

# BOOST Collaborative Newsletter



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## Letter From BOOST

Dear BOOSTers,

Another BOOST year has come and gone. We are back in the office after our 2010 Conference in Palm Springs, CA and we're already planning for 2011! The conference this year was better than ever - with attendees from 44 states and Canada it truly was a national center for collaboration and learning. It was great to see old friends and meet new BOOSTers as well. Your enthusiasm for your youth as well as for your own opportunities to learn and gain knowledge makes BOOST what it is, a fun energetic environment for professional development.

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While another conference has passed that doesn't mean we're slowing down. In addition to already looking to 2011, we are planning to fill the rest of 2010 with lots of activities, fundraisers, and opportunities to learn even more! If there is something you need to enhance the quality of your program and don't see it here, please email us and let us know!

Thanks you for all of the work you do to support children, youth, families and communities.

Kate Nadeau  
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## Program Highlight



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### Meet The Team

Who is BOOST?  
Find out who we are on our  
[About Us](#) page!



ARTS was first conceived by artist Matt D'Arrigo in 1992 while his mother and sister both battled cancer at the same time. Painting and music were his refuge, and gave him A Reason To Survive that emotional and tumultuous time-especially after the passing of his mother. Just as the arts helped him during one of the most difficult times of his life, he aspired to provide that same opportunity to other kids facing their own personal crises. In 2001 he founded ARTS on his philosophy that the arts can heal and changes lives. He started an outreach program at the Ronald McDonald House twice a week to bring art projects to the children and families staying there while receiving medical treatment at Children's Hospital. Soon, community agencies serving a wide range of children experiencing other challenges began to request ARTS services. The outreach program grew to 15 sites by 2006, facilitated by over 50 trained artists and volunteers.

### Co-Working at BOOST



Looking for an office space rental on a temporary basis? Tired of working alone out of your home? Just moved here and don't know anyone? Are you on vacation or here on business and need a work space for a day or two?

Co-working "work station space" is available by day, week, or month in our professional office in the Little Italy area of San Diego!

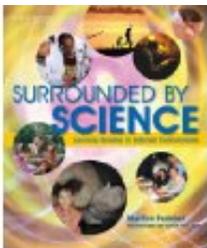
[Click here to learn more.](#)

The vision was always to create an ARTS Center-a safe and nurturing place for kids to escape and create through a variety of art forms-visual, performing, and literary. After much hard work, community support, and dedication, ARTS opened the 7,000 sq ft Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center in 2007, boasting a music room, media arts lab, performance space, ceramics studio, printmaking and mixed media studio, painting studio, as well as a gallery to showcase and sell the kids' work. Leveraging this incredible new resource, ARTS strategically expanded its programs and mission to now heal, inspire, and empower youth facing life challenges through innovative arts-based programs, education, and employment opportunities. In addition to the Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center, ARTS created a transportation service called "Van Go!" with a fleet of 3 vans, ensuring that all kids can participate in the programs at the Pat D'Arrigo ARTS Center.



Currently, ARTS serves 5,000 youth ages 3-22 from more than 35 partner organizations that include hospitals, foster care agencies, residential treatment facilities, homeless and domestic violence shelters, and other social service agencies. For more information about ARTS, visit [www.AReasonToSurvive.org](http://www.AReasonToSurvive.org).

### National Academy of Sciences



What The National Academy of Sciences has released a new book *Surrounded by Science: Learning Science in Informal Environments*.

You can read it online for free,

### Support the BOOST Scholarship Program

#### BOOST Keynote: 12 Year Old Author's Books for Sale

Did you want to buy Adora's books at the Conference? We have some! Adora has graciously offered to donate half of the profits from her books sold by BOOST to the BOOST Scholarship Fund. This fund goes toward providing professional development opportunities for out-of-school time staff.



To learn more about Adora visit her website: [www.adorasvitek.com](http://www.adorasvitek.com)

Contact Kate Nadeau for more information about books at

but if you would like to purchase it BOOSTers can use the coupon code "SURRND" and get a 25% discount!

