

“Making the Connections for After School”

Connecticut
After School
Network

2008-2009 Annual Report



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*Our mission is to lead, educate and advocate
for excellence in the after school field by
building professionalism, strengthening
program quality and increasing availability
and affordability.*



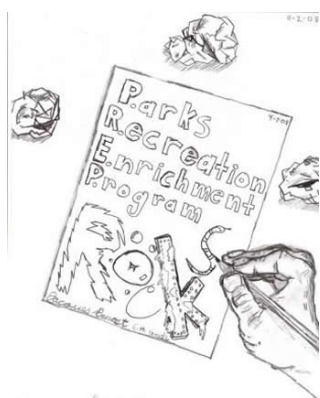
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Art & Essay Contest Draws Hundreds of Entries– Winners Honored at Capitol Event

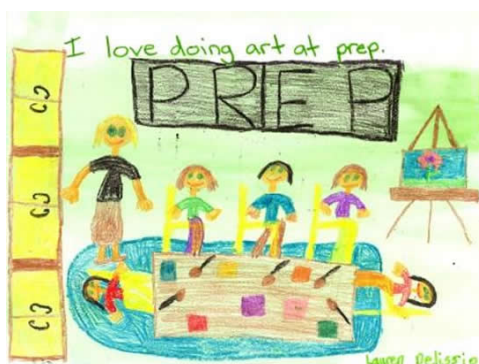


Art by Gretchen Blume

On October 22, 2008, the Connecticut After School Network hosted an award ceremony and reception at the Legislative Office Building in Hartford for the students chosen as winners and finalists who participated in the Art and Essay contest. Their artwork and essay excerpts were on display during the month of October at the Legislative Office Building, as well as on our Web site. Hundreds of entries from across the state were received by the Network, and the judging was difficult. Each winning entry received a cash prize and a certificate. Close to 200 students and their families attended the event. Certificates and awards were given to the winners and finalists. The Contest winners by grade group were:



Art by Jacques Prevost



Art by Lauren Delissio

Art (K - 2):
Gretchen Blume
Ritu Somayaji
Alana Kim

Art (3 - 5):
Lauren Delissio
N'ya Clarke
Tyra Smith

Art (6 - 8):
Jacques Prevost
Anjali Dinesh
Aaron Torres

Essay (K - 2):
Andrea Figueroa
Olivia Paffumi
Catherine Young

Essay (3 - 5):
Albreyah Sumler
Kelsey Turick
Rupert Bennett

Essay (6 - 8):
Brynthia Pierce
Haley Shaefer
John Kassongo

Essay (9 - 12):
Julian Ashong
Amanda Roscoe

Senator Christopher Dodd Speaks at Fall Conference

Our 2008 Annual Fall Conference not only had a record number of participants, but we had a special visitor as well. Senator Christopher Dodd stopped by to talk about the importance of quality after school programs to families and children. He stressed that after school, “can be a time to develop new skills. It’s a time for growth and learning, not just a custodial environment.” He also pointed out the \$300 billion annually that businesses lose when employees have to miss work to care for their kids after school. Senator Dodd believes that funding after school programs on a federal level is necessary to help kids progress academically and socially as well. Senator Dodd is the chairman of the Children and Families Subcommittee and is also the founder and co-chair of the Children’s Caucus in the Senate.



Michelle Doucette Cunningham, Network Executive Director with Senator Christopher Dodd.

Network Accomplishments 08 - 09

- Our Training & Consultation Service instructors conducted 71 workshops that provided training to 1,557 staff. In addition, our free monthly lunchtime webinar series attracted 153 participants.
- 33 Regional Education Service Center (RESC) Trainings
- Supported 153 after school program sites using APlus data collection software



