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***Peralta’s Enriching and Creative Environment***

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***2014-2015 Classes***

Welcome to the P.E.A.C.E. 2014-2015 school year! We are so excited to continue providing engaging and exciting enrichment afterschool activities for Peralta students. Please read below for important information about the P.E.A.C.E. Afterschool program.

* **Staffing:** We are excited to report that this year P.E.A.C.E. will be staffed with a core team of five instructors who will be here 5 days/week for the entire program hours. The core staff members are all returning instructors. They are: Sherice Tyler, Program Coordinator; Jamilah Muhammad, Program Assistant; Gabriela Gerbhart, Program Instructor/Garden Coordinator; Dannese Prince, Program Instructor; and Michael Pan, Program Instructor. Along with our core team, we will continue contracting with Ellen Oppenheimer (Cooking and Origami), Oakland Youth Chorus, Destiny Arts Center, and Karate with Sensi Mark. We have established a new partnership with HEROs to provide P.E.A.C.E. with more structured and organized recreation activities.
* **Schedule:** The P.E.A.C.E. program will operate every day starting ***August 25, 2014-June 11, 2015****.* Program will operate from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. P.E.A.C.E. will provide program on all minimum days and most school holidays as well as early morning care for interested families (7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.). Minimum sign up requirements must be met (20 students each day) in order for these programs to operate.
* **Enrichment Courses:** Enrichment class schedules will be handed out the first day of school and it is important to return forms by the due date listed. Students will not be included in the lottery if their form is received late. These students will be enrolled into classes were space is available. Class enrollments are filled by lottery giving priority to students who attend 5 days/week, 4 days, etc. Enrichment offerings for this school year include: Karate, Cooking, Science, Origami, Arts & Crafts, Oakland Youth Miracle Chorus, HEROs Recreation, Eat a Story, Illustrations, Destiny Arts, Eco Art, Gardening, Crocheting, Leisure Club, and Chess. **Please note: Enrichment classes will start on September 8, 2014.** The first two weeks of program will focus on program rules, behavior expectations, and relationship building through group games and team building activities.
* **Payments/Calendars:** Payments are due at the beginning of each month. Calendars will be posted on-line and in Portable A. Please refer to the income guideline sheet in the application to see your daily/monthly program fees, and bring payments to the P.E.A.C.E. program box in the front office or to Portable A.

Please be sure to fill out the P.E.A.C.E. application (attached) and look out for the enrichment class list on the first day of school. Enrollment is capped at 140 students per day, so please get your completed application in as soon as possible. Questions/Concerns can be sent to Sherice Tyler at sherice.t-brown@ebac.org or call (510) 775-3853 and/or Reka Lal, EBAC Director of Afterschool Program Services at reka@ebac.org.

 Thank you,