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"My after school program is important to me because it helps me learn and be a better person."

Jonathan, Age 13
Buena Park, CA

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Letter From BOOST

Greetings BOOSTers!

I have just returned from a getaway in the beautiful city of Seattle. Other than seeing the usual tourist highlights- Space Needle, Experience Music Project (EMP), Olympic Sculpture Garden, and a VIP tour from a friend of the unique neighborhoods throughout the Emerald City- I also made a special trip to the famous Pike Place Market. I have always held a fondness for the public market because I provide trainings on the **FISH! Philosophy** and can never get enough fish throwing and positive energy.

FISH! Philosophy is a practice and a skill that evolves over time creating a positive workplace and a vibrant culture each time it is embraced. Here are a few examples of these powerful workplace practices:

Be There for another person by listening or giving your undivided attention. Put down your cell phone, focus, and be careful to not judge others.

Play speaks to the kid in all of us and sees the humor in everything. Look at the world openly and creatively.

Make Their Day can be a simple gesture, taking a genuine interest in others and show interest.

Choose Your Attitude is something only you can do. As Bear says in FISH!, "You gotta choose where you're gonna be as soon as you get out of bed. I consciously make that choice every day."



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I saw many of the guys featured in the film and asked one if I could photograph him while he was at "play". He indulged me and after taking the photograph (see left), he smiled and winked at me. I responded with a Cheshire cat smile and realized that he had just MADE MY DAY!

So, I challenge you to create a powerful and intentional culture of positivity by making a difference in someone else's day. Make sure to tell us all about it on our [Facebook page!](#)

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

Tia Quinn
Executive Director, BOOST Collaborative

BOOST Buzz

Seeking New Members for the BOOST Conference Leadership Team

BOOST Conference Final Logo



We are looking for dedicated, passionate leaders to be a part of the 2012 BOOST Leadership Team! This team is critically important to the success of our event. This amazing group is guided by the National BOOST Conference Advisory Board and provides big ideas, new connections, practical strategies and adds credibility to the planning process. They represent the diversity of after school and out-of-school time programs and include individuals serving at all levels of the field. We are a quality conference truly planned by after school professionals, adding voice and value to the needs of the field.

If are you located in southern California area and would like to be part of the BOOST Conference Leadership Team to help plan the event, please contact Christine McKenna christine@boostcollaborative.org by this Friday, June 10th to receive the log-in information for the BOOST Leadership Team Orientation which will take place on Tuesday, June 14th at 1:00pm.

Monthly Contest

ENTER TO WIN A FREE TRAINING (worth over \$1,200)

BOOST

- 200 words to use as you wish
- Space for a logo or graphic
- A link of your choice

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or contact us at

inspire@boostcollaborative.org
for more information.

What types of training does your team need? **Behavior Management? Classroom Management? Asset Development? Homework Help?** Pick a training topic from our training menu that is most needed in your program and post it on our Facebook wall. We will pick one response at random and bring the training to you!

Click [here](#) to see our trainings topics and determine what you need most-over 32 training options to choose from!

Next, click [here](#) to post on our Facebook wall.

Planet BOOST



Check out where BOOSTers are going in their BOOST t-shirts! Take a picture in your BOOST shirt and send it to us, then you'll be entered to win FREE conference registration!



Eddie Garcia,
Director of After School Programs,
Lennox School District,
Photo: Isla Culebra, Puerto Rico, May 2011

Contest begins June 10th and ends June 22nd at 5pm PST. You have until December 31st, 2011 to redeem your free training (one topic, up to 3 hours, maximum of 45 people). Includes BOOST Trainer, all training materials, and travel. You need to provide staff and training location and meals (if needed).

BOOST Professional Development Calendar

BOOST Boot Camp



Preparing your staff with the necessary tools needed to be successful prior to working on site is essential. The **BOOST Boot Camp** offers targeted, intensive seminars that include valuable tips, tools and resources to help out-of-school time staff be successful working with children, families, schools, and communities. Staff will leave equipped, trained and inspired to thrive in the out-of-school time hours. BOOST Boot Camp seminars offering strategies, lessons and relevant topics are available on an on-going basis.

If you would like to schedule a BOOST Boot Camp in your area, please contact Tia Quinn at tia@boostcollaborative.org

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BOOST yourself and find out all the great ways to get involved at BOOST

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Meet The Team

Who is BOOST?
Find out who we are on our
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BOOST Collaborative Career Corner

Looking for quality staff? Check out the BOOST Career Corner and post your job listings for free and reach an audience you know is committed to youth.

[Program Coordinator](#)

YWCA
Madison, WI

[Family Counselor](#)

Crisis House
San Diego, CA

Resource Center



BOOST is proud to bring you free resources to enhance the quality of your out-of-school time program and professional development needs. We will be adding resources to this section on a quarterly basis.

