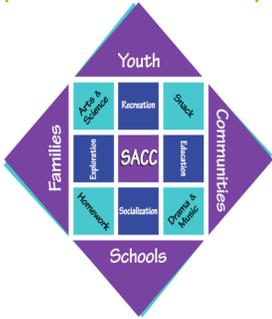


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# PENN SACCA REPORTS

## PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE ALLIANCE

### PENN SACCA CONFERENCE

#### 2012 STATEWIDE CONFERENCE

*PENN SACCA'S 15th Annual Statewide Conference!*

Join us in Harrisburg for a rejuvenating, insightful, and WILD (Project WILD, that is) time. Our theme this year is:

*Professional Development is Important!*

**November 2 and 3, 2012**

In addition to key professional development workshops, this year's conference will feature a Friday Reception "Nurturing the Nurturers", presented by Carmen Gatti, SEPA SACC Project Director.

Please visit our website for further information and registration details.

[www.pennsacca.net](http://www.pennsacca.net)



### UPCOMING EVENTS IN AFTER SCHOOL



#### **Celebrate Lights On Afterschool Oct. 18, 2012!**

Each October, one million Americans and more than 7,500 communities nationwide celebrate the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families. Join the celebration!

Have you registered?

Need help planning your celebration?

Go to: <http://www.afterschoolalliance.org/loa.cfm>

#### *Southeastern Pennsylvania Out-of-School Time (OST) Summit and Resource Fair*

The Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool/Youth Development Network (PSAYDN) and the University of Pennsylvania's Out-of-School Time Resource Center (OSTRC) will host the Southeastern Pennsylvania Out-of-School Time (OST) Summit and Resource Fair on Tuesday, November 1, 2012 at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue, 4200 City Avenue, Philadelphia, PA. This year's theme will be "Making the Case". The goal of the event is to bring together over 300 OST key stakeholders in the region to focus on practice, policy, and resources to build and sustain accessible quality out-of-school opportunities that support children and youth's positive growth and development and ultimate transition to successful adulthood.

For more info and to register go [psaydn.org](http://psaydn.org) and click on News and Events.

**Membership  
Drive 2013**

PENN SACCA MEMBERSHIP drive will soon be underway for 2013.

Membership runs from January 2013 to December 2013.

Look for information on new or renewing membership options. Become a part of this forward moving group of out-of-school time professionals!

Some benefits of membership are: PENN SACCA Conference discount, leadership opportunities, voting privileges, newsletter subscription, NAA membership.



## Co-Chairs' Corner

**Congratulations and Welcome** – to PENN SACCA's newest board members: Valerie Clark, Director, Enrichment Workshop for Children in Bensalem; Kathleen (Kacy) Conley, Director, Pennsylvania Afterschool/ Youth Development Network in Camp Hill; Claudia Hunold, STARS Manager/School-Age Coordinator of Central Regional Key in Williamsport; Heather Oxenford, Director of School-Age and Summer Camps, LifeSpan School & Daycare in Quakertown; Shasta Wagner, Education Director, Cambria County Child Development Corporation in Ebensburg. They bring great experience and expertise to PENN SACCA and we look forward to working together as we move PENN SACCA into the future.

**Co-Chair Elect** – Congratulations to Wendy Roush from Hildebrandt Learning Centers in Dallas, who was elected PENN SACCA Co-Chair Elect. Wendy will begin her term as Co-Chair in January 2013, leading alongside Co-Chair Sharon Schweninger from Room to Grow Child Development Center in Pittsburgh.

**Annual Conference** – Plans are well underway for the Annual PENN SACCA Conference under the leadership of Wendy Roush and Chuck Lytle, conference co-chairs. This year's theme is ***“Professional Development is Important!”***. **Remember, this is the only conference in Pennsylvania designed specifically for professionals in School-Age Child Care!** Choose from 19 fun and fact filled workshops for administrators and out-of-school time staff! Some programs close on November 2nd so that staff can participate in this special professional development opportunity. So, spread the word and save the date: November 2 and 3, 2012 at the Holiday Inn East in Harrisburg! Check for conference updates at [www.pennsacca.net](http://www.pennsacca.net).

**Statewide School-Age Collaboration** - Along with representatives from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Centers, PSAYDN (the Pennsylvania Statewide Afterschool and Youth Development Network), the PA Key, PACCA, and Penn State Better Kid Care, PENN SACCA meets to discuss opportunities for statewide collaboration for out of school time professionals. Watch for more details in upcoming issues.

**Professional Growth and Development Activities** - PENN SACCA offers many ways for you to make professional contributions to the field, at the same time meeting STAR standards for Professional Growth and Development Activities. Volunteer, serve on a committee, write a newsletter article, seek a nomination to the Board of Directors! Get involved, give back and grow!

