

# News Flash from Girls Inc. of the Island City

FALL 2008

Hello Parents and  
Guardians,

We want to keep you informed about what's happening here with your girls in our after-school program. Please read through this newsletter and contact Program Coordinator Leilani Wagner with any questions or comments.

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## New, New, New!!! All at Girls Inc.

If you received our flier over the summer for our fall quarter, you know about the changes around Girls Inc. to expand our program to serve more girls. One of the new additions is our walking transportation. We will walk girls from Lum, Haight, and Franklin Schools to our center after school lets out. Girls should keep an eye out for the red Girls Inc. staff shirt and new picture name badges.

Also, we've extended our hours and are now open until 6:00pm. This extra half hour will help out families and allow for more outside fun and homework time in addition to our classes.

Lastly, we're so excited to have more girls in our program! Along with the new staff (see below) comes more spaces. Here's to a brand new school year and some brand new girls.



Summer camp girls on a field trip to the A's game

## Classes for Fall Quarter 2008

	1ST-2ND Grade	3RD-4TH Grade	5TH-6TH Grade
<b>MON</b>	<b>Allies in Action</b> – Please see the article on the right.	<b>Media Smarts</b> – Learn about what media really is and the messages behind it.	<b>Operation SMART</b> – Science, math, and technology is fun and found everywhere.
<b>TUES</b>	<b>Operation SMART</b> – You can do Science and Math and have fun while doing it!	<b>Magic Within</b> – Explore who you are and who you want to be when you grow up.	<b>Drama</b> - Be ready to take on a character role, improvise, and create sets for a play!
<b>WED</b>	<b>Stepping Stones</b> – Girls will learn the basics of sports and better their motor skills.	<b>Allies in Action</b> - Please see the article to the right.	<b>Girl Power</b> –Fun, crafts, teamwork & community service
<b>THURS</b>	<b>Economic Literacy</b> -Learn the value of money and how to save!	<b>Operation SMART</b> - Science, Math, and Technology is fun? You bet!	<b>Allies in Action</b> – Please see the article to the right.
<b>FRI</b>	<b>*Free Choice*</b> — For all ages, girls pick the structured activity of their choice		

September is about getting to know each other...

The first few weeks of September, we're taking some time to orient all the girls to Girls Inc. We'll get to know each other, the facility, how to deal with conflicts and work as a team. We'll play a lot of group games that exhibit team work and learn what it is to be a Girls Inc. girl.

**Allies in Action– a New Beginning at Girls Inc.**

For our Fall program, you may have noticed that all grade levels will be taking part in our new Allies in Action program. The girls will learn about relational aggression and how to resolve conflicts in a constructive manner. Please check in with your girls and ask about what they are learning in this class.

## Check out our fresh new faces...

With our expanded program, we needed some extra hands around Girls Inc. Brittany Jenkins and Sarah Casper have jumped on board to help us out. Brittany is a

student at Cal State East Bay majoring in Psychology and Sociology. She will be working with our girls in 1st to 6th grade in the afterschool program. Sarah is joining us from Chicago where she graduated from DePaul University with a degree in Women and Gender Studies. She will be providing outreach at Wood Middle School. Please stop by and say hello to our new staff!

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**DON'T FORGET TO MARK THESE IMPORTANT DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR**

- **October 31, 2008-** Girls Inc. CLOSED. AIK at Earhart open.
- **November 11, 2008-** Veterans Holiday, Girls Inc. and AIK CLOSED
- **Nov. 26-28, 2008-** GIRLS INC. CLOSED for Thanksgiving break. AIK at Lum open on Wed., Nov. 26 only.
- **December 4, 2008 -** Holiday Sale
- **December 19, 2008-** Last day of Girls Inc. Fall Quarter
- **December 22-31, 2008—** GIRLS INC. CLOSED for Winter Recess, AIK at Edison.
- **December 25-26, 2008—** Girls Inc. and AIK CLOSED.