

October OST Newsletter: Region 5

Out of School Time News by Jodi Rysavy, OST Specialist

Save the Date! SoDakSACA Conference

10th Annual SoDakSACA Conference

Join us in Chamberlain on October 9th & 10th to celebrate our 10th annual school-age conference! It's still not too late to miss this great opportunity so contact Jan Stange at gapost@brookings.net or visit www.sodaksaca.org.

Lights On Afterschool October 22nd, 2009

The 10th annual nationwide celebration of afterschool programs will take place October 22, 2009 in more than 7,500 communities.

Join the 1 million Americans who take part in *Lights On Afterschool* to help call attention to the afterschool programs that keep our kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

To learn more about events taking place in your community please visit:
<mailto:lightson@afterschoolalliance.org>



The Teacher

Teaching is a special art
You must have the skills
But it comes from the heart
For teachers are special
They really care
They give of themselves
Because they're willing to share
Teaching the "basics"
Manners and values too
They strive to bring out the best in you
The demands are great
The rewards are few
But the good teachers know
What it is they do
They make a difference
We never know how much
In the hundreds upon hundreds
Of lives that they touch
They are a role model for our children
That's easy to see
They help children retain their dignity
Their dedication is unswerving
To the very end
As a teacher, confidant, encourager
And friend
For teaching is a special art
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Source: The Best of Character II

Quote of the Day:

It's far more impressive when
others discover your good
qualities without your help.

Source: Judith S. Martin

Upcoming OST Trainings Opportunities:

October 5th	Vermillion	6:30 – 8:00pm	OST Core Mod 5: Behavior Management & Guidance	Free
October 14 th	Sioux Falls	7:00 – 9:30pm	OST Cert Mod 20: Developing Activities That Encourage Creativity & Cognitive Development	\$5
October 20 th	Sioux Falls	7:00 – 8:30pm	OST Core Mod 9: Program Management & Professionalism	Free
October 24 th	Mitchell	9:00 – 10:30am	OST Core Mod 7: Health & Safety	Free
October 24 th	Mitchell	10:30 – 12:00pm	OST Core Mod 8: Children with Special Needs	Free

Out-of-School Time Programming Ideas:

Themes can help spark creativity planning, especially when the children are (as they should be) doing the planning. Goals can be set, themes can be created. Activities, trips and events related to the themes can be planned.

If you are looking for a variety of specific OST learning activities that can be incorporated into your daily programming needs, here's your chance! Sanford Children's CHILD Services offers 15 different theme units where lesson plans are already developed for you!

Theme Kits available for checkout:

Anatomy

Geography

Literacy

Money

Science

Art

Insects

Math

Multicultural

Solar System

Fractions

Indoor / Outdoor Activities

Measurement

Music

Weather

How does one become a member of the OST Lending Library?

Stop by Sanford Children's CHILD Services located on West 41st Street from the hours of 8:00 – 4:30pm Monday thru Friday, the 3rd Tuesday of every month till 8:00pm or the 1st Saturday of every month from 10:00 – 1:00pm.

Complete an *annual* Lending Library Membership Application.

Checkout Periods

Videos can be checked out for a 7 day period.

Books and theme units can be checked out for a four week period.

Only two theme units can be checked out per site.

For more information please contact your OST Specialist at rysavyj@sanfordhealth.org