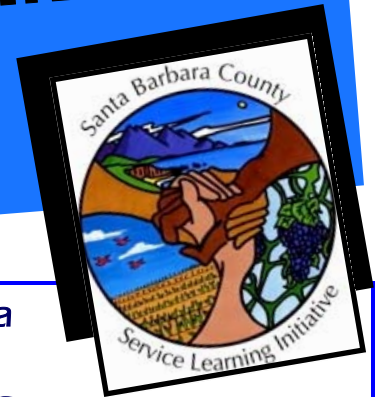


## Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative

# THE SERVICE LEARNING

# CURVE



The *Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative* (SBCSLI) is a partnership composed of over 12 districts. As coordinators for SBCSLI, **Irene Falzone** and **Kathy Kelly** are responsible for training 37 *Site Advocates*, who will act as Service Learning liaisons at their respective schools. The ideal Site Advocate is a teacher who is somewhat familiar with and currently using service learning or community service as a teaching strategy to help reinforce and extend their students' learning experience. SBCSLI supports teachers and engages students in Service Learning activities that meet California standards at each K-12 grade level. Emphasis is placed on Literacy in grades K-3, Science in grades 4-8, and Civic Engagement in grades 9-12; every effort is made to connect classrooms to community partners. The Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative is committed to helping students achieve academic standards through service.

### GOALS FOR YEAR ONE

- Thirty-seven trained Site Advocates are in place.
- Community Partners are linked to Site Advocates and classrooms.
- A Recognition Event is held for Site Advocates who are implementing Service Learning as an instructional strategy.
- District needs are reviewed and linked to appropriate Service Learning classrooms.
- The SBCSLI website ([www.sbcsli.org](http://www.sbcsli.org)) serves as a resource for all participants and contains an on-line assessment tool (Zoomerang).

### THANK YOU, WHITE SEED COMPANY!

White Seed Company, with offices in Santa Maria and Camarillo, provided **Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi**'s kindergarten class at Alvin School with blinking noses and antlers, which were used for the elder care holiday songfest.

## **SBCSLI UPDATE**

*Here are the 2006-07 SBCSLI participants. We are delighted at the level of enthusiasm from both North County and South County and look forward to working with all of you to incorporate Service Learning as an effective teaching strategy. We encourage you to contact us...we are here to help!*

From **Buellton Union School District**: **Patty Garrett** (Principal, Jonata School)

From **Cold Spring School District**: **Linda Edwards** (4th grade, Cold Spring School)

From **College School District**: **Carol Lake** (4th grade, Santa Ynez School) and **Annette Shimamura** (6th/8th grade, Santa Ynez School)

From **Cuyama School District**: Dave Callaway, Cuyama High School

From **Goleta Union School District**: **Lisa Maglione** (Principal, Isla Vista School); **Martin Corral** (4th grade, El Camino School); **Susan Hughes** and **Ann Erickson** (6th grade, Brandon School); and **Colleen Million** (Kindergarten, Ellwood School).

From **Guadalupe Union School District**: **Bob Forbes** (3rd grade, Mary Buren Elementary) & **Tino Aleman** (Kindergarten, Mary Buren Elementary)

From **Hope School District**: **Sarah Suden** (Kindergarten, Hope School); **Tim Barker** (2nd grade, Vieja Valley School) and **Lynn Seigel-Boettner** (3rd grade, Vieja Valley School)

From **Los Olivos School District**: **Heather Blanchard** (Los Olivos School)

From **Montecito Union School District**: **Barbara Frombola** (4th grade, Montecito Union)

From **Orcutt Union School District**: **Suzi Haggerty** (1st grade, Joe Nightingale School), **Stacey Lovell** (3rd/4th grade, Joe Nightingale School), and **Michelle Clayton** (6th grade, Joe Nightingale School); **Gail Winn-Jones** (3rd grade, Alice Shaw School) and **Valerie Trenev** (6th grade, Alice Shaw School)

