Inclusive basketball tourney fun for students of all abilities

Students in adaptive PE classes to play with Burbank High School peer tutors from varsity basketball team

March 19, 2013 (Sacramento): Young adults of all physical ability levels will come together on Wednesday (March 20) for SCUSD’s second annual Spring Inclusive Basketball Tournament organized by the district’s adaptive PE teachers.

“This is a great way to build caring relationships between students who might not otherwise get to know each other,” says Luther Burbank High School teacher Greg Polo, an event organizer. “It’s a lot of fun for the kids and good learning experience for all involved.”

More than 150 students from Burbank, John F. Kennedy High School, Fern Bacon Middle School, Rosa Parks Middle School, Sacramento City College and Sacramento State are expected to participate in the basketball tournament. The event will feature various levels of game play, including a wheelchair game. Students from Burbank’s Peer Tutoring program, including varsity players for the Titans, will act as mentors during the day.

A similar track and field event with Special Education and general education students was held in the fall. Students enjoyed both the competitive aspects of the event and the camaraderie.

WHAT: SCUSD’s second annual Spring Inclusive Basketball Tournament
WHEN: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20
WHERE: Luther Burbank High School, 3500 Florin Road, Sacramento, CA 95823
MEDIA: Check-in at front office. Only students whose parents signed release may be photographed. Please see Greg Polo on arrival for help in identifying those students.

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