



5A

Announcing a new afterschool program to help your 5th and 6th grader succeed!

The Kalayaan School for Equity's new 5A Program combines *Arts Enrichment Activities*, *Homework Assistance*, and *Study Skills Training* to help strengthen your student's academic foundation during their critical 5th and 6th Grade school years.



What happens at 5A?

- Monday through Friday, 3:15pm - 6:00pm afterschool program (with afterschool staff pick-up and escorted walk from JFK Elementary; Early start on JFK & TR Pollicita Middle School Minimum Day Schedules)
- Art lessons and project work on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- Tuesday focus on Academic Achievement, Study Skills Training, and Tutorial with staff Tutors
- Daily Homework Assistance with staff Tutors
- Small-sized learning environment to ensure 1-on-1 attention (15 participating students maximum for the 2009-2010 school year)
- Instruction by trained staff, including a California Credentialed Art Teacher
- Students learn to work in a close-knit, collaborative environment with daily team-building exercises
- Student Art Showcase opportunities throughout the school year



How does an Arts Enrichment Program help your student's school work?

- Research shows that students who participate in afterschool programs like 5A that provide enrichment other than homework assistance are more likely to succeed in their classroom work
- Participation in Arts Enrichment activities helps develop and improve creative problem-solving, critical thinking and communication skills
- Arts Programs like 5A that make connections to math, english, science, and social studies concepts often deepen student understanding and appreciation of those subject areas
- Positive Arts Experiences build self-esteem and confidence
- Exposure to world cultures through Art teaches students to appreciate their own heritage and make connections to the cultures of those around them
- Positive Adult Relationships via Instructor, Staff Tutors, and Guest Artists help promote positive adolescent development



How much does this program cost? Is it affordable?

- The Kalayaan School for Equity believes strongly in supporting working families, especially in light of these uncertain economic times. We are offering this fantastic program for only **\$200/month (\$1900 for the entire 2009-2010 school year)** with Scholarship opportunities available based on need. Tuition fees are collected on a monthly basis.



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Are you looking for a great afterschool program to support your 5th or 6th grader?

At the **Kalayaan School for Equity**, we believe that students who are involved in quality afterschool programs are more likely to succeed academically, especially when such programs encourage students to creatively apply what they learn in the classroom, allow for independent exploration, and provide students with tools for self-expression. This is why we have worked hard this year to develop our new **5A Program (Afterschool Arts Aiding Academic Achievement)**.

We are proud to offer this fantastic opportunity for fifteen 5th and 6th graders either living in or attending school in Daly City during the 2009-2010 school year.

What is 5A and how can it help your student?

Based on the overwhelming research, a student who is engaged in consistent arts-based activities is better equipped to “fully engage ideas, construct meaning, and remember information” than those who are not. This can translate to an overall improvement in your student’s ability and readiness to learn. Unfortunately, Arts Education has suffered dramatically in the last ten years due to increasing budget cuts facing public schools. Locally, elementary school students can receive as little as 16 hours of arts instruction throughout the entire school year, greatly limiting students’ opportunities to develop important critical thinking and communication skills.

5A is an afterschool program designed to expose students to a variety of art experiences—drawing, painting, printmaking, poetry, creative writing, digital arts, photography, music, movement—in a supportive

learning environment. Students work with their instructor as well as a number of accomplished guest artists to develop new skills and incorporate them into a number of projects for display in community art showcases throughout the year.

When and where is 5A?

5A follows the Jefferson Elementary School District Calendar, with afterschool programming starting on August 27, 2009 and ending on the last day of school, June 12. 5A runs Monday through Friday from 3:15pm-6:00pm with staff pick-up from JFK Elementary School available at 3:00pm. Kalayaan School for Equity’s 5A Program is run out of the Liwanag Kultural Center at Hillside Park.

“To fully engage ideas, construct meaning, and remember information, students must regularly employ the whole range of communicative media—speech, writing, drawing, poetry, dance, drama, music, movement, and visual arts.”

Zemelman, Daniles, and Hyde
“Best Practice: New Standards for Teaching and Learning in America’s Schools”

How do you enroll your student?

If an Enrollment Application is not attached to this flyer, please call (650) 641-2891 x573 or email KalayaanSchoolForEquity@gmail.com to request a copy. Alternatively, please feel free to stop by after 5:00pm *towards the end* of the 5A Program on Monday through Friday. If space is available, new students can enroll at any point during the school year.

