

Migrant News

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



MARCH 2009



✓ **MARCH 26, 2009**

WALKING IN THE SHOES OF A MIGRANT WORKER

TIME: 8:30 – 3:30

LOCATION: CARRIZO SPRINGS & CRYSTAL CITY

✓ **MARCH 31, 2009**

COLLEGE READINESS DAY (FOR COUNSELORS)

TIME: 8:30 – 3:30

LOCATION: ESC-20

APRIL 2009

✓ **APRIL 7, 2009**

NGS SERIES DAY 3

TIME: 8:30 – 4:00

LOCATION: ESC-20

✓ **APRIL 8, 2009**

NGS SERIES DAY 3

TIME: 8:30 – 4:00

LOCATION: FRANK CHISUM, EAGLE PASS, TX

Register for sessions through iLearning at:

<http://www.esc20.net/workshop>

MAS

Mathematics Achievement = Success (MAS) is a Migrant Education Program Consortium Incentive Grant (CIG) designed in response to substantial needs identified in migrant students in the lead state of Texas and the consortium receiving states of Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, New York, and Wisconsin (plus Hawaii participating as a partner state not competing for CIG funds). The goal of MAS is to increase migrant student achievement in mathematics through a multi-state consortium that provides high-quality K-12 curriculum, instruction, assessment, innovative uses of technology, professional development, and parent involvement through interstate and intrastate collaboration. Book lists can be found at <http://projectsmart.esc20.net/>

Please feel free to contact Alex Dominguez for more information at 210-370-5447 or alexandra.dominguez@esc20.net



Reading Is Fundamental

The RIF orders have been sent and books are starting to arrive at districts. Books distribution events are from April – June. MEP Coordinators will receive report documents in early April. Reports are due to the ESC by July 1, 2009.

For information contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or veronica.alvarez@esc20.net

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New Generation System (NGS)

UPCOMING DEADLINES:

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON DEADLINES PLEASE REFER TO PAGES 5-7 OF THE NGS IMPLEMENTATION REQUIRED SCHOOL/DISTRICT ESC ACTIVITIES.

- ✓ **Medical Alert & Immunization Data**
Submission to terminal site: By March 6
Entry into NGS: April 15

MONTHLY DISTRICT REPORTS:

- ✓ District, Unique, Priority for Services & Continuation of Services

REPORTS SENT TO ESC (VIA NGS):

- ✓ Alternate ID (without)

NGS INFORMATION:

- ✓ Each NGS should stamp all incoming data.
- ✓ Districts must never delete enrollment lines.
- ✓ Notify the ESC for enrollment line deletions.

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Migrant Student Information Exchange System (MSIX)

The MSIX agreement has been signed. MSIX is ready for all Texas data. Programmers are in the process of cleaning up NGS. If you notice changes to your information please contact the ESC prior to correcting. Continue to take caution when entering in data to the system. Please take time to verify all data. n

2009 National Migrant Education Conference

The National Association of State Directors of Migrant Education, (NASDME) Conference will be held from Sunday, May 3, 2009 through Wednesday, May 6, 2009.

NASDME plans to have more than 160 workshops and four general sessions covering topics that will help all migrant educators and staff better assist the migrant families, children and youth.

We are in search of facilitators. Facilitators will make sure the presenter is ready to go, distribute and pick up evaluation forms and monitor the door of the session room. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426 or veronica.alvarez@esc20.net

The Marriott Rivercenter and Riverwalk will be the conference hotels offering rates at \$179. The Menger Hotel has a block of rooms at \$85 (single) and \$95 (double) a night. This block of rooms is open, but only while availability lasts. The Menger Hotel can be accessed at www.mengerhotel.com

For more information regarding the conference please visit their website at www.nasdme.org n

Walking In the Shoes of A Migrant Worker

This workshop will help you understand the life of a migrant worker. Participants will visit a farm in Carrizo Springs, Texas and learn about picking onions. Participants will then travel to Crystal City, Texas to visit 2 factories that work with spinach and carrots. Transportation must be provided by participant. Please dress with long sleeve shirts and jeans as you will be participating in physical activity. No jewelry or watches will be allowed.

Meeting Location: Participants must meet at 8:30 a.m. at Carrizo Springs Board Room, 805 West Nopal Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. n

Close Up Foundation

Each year ESC-20 sends students to Washington, DC to have an opportunity to live and learn about our nation's capitol and build leaders in our migrant students.

This year we will be working with the Close Up Foundation. Close Up has been in existence since 1971 and has provided programs that are safe, fun and known for their impact on student attitudes. Students will meet with their elected officials; debate issues with peers, policy experts, and media; and complete a series of modules that help them see that every voice matters. Students will also engage with students from across the country as they participate in hands on activities.

Project and SSA Districts students will be able to participate in this program, but slots are limited. Students will be going to Washington, DC the week of June 7 – 12, 2009. If your district would like to nominate a student(s), please complete a nomination form and submit to Veronica Alvarez no later than March 31, 2009.

If students are chosen districts must be willing to coordinate with ESC-20 to get permission slips and get students/parents to assigned meetings.

If you have any questions, please call Veronica Alvarez at 210-370-5426. n



Scholarship Tips

Mark your calendars – by **March 15, 2009 deadline** over 75% of all scholarships are done for the year. *****This does not apply to our AMET scholarship for graduating students of May 2009. The AMET scholarship application will be available beginning March 9, 2009.*****

Students need community service for 99% of all scholarships. If they have not started, no time like the present. They must accrue **at least** one hour per month for 3-4 months to be eligible for most scholarships. **Be sure all community service is documented!** Scholarship committees do follow-up to make sure the service was truly provided.

Documentation should include a brief description of the activity, dates, hours and witness and contact name and phone number.

Students also need to be in **at least one** club, activity, sport, or extra curriculum activity annually at a **minimum**, the more the better! Again, it must be documented.

Finally, if an application states that the information must be provided on the application form, do NOT say, "Please see attached essay". It will be disqualified for not following the directions. Following the directions is the critical factor in winning any scholarship. n

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q: Is it important to log into the New Generation System (NGS)?

A: Yes. Passwords will be deleted if not used by the NGS User. In addition, the NGS homepage notifies users if NGS will be going down. NGS is essential in tracking and reviewing student information, users can retrieve useful information when using the system.

Q: Does the district have to have two distribution events in order to distribute books for the Reading Is Fundamental Program (RIF)?

A: Yes. Events do not need to be elaborate events, but books must be distributed on two occasions. It can be through home visit, school event or group. Keep all documentation for reporting purposes. n