

SAVE eSource November 2006



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National SAVE Day A Success! – October 18, 2006

Thank you to all of the SAVE Chapters, Community Groups and schools that participated in National SAVE Day! To view pictures and activities of chapters across the country check out the National SAVE Day highlights page at <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/SAVEDayActivities.php>. It's not too late to submit your photos and activities. Email them to cwray@nationalsave.org

The Allstate Foundation Partners with SAVE To Support Chapter Efforts Throughout US!

The Allstate Foundation has partnered with the National Association of Students Against Violence Everywhere to support chapters and national efforts in Pennsylvania, North Carolina, and Indiana. Thanks to a \$20,000 grant for each of these regions, eight chapters in each state are receiving support and services including their Chapter Affiliation fee for a year, a SAVE Essentials Manual, enhanced technical assistance, Supplemental Lesson Plans and Activities and \$250 mini grants. Thank you Allstate for your support of SAVE!

Upcoming Events:

Mark Your Calendar for these Events!

- November 13-19 - World Kindness Week
<http://www.actsofkindness.org>
- November 14 - National Mix It Up Day
<http://www.tolerance.org/>
- November 16, 2006 - World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner
<http://www.4allstars.org>
- January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
<http://www.mlkday.gov>
- No Name Calling Week – January 22-26, 2007
<http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/home.html>
- February 13-19 - Random Acts of Kindness Week
<http://www.actsofkindness.org/>
- **National SAVE Summit – March 31, 2007**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/summit.php>
- **National Youth Violence Prevention Week – March 26-30, 2007**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/YVPC.php>
- **Other events**
<http://www.nationalsave.org/main/events.php>

SAVE Question of the Month – November

The November Question of the Month is: *"What service projects will your chapter be conducting over the holidays?"* Send your responses to: forum@nationalsave.org Check out: <http://www.nationalsave.org/forum/index.php> to see your response posted!

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Monthly Focus – Focus on Weapon Safety

Of the 3,657 expulsions for bringing a firearm to school, over half (forty-eight percent) were students in high school, twenty-eight percent were students in junior high, and twenty-four percent were elementary school students (Report on State/Territory Implementation of Gun-Free Schools Act, U.S. Department of Education, 2003). Many weapons, not just firearms, are discovered on school campuses every year. Do students at your school know what is considered a weapon? Each state has a specific definition of what is considered a weapon and what the consequences are for bringing a weapon on campus. November is a great time to remind students what school policies exist on weapons and the consequences for bringing weapons on campus. For suggested activities, visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/novembertheme.php>. For information on upcoming monthly topics visit <http://www.nationalsave.org/main/calendar.php>

Funding Opportunities:

ASCD Offers Grants for Healthy Schools

The Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) has announced 10 grants of \$10,000 each to help schools and communities work together to create a healthy school environment.

<http://www.ascd.org/portal/site/ascd/menuitem.c805ffddf572a549a62c2d69e3108a0c/> **The application deadline is November 15, 2006.**

Youth Leaders for Literacy to Awards Grants for Student-Led Projects

Youth Leaders for Literacy is an initiative of the National Education Association (<http://www.nea.org/>) and Youth Service America (<http://www.ysa.org/>) to help youth direct their enthusiasm and creativity into reading-related service projects. Grant applications should propose youth leadership in developing and implementing a literacy project that begins on NEA's Read Across America Day, March 2, 2007, and culminates on YSA's National Youth Service Days (<http://www.ysa.org/nysd/>), April 20-22. The National Education Association will award twenty grants of \$500 each to support student-led initiatives. Applicants aged 21 or younger can apply either as individuals or groups. Youth should be involved in preparing and submitting the grant application. More info:

<http://www.nea.org/readacross/volunteer/> **Deadline: November 24, 2006**

Entries Invited for the National Schools of Character Awards Program

Every year, the Character Education Partnership names ten public and private K-12 schools and districts as National Schools of Character in recognition of their outstanding work in character education. With support from the John Templeton Foundation, the 2007 award recipients will each receive a \$20,000 grant: \$10,000 to enhance their program and \$10,000 to provide outreach to other educators. State winners will be named and celebrated in each state. To be eligible, a school must have been engaged in character education for a minimum of three full years, starting no later than December 2003 for the 2007 awards. More info:

http://www.character.org/site/c.gwKUJhNYJrF/b.1761695/k.58CF/National_Schools_of_Character_Awards.htm

Deadline: December 4, 2006

Lowe's Toolbox for Education Grant Program

To empower parents and further encourage their involvement in their children's schools, Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has established the Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant program to fund school improvement projects initiated by parents. Lowe's will donate a total of \$5 million to schools and school parent teacher groups at more than 1,000 different schools in 2006 and 2007. Any nonprofit K-12 school (including charter, parochial, private, etc.) or parent group (associated with a nonprofit K-12 school) that has a group tax ID number and official 501(c)(3) status from the IRS is eligible to apply. Parent groups that do not have 501(c)(3) status should apply through their school. Projects that encourage parent involvement and build stronger community spirit will be favored. Up to \$5,000 per school is available. Application information:

<http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/> . **The grant deadline is February 15, 2007.**

Recognition Opportunities:

Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell And All Stars Recruiting Student Leaders For World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner

Backstreet Boy Brian Littrell and All Stars seeks 1,000 school teams nationwide to organize events for the World's Largest Thanksgiving Dinner. For more information visit www.4allstars.org and to hear the PSA, visit <http://www.4allstars.org/acct/content/FileGallery/UploadFolder/BLPSA.mp3>

Do Something Brick Awards

The Do Something BRICK Awards honor social change-makers who recognize a problem in their community, envision a solution, and take the steps necessary to make that dream a reality. Simply, BRICK Award winners build a better world, BRICK by BRICK. BRICK Award winners compete for \$25,000 in scholarships and grants to support their projects and organizations. This year's ceremony will be televised and streamed on Yahoo! To learn more and apply, visit <http://www.dosomething.org/brick> **Deadline: December 1, 2006**

No Name Calling Week 2007 Creative Expression Contest

No Name-Calling Week (January 22 - 26, 2007) is a week of educational activities aimed at stopping name-calling and verbal bullying in schools. The Creative Expression Contest is an opportunity for students to submit essays, poetry, music, original artwork, or other pieces that convey their experiences and feelings about name-calling, and their ideas for putting a stop to verbal bullying in their schools and communities. To learn more, visit <http://www.nonamecallingweek.org/cgi-bin/iowa/all/news/record/57.html>