### ***Afterschool for All Challenge***

On May 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Heather Oxenford and Lillian McCuen attended the Afterschool for All Challenge representing PENN SACCA.

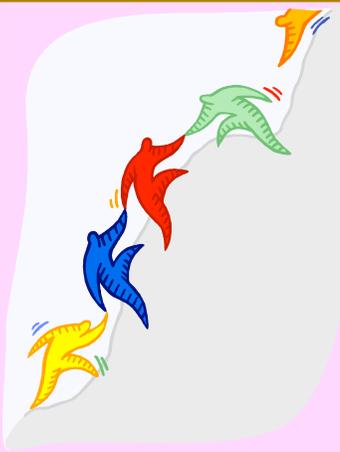
On the first day of the two day event, they were able to select from various “workshops”. The sessions ranged from preparing for their day on Capitol Hill, advocating the importance of the continuation of funding and support for after school programming, to how to continue making a difference in the lives of our youth. Both members selected sessions to prepare them for their day meeting with legislators on the hill. The main message they needed to get across was three fold:

Afterschool programs keep children safe, are necessary for families and provide academic supports

Their task was to explain to the representatives that “we” would like to count on their support on 21st Century funding .

Though the PA group was small, they were able to meet with 7 representatives and/or their aides, during which time they were able to explain the value and importance of OST, and then ask for their support.

Both members recommend that PENN SACCA continue to be a part of advocating on behalf of OST professionals by continuing to maintain a presence on the hill and that PENN SACCA encourage and support additional programs to participate .



## **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

Valued Members...

PENN SACCA is looking for dedicated members with skills and expertise they would like to share on the following committees: Advocacy, Board Development, Communications, Finance, Governance, Membership, Professional Development.

This is the perfect opportunity to become an active PENN SACCA member. Choose the committee of most interest to you and help to fulfill our mission to guide, champion, and represent out-of-school-time professionals.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Visit our website for more information on committees and how to volunteer.

[www.pennsacca.net](http://www.pennsacca.net)

*A new feature for PENN SACCA Reports:*

### *PENN SACCA ... "A BIRTHPLACE FOR LEADERS"*

PENN SACCA Reports first in a series of profiling past PENN SACCA Board Members. It is only fitting to choose Diane Barber to profile, as she was PENN SACCA's first Chairperson.

**Diane Barber: From the Southeast to Harrisburg**

Diane Barber, working for the Southeast PA School-Age Child Care Project in the 1990's, served on PENN SACCA's Steering & Organization Committee in 1993-1994. In October 1994 Diane became the first Chair of the PENN SACCA Board of Directors, where she served in that position until 1998. From 1999 – 2003 she became PENN SACCA's Treasurer. While Diane was involved in statewide school-age leadership, she also made professional contributions on the national level, serving on the National School-Age Care Alliance's (NSACA) Board of Directors and as its Treasurer from 1995-1999. In October 2001, Diane became an Endorser for NSACA Accreditation. Then Diane's higher aspirations took her beyond Southeastern PA. Her next move was to Harrisburg where, in 2005, she became the Early Childhood Education Director with Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children. Going forward in 2012, Diane took her next leadership step, becoming the Director of the Pennsylvania Child Care Association( PACCA).

Wondering what's next on the horizon for Diane? Stay tuned...."

## **DOCUMENTING EVERYTHING FOR KEYSTONE STARS**

During an ERS visit, your evaluator has just a few hours to see everything that you do in your programs. And you do a lot! How can they possibly see the range of science activities, long term activities, multicultural activities, literacy activities, parent programs, community visitors and more that you do? In our program, one way we document is through pictures with captions. We start each year with a few tri-folds (purchased with STARS Merit Award money) labeled "Science," "Long Term Activities," "Community Visitors," etc. As we go through the year, our staff take many digital photos (with cameras purchased with STARS Merit Award money). We review them at our office, and select a few to be printed and used on the trifold. We then have the children write a caption, and date the picture.

In addition, we have started documenting our "multicultural snacks" in a binder. Each time we add a new food or recipe to our program, we create a page that shows a map of the world with the country of origin marked. It says a few words about the food, and includes a picture of the food plus the recipe. The paper is displayed next to the snack area, and afterward is placed in a binder that is kept in the Parent Information area.

Submitted by Nancy Schall, Executive Director, Enrichment Workshop for Children, Inc.



## CHILEAN EMPANADAS

These pastries, filled with seafood, meat, cheese, vegetables or fruit are wildly popular throughout Latin and South America. Most cultures have some sort of traditional "pocket" or meat pie food.

Empanadas can be great as part of a "tapas" meal. Served as snacks/appetizers with a dipping sauce, the empanadas can be shared by everyone.

Or, they can be plate sized, filled with a meat and vegetable mix for a main dish, or smaller, filled with fruit for dessert.

