



The After-School Times

February 2008
Volume 2 Issue 1

Fairfax Partnership for Youth, 12011 Government Center Parkway,
10th Floor, Fairfax, VA 22035
www.fairfaxyouth.org | linda.gawthrop@fairfaxcounty.gov | 703.324.5580

Save the date!
**Next FCAN Task Force
Meeting**
3:30 pm, Wednesday,
February 20th, 2008
Stemmerman Room
10th Floor, Pennino Building
*All interested individuals are
invited to attend!*

Planning Committee now forming for our April 2008
FCAN in the Community workshop. Assistance needed in setting
the date, finding a venue, identifying workshop topics and
securing speakers. Please contact FCAN Coordinator, Linda
Gawthrop, if you are interested in participating!

AfterSchool DIGEST Announces New Season of DESIGN SQUAD!

Design Squad 2007 got rave reviews as one of the most outstanding and innovative new programs for MIDDLE SCHOOL youth. This guide, available at the end of January, has five new hands-on challenges. To request a copy of the guide, email designsquad_feedback@wgbh.org. Please include your full name, company, mailing address (please indicate if it's work or home), and phone number.

Northern Virginia Regional YADAPP Team

Fairfax County Department of Community and Recreation Services, Manassas Park Parks and Recreation, Loudoun County Parks, Recreation and Community Services, the Governors Office for Substance Abuse Prevention (GOSAP), and Fairfax County Public Schools are partnering together to offer the 3rd annual Northern Virginia Regional Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) on April 26, 2008 at Mount Vernon High School from 8:30am - 5:00pm for youth ages 14-18 (rising 9th - 12th grades).

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 FCAN Meeting Reminder
- 1 FCAN Planning Committee
- 1 YADAPP Team
- 1 Design Squad Offer
- 2 World Children's Choir -
Performing Arts at the Heart
of Literacy Program
(PAHLP)
- 2 Christopher Columbus
Award Program
- 2 Quick Links
- 3 2008 YDAAP
Flyer
- 4 PAHLP Flyers

The mission of the Regional YADAPP is to develop youth leadership among high school students in order to foster substance abuse prevention, violence prevention, and other prevention efforts at the local level. A primary goal of the Regional YADAPP is for participants to gain knowledge and develop positive refusal skills from their peers in order to implement these prevention objectives in their schools and communities.

This years Regional YADAPP focuses not only on teen drug and alcohol use, but also on a variety of other important topics including the influence of the media on teens, issues with teen driving, cliques, and teen promiscuity. These topics are discussed in small group sessions and are youth led with the guidance of adult volunteers. In addition, this years' Northern Regional YADAPP will provide a motivational speaker, Michael Andrews, the Assistant Dean of Students at The Catholic University of America.

The state-wide YADAPP is being highlighted as a resource for leadership opportunities at the high school level across Virginia, and the Northern Regional YADAPP is an extension of that effort. For those who want to make a difference in their school or community, please register in teams of four youth, accompanied by one adult. Space is limited to the first 32 teams of four youth that register before the deadline of March 28th, 2008. A light breakfast, lunch, giveaways and T-Shirts will be provided for the participants at no cost. If you have any questions, please contact Sekenia Welch @ (703)704-6224, sekenia.welch@fairfaxcounty.gov

Please refer to the attached flyer for more details!



On Saturday, January 19th, the Culmore Family Resource Center hosted the first informational meeting about the Performing Arts at the Heart of Literacy Program (PAHLP) that is being developed by Sondra Harnes, Artistic Director of the World Children's Choir, in cooperation with the property owner, Sabadell, Inc./Olde Salem Village, Fairfax Partnership for Youth, the Department of Family Services, and the Department of Community and Recreation Services.

Please refer to the attached flyer for more information about the Open House on Saturday, January 26th, at St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Christopher Columbus Awards Program

Accepting Entries from Student Community Service Teams

This program challenges students to work in teams of up to four, with an adult coach, to identify a problem in their community and apply the scientific method to create an innovative solution to that problem. Coaches may be teachers, parents, community leaders, or mentors. Teams do not need to be affiliated with a school to enter.

Four finalist teams and their coaches will receive an all-expenses-paid trip to Walt Disney World to attend National Championship Week and compete for U.S. Savings Bonds plus a \$200 development grant to further refine their idea.

Entry is free. For complete program guidelines, application materials, and information on previous winners, visit the program's Web site.

RFP Link:

<http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com/>

For additional RFPs in Children and Youth, visit:

http://foundationcenter.org/pnd/rfp/cat_children.jhtml

~Quick_Links~

~Channel 21:

Academic Enrichment After School at Holmes MS
Holmes MS after-school program students combine academic excellence and intramural play.

Closing the Opportunity Gap at Mt. Eagle ES Elementary
students stay after school to try new and different activities
<http://www.fcps.edu/mediapub/cable-tv/insight/index.htm>

~ **New Link:** With the assistance of Lois Kirkpatrick and Tony Humphrey, links to the FCPS after-school program were added to the Office of Children/Child Care Central web page. It's the first item under "What's New" and the last item under "Finding Child Care" at

<http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/ofc/>

~ **Learn and Serve America** is a program of the Corporation for National and Community Service, an independent federal agency created to connect Americans of all ages and backgrounds with opportunities to give back to their communities and their nation. It provides direct and indirect support to K-12 schools, community groups and higher education institutions to facilitate service-learning projects. Find more at

<http://www.learnandserve.org/>.

~ **DonorsChoose.org** is an innovative way to provide students in need with resources that our public schools often lack. At this not-for-profit web site, teachers submit project proposals for materials or experiences their students need to learn. These ideas become classroom reality when concerned individuals, called "Citizen Philanthropists", choose projects to fund. Find out how it works at

http://www.donorschoose.org/about/how_it_works.html?zone=0

You have received this bi-monthly bulletin because you inquired about our FCAN program, participated in a technical assistance meeting, or were referred by a friend. Please feel free to share articles of interest or web resources.

To be removed from this list serve, please send an email to linda.gawthrop@fairfaxcounty.gov.