

Newsletter #29: May 31, 2017



Hello GBLA Teams!

Surveys

Please take a moment and fill out the GBLA surveys. It only takes a few minutes of your time! We have some cool ideas for next year and need your feedback! Coordinators, please take the '[Coordinator Survey](#)'; and share the [Student Survey](#) with your GBLA team members.

Transportation Reimbursement Due June 21st

If you would like your school to be reimbursed for the cost of bus or mileage for the Girls Build LA Expo, you must submit reimbursement materials to girlsbuildla@lapromisefund.org by June 21, 2017. We will not be able to accommodate any reimbursements beyond this date. Please make sure to check your inbox today for instructions.

5 Tips to Make the Most of the End of the Year

We know the end of the year is never easy. Here is an article written by GBLA Project Manager, Leslie Aaronson with [5 Tips to Make the Most of the End of the Year](#) including coding tutorials, resume writing, digital portfolios, Collegeboard search, and more.

ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR TEAM

[Sign up now](#) to get ready for **Character Day on September 13, 2017!** Character Day is a free day and global initiative where school districts, individual classrooms, companies, organizations, and families -- groups of all sizes -- screen films on the science of character development from different perspectives, dive into free printed discussion materials catered to different ages, and join an online global Q&A conversation featuring prominent leaders discussing the importance of developing character strengths (resilience, grit, empathy, courage, kindness)--all rooted in evidence-based research. The resources are available year-round. Please [watch the 1 minute trailer](#) and [sign up today!](#)

HOW CHARACTER DAY WORKS:

- Character Day and all of the materials are supported by grants so there is no cost to participate.
- Your Character Day event(s) can look and feel any way you would like it to be.....any time of the day, anywhere, and any size.
- The Character Day team provides your group with films, the Periodic Table of Character Strengths Poster, printed discussion materials, a robust online hub of resources, and an online conversation with leading experts on Character education from multiple perspectives
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Class of 2018: The Hispanic Heritage Foundation is now accepting applications for the 2017 Youth Awards. Recipients will be selected for their accomplishments in the classroom, community, and for their focus in various educational categories. Categories include: Business & Entrepreneurship, Community Service, Education, Healthcare & Science, Media & Entertainment, Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) These will be awarded in 10 regional ceremonies across the country in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, Miami, New York, Phoenix, San Francisco/Bay Area, and Washington, DC. **The application deadline is Monday, October 2nd, 2017 at www.hispanicheritage.org or www.hhfyouthawards.com. Feel free to contact info@hispanicheritage.org or 202-861-9797 with any questions.**

Activities from LA Public Library:

TEEN SUMMER READING PROGRAM: READING BY DESIGN

The "[Reading By Design](#)" Teen Summer Reading Challenge will be **June 13 - August 6!** Teens can sign up to read and earn prizes, as well as participate in fun weekly events. See the attached flyer for a list of events or the [online calendar](#) for event details.

SUMMER LUNCH AT THE LIBRARY

From **June 12 - August 4**, free lunch will be served to children and teens ages 5 to 18 years old **[Monday through Friday, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.](#)**

MINECRAFT CODING WEEK

Tweens and teens will learn firsthand the power of coding by using Minecraft to program robot "turtles" who can supercharge their abilities to mine and build on

[June 12 - 15, Monday - Thursday, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.](#) This four-day workshop is ideal for tweens and teens in 4th - 8th grade. Space is limited, so please sign up by calling (323) 290-3113 or by signing up at the Information Desk at the library. This workshop is offered in partnership with the [LA Makerspace](#).

YMCA Free Teen Summer Membership

<http://www.ymcala.org/metro/pages/summer-just-got-sweeter>

LA Reads with the Los Angeles Dodgers

A reading program for youth in 1st - 8th grade.

http://losangeles.dodgers.mlb.com/la/community/la_reads.jsp

L.A. Youth at Work - Employment Opportunities

Attend a [Job Skills Workshop](#) and [Work Readiness Certification Workshop](#) to prepare for seasonal and other employment opportunities for youth ages 16 - 24 years old.

www.layoutthatwork.org

Student Essay, Poetry, and Video Contest, Go for Broke National Education Center

Deadline: June 30, 2016

http://goforbroke.org/about_us/about_us_student_essay.php