

CITY ACADEMY

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER APRIL 16, 2008



This week's featured events are the following:

** Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde will be performed April 17-19.*

** The Service Learning Celebration will take place Thursday, April 17 at noon.*

City Academy Service Learning Day Celebration!

Parents and friends of City Academy are invited to come to the Service Learning Day program where the work of City Academy students will be honored. The program will take place on Thursday, April 17 in the multi-purpose room at noon.

Featured speakers will be Gary Daynes of the CA Board of Directors and Director of the Civic Engagement Center at Westminster College; Allie Diamond of Evergreen Canyons Rehabilitation Center; Madeline Hartley, CA Service Learning Scholar; and Utah Representative Rebecca Chavez-Houck.

CA committees will be honored for their service work to our school community and student leaders will be recognized for commitment to leading that work.

CA's Advanced Guitar Ensemble will be providing music.

This program is being held in tandem with the National and Global Youth Services Day in April.

More info: Deanna Taylor: 596-8489 or deanna@cityacademyslc.org

Venue Change

Please note that the Jekyll and Hyde production is now going to be performed at our very own City Academy. A fabulous

set has been built and the performers cannot wait to share their talents with us.

See below for ticket information and get your ticket while you still can because the

Thursday evening show is already sold out!

Saturday's performance will be followed by a question/answer session with the cast.

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DATES

APRIL 14
Citizenship Posted

APRIL 17
Service Learning
Celebration

APRIL 17-19
Jekyll and Hyde at
the Phoenix
Theater



The City Academy Theatre Program
presents

JEKYLL + HYDE

An Urban Dragon Production

Directed by Bobby Cody

Show times:

Thursday April 17 at 7:30pm

Friday April 18 at 8:00pm

Saturday April 19 at 8:00pm

Advance Tickets go on sale April 5, 2008
(Limited Seating)

Tickets are \$5.00 in advance and \$10.00 at the door

Email for tickets and reservations

New Location: City Academy: 555 East 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT

A Note from Sonia: The National Problem of Math

Many of you may have been hearing from the media that a National Math Panel just produced a comprehensive report about math education in our country. Also, you may have heard/read that the annual gathering of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) just occurred in Salt Lake City over the past week. I want you to know that I and our math teachers are very aware of these proceedings and we participated in the NCTM conference last week.

The national panel did a vast and comprehensive review of research and confirmed the following: (1) American students have a pervasive lack of competency with fractions, decimals, and percents, and this is a major barrier to their further progress in mathematics and other learning, and (2) battles over whether it is better to teach math conceptually or to focus on math computation are misguided, and to prepare students well in mathematics conceptual understanding and computational fluency must be developed simultaneously.

At City Academy, we are already following many of the recommendations the panel gave. We realized our students' struggles with fractions, decimals, and percents and have been focusing on developing understanding and computational fluency with these numbers, particularly in math and science courses. We have made it a point since our inception as a school to provide a mathematics curriculum for our students that provides opportunities to develop conceptual understanding alongside computational fluency.

What can you do as parents? Help your children know that their effort in working to understand the mathematics they are doing matters immensely, and support them in their regular efforts. Being "good at math" is not a talent that just a few are born with. Being good at math comes from effort and perseverance. Talk with your children about math and math ideas – especially fractions, decimals, and percents – help them to understand those concepts and computations. Encourage your children to seek out any of the many opportunities we offer at City Academy to get help immediately when they are confused about any math they are trying to learn. If you have any questions please feel free to call me.

Math, Engineering, and Science Achievement Committee

The City Academy MESA Committee is searching for a parent member for the remainder of this school year. As a member of the committee you will contribute to planning and implementing our spring MESA activities such as physics day at Lagoon, our City Academy career fair, guest speakers for classes, materials acquisition, and an information data base. Also this spring we will be planning and budgeting for MESA activities next year. If you are interested please contact Sonia at 596-8489.