



FOCUSING BUSINESS RESOURCES TO STRENGTHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Summer 2006 Newsletter



Thank you for viewing the summer 2006 edition of the Buffalo Alliance for Education's E-Newsletter! We are a non for profit organization and our goal is to connect resources in the community with WNY schools. Whether you are a business person or an educator, you will find valuable information to help the students in our community succeed.

10 minutes of Your Time Can Help a Lot

BAE Business-School Partnership Assessment and Improvement Survey

Deadline Approaching 2006 Parent's & Educator's Resource Guide

The BAE invites you to be part of the **2006-07 Educator's & Parent's Resource Guide**. In addition to making it easy for parents and teachers to locate your programs and services, the Guide provides a low cost way to widely market your products, services, or programs to thousands

of educators and parents in WNY. This highly praised and sought after annual publication currently lists more than 100 local organizations of interest to parents and teachers. 10,000 copies are distributed to schools, libraries, community centers and recreational facilities throughout WNY. The guide is also on the BAE website as a searchable database.

Please remember the extended deadline to place an ad is July 7th!

For more information on advertising in the guide please enter the following addresses in your web browser:

<http://buffaloalliance.incheckprojects.com/publications/newsletters/summer2006/NonprofitERGPackage06.pdf>

<http://buffaloalliance.incheckprojects.com/publications/newsletters/summer2006/Corporate%20Package%20ERG.pdf>



The Business-School Partnership Assessment and Improvement Project is an Oishei Grant funded initiative to review and improve the Buffalo Alliance for Education's Partnership Program. This survey is an important part of the project.

The results of this survey will benefit everyone involved with Business and School Partnerships, and help us to achieve our mission, which is "Strategically building and supporting relationships among business, community, and schools to enhance and enrich student achievement in Western New York."

Your participation is appreciated. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes.

Copy and paste this address into your web browser:

http://FreeOnlineSurveys.com/rendersurvey.asp?sid=o6a2p70nrsvsa_i9200152

Not Even Donations Cool Down As Summer Heats Up *The Material Reuse Project*

The Materials Reuse Project (MRP) has been very busy since the New Year and throughout the spring season. We would like to thank Reliable Mailing Services, Ansel Press, Quebecor Printing, American Homecare Supply WNY, Krepe Kraft Inc., Schaper Associates, Frontier Lumber, Fantastic Sam's, The Farthing Press, Boncraft Inc., DXO Communications, Rigidized Metals Corporation, Verizon, Ahrens Graphics Inc., The West Seneca Senior Center, The Printing Prep, Quality Bindery Services and the Zenger Group for their generous contributions. Your support helps ensure that Western New York schools and community organizations have the

resources necessary to foster success. Thank you!

Educators from WNY schools and community organizations have continued to visit the MRP warehouse during the spring season. In an attempt to allow equal access to all Buffalo Public Schools, a select group will continue to be contacted for each shopping day. For our latest BPS shopping day, public schools # 19 – 61 were notified and invited to shop. We will be contacting the next group of schools for a shopping day very soon. Please look for notices in your school's main office or contact the project



manager directly for information.

The Materials Reuse Project would again like to thank all of our contributors and communicate that we are always seeking new donors. The MRP will continue to operate throughout the summer, gratefully accepting donations and contacting educators to take advantage of our complementary resources. If you would like to donate or otherwise contribute to the efforts of the MRP, please call (716) 845 - 6500. Thank you once again for your support.

Project Captures Interest of Students

Project: Connect

The Verizon TelecomPioneers are pleased to announce the release of Project:Connect, an innovative concept in electronic games that has captured the interest of students and educators alike. Project:Connect combines education with the popularity of video games. Project:Connect combines innovative, game-based, learning techniques with critical subject matter on technology, science, and concepts that are aligned to key curriculum principles contained in the National Standards for Learning. Project:Connect focuses on a series of seven web-based, telecommunications industry technology related computer games. The seven games are: E-Mail:Connect, Compression:Connect, Fiber Optic:Connect, Cable:Connect, Satellite:Connect, Cellular:Connect, and VoIP:Connect.



Project:Connect targets 4th through 7th graders and is available at no charge to schools, community centers and other organizations. The project is fully funded by the Verizon TelecomPioneers.

For more information on Project:Connect, visit www.TelecomPioneers.org. To learn how it can be delivered to your school or agency, please contact Phil Hahn of the Verizon TelecomPioneers, at Philip_Hahn@msn.com.