[Click here to learn more.](#)

#### Affiliate Programs





Still looking for the perfect graduation gift?

Go to the BOOST Marketplace page and click on either logo.

BOOST Scholarship Fund will receive 4% of the profits of anything purchased through those links!

[Click here to see the BOOST Marketplace](#)

#### BOOST 2010 Workshop Materials



We are happy to announce that we have posted all the materials received from the 2010 BOOST Conference presenters.

[Click here to view the materials.](#)

#### Follow Us

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## BOOST Professional Development Calendar

### What's coming up...

#### Ten Keys for Lasting Connections with Students

*Presented by Chad Furlong of iTHINK School Assemblies*



May 25, 2010  
9:30am-12:00pm  
San Diego, CA

[www.boostcollaborative.org/calendar](http://www.boostcollaborative.org/calendar)

In this session participants will explore the ways in which youth leaders can connect with students for life change. Come and learn about the 10 significant steps towards inspiring today's young adults!

[To register please click here.](#)

#### The Endless Summer - Camp Activities for Kids

*Presented by Tia Quinn and Kate Nadeau of BOOST Collaborative*



June 8, 2010  
9:30am-12:00pm  
San Diego, CA

[www.boostcollaborative.org/calendar](http://www.boostcollaborative.org/calendar)

[To register please click here.](#)

For more information about BOOST Trainings please contact Christine McKenna: [christine@boostcollaborative.org](mailto:christine@boostcollaborative.org) or 619-232-6678

## BOOST Breakfast Club Featured Blog

### Marketing Your Program Through Positive Youth Development

-Gary Moody, *Education Consultant*  
Fresno, CA

"Recruitment issues exist at all grade levels. If you serve younger children (K-4th grade), parents usually ensure that the children attend the program, and the children are less likely to rebel at this age. Attendance is far less dependable at the middle school level. I learned quickly with the first program my wife and I started in 1974 that middle school students vote with their feet. If your program is



unappealing to students, they will not attend. Afterschool is really a unique form of "Market Education." What we are trying to do is sell a product, which is often just more school, targeting the disenfranchised learners who can't wait for that end of day school bell to ring. Thus, when working with older students consider the following lessons I have learned from all the



### Tell Us What You Want to See



We are interested in highlighting promising practices and innovative programs. Have something that you wish we would share? Want to highlight your program or staff?

E-mail your thoughts to Kate.

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mistakes I have made..."

[Read more by Gary Moody](#)

### Research

#### Fight Crime: Invest in Kids



Fight Crime: Invest in Kids has released a new report regarding the state of after school programming in California. Released in March, *California's After-School Commitment: Keeping Kids On Track and Out of Trouble*, shows that California invests 3 times more funding than all other 49 states combined. Despite this investment, there are still unmet needs and thousands of low income families cannot access the programming they need.

To read more [download the PDF from Fight Crime: Invest in Kids here.](#)

### In The News

#### After School in the News

[Students among Pepsi Refresh Project finalists](#)

[Students learn law enforcement](#)

[Cyber high school program reaches at-risk Wayne County teens](#)

[Mansfield votes to eliminate high school sports](#)

[Harlem violin school on the brink of closing](#)

[JCPenney teams up with People StyleWatch for promotional campaign](#)

[Gay youth center planned in Baltimore](#)

[Lessons in Tough Love at a Court for Truants](#)

### Funding Opportunities

#### Ordered by Deadline

5/21/10 [Dollar General Literacy Grants](#)

6/1/10 [Samsung Active Learning Grants 2010](#)

6/1/10 [Parent Group of the Year 2010](#)

6/10/10 [Learning in the Arts for Children and Youth](#)

6/10/10 [The Lindburgh Foundation](#)

6/11/10 [The My Idea Grant](#)

6/30/10 [Captain Planet Foundation Grant](#)

6/30/10 [Best Buy @15 Awards](#)

8/1/10 [Outstanding Young Educator Award](#)

8/1/10 [Toshiba American Foundation](#)

Rolling [Build-A-Bear Hugs Foundation - Literacy and Education Grant](#)

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