

# CENTRAL FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DISTRICT NEWS

April 7, 2009

### SPECIAL NOTICES



*This collage was made by the CFHS Special Needs Classes of Mrs. Polack and Ms. Ruggeri. Both classes visited the Registration Center on Friday afternoon to present it to the staff. It will be hung at the Registration Center.*

The new education commissioner Deborah Gist visited the Central Falls High School on **Friday, April 3** to get her first glimpse of a Rhode Island urban school.

The recent **ESL monitoring visit report** has been given to the district with no recommendations for improvement.

ESL Director Pat Morris and teacher Cathy Carvalho presented at the **TESOL National Conference** last week in Denver. They presented on the Newcomer curriculum written by teachers in Pawtucket and Central Falls. The presentation also included teachers from Pawtucket, Dr. Nancy Cloud and Deborah Short.

The **Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education** (RIDE) has awarded \$3.2 million

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in grants to establish or expand school-linked after-school and summer programs, as part of the federally funded 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Community Learning Centers Initiative. Among the recipients are The Learning Community Charter School and the Central Falls School District.

These grants are to provide before-school, after-school, vacation-time, and summer programs for children and youth in high-poverty communities. The programs offer academic support, enrichment, recreation, and family-engagement services. With the new awards, there are now 26 agencies in Rhode Island that operate 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Community Learning Centers that serve a total of 8 school districts and 63 school communities. The grants are funded by the federal Title IV program under the No Child Left Behind Act. RIDE awarded the grants through a competitive application process.

A joint collaboration with **Toyota Motor Corporations** "Toyota Supplier Support Center" (TSSC) Division, located in Erlanger, Kentucky, and the Central Falls School district continues to be ongoing. The collaboration began last summer and is in its first phase of activities.

The district intends to learn and practice specific elements of Toyota's world renowned quality and continuous improvement program known as the "Toyota Production System" (TPS). The goal of the three-year

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initiative is to bring the principles and practices of TPS and its philosophy to the collaborations member partners as a means of supporting best practices for administrators, teachers, and staff within an emphasis on teaching and learning in the classroom.

For its part, Toyota would train respective administrative/faculty leadership teams using its successful programs with an emphasis on leadership, problem solving, and organizational and operational efficiency.

**AmeriCorps** in conjunction with the **Central Falls School District** are collecting household items. They are asking for clothing items, shoes, blankets and comforters that will be sorted and given out to Amos House, Tap-In, local shelters. If you have any of those items, please e-mail Tina Plante Jancef at [janceft@cfschools.net](mailto:janceft@cfschools.net) and she will pick up the items. You may also give the items to your school's home liaison and they will contact Ms. Jancef.

#### NEWS FROM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

**Veterans** won third place and **Robertson** won fifth place in the Rhode Island State Elementary Scholastic Tournaments held by the Rhode Island Chess Association.

Additionally, Helen Magana, fifth grader at **Robertson** was the first girl to trophy at the Blitz Tournament, winning third place. In addition, Gina Dufresne was awarded Coach of the Year at that tournament for coaching two winning teams of fourth and fifth graders. SCOPE made it possible along with support from Frank DelBonis at the High School.

**Veterans** fourth grade team placed second, which included Naythan DelGado, Jairo Colon and Luz Sanchez. The fifth grade team also won second with Mataeo Mello, Helen Magana, Tatianna Ramos, Katelyn Perez, Jessica McMaugh, Julio Torres, Luis Sanchez and Joseph Santana. This was in a field of more than 15 schools. Trophies are on display outside the office at Veterans.

Mr. Kirk Hamel, a physical education teacher at **Veterans**, runs a morning exercise program called

“Nappyville” that is modeled after an exercise program in Naperville, Illinois. The program in Naperville has helped raise students test scores above national standards and is now ranked first and third in the world in reading and math respectively. Mr. Hamel is presently conducting post-fitness testing with his students and they have been showing improvements in their fitness. He will check their standardized test scores next year to see what effect exercise has had on their academics. He is extremely proud of his students who get to the school at 6:45 a.m. and end at 7:45a.m.

#### NEWS FROM MIDDLE SCHOOL

**Calcutt** is hosting an orientation night on **Wednesday, May 13**, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. As part of their Transition Program, parents and students are encouraged to attend and tour the school, meet the principal and ask questions about the upcoming 2009-2010 school year. For more information, please contact Lucy Archilla at 727-7726 ext. 106 or at [archillal@cfschools.net](mailto:archillal@cfschools.net).

#### NEWS FROM HIGH SCHOOL

The **High School** has a newsletter called the “**Academy Tribune.**” It is prepared and published by students within Central Falls High School. Specifically, the “Small Business Class” will be conducting interviews, gathering informational data and composing it. The purpose of this newsletter is purely used as an informational resource. In addition, their publishers (students) are on a mission to build a stronger community. Their hope is to provide a published newsletter each month highlighting community events, a biography, student achievement, academy updates, and a seasonal recipe.

#### TEACHER OPPORTUNITIES & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

There will be an **I-Plan training** session on **April 20** from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the high school for anyone who needs to create his/her I-Plan. If you have recently recertified and you have received information with your new certificate regarding the need for an I-Plan, you are eligible to attend. If you are interested in signing up for this training session you must pre-register by completing

the attached form and sending it electronically to Hope Evanoff, at [evanoffh@cfschools.net](mailto:evanoffh@cfschools.net). The session will be limited to 10 participants. **Registrations must be received by April 8.** You should expect that most of the plan will be written within the training session.

pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The NEGC partners in Rhode Island will host this networking event to officially kick-off the organization's effort and provide eligibility information about mini-grant availability.

## NEWS FROM COMMUNITY & PARTNERS

The **Blackstone Valley Community Health Care** is hosting a free diabetes screening and other health information day on **April 18** from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. They will also have give-a-ways and prizes. For more information call 312-982.

**Rhode Island Girls Collaborative** will host a kick-off event on **Saturday, May 16** from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at New England Institute of Technology Center for Business and Industry Student Lounge, 2480 Post Road, Warwick. The Northeastern Girls Collaborative Project (NEGC) brings together organizations throughout New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts and Rhode Island that are committed to informing and motivating girls to

## CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Details
April 18	Free Diabetes Screening	Blackstone Valley Community Health Care	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For more information call 312-982.
April 20	I-Plan Training Session	Central Falls High School	For more information contact Hope Evanoff at <a href="mailto:evanoffh@cfschools.net">evanoffh@cfschools.net</a> . New deadline: April 8
May 13	Orientation Night	Calcutt Middle School	6:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Lucy Archilla at 727-7726 ext. 106 or at <a href="mailto:archillal@cfschools.net">archillal@cfschools.net</a> .
May 16	Rhode Island Girls Collaborative Host a Kick-off Event	New England Institute of Technology Center for Business and Industry Student Lounge, 2480 Post Road, Warwick	10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.