



Happy New Year!

Chico Country Day School provides a safe, joyful community where all learners are inspired to achieve their personal best.

{Principal's Corner}

CCDS Charter Renewed

We are pleased to report that our charter renewal was voted upon and approved last night at the Chico Unified School District Board meeting. The term of renewal is 2010-2015. We are so excited to have the opportunity to continue to provide a choice in public education and to nurture the unique educational experience students receive at our school. Thank you very much to our staff, Board of Directors, parents, and our students for showing your support at the meeting last night. A special thanks goes out to our Student Council representatives Katy Colwell, Sophia Leiker, Zane Ferguson, and Zach Gazda, and our 6th grade student speaker Kara Kremer. They had eloquent speeches and were very brave! Here's to five more years of excellence!

Thank you!
Paul Weber and Margaret Reece

Facilities Update

The Chico Country Day School Facilities Committee would like parental and staff input on the possible rehabilitation/modernization projects for our campus. Based on recommendations from the Facilities Committee our School Board will be determining how much of the Proposition 1D funds we can afford, so they want a prioritized list of projects to consider. We want parent and staff ideas – what needs most to be rehabilitated? Is it bathrooms, the playing field, older classrooms, flooring, lighting, etc. Please come to the PTP meeting at 6:30pm on Tuesday, January 12. At 7:00pm, after PTP business is concluded, there will be a facilities input session. Bring your ideas and suggestions. We value your input and want you to have a voice in determining ways to improve and modernize our campus for the benefit of our students.

CALENDAR	
Tue. Jan. 12	—PTP Mtg 6:30 pm in MUR
Wed. Jan. 13	—Board Mtg. 6 pm in Rm. 24
Fri. Jan. 15	—Lottery for next year's wait lists 1:30 pm in MUR
Mon. Jan. 18	—Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Holiday—No School
Fri. Jan 29	—All School Skate 1-3 pm at Cal Skate
Mon. Feb. 1	—100th Day of School
Fri. Feb. 5	—Middle School Social
Sat. Feb. 6	— All School Clean
Thurs. March 4	— Concert Choir Gala, 7 pm in MUR
Fri. March 5	— Concert Choir Gala, 1 pm in MUR

Lottery for 2010-11 this Friday, Jan. 15

Chico Country Day's Kindergarten lottery will be held January 15, 2010. If you have a sibling of current students that will be starting Kindergarten here in the Fall, please call Bonnie Fitzgerald in the office at 895-2650 ext. 201 to be placed on the list before Friday!

Lottery for First through Eighth Grades 2010 will also be held January 15, 1:30 in the MUR. If you have friends interested in applying, please let them know.

CCDS Art Show at Chico Mall

Feb. 7th-21st

Our art teacher, Kari Zigan, has arranged for a sampling of various CCDS art projects to be shown at the Chico Mall. If you'd like to help her make this happen, please contact her @ kzigan@chico-countryday.org or 891.6889.

Here are the dates, times and places Kari could use your help:

Mon. Feb. 1 @ 3:10 in MUR ~ Prep
(she also has some take-home work, if you prefer)

Sun. Feb. 7 @ 10:00 in Chico Mall ~
Set Up

Sun. Feb. 21 @ 10:00 in Chico Mall ~
Tear-Down

2009 Calendars still wanted

Our art teacher Kari Zigan would love to take your old art calendars off your hands. She can use the artwork for class projects. Thanks!

Safety reminders please!

- No double parking along 11th St. and Broadway when you are picking up or dropping off students.
- Students should use crosswalks at all times—no jaywalking.
- Do not drop off or pick up of students in the parking lot.
- The curb along 11th St. and Broadway is "3 minute loading/unloading only". You may get ticketed if you get out of your car—even if for less than 3 minutes.

{PTP Update}

Auction, Meeting and more...

Dear Parents,

As we move forward into 2010 we have just a few major activities ahead, however they are extremely important to the success of our organization.

IT'S AUCTION TIME!

The CCDS Auction for Excellence: Building for Success will be held on February 27th and is need of more donations. Contact Karen Schreder at karenschreder@att.net with ideas, donations or questions. I would also remind everyone to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. I can say without a doubt this fundraiser is one of the most important that is put on for our school. Your participation and attendance make a huge difference, plus the event is a wonderful evening to have fun and socialize with other parents.

PTP MEETING

Our biggest and best PTP General Meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday (1/12) in the MUR at 6:30 p.m.. There are many reasons to attend (each family is required to attend at least one). We will be discussing ideas for the new school facilities, auction details, art activity details, and important general information. Please make sure to attend. Childcare will be provided for your CCDS student(s).

