

Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative

THE SERVICE LEARNING

CURVE



In Honor of Dr. Jane Goodall & roots&shoots

a program of the Jane Goodall Institute

Friends, this is a very special quarter for us in the SBCSLI partnership. Besides seeing all of our Site Advocates using Service Learning as a way to help students achieve academic standards through service, we have several exciting developments to share with you in this issue of the *Learning Curve*! First, you might notice our banner honoring Jane Goodall's *Roots & Shoots Program*. All of you, as SBCSLI Site Advocates, are Roots & Shoots Members and are entitled to access the Members Page at: www.rootsandshoots.org (user name: sbcsl@hotmail.com password: falzone) . See the steps for downloading a Roots & Shoots Handbook on pg 3 of this newsletter*.



By now you may know that Dr. Jane will be visiting us on April 15!

And if that isn't enough... we are proud to welcome **5** new Site Advocates to SBCSLI 2008! They are profiled on page 2. In addition, Site Advocates **Linda Edwards** (Cold Spring School District) and **Kristen Burke** (Santa Maria-Bonita School District) have been designated as Certified Service Learning Trainers.

Finally, Montecito Union School District is sponsoring SBCSLI Site Advocate and 5th-grade teacher Barbara Frombola to attend the National Service Learning Conference in Minneapolis this month. While there, Barbara will participate in a Service Learning project led by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and will have a lot to share when she returns.



Don't forget to save the date for the SBCSLI year-end celebrations!

May 2 (North & Mid-County) from 3:30-5:30 at Full of Life Flatbread in Los Alamos

May 6 (South County) from 3:30-5:30 at La Patera School

There is more on the horizon so stay tuned!

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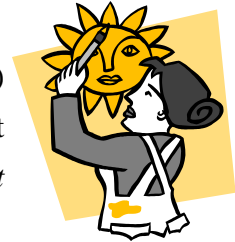
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SBCSLI is GROWING!!!



We welcome...

Brain Lutes and Tiffany Crane (Social Studies and Science, Grades 3-6)
Oakley Elementary School in the Santa Maria-Bonita School District
Mural and School Beautification Project



Ann Gott (Science, Grades 5-6)
El Camino School in the Goleta Union School District
Composting

Tara Svensson (Grade 2)

La Patera School in the Goleta Union School District
Literacy through Letters (www.hugsandhope.org)



Linda Sorenson (Grade 5)
Santa Ynez School in the College School District
Gardening and Growing

Featured School District

Guadalupe Unified School District

Superintendent: Hugo E. Lara Enrollment: 1,120



FYI...Many movies have been filmed in and near Guadalupe and the Guadalupe Dunes, including *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *At World's End*, *G.I.*

Jane, *The Odd Couple II*, *Rocky and Bullwinkle*, and *Hidalgo*. In fact, the original sets from Cecil B. DeMille's *Ten Commandments* are still partially buried in the Guadalupe Dunes

SBCSLI has 4 Site Advocates at Mary Buren Elementary School in Guadalupe

•Tino Aleman

Tino, a second-year Site Advocate, teaches Kindergarten and also works with the after-school program at Kermit McKenzie Junior High School. He and his students will be making a bottle rockets and robots presentation at the Santa Maria Strawberry Festival April 24-26, as well as a robotics demonstration at the Endeavor Center at Vandenberg at 5:30 pm on Saturday April 26.

•Jaime Cuello

Jaime, a first-year Site Advocate, teaches 4th grade and also works with the after-school program at Kermit McKenzie Junior High School. He is very excited to be piloting a program, in collaboration with Josh Davis from Cal Poly, called Cali Kids. This program fosters fourth-grade students through academic, social, and professional activities. For more information, see: www.calpoly.edu/~jidavis/CaliKids/Index2.html

•Maria Gonzalez

Maria, a first-year Site Advocate, teaches 3rd grade. Her students chose to work on fire safety, both on campus and off, conducting surveys with family members, creating charts, and presenting findings to the Guadalupe Fire Department and School Board. They are keeping journals and preparing a brochure on fire safety to share with the community.

•Bob Forbes

Bob is a Mentor Site Advocate and has been with SBCSLI for 2 years. He teaches 3rd grade and is a model of Service Learning in practice. He has been a key link to other teachers on site regarding learning and service.

Featured Service Learning Resources



www.childrenforchildren.org

Different Ages, Different Perspectives: The type and level of your involvement with your students' service activities depends on their age.

- If your students are 11 or under: The volunteering experience will probably be more meaningful if you and your students work together. In fact, most service agencies will insist on it. Most likely the organization will offer an opportunity that can be done at school and then finished on location. When approaching an organization, make sure that you have identified one that accommodates younger children.
- If your students are ages 12-14: The service agency may insist on adult supervision, whether that of a parent or teacher. Balancing your students' desire for independence with an appropriate level of responsibility can be tricky. Ideally, the supervision becomes a helpful, enabling part of the experience, and your students walk away feeling satisfied.

If your child is 15 or older: Many high school students get suggestions for community service opportunities from educators at school. Sometimes, students are asked to take an active role in the investigation and performance of the work, rather than relying on a parent. (Source: www.childrenforchildren.org)



www.nothingbutnets.net

Did you know that millions of people die each year from malaria?

That sounds overwhelming, but there's a simple, life-saving solution and all it takes is \$10 to buy a bed net, distribute it to a family, and explain its use. Join in the fight against malaria and help to send nets now .

You can make a one time contribution, start your own online team and ask your friends to help send bed nets to Africa, or join an already existing team. [Great interactive site for kids!](#)



<http://genv.net/en-us/lorax>

Time-sensitive! Deadline May 31, 2008

Got an idea that will save the earth?

Take the Youth Venture Dr. Seuss Lorax Challenge!



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***To download a Roots & Shoots Handbook:**

1. Go to www.rootsandshoots.org
2. Enter user:sbcsli@hotmail.com password:[falzone](#)
3. Go to [Resources](#) and scroll to bottom of page
4. Click on [Resources for Project Planning](#)
5. Download R&S Handbook



Telling our story.....

UCSB's Dr. Michael Furlong and his graduate interns are excited to be working with four of our SBCLSI Site Advocates (**Melanie Sutton, Gail Winn-Jones, Jaime Cuello, and Tino Aleman**) to tell the digital stories of Service Learning. Dr. Furlong will use a format that will be available to all of our Site Advocates to share with parents, other teachers, partners, and community supporters.



Pass It On Card Templates

Directions: Distribute copies of this card to individual students. Those students will then commit one act of service or kindness and then pass it on to someone within their school for them to do another act of service. After the third act has been completed and signed, that student must return it to the card beginner.

Tip: After the card Beginner has received the completed card, have them write a reflection about how they felt about the difference they made by starting acts of kindness and service. They may also draw their thoughts and then present them to the class.

Pass it On Card

Card Beginner: _____

First Act: _____

Act 2: _____

By: _____

Act 3: _____

By: _____

Give it back to the Beginner

