "rejuice" our Thinking Maps TOTs! Dr. Sylvia Pusser will return to Tangipahoa Parish on December 5-6, 2006, to present "Thinking Maps: A Language for Leadership." This presentation will strengthen and deepen Thinking Maps implementation in our schools. It will assist our TOTs by expanding the use of Thinking Maps into leadership practices. The training will be held at C.M. Fagan Service Center in Hammond. Since space there is limited, I am asking that each school select and send only one TOT to the training. If you have more than one TOT who is interested, please call me and I will see if a space is available. Participants will receive the training binder, Thinking Maps: A Language for Leadership. Principals who are interested in attending the training are asked to contact me via email.

Tangipahoa Parish School System does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, disabilities or veteran status. We are an equal opportunity employer.

Please forward this information to your TOTs and ask that they register for the training on the Staff Development Portal by going to the Tangischools homepage and login with their user name and password. Directions for using the Staff Development Portal can be found at www.tangischools.org/mastercalendar/portaldirections.html.

Thinking Maps: A Language for Leadership
Training for TOTs and Principals
November 5&6, 2006
C. M. Fagan Special Service Center
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*****NOTICE*****

The Tangipahoa Parish School System is now accepting applications for the position listed below:

DEADLINE: December 6, 2006

POSITION: Regular Education Mentor Teacher

LOCATION: C.M. Fagan - Natalbany, LA

CRITERIA: Master's Degree;
Minimum of 5 years teaching experience as a regular education teacher at the secondary level (Grades 9-12)
Completion of the Louisiana Department of Education's Assessor Training and Mentor Training Programs.

Please address application to Thomas Bellavia, Assistant Superintendent, 59656 Puleston Road, Amite, Louisiana 70422. Submit a letter stating specifically the position for which you are applying. Be sure to show your complete address and telephone number.

Applicants should indicate references, qualifications, past work experience and other personal data. All credentials requested MUST accompany your application.

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LOUIS JOSEPH
Superintendent

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faxed 11/28/06

LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS

ELIGIBILITY:

To be considered for the scholarship, a student must satisfy the following minimum requirements.

- A. A student must have maintained a minimum 3.0 grade point average in high school (based on a 4.0 system).
- B. An ACT score of 21 or above is required.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- A. Complete the enclosed application. If further space is needed, an additional page may be attached to the application.
- B. Submit a 500-1000 word essay on the subject "Why I should consider a Career in Government".
- C. Application must be signed by both applicant and the principal or guidance counselor from the student's school.

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Submit a sealed student's transcript from their high school.
- B. Letter of recommendation from a high school official.

DEADLINE:

Completed application must be *received* no later than February 7, 2007. Mail all applications to:

Louisiana Municipal Clerks Association
% Louisiana Municipal Association
P. O. Box 4327
Baton Rouge, LA 70821
(225) 344-5001

SELECTION:

The selection of scholarship recipient will be made at the Louisiana Municipal Clerks' Association Spring Conference in March of each year.

The award will be presented at either the recipient's High School Awards Day or at a Regular meeting of Elected Officials in the Recipient's municipality in May.

NOTE: Proof of college registration will be required before scholarship is issued.

LOUISIANA MUNICIPAL CLERKS' ASSOCIATION
HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____

NAME: _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ SCHOOL TELEPHONE _____

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDING: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

I. ACT SCORE: _____ (Minimum score of 21 is required)

II. CUMULATIVE H.S. GRADE POINT AVERAGE: _____ (Minimum GPA of 3.0)
A sealed transcript from high school is required.

III. COLLEGE INFORMATION:

College Choice: _____ Career Choice: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

IV. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

A. Organizations & Clubs: Please show years of involvement and indicate any office held:

B. Honors and Awards:

C. Community and Church Activities:

D. Hobbies, Leisure Activities, and Other Abilities not previously mentioned:

E. Work Activities: Describe past and present employment, helping at home, family business, etc.

V. Financial Need: Indicate your family's adjusted gross income from last year's tax return. Total number of family members living in home: _____.

Less than \$15,000 _____	\$50,001 to \$75,000 _____
\$15,001 to \$30,000 _____	\$75,001 to \$100,000 _____
\$30,001 to \$50,000 _____	Over \$100,000 _____

Other financial considerations which should be noted:

VI. Submit separately a 500-1000 word essay on the subject:
"Why I should consider a Career in Government"

VII. All of the information provided on this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that any falsification or misrepresentation shall result in automatic disqualification.

