



# After School Announcements

*Bringing together those who serve Maine youth*

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Dear Readers,

We had a great quarterly meeting of the Maine AfterSchool Network at the Cohen Center in Hallowell on December 14. 35 attendees shared information and made new connections. We reviewed the new Youth Development Level 1 Credential that will be piloted next month, as well teleconferencing with the Afterschool Alliance about national funding developments; Civic Day in Waterville; the CREW mentoring program from Tanglewood 4-H Camp; and afterschool program resources from the Let's Go 5-2-1-0 campaign. Lots of good stuff that you can contact us for if you missed the meeting or the mailing afterwards. A drawing was held for the \$100 in program resources for the winning participant in our Resource Mapping survey – and the winner was: Hichborn Middle School in Howland! Congratulations to them!

The new Congress and Legislature give us great opportunities for advocacy on behalf of Maine's many quality programs. Thank you for all your good work and care on behalf of your students. Make sure, in the face of the stresses this economy has imposed on your programs, that you take care of yourselves as well – after all, without you it won't work for the kids! Enjoy your holidays, and Happy New Year.

Deb & Cyndy

## Events

**Already Happened:**

**Dec. 18** -The Sanford School's Willard KIDS' CLUB held a Holiday Canned Food Drive with a Twist. The culmination of their project was the creation of a sculpture just before donating to the York County Food Rescue. Congratulations to the Willard KIDS' CLUB Community Service Group!!  
**Here is a link to the story:** [http://sanford.wcsh6.com/content/canning-holiday-spirit-york-county?utm\\_base=storylink](http://sanford.wcsh6.com/content/canning-holiday-spirit-york-county?utm_base=storylink) . For details, contact Karen Roux [kroux@sanford.org](mailto:kroux@sanford.org)

**Jan. 16, 2011** – The Great Northeast Radio Rally – sponsored by Blunt Youth Radio Project – USM Portland –youth-led conference on audio/radio topics – Culminates in an “Audio Slam” at the Space Gallery on Congress St. - 4-minute audio piece submissions solicited for Audio Slam (submission deadline Jan. 10) – all ages may participate in conference and/or enter this contest! Contact [cholman@usm.maine.edu](mailto:cholman@usm.maine.edu) . Visit <http://www.bluntradioradio.org> .

**Jan. 21** - 10th Annual Maine-Harvard Prevention Research Center Workshop – “Starting Young: Improving the Nutrition and Physical Activity Environment for Pre-School Children,” Senator Inn, Augusta, 8:30a.m.- 2:00 p.m. \$50 fee. Registration deadline Jan. 15. For brochure go to: <http://www.une.edu/mhprc/workshops.cfm>

**Feb 23- 26** - “ Beyond School Hours: Expanding Foundations for Learning across the Day,” Hyatt Regency, Atlanta, Georgia. Popular annual education conference organized by Foundations, Inc. Site Visits, Keynote Al Roker, conference strands on engaging older youth, quality building, collaboration, others. For more info and/or registration, [click here](#) .

**April 27–30** - BOOST (Best in Out-of-School-Time) Conference – Palm Springs Convention Center, Palm Springs, CA. “Refining Leadership in Out-of-School Time. \$425. FMI and registration: <http://www.boostconference.org/> .

**For more upcoming trainings** throughout Maine, go to the Maine Early Care and Education online training calendar [here](#) .

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- Great Northeast Radio Rally
- 10<sup>th</sup> Harvard Prevention Conf.
- Atlanta “Beyond School Hours” conference
- April BOOST Conf.

• **Grants:**

- Peace Gardens
- Starbucks Community Action
- Intergenerational programs
- Welches' Garden grants
- Gannet Foundation
- Change the World Challenge
- Musical Instruments
- International Paper Education grants
- GTECH
- Afterschool grants

## Grants

**Muhammad Ali Center Peace Garden grants** – to help schools teach lessons of peace and hunger awareness through garden activities; focused on providing schools with the tools and lessons to begin and sustain a successful garden program. Peace gardens focus on using edible plants from different cultures providing youth with the opportunity to learn about the world through culinary delights. **Funder:** National Gardening Association **Amount:** 50 award packages will include: a Link-a-Bord raised garden bed, a literature package from NGA, kid's gardening tools, child-sized gardening gloves and a composter. **Eligibility:** Schools and nonprofits; must plan to garden in 2011 with at least 15 children between the ages of 3 and 18. Schools must be 50% or more eligible for free or reduced price lunches. **Deadline:** Jan. 5, 2011. **Contact:** <http://www.kidsgardening.org/grants/yumpeacegarden.asp>