From **Santa Maria-Bonita School District**: **Corinne Araki-Kawaguchi** (Kindergarten, Alvin School) and **Debbie Nygren** (Special Education 5th/6th grade, Alvin School); **Marye Mariscal** (4th grade, Fairlawn School); **Joanna Airey** (RSP, Oakley School), **Kat Lagrone**, and **Carey Fiske** (5th grade, Oakley School); **Linda Lopez-Corley** (5th grade, Ontiveros School); **Rosalie Jones** (1st grade, Taylor School), **Sally Woelper** (2nd grade, Taylor School), **Jessica Rivera**, and **Kristen Burke** (3rd grade, Taylor School); and **Laura Stenzel** (3rd grade, Tunnell School)

From **SBCEO: Court & Community Schools**: **Mike Mowers** (Los Prietos Boys Camp); **Cheri Spencer** (Special Education)

*Projects cover a wide range of activities. Those targeting **math and science standards** include planned (as well as already in place) school gardens and composting; recycling efforts; animal rescue; creek restoration; rain forest protection; and robotics. Those targeting **social studies standards** include history and civics-based projects with Native Americans, seniors, and homeless shelters. Language arts-based projects are integrated, as well, targeting **literacy standards**. We will be supporting our teachers in their efforts and sharing their progress on our website ([www.sbcsli.org](http://www.sbcsli.org)).*

# TEACHERS, CHECK OUT THESE LINKS!



## SANTA BARBARA COUNTY SERVICE LEARNING INITIATIVE

[www.sbcsli.org](http://www.sbcsli.org)

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## NATIONAL SERVICE LEARNING PARTNERSHIP

[www.service-learningpartnership.org](http://www.service-learningpartnership.org)

JOIN FREE!      TEACHING RESOURCES

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## "LEARNING TO GIVE"

<http://www.learningtogive.org>

A wonderful resource for teachers

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## "SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT"

<http://www.teachersnetwork.org/dcs/environsl/index.htm>

Standards Addressed: Science, Math, Social Studies, Health, Family Studies, English

Here are the components of a great Service Learning project. Robert O. Black, teacher at Harbour City Service Learning Program and a former Teachers Network web mentor, provides a sample lesson, as well as resources; checklist; outcomes; and sample activities for action and reflection.

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## January 15, 2007 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

[www.mlkday.org/](http://www.mlkday.org/)

Celebration is co-sponsored by the Corporation for National and Community Service and Points of Light Foundation. Celebrate this day to help keep Dr. King's legacy of service to others alive in communities across the country. Make it a day on... not a day off!

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## CIVIC LEARNING ONLINE

<http://www.civicmissionofschools.org>

A free, easily searchable directory of civic learning resources, including service-learning lessons and practices. All are reviewed for alignment with the Civic Mission of Schools Report. Lessons or models may also be submitted for inclusion in the database – and be recognized by the Campaign for the Civic Mission of Schools as demonstrating a promising approach to civic learning.

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## Engaging Students Through Global Issues

<http://facingthefuture.org/Members/index.html>

Activity-Based Lessons and Action Projects on topics such as sustainable development, refugees, ecological footprint, and climate change

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## COMPLETE THE CHARLOTTE'S WEB

<http://www.youthfilmproject.org/film/charlottesweb.htm>

Youth read the book, see the movie, participate in activities from the free, downloadable youth-development activity guide, and complete a related service-learning project. Ages 8 - 12

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**Site Advocates, please send us digital pictures of your activities!**

**SBCSLI WORKING ON NEW GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**FOR SITE ADVOCATES!**

When the Santa Barbara County Service Learning Initiative was funded through the California Department of Education, we made a commitment to try to raise matching funds that could support the important work of our Site Advocates and the schools and districts that they represent.

Currently, SBCSLI coordinators are preparing an application for funding from the California Endowment. Cal Endowment, as it is called, awards grants which support the work of grassroots organizations that are trying to build healthy communities by improving the social and physical environments that shape healthy behaviors and outcomes.

Our partnering districts, through their support of teachers using Service Learning as a teaching strategy with students, are helping to teach skills and create systems that contribute to healthier communities. Many of these Service Learning projects are linked to improving community gardens, responding to emergencies, and engaging in positive community activities. We hope that funding from the California Endowment grant will help provide funds for materials, parent engagement, and teacher stipends. Kathy Kelly and Irene Falzone will keep you posted on developments!