### RECIPE

Pillsbury Grands biscuits	3 large onions, chopped	1 pound ground beef
2 teaspoons cumin	1 teaspoon chile powder	1 tablespoon paprika
1 beef bouillon cube, dissolved in 1/4 cup hot water		2 tablespoons flour
1/2 cup raisins	1/2 cup chopped olives	2 hard boiled eggs, sliced
1 egg yolk	2 tablespoons milk	

### Preparation

Cook the onions and garlic in the vegetable oil and butter until softened. Add the ground beef, cumin, chile powder, paprika, beef bouillon, and salt and pepper to taste.

Cook the beef, crumbling the meat, until browned. Add the flour and continue to cook for 5 or 10 minutes more.

Remove the meat mixture and let cool. The beef mixture will keep up to 2 days in the refrigerator.

Shape the empanadas: Separate biscuits. On a floured surface, roll each biscuit into a 6 inch diameter circle, about 1/4 inch thick. Add 1 tablespoon of the beef filling, a few raisins and some chopped olives, and a slice of hard boiled egg to the middle of the circle.

Brush the edges with water and fold the pastry in half over the filling, to make a semi-circle.

Seal the edges by pressing down with your fingers. Brush the sealed edge lightly with water, then turn the edge toward the middle and press with your fingers to seal.

Mix the egg yolk with 2 tablespoons milk, and brush the empanadas with the mixture.

Bake at 350 for 25-30 minutes, or until golden brown.



## Virtual Field Trips

Do you often think about how to take your after school program on field trip? It can be easier than you think. In our connected world you can now take field trips in the comfort of your program. All you need is a computer, internet connection, and teachers to research and develop field trips specifically for your program. Virtual Field Trips (VTF) allows out-of-school time programs to “take” field trips without actually physically leaving the center.

Imagine going on a field trip without having to consider expense, safety issues, liability, or transportation issues. VTF’s are affordable, informative, and fun. You can bring the world to your center. You can take a trip to the moon, take a hike through the rain forest, experience the heat of a volcano, just to name a few.

Here are some guidelines to think about before you take a VFT.

- Select a trip with a clear connection to your curriculum
- Plan ahead – preview the site and content, check all the links, provide step-by-step tasks, have a measurable objective for the trip
- Be the tour guide – help the children pace themselves, be diligent and do not allow the children to wander online on their own

We know that field trips allow children to gain a better understanding of concepts through authentic experiences. Through VFT’s you can provide this experience for the children without the constraints of a typical field trip.

Here is a list of sites you can use to select your next “Field Trip”. Happy travels!

<http://www.kn.pacbell.com/wired/fil/pages/listvirtualgr.html>

<http://www.field-trips.org/trips.htm>

<http://www.accessexcellence.org/RC/virtual.php>

<http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/index.html>

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/fieldtrp/index.htm>

We would love to hear about some of your experiences. Please share some of your travel stories with PENN SACCA. Please send your stories to Valerie Clark at [vaclark438@gmail.com](mailto:vaclark438@gmail.com).

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### The Joy of Conducting Clubs

As educators we are always looking for fun ways to engage and motivate students. But, how do you keep your curriculum fun and innovative, while still being educationally sound? At B.A.S.E we have found that conducting clubs is a great way to accomplish those goals. As a whole we absolutely love and look forward to conducting these clubs. More importantly, our students highly anticipate these activities, and enjoy the freedom to choose the clubs that peak their interest.

If you're wondering how clubs could work in your program, then perhaps our format could work for your school. Twice a year every teacher chooses a topic to develop as a program that will last six weeks. Those six weeks are comprised of an introduction, four progressive activities, and a culminating activity. Our clubs have centered around areas including the visual arts, culinary arts, themes, literacy, STEM, and physical health. Teachers are given the freedom to choose topics based on the student interests in each program. Each club encourages the teachers to not only bring their special talents to the table, but also incorporate each students' individual interests. Thus, when all is said and done the clubs combine the highest academic standards, active learning, and of course lots of fun.

Another great aspect of clubs is that the format allows each teacher to work one on one with students, and then differentiate the activities. All of our school programs are inclusive environments, thus it's imperative that all of the club activities met our students' needs. It's also a great opportunity for our quieter students to break out of their shell, and expression their opinions. I once conducted a sculpture club, and the first activity we had was making a sculptures out of marshmallows. While the activity turned out to be a lot messier than anticipated, it also fostered an environment where each child was actively participating both independently and interpersonally. When we provide clubs that are meaningfully built around our students, then it makes them feel valued, engaged, and eager to try new things.

Another season of clubs has just begun at B.A.S.E., and our students are thrilled. We all look forward to every week being a new opportunity to learn, grow, and enjoy our time together. Hopefully, the idea of clubs will aid you in keeping your students engaged, motivated, and actively learning.

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