

# CONNECTIONS *Communications*



News from the CONNECTIONS Program, a program of the Holyoke Public Schools

Dr. Eduardo B. Carballo, Superintendent

Donahue

September 21, 2009

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your child is invited to participate in The CONNECTIONS After School Program for students grades 6-8 at Donahue School. The program is free and transportation home at the end of the program will be provided for all eligible bus students.

The after-school program operates from 2:52 - 5:50 p.m. Monday through Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009 through June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. The CONNECTIONS Program consists of a half-hour snack/socializing period followed by a 1-hour workshop in which your child will receive academic support and/or homework help. After the academic workshop, your child has the opportunity to attend an enrichment club of their choice. Some clubs will be staffed by Holyoke Public School teachers and others by staff from the YMCA, Girl Scouts of Western Massachusetts, Holyoke Boys & Girls Club, and other agencies.

The CONNECTIONS Program is offered in 4 sessions, each is 8 weeks long. **If your daughter or son is interested in participating in the program, please fill out and return the attached forms to your child's teacher no later than Friday, September 25th, 2009.**

**Space is very limited in the CONNECTIONS program.** If your child is not among the first to register, he/she will be placed on a waiting list. This is not a drop in program. **Attendance is very important and students must make a commitment to attend regularly in order to benefit from and remain in the program.**

If you have questions about the after-school program, please contact Ms. Karen Guillette, Director for the program at 534-2168. **We are looking forward to a successful year of The CONNECTIONS Program and hope your child will join us.**

Sincerely,

Karen Guillette, Director

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**Estimados Padres/Encargados:**

Su niño está invitado a participar en el Programa CONEXIONES Después de Horas Escolares para estudiantes en los grados de 6-8. El programa llevará acabo en las escuelas Donahue. El programa es gratis y se dará transportación al hogar al fin del programa para todos los estudiantes elegibles para el autobús.

La programa en todas las escuelas funcionan de 2:52 - a 5:50 p.m. de lunes a jueves, el 5 de octubre de 2009 hasta el 3 de junio del 2010. El Programa **CONEXIONES** consiste de un un período de media hora para bocadillos y para socializar, seguido de un taller de 1 hora en el cual su niño recibirá el apoyo académico y/o la ayuda de tareas. Después del taller académico, su niño tiene la oportunidad de asistir a un club de enriquecimiento de su opción. Algunos clubes serán proveídos con personal de Maestros de las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke y otros por el personal del YMCA, Boys & Girls Club, y otras agencias.

El Programa **CONEXIONES** es ofrecido en 4 sesiones, cada una dura semanas. **Si su hija o hijo está interesado en participar en el programa, favor llenar y devolver las formas adjuntas con su niño no más tardar, 25 de septiembre de 2009.**

El espacio es muy limitado en el programa **CONEXIONES**. Si su niño no está entre los primeros para registrarse, él/ella será puesto en una lista de espera. Este no es una gota en el programa. **La asistencia es muy importante y los estudiantes deben hacer un compromiso de asistir con regularidad a fin de beneficiarse de y permanecer en el programa.**

Si usted tiene preguntas sobre el programa, por favor comunicarse con la Sra. Karen Guillette, Directora para el programa al tel. 534-2168. **Esperamos tener un año exitoso del Programa CONEXIONES y esperamos que su niño se una a nosotros.**

Sinceramente,

**Karen Guillette, Directora**

# CONNECTIONS After-School Program

# Club Descriptions 2009-2010

**Art Club** Do you love art and want to learn new skills? Come experience a variety of techniques and let your artistic spirit shine!



**Monday**

**Games Club**  
Basketball, volleyball, board games...something for everyone.



**Monday or Wednesday**

**Hip Hop Dance**  
Do you love to dance? Come learn how to meringue and salsa! Students will learn a routine and will have the opportunity to perform at the end of the session.

**Thursday**

**Skills Training & Education Program (STEP)**  
STEP provides academic support, career exploration, lots of field trips and many different activities to choose from. This club is looking for kids who can commit for the entire school year. Grades 7 & 8 only

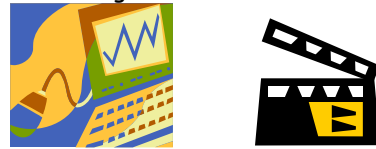
**Tuesday & Thursday**

**Sports/Basketball Club** Do you like to play sports and want to learn the history, rules and strategies behind them? Join the Sports club and become a real athlete.



**Tuesdays & Thursdays (Grades 7 & 8 only)**  
**Wednesday (Grade 6 only)**

**MOVIE MAKING (and other media arts!)** Students are engaged in designing, and learning how to use various Adobe computer programs. Take on a new challenge; come learn new computer and design skills.



**Wednesday & Thursday**

**Outdoor Adventure** Get outside, get active, and learn to mountain bike, rock climb, and more! Visit the beautiful places in and around Holyoke for some real adventure!



**Monday**

**Cooking Club** Come experience the joys of cooking! Students will learn how to read recipes and make culinary delights!



**Tuesday or Thursday**

**Artistic Creations!** Make beads, bowls, books and more out of handmade and recycled items! Learn to make beautiful pieces of art.