Calendar of Events and Accolades

- **September 2008**—The Network was asked by the Fairfield County Community Foundation to coordinate the bi-monthly meetings of the newly formed Fairfield County After School Network
- **October 2008**—Our first electronic quarterly newsletter launched
- **October 2008**—The Network sponsored an Art & Essay contest and exhibited the entries in the upper concourse of the Legislative Office Building throughout the month. An awards reception for Art & Essay contest winners, finalists and their families was held at the Legislative Office Building at month's end. Close to 200 were in attendance.
- **November 2008**—The Network hosted its annual fall conference. Scott Noyes was the keynote. Senator Chris Dodd addressed the audience as well.
- **January 2009**—Our first in the series of free monthly professional development conference calls and webinars
- **February 2009**—2nd Annual Middle School/High School Conference held at the Rocky Hill Marriott. Rebecca Saito was keynote speaker.
- **February 2009**—The Network held a press conference at the Capitol in response to proposed cuts to the After School Grant program. NBC30 and WFSB both featured segments on their afternoon and evening news broadcasts.
- **March 2009**—The Network hosted its annual After School Day at the Capitol where providers, parents and others participated an advocacy training and then met face-to-face with their legislators with their message about the importance of after school.
- **March 2009**—The Network hosted its annual spring conference.
- **March 2009**—The Network featured a photo exhibit titled, The Faces of After School, at the Legislative Office Building throughout the month.
- **April 2009**—Members of the Network staff and board of directors attended the National Afterschool Association's annual conference in New Orleans.
- **May 2009**—The Perrin Family Foundation awarded the Network a \$25,000 grant to help after school programs with their sustainability plans.
- **June 2009**—The Asia Society chose the Network and 5 other states to pilot its Professional Development Systems Technical Assistance Grant to link global competence with after school.



OUR NETWORK

94 Individual Professional Members
93 Organizational Memberships
1,707 Total Professional Members
1,785 e-Alert Subscribers

OUR DONORS

In-kind Donations

Office Space and Utilities,
Branford School Age Care

Meeting Space,
State Dept. of Education, Middletown

Meeting Space,
YWCA of New Britain

Volunteers

Dave Krampitz
Board members

2008 - 2009 Supporters

Silver

CASTLE
Adela French

Financial Statement

July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009

Revenue & Support

Membership Fees	\$ 12,875
Conference / Workshop Fees	42,630
Support Fee	244,449
Grants	367,500
Interest Income	1,773
Donations—Individuals/Businesses	65,899
Donations (In-Kind)	12,000
Other	407

Total Income: \$747,533

Expenses

Personnel	\$301,530
Grants	40,067
Training & Conferences	62,922
Program Related Contracts	79,117
Payroll Taxes/Benefits	37,762
Travel / Mileage	35,048
Occupancy Expense	23,581
Legal & Accounting	5,850
Meetings	10,011
Printing	11,420
Office Supplies / Expenses	8,088
Postage	3,327
Dues / Subscriptions	3,336
Telecommunications / Web site	5,763
Miscellaneous	2,970
Utilities	3,961
Insurance (non-employee)	3,453
Books	1,033
Depreciation Expense	632

Total Expenses: \$ 639,871

2008—2009 AT A GLANCE

- ◆ 1,707 professional members.
- ◆ 71 workshops serving 1,557 after school professionals.
- ◆ Three conferences serving more than 500 after school professionals.
- ◆ \$14,714 in Network tuition reimbursement grants were awarded to students working in the after school field taking after school-related college courses.
- ◆ Network awarded \$15,000 grant from the Perrin Family Foundation. This was year two of the grant.
- ◆ Network awarded \$75,000 Mott Innovation Grant (year 3).
- ◆ Each of the 39 state-funded after school grantees received a quality advisor visit.
- ◆ Network awarded \$75,000 from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Network Hosts Press Conference Highlighting Importance of After School Funding



On February 17, 2009 the Network held a press conference at the Capitol to protest the Governor's proposed \$5 million cut to the after school program grant fund.

Over 100 providers, parents and kids were in attendance, most donning bright yellow t-shirts with the words, Invest in After School in bold black print. Luckily for us, most of the children were on their winter vacation so they were able to participate and witness first hand the power of the media.

Speakers at the event included our own Children's Champion, Representative Betty Boukus, Plainville Assistant Superintendent David Telesca, Mike Lengle of West Haven Community House, Tom Buckley of AT&T and Speaker of the House Chris Donovan.



NBC 30, WFSB Eyewitness News and several print media covered the event. Michelle Doucette Cunningham was interviewed by veteran reporter, Dan Kain of WFSB.

You can view video from the press conference that includes all of the speakers' remarks on our Facebook group page!