

## Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ February 21 '08

### Principal's Notes

This week will be the first of two major testing weeks that take place annually during spring semester. We are asking for full parental support in making sure your son or daughter is prepared to take the writing and reading portions of the AIMS test on Tuesday and Wednesday. Testing will take place during the first half of the day. Students need to be in attendance and on time. If students are well rested and have eaten breakfast they are better able to sustain the concentration needed for the 2-3 hour tests. (Not all students will be testing – see details below.)

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### AIMS Writing & Reading Tests on 2/26-27

The first two portions of the spring round of AIMS testing will take place on **Tuesday and Wednesday**. Sophomores will take the tests for the first time. Eleventh graders who have not yet passed the test AND those who are striving for higher score will also take the tests. **Students must pass AIMS** (Arizona Instrument to Measure Standards) in order **to graduate**. Students will take the **math portion of AIMS on April 8**. City High School has also been chosen to pilot the new science AIMS, which will be administered on April 9. To learn more about AIMS and to review sample tests, visit the Arizona Department of Education website:

<http://www.ade.az.gov/AIMS/students.asp>.

### Volunteer Work Day on Saturday

Join the City High Parents group on **Saturday** morning, **March 1 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** to help get the alley back in shape as an eating area and outdoor classroom. Volunteers are encouraged to bring work gloves and gardening or carpentry tools. Supplies needed include **potting soil, outdoor pots**, drought-tolerant **plants**, and leftover paint for touching up wooden tables. Parents, students, and staff are all encouraged to participate. **Pizza lunch** provided. For more information, contact Carrie Brennan.

### After-School Program for Girls Happening Now

Kore Press is once again offering **literary workshops** for high school students. Spring semester classes started earlier this month, but they are still accepting participants. To learn more about the current classes or Kore's summer program for girls, call 629-9752 x227.

#### **Kore Press Grrls Literary Activism Workshops**

[www.korepress.org](http://www.korepress.org)

*helping grrls build strong voices after school*

- \* led by artists & writers
- \* for any young woman, age 15-18
- \* write, find your voice & read aloud
- \* creatively present your words & ideas in a public "art action"

**Spring & Summer '08: Feb 6- April 24; and June.**

**Weds 2:30-4:30pm @ The University of Arizona Poetry Center**

**for info: Lisa Bowden at 629-9752, ext 227 or [lisa@korepress.org](mailto:lisa@korepress.org)**

**Apply Now!**

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## **Calendar Draft for 2008-2009**

To review a draft of next year's school calendar, please review last week's bulletin (posted on the school website). The calendar draft is being shared with the City High community throughout February, and will be voted on by the Board of Directors on March 6. The calendar will be discussed at the next **Community Advisory Council meeting** on March 5, 6:00-7:30 p.m. If you have any questions or feedback on the draft, please contact Carrie Brennan.

## **Call for Participants in Research Project at City High School**

A qualitative research study being conducted at City High School is looking for parents and students to **participate in interviews**. The primary purpose of the study is to understand how different segments of the public think about educational choice. In particular, the researcher is exploring how households choose a charter school and whether or not being able to choose a charter school has a positive impact on the students' social and academic experiences and outcomes in the charter school. The overall aim of the study is to develop a deeper understanding of how parents and students think public education can improve. Participants will be asked to sign a consent form and a letter of consent will be sent to parents/legal guardians for minor participation. Interviews will happen outside of class-time. Your consideration and participation are greatly appreciated. If you have questions or are interested in participating in the interviews, contact the researcher **Christina Convertino** at [cconver@email.arizona.edu](mailto:cconver@email.arizona.edu) or (520) 235-2253.

## **Lunch Reminders**

The new caterer, Delgado's Catering, has been well received by the students. Students like the new menu – and parents like the new prices! Please remember to turn in an **order form with your lunch payment** to ensure lunch is available for your child on the days they are expecting it. Order forms are available at the front desk. Those who are paying weekly must turn in money and forms by Friday of the previous week. Contact **Molly Renner** with any questions, [mollyr@cityhighschool.org](mailto:mollyr@cityhighschool.org) and 623-7223 x207.