



Miraculous Moments



Fall 2009

Welcome

Miraculous Moments will be published throughout the program year and will feature **Miracle Plus After School Program** news, updates, and upcoming events. This first issue is focused on new **program status and alerts**.

Time Sheets and Charges

- ❖ Teachers and Paraprofessionals can only charge Miracle Plus for hours they are **NOT** on CCPS contract. Charging the same time to two or more employers is known as "Double dipping." It is fraud when government employees "double dip."
- ❖ Beginning in November, all sites will have a timesheet notebook in the front office. This will expedite time sheet sign-ins and collections. The notebook will contain sections for teachers, paraprofessionals, and subcontractors.
- ❖ Staff is responsible for correctly completing (signatures, hours, dates) timesheets. If the timesheet is not complete and/or accurate), pay will be delayed until the 10th of the following month.



Orientation/Training

- ❖ The 21st Century grant **requires** everyone being paid by 21st Century funds to attend an orientation and initial training – including topics about grant goals and objectives, requirements, measurements and evaluation.
- ❖ If a teacher or paraprofessional is added to the roster, notify the Quality Coordinator to arrange an orientation time.
- ❖ The Workforce Development Board's Worker's Comp **requires every** WFDB employee to complete a drug screening **PRIOR** to employment.

Grant Status

Fall is in the air and finally brought the grant award letters (October 7, 2009). On the back of the Workforce Development Board, the program has been evolving while beginning its 2009-2010 operations. This is like building a plane while it is taking off...the delay has had the following **Impact and Changes:**



- **Miracle Place Community** (economy based) will be fully implemented in January 2010. Students will return from the holidays to a new "year" of earning Miracle Money, paying rent, running for office, starting businesses, and so on. Select sites are opting for a limited early start to MP Community.
- **Junior Achievement (JA)** (elementary schools) is being used to introduce Miracle Place. As students learn about communities, they will discuss the roles of community members – including that of service. JA "games" introduce students to personal finance – earning money, keeping a check register, using a bank. Miracle Place will build on this knowledge beginning in January, 2010. JA is being taught by Miracle Staff throughout the fall 2009 to 5th and 6th grade students initially.
- **Holiday House** (elementary schools) will be held at each individual school and at the discretion of each site. The event will be expanded in subsequent years.
- **Miracle Pride** events will be at individual sites in this Fall. A community-wide event is being scheduled for the spring.



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NEW SES-21ST CENTURY POLICY

The **Federal SES-21st Century Coordinated Program grant** has expanded to include other SES providers for the 2009-2010 school year. Grant partner **Si2** helped to create the prototypical coordinated model during

Year 1 and to expand the initiative to enable SES providers to access MP students for tutoring for up to two hours a week during MP's *Brain Power Hour*. Also noted:

- SES providers will also use Fridays and mornings to tutor students
- SES providers will submit relative student data (e.g., students' names, progress) for grant required reporting of success.

Professional Development 2009-2010

During the 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 program years, the SES-21st Century grant will afford professional development opportunities for MP teachers and paraprofessionals. During the course of the 2009-2010 school year, primary partner McREL will deliver and provide oversight for:

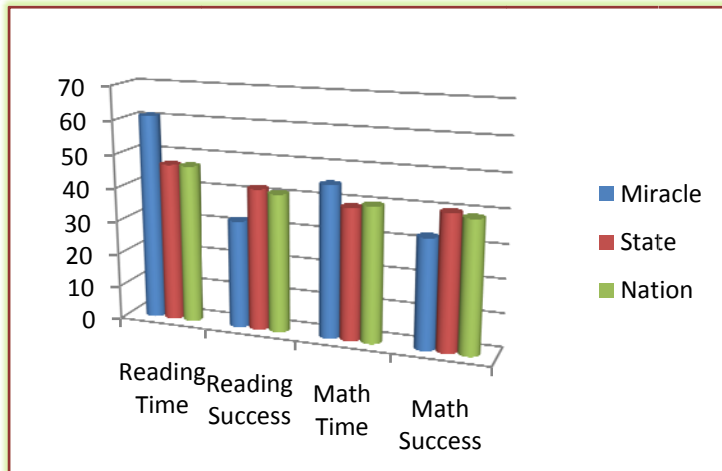


- Thematic Units: after completing an initial workshop, teachers will write Thematic Units to be used throughout the MP program
- Guided Readings: select articles relating to effective after school instruction
- Classroom Strategies that Work: adaptations of Dr. Marzano's *Classroom Instruction that Works* in the areas of Non-Linguistic Representations; Summarizing and Note Taking; and Reinforcing Effort and Providing Recognition.

Through contracts with the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, regularly participating MP teachers and paraprofessionals will earn stipends for their work and **MP students will receive the benefits**. Over 75 staff attended the first workshop on October 23-24, 2009, at Highlands Elementary School. The upcoming dates are:

- November 20-21 (Thematic Units – due January 2010)
- January 22-23, 2010 (Summarizing and Note Taking)
- February-March, 2010 (Guided Reading)
- April 9-10, 2010 (Reinforcing Effort/Providing Recognition)

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Each year, program data is entered into a federal reporting system (GPRA). For the first time, all programs are able to access data and compare results to other programs in the same state or in the nation. The above demonstrates the amount of time spent on teaching reading and math and the related improvements in those areas during the 2007-2008 MIRACLE 2 program year.

THEMATIC UNITS

Completed units may be found on:

www.swfleducation.com

...also has other Miracle Plus news

Today: MP Goals Today: MP Goals

2009-2010 Data Collection

1. **Improve Academic Achievement in Reading and In Math: 80% of students**
2. **Increase Personal Enrichment Experiences in Performing/Creative Arts and Recreation: 80% of students**
3. **Promote Adult Literacy and Parental Involvement**
4. **Improve Student Commitment to School and Community (attendance, discipline, service learning): 60% of students**

Steering/Leadership Team News

The MP Steering/Leadership Team also includes the SES-21st Century Leadership Team. In addition to the MP staff, the Team includes Principals, Lead Teachers, Subcontractors (paid by the grant), Partners (contributes resources to the grant), parents, and students.

All meetings are held at the Career Center beginning at 3:45 PM. The 2009-2010 dates are:

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Wednesday, March 24, 2010

Wednesday, May 5, 2010

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