**Starbucks Shared Planet Youth Action Grants** –to provide youth with opportunities to combine learning with community action to address pressing concerns, preferably through involving Starbucks stores. Request for Letters of Inquiry – The Starbucks Foundation will contact you if we'd like to request a full grant proposal. **Funder:** The Starbucks Foundation **Eligibility:** organizations serving youth **Amount:** \$10,000 to \$30,000 **Deadline:** Jan. 31, 2011 **Contact:** [www.starbucksfoundation.com](http://www.starbucksfoundation.com)

**The Eisner Prize for Intergenerational Excellence** - To recognize excellence by an individual or a non-profit organization in uniting multiple generations, especially seniors and youth, to bring about positive and lasting changes in their community. **Funder:** The Eisner Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits and individuals. **Deadline:** Jan. 31, 2011. **Amount:** \$100,000 (one award). **Contact:** [www.eisnerfoundation.org/eisnerprize](http://www.eisnerfoundation.org/eisnerprize)

**Welch's Harvest Grants Program** – funding for programs planning to use outdoor or indoor gardens to teach students about nutrition and sustainable agriculture: priority for direct youth involvement in all aspects of the project, strong partnerships with the community to support the garden and shared leadership responsibilities to ensure long-term sustainability. **Funder:** Welch's & National Gardening Association (NGA) **Eligibility:** public and private schools and non-profits having any of the grades Pre-K through 8 and min. 15 students. **Funding:** a customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and more. Five (5) \$1,000 gardens and ninety-five (95) \$500 gardens will be awarded. **Deadline:** Feb. 11, 2011. **Contact:** <http://www2.scholastic.com/browse/article.jsp?id=3752777> .

**Community Action Grants** - Provides funds for grass-roots educational programs such as after school tutorial programs, at-risk youth programs; and services for special populations that include homeless children, families in crisis, poor/ill elderly. **Funder:** The Gannett Foundation. **Eligibility:** Nonprofits in Bangor (WLBZ-TV Channel 2) area and the Portland (WCSH-TV Channel 6) area. **Deadline:** Feb. 16, 2011. **Amount:** Multiple grants ranging between \$1,000 and \$5,000 each. **Contact:** [www.gannettfoundation.org](http://www.gannettfoundation.org) .

**Siemens We Can Change the World Challenge** - Encourages students from grades K-12 to team up with their classmates to create replicable solutions to environmental issues in their schools (grades K to five), community (grades six to eight) and world (grades nine to 12). **Funder:** The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and the National Science Teachers Association. **Eligibility:** Students enrolled in grades K-12 at a public, private, parochial or home school. **Deadline:** March 15, 2011. **Amount:** Varies according to grade level in the form of savings bonds, school grants and trips and merchandise **Contact:** [www.wecanchange.com/](http://www.wecanchange.com/).

**The WannaPlay Fund** - Provides musical instruments to students with a demonstrated need and the school and organizations that serve them. **Funder:** The NAMM Foundation. **Eligibility:** Public schools and community organizations serving low-income students. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Amount:** Multiple awards ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 each. **Contact:** [www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/](http://www.nammfoundation.org/grant-information/).

**International Paper Company Foundation grants** -For education and community development; **Eligibility:** Nonprofits. **Amount:** unspecified. **Deadline:** Rolling. Due to the scope of their focus, the Foundation has decided to emphasize the following: National Geographic Kids Magazine subscriptions at schools in local communities • Earth's Birthday Project ---[www.earthsbirthday.org](http://www.earthsbirthday.org) • programs targeted to children • outdoor classrooms at schools or in communities • outdoor science programs tied to forestry, air or water quality • Programs that educate and promote recycling and composting • programs that enhance reading materials at school and community libraries • programs that enhance the reading skills of children • programs that teach English as a second language **Deadline:** Rolling. **Contact:** 800/236-1996 or <http://tinyurl.com/cdpubs-0168>.

**GTECH After-School Advantage Program** - Provides nonprofit community agencies and public schools with state-of-the-art computer labs. **Funder:** GTECH. **Eligibility:** Nonprofit community agencies or public schools with an existing after-school program that serves disadvantaged youth aged five to 15. **Deadline:** Rolling. **Amount:** Multiple awards of up to \$15,000 worth of computers, online technology and computer software. **Contact:** [www.gtech.com/about\\_gtech/proposal\\_guidelines.asp](http://www.gtech.com/about_gtech/proposal_guidelines.asp).

### *Purpose:*

*To enable every child to have access to quality, inclusive, affordable after school programming that meets the needs of the child, the family and the community.*

### *Vision:*

*Every school-age child in Maine will have access to quality; inclusive, affordable programs during out-of-school time that meet the needs of the child, the family and the community.*

### *Network Goals:*

- 1. Foster statewide, regional, and local partnerships through clear communication among policymakers and providers, in order to coordinate services across the state.*
- 2. Assist in securing resources needed to develop new after school programs and sustain existing programs.*
- 3. Assist with training, technical assistance and coordination to ensure that programs are inclusive, high quality, and meet the needs of children, families and communities.*