The Verizon TelecomPioneers are a member of the TelecomPioneers, which is a 501(c)(3) Nonprofit organization, whose members distribute and present the program. Comprised of over 610,000 current and retired employees of telecommunications companies across North America, and over 2,000 members in Western New York, the TelecomPioneers are the world's largest industry-related community service organization. The mission of the Telecom Pioneers is to serve the communities in which they live through Educational and Community Service projects.

Help Enrich Student's Lives Outside of Classroom *Youth Mentoring Program*

The Buffalo Alliance for Education, Literacy Volunteers, and Learning Disabilities Association, are looking for volunteers for the Enterprise Charter School Youth Mentoring Program. The goal of the program is to improve reading ability and social skills among students in grades 4-8 at the Charter School.

Mentors come from every walk of life and bring a wonderful array of talents and experience that greatly enrich the lives of mentees in grades 4-8 at Enterprise Charter School in just 1-2 hours per week with a year's commit-

ment. The students love the special friendships they form with their mentor. Parents and teachers are thrilled with the results they see in the mentees' learning and behavior. Free training and ongoing support are provided to volunteers all year-round to provide you with everything you need to set and achieve high goals with your mentee in our program.

Please share this opportunity with your friends, family, and associates. We have many students excitedly awaiting to meet their mentor!!! The Enterprise Charter School Youth Mentoring Pro-

gram is funded under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education.



To access the application:

<http://buffaloalliance.incheckprojects.com/publications/newsletters/summer2006/Mentoring%20Program%20Information.pdf>

Attention Mentors!

Brown Bag Chat Academy

This summer, the Brown Bag Chat Academy is hosting a Chat Series at the Literacy Volunteers office, 1313 Main Street, unless noted otherwise. Mentors are invited to the many sessions offered. Your RSVP is appreciated for seating and refreshments. Email or call Courtney at 876-8991 or Courtney@literacybuffalo.org



A few sessions offered:

- * Youth Assets Development
- * Learning Styles—Getting Through and Moving Forward
- * Integrating the Arts in Mentoring Sessions—Including Hip Hop and Youth Culture
 - * Learning Disabilities—The “F.A.T. City” Video
 - * Coping with a Mentee’s Grief and Loss
- * Mentoring Session Activities and Resources for Grades 4-6
 - * Bullying



Mark Your Calendars! *Commitment To Education Awards*

Please join us for the annual Commitment to Education Awards Luncheon hosted by the Mayor on Thursday, October 5, 2006 at the Hyatt Regency, Downtown Buffalo.

The Luncheon honors Corporations, Community Organizations, and Individuals who provide outstanding partnerships to our schools. Support the Buffalo Alliance for Education and become a patron. Your support will be recognized in our 2006

Partnership Yearbook, distributed at the Luncheon.

Awards will be given in three categories: Corporate, Community and Individual

Corporate Awards will be given at three levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze

Community Awards will be given at three levels: Gold, Silver and Bronze

Individual awards will vary based upon quality and quantity of submissions.

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<http://buffaloalliance.incheckprojects.com/publications/newsletters/summer2006/Comm%20To%20Ed%20Nomination%20Form2006.doc>

<http://buffaloalliance.incheckprojects.com/publications/newsletters/summer2006/Request%20for%20nominations%20memo.doc>



4th Season of Field Trip Fund Coming Soon

Field Trip Fund The Field Trip Fund is kicking off for the fourth school year in a row. We are asking for your help to make sure the program continues! **Please donate one dollar when you shop at any Tops Markets in Erie, Niagara or Monroe counties.** A small donation by everyone in the community can make a

significant difference in the lives of our children.

The fund has enabled almost 100,000 students to attend field trips since its inception and is open to any public, private, or parochial school in Erie, Niagara or Monroe counties. Applications will be available in the fall for teachers online at www.thefieldtripfund.com or <http://www.buffaloalliance.org/fieldtrip.htm>.

The fund began after September 11th, when budget cuts forced many local schools to cancel or curtail field trips. In fact, in the city of Buffalo, trips for all 45,000 students in public schools were completely cut. This is unfortunate because in high poverty schools, field trips are the only opportunity many children have to see a play, hear a concert, or visit a museum.

Trips are an enriching experience for children. They actually get to see, up close, the things that they have learned about in the classroom. Essentially, a field trip brings the curriculum to life. We have received countless feedback from teachers telling us how wonderful it is to teach elementary students about animals and reinforce it with a trip to the zoo, to study ancient Egypt and show the children first hand what a mummy looks like at the science museum, to study famous artists and show the children the paintings hanging in the art gallery.

The Field Trip Fund was established to make sure that opportunities like these are available to all of the children in our communities.

The fund was created in March 2002 by The Buffalo Alliance For Education, in Partnership with Tops Markets, to benefit WNY school children.