Here is a sampling of what is offered. Please click on the subjects below.

[Academic Curriculum](#)

[Advocacy](#)

[Behavior Management](#)

[Camps](#)

[Character Education](#)



For more information of BOOST Boot Camp, click [here](#).

* Must be redeemed by December 31, 2011.

BOOST Breakfast Club Featured Blog

Go Team Go!

Roberta Pantle,
Educational Consultant
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The daughter of a manicurist at a local Orange County nail salon was visiting her mom at work. She overheard that I had been a teacher and a principal, picking this up from parlor chatter -- a charming cultural overlay to having nails done. Julie came right over to engage me in conversation during my manicure. Her mother had told me she loves school. As a fifth grader, she turned out to be a great conversationalist. (Her real name was Tuyen, she mentioned later.)

When I asked Julie what subjects she liked best, she answered science and math. She said she studies hard and wants to be a doctor. She also added that she likes to work alone. In her class, she further explained, their teacher sometimes requires students to work in teams. "I'd rather work alone," she explained. Julie also said the kids call her a "nerd." My suggestion was to ignore them. As an English-learner, here only two years, she then needed the definition of *ignore*. (She knew what a *nerd* was through context.)

To read more by Roberta Pantle [click here](#).

To read other weekly entries please [click here](#).

Program Highlight

Beyond the Bell - TAKE ACTION Leadership Campaign Culmination

On Saturday, May 21st, 2011 over 2,000 students and adults gathered for



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the **TAKE ACTION** Leadership Campaign Culmination event at Paramount Studios in Hollywood, California on the New York City backlot.

The Beyond the Bell **TAKE ACTION** Leadership Campaign develops high schools leaders throughout the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD).

Leadership is taught through service learning projects, outdoor education retreats, celebration of the arts, and a peer mentoring model which assists students in bridging transitions.

The campaign focuses on supporting and promoting national anti-tobacco campaigns, Denim Day (a nationwide program to combat sexual assault), and awareness of issues that students feel are important to them, their community, and school. The program is overseen by Champions, EduCare Foundation, and !Mpac People.



This culminating event featured students from 29 high schools who had the opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments and showcase their talents on 3 various stages.

Performance categories included, dance, spoken word & DJ, and a music stage for both vocal

and instrumental. Paramount Studios also provided two 8 feet tall art walls in which artwork from all 29 high schools were featured.

This year also featured the first ever Live Urban Art Competition. Six high schools were selected based on applications they were required to submit. Teams were provided with a 6'x4' canvas to create their pieces of artwork at the event.

Awards were given out on the main stage for the various performance categories.

Another highlight of the day was a 2,000 person Flash Mob, choreographed by Chuck Maldonado, a choreographer who has work with artist such as Missy Elliot, Usher, and Fergie.

America's Got Talent host Nick Cannon emceed the event, which included guest appearances from former American Idol contestant and LAUSD student Allison Iraheta, former America's Best Dance Crew contestants and Sally Kirland.

Click [here](#) to see highlights the event and celebration of the accomplishment and hard work from the students at Los Angeles Unified School District.

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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 us your thoughts at inspire@boostcollaborative.org

For more information on Beyond the Bell, click [here](#).

Staff Highlight

Gloria Richardson Academic Excellence Afterschool Program Blytheville, AR

The Academic Excellence Afterschool Program in Blytheville, Arkansas is finishing up its first year as a program for first and second grade students in the Blytheville School District. If there is one thing that we have learned through this year it is that enthusiastic and quality staff is key to creating a successful program.



Gloria Richardson is this type of staff member. Gloria Richardson is a third year, nontraditional college student, majoring in Elementary Education at Arkansas Northeastern College in Blytheville, AR. Gloria has always had a passion for working with children. While working outside of the educational field she has fulfilled this desire by working with children in her church and in her community. She is truly excited about finally being able to pursue her dream of becoming a classroom teacher. Gloria was presented with the opportunity to work in the program through a partnership that the Academic Excellence Program has with Arkansas Northeastern College.

Gloria's passion and excitement for working with students is evident in her role as Activity Leader in the afterschool program. Her group members (students) are never absent and love being with her. She has truly built meaningful relationships with these students. Through observations and interviews conducted by the program director, Mindy Simpson, and other outside agencies she has been observed to be a "natural" in the classroom setting. "When I search for leaders for my program an applicant with the excitement and joy of working with students like Gloria has is hard to find. I wish there were 20 more just like her!"

Submitted by:
Mindy Simpson
Program Director
Academic Excellence Afterschool Program
Blytheville, AR

Have a staff member you would like to recognize in our monthly newsletter? Contact us at inspire@boostcollaborative.org

Youth Activity Highlight

3 Minutes to Making Math Real

Often, students do not see the value of math in their own lives. A super

easy and fun game that I like to play with them is "The Math Professor." I stand at the front of the group, and say:

"I challenge you to think of SOMETHING that has NOTHING to do with math!"

