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21st CCLC After-School Program

Friday, April 6, 2018

Week 28, Volume 5 Newsletter

A Perfect Storm?



End of Year Data Entry/Survey Details

In accordance with the 21st CCLC data-reporting calendar, four different data-collections are now open and ready for use. These are: 1) The youth survey **POST** administration; 2) the self-assessment (based on the NJSACC self-assessment tool); 3) the action research reporting module; and 4) the second part of the mid-year survey, also known as ETRS 2. All four of these data-reporting modules can be accessed via the ETRS online reporting system. Each site is responsible for completing the POST youth survey, action research reporting, and the first part of the ETRS mid-year survey. All SCs will receive further details via email on Mon, 4/9. The POST youth survey and action research reporting is due by Mon, 4/23/18. The mid-year survey is not due until 5/21/18 and steps for completion will be included in the Mon, 4/9 email to all the SCs. As a gentle reminder, the 2-part teacher survey, completed by either the school Math or ELA teacher, is due Fri, 4/13. If anyone needs a refresher on entering into PARS21, please reach out to me but only after reviewing your PARS21 training manual ppt. The ETRS self-assessment survey will be completed by Ms. Joseph.

There seems to be a new perfect storm that is taking place lately, all of which are based on tragic and devastating events. Fed up with school shootings becoming the norm in the US, students took to the streets to voice their opposition to gun laws. The protest began after Parkland, but it really has been festering for much, much longer. Some adults did not like seeing the student protests happen. It's strange to me because who wouldn't want to see the youth break away from their hand held devices in order to go outside and do something productive. We have also seen teachers voice their concerns by taking to the streets to stand up for fair working practices, including financial help with up to date textbooks, classroom supplies, a fair wage, and in some states, like Oklahoma, a 5-day work week. It is my hope that public education is standing on the lines where the narrative is changing. We have been confronted with the negative and seedy side of our profession for so long but a few protests later, we are hopefully altering the way public education is viewed. It seems as if the turning tide has arrived and you know what, it's about time. School shootings and strikes are forcing America to take a good, long look at public education and see it for the value it has to the fabric of our country. Stay tuned.....

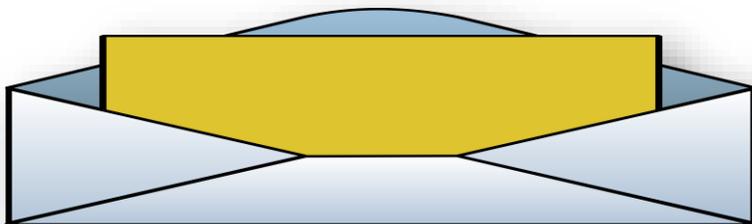
Week of April 9, 2018 – Week 28

National Poetry, Autism, Cancer Control, Financial Capability, Child Abuse Prevention Month

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| Monday, April 9 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ March PARS21 data entry due ✚ Master Attendance Sheet due |
| Tuesday, April 10 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Spence's 21st CCLC Proj Dir Mtg – 9AM-3PM in Trenton ✚ 2018 21st CCLC/SBYS Summer Learning Camp Registration 3PM-5PM |
| Wednesday, April 11 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Program Day |
| Thursday, April 12 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 2018 21st CCLC/SBYS Summer Learning Camp Registration 3PM-6PM ✚ 3rd MP Ends |
| Friday, April 13 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Friday Fun Day!! ✚ PPS Pay Day☺!! ✚ 4th MP Begins |
| Saturday, April 14 th | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Saturday OWL Academy @ Stillman 8:30AM-12:30PM |

Here's What You Can Do to Help!!

A lot has happened in the last few weeks regarding out of school time work. Despite commitments to support local efforts to improve education and conditions for working families, once again, President Trump's budget blueprint for FY18-19 proposed to eliminate the 21st CCLC funding. Eliminating this program would result in approximately 2 million children losing access to high quality out-of-school time opportunities. In rationalizing the cut, the administration claimed "there is no demonstrable evidence that this program helps kids do better in school." We know this is far from the truth. Research shows that, for example, without summer academic engagement, minority and impoverished children are more likely to increase academic disadvantages, potentially creating a summer learning loss of two-and-a-half to three years behind their higher income peers. Ouch! This loss in the elementary school years alone accounts for at least half of the ninth-grade reading achievement gap. Though the proposal was only a blueprint, because of the particularly strong out of school time lobby and other activists advocacy efforts, the President signed the largest spending bill in American history. 21st CCLC continues to have bi-partisan support on the Hill. Though, while we have many champions on Capitol Hill who believe in the value of out of school time funding at the federal level, they still need to hear from you about how these federal funds support your after school and summer programs and helps us keep our students safe, learning and healthy. **Please take the time to call or email your Senator and Representative with this message:** "I urge you to continue to preserve and maintain level funding (\$1.2 billion) for the 21st CCLC program, Title IV, Part B of the Every Student Succeeds Act. The 21st CCLC funding stream supports after school and summer programs like ours, keeping community's young people safe, healthy, and learning when school is not in session. These programs are highly effective and promote cost-efficient private-public partnerships. Decades of research-based evidence proves that after school and summer learning programs have success in maintaining the educational progress students make during the school year and stemming summer learning loss. I invite you to visit our program when you are back home from Washington, meet our students and staff, and see firsthand the impact on families benefitting from the 21st CCLC programs in your community. Thank you" Your advocacy means more than you will ever imagine!! And, it looks like Representative Watson-Coleman will be visiting us in the Fall. Stay tuned!!



MESSAGE OF THE WEEK:

"I am an invisible man...I am a man of substance, of flesh and bone, fiber and liquids – and I might even be said to possess a mind. I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me."

Ralph Ellison – Author of novel 'Invisible Man'

The 21st CCLC SHOUT OUTS GO TO:

Kayla Anderson for helping to register families for the Summer Camp during Ms. Joseph's absence!!

Dr. Gordon for helping us find Title I money to extend program to 4 out of 5 of our sites, YAY!!

All the site TAs for helping hold things down on a daily basis!

Looking forward to a productive, successful SY for All Staff and Students!!

COMING UP: Teacher Survey, including PARS21 data entry due Mon, 4/13; ETRS POST Youth Survey due Mon, 4/23; ETRS action research reporting due Mon, 4/23; ETRS Mid-Year Survey due Mon, 5/21.

Go Cougars!! Go Cardinals!! Go Yankees!!

The last day of the 21st CCLC after school program is Fri, 4/27/18.



It shouldn't have to hurt. Every child's life matters!