

“Reviving the Dream” Teacher Study Circle

- **What** – We have been awarded a grant from LAUSD to help with closing the achievement gap for African-American students. As such, Cochran is able to offer its teachers the chance to participate in a compensated study group which will look at literature, research and strategies aimed at improving achievement levels for African-American students.
- **When** – The study groups will meet on four Saturdays. The first meeting will be Sat Feb 9th. The following meetings will be Feb 16th, March 2nd and March 16th. The meetings will take from 9 – 11:30 am.
- **Where** – The study groups will meet at Cochran MS.
- **Why** – The grant team believes that improving achievement levels for students requires a three-fronted approach. The team is operating a pilot program for students and their families, we are developing a series of parent education workshops and we have chosen the study circle as the format for Professional Development.
- **How** – The week prior to each meeting participants will be given a research-based professional article to read for the upcoming circle. Participants will then be engaged in activities and discussions around the themes presented in the article. Participants will be asked to write a reflection on the day’s session. Lastly, participants will be asked to lead a teacher-to-teacher workshop on themes or strategies gleaned from the study group, as well as, submit a lesson with work samples.
- **Additional** – Participants must attend 3 of 4 meetings, as well as, submit reflections and lesson plans to be compensated. Compensation will take place at the conclusion of the study group. Participants will receive their ? rate as compensation.

**IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, THERE WILL BE A REGISTRATION MEETING
ON THURSDAY, AFTERSCHOOL (3:15) IN THE LIBRARY.**