The students will shout out whatever comes to mind, and I have to somehow relate it to math. If I can't- they win a prize (usually just something small, such as front-of-the-line privileges, etc.).

We will also take turns having the students themselves be "The Math Professor." Here are some of the most popular examples I hear as a middle school teacher:

Student: Ketchup!

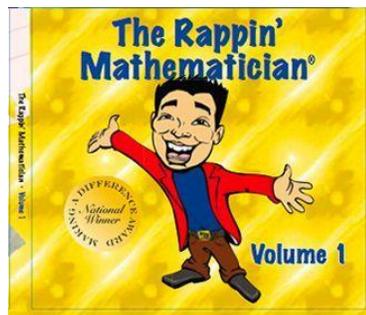
My Answer: Ketchup is sold in ounces; which deals with weight and measurement. It also costs money; which clearly has to do with math!

Student: Reading a book!

My Answer: Without math, how would you possibly know what page you're on? Also, aren't most books rectangular in shape? If it has a shape, it has to do with math!!!

Important Note: At first, the students will come in with all sorts of things that they think have "nothing to do with math." After a while, they can't seem to find much, and become less interested in playing...

THAT'S WHEN YOU KNOW THE GAME IS A SUCCESS!!! The students aren't bored; rather, they are convinced that there truly is "NOTHING that does not have SOMETHING to do with math!"



Submitted by: *Alex Kajitani*
California Teacher of the Year, 2009
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Celebrate Summer Learning Day- June 21



Summer programs throughout the country are leading the way with a vision for how to fill the empty weeks of summer with enrichment and academic activities that form a bridge from one school year to the next. On June 21, 2011, take part in Summer Learning Day, a national celebration of programs that give kids a boost by engaging them in fun, active learning while school is out.

Now you can find others in your community and across the nation that are also celebrating programs that make summer matter! Go to The National Summer Learning Association's website to see their interactive [2011 National Summer Learning Day map](#). Add your event so others will know what you have planned. You can also find resources to help you plan, including free webinars.

Summer Learning Day is a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on how your summer programs support kids and families and honor your community partners. Can't join us on June 21st? You can hold your event any time during the summer - just be sure to register on the Association website. You can also follow Summer Learning Day on Twitter with the hashtag #sld2011.

Research

The Benefits, Challenges, and Successful Strategies of OST Programs in Rural Areas

Out-of-school time (OST) programming can be a crucial asset to families in rural areas where resources to support children's learning and development are often insufficient to meet the community's needs. However, many rural programs face challenges in implementation and sustainability.



Harvard Family
Research Project

This *Research Update* highlights the benefits, challenges, and successful strategies of OST programs in rural areas, based on profiles from HFRP's OST Database.

They have also added three profiles of recent rural OST evaluations and research studies to our database: Save the Children's Model Literacy Initiative, Rural After-School Programs for At-Risk Youth and Their Families, and Relationship between Participation in 4-H and Community Leadership in Rural Montana.

To read more [click here](#).

In The News

After School in the News

May 3rd

[Vacuum designer Dyson brings technology program to 20 Chicago Public Schools](#)

May 10th

[The Root: Helping Kids After Foster Care Ends](#)

May 14

[Senator John Kerry Introduces Reconnecting Youth to Prevent Homelessness Act](#)

May 20

[Hundreds Rally at I.S. 89 to Save After-School Programs](#)

Funding Opportunities

Ordered by Deadline

To see more funding opportunities please [click here](#).

[Tom's of Maine 50 States for Good - June 21st](#)

50 States for Good is a national initiative to support the goodness behind grassroots community projects, and we need your help! Six organizations will share in our \$150,000 sponsorship fund, including one organization that will be given \$50,000!

[Net Literacy Financial Connects Contest - June 30th](#)

Net Literacy is a student-founded nonprofit where students comprise 50% of the board of directors. Thanks to support from State Farm, students from across the country to submit short videos that teach a lesson about the importance of financial literacy. Video entries win \$100 to \$500 and web-based games win \$500 to \$1000. We hope to give away \$100,000 in prizes as students provide the content to build a national financial literacy using their words to explain the importance of being financially literate.

[Youth Violence Prevention Grants - July 1st](#)

The United Methodist Church is providing grants of up to \$4,000 to programs that address the needs of children and young people between the ages of 5 to 18 in the areas of violence prevention, anti-abuse and relationship abuse. Eligibility: Small-scale community- and church-based programs.

[Healthy Living Grant Program - July 15th](#)

Funded by the American Medical Association. Based on the thought that local leaders can come up with the best solutions to these problems, this initiative supports grassroots organizations who are on the front lines in their communities. These grants provide critical funding that can jumpstart a project, affect change quickly, increase visibility for a project/organization, encourage collaboration and make a lasting difference in a community.