**Monday or Wednesday**

**Gardening** Grow your own fruits and vegetables! Eat a strawberry! Make your own French fries! Visit a real farm! Build benches, paint signs, and more! Gardening is great fun for everyone!



**Monday or Wednesday**

**Shake, Rattle & Roll Club** Tired of playing air guitar or guitar hero? Join this club and learn how to make and record music.



**Tuesday**

**Carpentry Club** Do you like to build things? Come and join our club and learn how to make birdhouses, shelves, or toolboxes.



**Tuesday**

## FORMA DE REGISTRACION del Programa CONEXIONES

Por Favor llena y devuelve esta forma no mas tarde que el 21 de Septiembre del 2009

Mi hijo/hija va a asistir al programa en la escuela: \_\_\_\_\_ Donahue School

Nombre de Estudiante: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primer nombre Segundo Nombre Fecha de nacimiento Nivel de escuela

Dirección: \_\_\_\_\_ la escuela asistió durante el día: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombre de Padres/Guardia: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de teléfono de hogar: \_\_\_\_\_

Numero de Cell/beeper \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de telefono de trabajo: \_\_\_\_\_

Nombres de dos otras personas en caso de emergencia:

1. Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de telefono: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Nombre: \_\_\_\_\_ Numero de telefono: \_\_\_\_\_

Favor de marcar uno de abajo:

\_\_\_\_\_ Mi hijo/hija requiere una guagua escolar \_\_\_\_\_ Caminará a la casa \_\_\_\_\_ Se le recogerá

**IMPORTANTE:** No habrá una enfermera disponible en el edificio escolar. Por lo tanto, es importante que usted llene la forma.

Tiene su hijo/a algún problema de salud? Si la respuesta es sí, favor describa.

¿Toma su hijo/a algún medicamento? Si la respuesta es sí, favor describa.

Nombre del Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Número de Tel. Del doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Liste por favor día de la semana que usted querría tomar parte en el Programa de CONEXIONES

- El lunes
- El martes
- El miércoles
- El jueves

Firma de Padres/Guardia: \_\_\_\_\_ Fecha: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONNECTIONS Program REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete and return to the main office at your school by September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009

After-School program site: \_\_\_\_\_ Donahue School

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's last name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's first name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of birth

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Grade

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents/guardians name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone / cell phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
1. Emergency contact name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
2. Emergency contact name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Emergency phone

Please check how your child will get home from the program:

\_\_\_\_\_ Needs a bus ride home    \_\_\_\_\_ Will walk home    \_\_\_\_\_ Will be picked up

**NOTE:** As we will not have a nurse available, please fill in the following health information so Site Coordinators have all necessary data concerning your child.

Does your child have any health issues? If so, please describe.

Does your child take medication? If so, please describe.

Doctor name and phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the days of the week your child is interested in participating in the CONNECTIONS Program.

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parents signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Permission/Release Form 2009-2010

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ After-School Site \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the appropriate box next to the four requested permission/release forms below and return with CONNECTIONS Program Registration Form.

Yes No

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ I give permission to the Holyoke Public School and its media outlets to film, interview and/or photograph my son/daughter for television, newspaper, photo and/or movie use.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ I give my son/daughter permission the use the Internet under teacher supervision in accordance with the Computer Use Policy in the Student Handbook of the Holyoke Public Schools.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ I give my permission to allow the school to share any academic/testing information contained in Individual Student Success Plans with After School Program staff in order that my child's academic needs be addressed.

\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child to participate in the CONNECTIONS program student survey. I understand this is an anonymous survey that will measure risk-taking behaviors, study skills, and time management both at the beginning of the program and at the end of the program.

Further, I understand that all rules and regulations as listed in the Student Handbook of the Holyoke Public Schools are in effect during the CONNECTIONS After School Program.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Forma de Permiso 2009-2010

Nombre of Estudiante \_\_\_\_\_

Grado \_\_\_\_\_ el Programa después de la escuela \_\_\_\_\_

Favor marcar la caja apropiada al lado de las cuatro formas solicitadas de permiso y devolverla con la forma de registración del Programa "CONNECTIONS".

Si      No

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Doy permiso a la Escuela Pública de Holyoke y sus medios para filmar, entrevistar y/o fotografiar a mi hijo/a para la televisión, periódico, uso de foto y/o película.

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Doy permiso a mi hijo/a de usar el Internet bajo la supervisión del maestro de acuerdo con la Póliza del Uso de la Computadora en el Manual del Estudiante de las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke.

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Doy mi permiso de permitir a la escuela compartir cualquier información/exámen académico contenido en el Plan Individual del Estudiante con el Programa Después de Horas Escolares para que las necesidades académicas de mi hijo/a sean dirigidas.

\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_    Doy permiso para mi niño participar en la encuesta para estudiantes del programa CONEXIONES. Entiendo que esto es una encuesta anónima que mide los comportamientos de riesgos, habilidades de estudio y control de tiempo ambos al principio del programa y al final del programa.

Yo entiendo que todas las reglas y reglamentos mencioandos en el Manual del Estudiante de las Escuelas Públicas de Holyoke están en efecto durante el Programa "CONNECTIONS" (After School Program) - Después de la Escuela.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Padre/Madre/Guardián

\_\_\_\_\_  
Fecha