_____ Student's Signature	_____ Date
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VIII. Approval by Principal or Guidance Counselor:

_____ Signature	_____ Date
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
POST OFFICE BOX 94064, BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70804-9064
Toll Free #: 1-877-453-2721
<http://www.louisianaschools.net>

TO: Parish/City School Superintendents
Superintendents of BESE Schools
State Director of Special School District
Acting Superintendent of Recovery School District
Administrators of Type 2 Charter Schools and Laboratory Schools
Deans of Colleges and Universities
Diocesan Superintendents

FROM: Cecil J. Picard 
State Superintendent of Education

DATE: November 6, 2006

RE: Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2007 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST). You and your staff are encouraged to nominate one or more outstanding math and science teachers for this prestigious award. The enclosed nomination form is to be completed and submitted to State PAEMST Coordinators no later than January 31, 2007, at the following addresses:

Interim PAEMST Coordinator for Math
Carolyn Sessions
Louisiana Department of Education
P.O. Box 94064 – Rm 4-211
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9064
E-mail: carolyn.sessions@la.gov
Telephone: 225-219-4535

PAEMST Coordinator for Science
Jan Graff
10111 Norris Ferry Road
Shreveport, LA 71106
E-mail: jlgraff@bellsouth.net
Telephone: 318-798-7980

This celebrated award, administered by the National Science Foundation for the White House, identifies outstanding mathematics and science teachers in grades K-12. Competition alternates each year between teachers of K-6 and teachers of grades 7-12. In 2007, teachers of grades 7-12 will be eligible to apply. Awardees will receive a \$10,000 award from the National Science Foundation.

State Coordinators will notify teachers who are nominated and will contact them with application instructions. Nominees may need encouragement and mentoring in completing the application. The application form is available at the National Science Foundation's website at www.nsf.gov/pa.

Thank you for assisting President Bush in honoring our outstanding teachers in Louisiana.

CJP:css

Enclosure

c: Scott Norton, Ph.D. Carolyn Sessions
Nancy Beben Principals
Jan Graff

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Presidential Awards of Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching 2007 Nomination Form

I nominate the following teacher for the 2007 Presidential Award:

Teacher Name			<input type="checkbox"/> Grades 7–12 Mathematics
School Name			<input type="checkbox"/> Grades 7–12 Science
School Address			Telephone Number
City	State	ZIP	E-Mail Address

I can be contacted at:

Name			
Mailing Address			Telephone Number
City	State	ZIP	E-Mail Address

How did you come to know the nominee's work?

- I teach in the same school or district as the nominee. Other, please describe:
 I am the principal at the nominee's school.
 I am a student or former student of the nominee.
 I am a parent of a student of the nominee.
 I am the nominee (self-nomination).
 I know the nominee personally.
 I am a district-level official, job title:

How did you hear about the Presidential Awards?

Eligibility

<input type="checkbox"/> Conference presentation/exhibit <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter or listserv announcement <input type="checkbox"/> Web site <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure <input type="checkbox"/> Won the Presidential Award/was a state finalist <input type="checkbox"/> Know a previous awardee/state finalist <input type="checkbox"/> Media coverage of awardees/state finalists <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominees must be highly qualified teachers, as deemed by their States, districts, or schools; or, in the case of private schools, in the spirit of the principles and provisions of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2002, Public Law 107–110. • Nominees must hold a degree or appropriate credentials in the category for which they are applying. • Nominees must be teachers in one of the 50 States or four U.S. jurisdictions. The jurisdictions are Washington, DC, Puerto Rico, Department of Defense Schools, and the U.S. Territories as a group (American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands). • Nominees must be full-time employees of the school or school district. • Nominees must have at least 5 years of mathematics or science teaching experience prior to application. • Nominees must teach mathematics or science at the 7th–12th-grade level in a public or private school. • Nominees must indicate which grade or grades they teach and whether they are to be considered for mathematics or science teaching. • Nominees must not have received the PAEMST Award at the national level in any prior competition or category. • Please note that all PAEMST finalists will be subjected to an FBI background check.
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NOMINATE EARLY to allow the nominated teacher adequate time to complete the application (application deadline is May 1, 2007). Please submit this nomination to the appropriate state coordinator. To locate a state coordinator, visit <http://www.paemst.org/page.cfm?pageID=5>.

Grant Opportunities Announcements

Grant Seekers,

Nickelodeon – Let's Just Play Giveaway

Nickelodeon is accepting applications for its Let's Just Play Giveaway program. The purpose of this program is to support school or after-school community-based organizations that promote play and physical activity. Programs must be nominated by youth ages 6 to 15 years old. Eligible applicants include schools and community organizations. Twenty organizations will be chosen each month. For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit http://www.nick.com/all_nick/everything_nick/ljp_home06.jhtml

Deadline: December 31, 2006

Rosie's For All Kids Foundation

The Rosie's For All Kids Foundation is accepting applications for the Early Childhood Care and Education grant program. The purpose of the program is to support nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping disadvantaged children and low-income families through early childhood care and education and other essential programs.

Grant types include tuition subsidies; small renovations, supplies, and equipment upgrades; playground construction; and staff development opportunities. Grants range between \$15,000 and \$30,000. Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations throughout the United States. For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit The Rosie's For All Kids Foundation at <http://www.forallkids.org/site.php?module=article&pageid=56>

Deadline: Rolling (Letter of Intent)

Tiger Woods Foundation – Youth Education and Development Grants

The Tiger Woods Foundation is accepting applications for its Youth Education and Development Grants program. The purpose of these grants is to provide opportunities for underserved youth, primarily in urban areas.

Eligible applicants include 501 ©(3) organizations. Average grant size is between \$2,500 and \$25,000. For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit <http://www.twfound.org/grants/default.sps?itype=7609>

Deadline: February 1, 2007

Teammates for Kids Foundation – Health, Education and Inner-City Services Grants

The Teammates for Kids Foundation is accepting applications from non-profit organizations that specialize in working with children. The Foundation supports organizations that help needy children in the areas of health, education and inner-city services.

Grants are usually awarded between \$10,000 and \$50,000. Eligible applicants include 501©(3) tax-exempt organizations. For complete program information and application guidelines, please visit

http://www.teammates4kids.com/apply_for_grant/apply_grant.htm
<http://rd.bcentral.com/?ID=4677523&s=133505386>

Deadline: February 1, 2007

National Association for Sport and Physical Education's December Toolbox

"Safe Toys and Kids Month" is the theme of the National Association for Sport and Physical Education's (NASPE) December Teacher's Toolbox. Share with parents and students the fitness activity calendar, coloring page, puzzle, and much more.

Perfect for the holiday season, NASPE has created a sample letter about the importance of safety and helmets for you to send to parents. For all of these great resources, visit http://www.aahperd.org/naspe/template.cfm?template=teachers_toolbox_dec06.html

Physical education teachers encouraged to apply for Physh Ed grants.

The Future Fisherman Foundation (F3) has \$200,000 available in grant funding for physical education teachers to incorporate fishing and boating education into their curricula, offering up to \$5,000 in individual grants to help foster active leisure lifestyles and ethical attitudes about the outdoors. Grant monies can be used for fishing and boating equipment, field trips, curriculum materials and other resources to assist instructors in carrying out fishing and boating education. Since its inception in 2003, the Physh Ed Grants Initiative has supported 152 schools in 39 states with more than \$700,000 in grants. The program was developed through a partnership between the foundation, the Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF) and the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE).

"The Physh Ed Grants Initiative is an excellent way to bring students close to aquatic resources while learning about life long sports like fishing and boating," said Jim Stewart, Manager of Education and Outreach for RBFF.

The partnership also provides training, access to discounted fishing gear and equipment and ongoing guidance from experts. A mandatory training workshop for grant recipients provides instruction on angling and boating skills, safety and ethics; basic equipment set-up and maintenance; fish and their habitat needs; taking part in community conservation efforts; developing partnerships for access to fishing and boating sites; and recruiting long-term mentors for children.

Applications must be received at the foundation office on or before Friday, March 2, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. All applicants will be notified in mid-May on the status of their grant proposals. The training workshop for grant recipients will be held in mid-July to help prepare teachers for the upcoming school year. Partners can also link teachers with state outdoor education professionals and community groups with tried-and-true fishing and boating education programs to help in the application process and ensure program success. The foundation staff is also available to provide technical assistance to complete the grant application.

To obtain grant application forms or for more information on the Physh Ed Grants Initiative and other angler education programs and services, please visit www.futurefisherman.org or contact PE Grants Coordinator Jesse Graytock at jgraytock@asafishing.org or call 703-519-9691 extension 224.