NOMINATIONS

We want you! Nominations for open PTP Officer Board Positions will be accepted at the upcoming PTP General Meeting (1/12 at 6:30 in the MUR). President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer Positions will be open. These are highly rewarding jobs that are vitally important to the success of our organization and school. Consider being a part of the group and make CCDS a better place for your children! If you would like further information on any of the official job duties just drop me an e-mail at Coolidgepr@aol.com.

We will see everyone at the Tuesday meeting in the MUR !

Best wishes for a great 2010!

Andrew Coolidge
PTP President

CCDS T-Shirts/Sweatshirts CCDS Merchandise is on sale the first Friday of every month from 11:30-12:30 outside the MUR or by order form in the office any time.

Box Tops for Education We just received a check for \$308 from General Mills/Box Tops for Education! Who knew clipping those little Box Tops could make a difference?!

THANK YOU! Our next deadline is February 28th, so please send in any you've been collecting right away.



Book Fair Success

The December book fair was a big success. We earned close to \$2800.00 in Scholastic bucks which equals many, many new books for our library! I want to extend a big thank you to all who participated and helped in this year's Scholastic Book Fair: our fabulous book fair committee who set-up, worked shifts (some very early shifts!), served morning goodies, counted bags of coins and helped pack it all up at the end; Meg Vieg and her poster makers; Kat Clark and Kris Schroth for their help and support; and of course none of this would be possible without our incredible families and friends who made purchases at the fair!

I also want to thank all of our faculty and staff but especially Mr. Weber, Margaret Reese, Art Davis for his flexibility with the MUR ; Raul; and of course Miss Bonnie and Miss Michelle in the front office.

A special thank you to my co-chairs: Lisa Christiansen and Lesli McCutcheon. It was such a pleasure to work with both of you! Thank you for all of your hard work.

Sincerely,
Angela Allen
CCDS mom and Book Fair Chair

{Our Lifeskills}

The Lifeskills of Organization and Initiative

By Mrs. Fischer and Ms. Nye, Kindergarten teachers

The home connection of the Lifeskills is so important to our children's success. This month we are focusing on two Lifeskills that go hand in hand organization and initiative. We know the importance of these two skills as adults but how do we teach them to our children? Here are ways to practice each of these at home daily.

"Where are my shoes?" "I can't find my homework." Sound familiar? Here are some organization tips for home. Help your child organize their room as often as necessary to provide a safe healthy environment, one in which work and play can occur. Have your child pack his backpack and be responsible for the contents. You may have to check with them daily at first but relinquish the responsibility of organizing it to your child. Have your child plan, prepare and serve a family meal or plan and prepare an outing for the family. Stick with a homework and recreation schedule. Most importantly, always pick up their things and put them away.

Initiative is the act of doing something because it needs to be done. Your child is part of your family and all members need to pitch in to make things run smoothly. Initiative can be a small act like seeing that the dishwasher needs to get emptied and doing it to larger acts of seeing a need in the community and helping with it. At home you can encourage your child to create a project, plan it, and finish it by themselves. When you see your child help without being asked or nagged is a time to celebrate their initiative. Also, talk with your child about bigger issues and have them think outside the box for solutions, have them contribute their ideas and suggestions in matters around the home, and encourage them to think for themselves. These are all ways to practice initiative in your home.

Here are a few books that you can read at home while discussing these Lifeskills. For organization, please read *Franklin is Messy* by Paulette Bourgeois (primary), *Dear Mr. Henshaw* by Beverly Cleary (intermediate) or *Buried Onions* by Gary Soto (middle school). For initiative, please read *Elves and the Shoemaker* by Brothers Grimm (primary), *Martin Luther King, Jr.* by Rosemary L. Bray (intermediate) or *Backwater* by Joan Bauer (middle school).

The connection between home and school is vital since family and teachers share the same goal, to educate the child by preparing him or her for real life. Using Lifeskills on a daily basis at home will help with this process.

Student Council

We are proud of our student council and the mission they've outlined.

PURPOSE

The purpose of our CCDS student council is to have students involved in decision making for our school, and to have representatives that other students can come and give their ideas to.

MISSION

Our mission is to have good student leaders who represent the entire student body and families of CCDS.

VALUES

Leadership: we stepped up to be good representatives

Cooperation: we work well with the other people in student council

Integrity: we work with the money for the dances

Initiative: we take the extra time and responsibility to be on student council.

Courage: we speak up for others

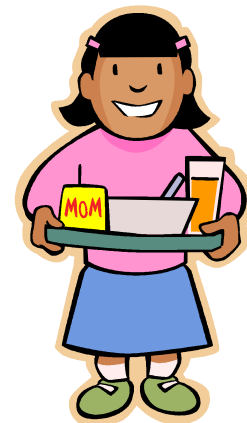
CCDS receives garden grant

CCDS has been awarded a \$3950 garden grant from Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation! These funds will be used to enhance our edible and native gardens on campus. A gigantic thank you goes out to Jeremy Miller, our afterschool garden educator and president of the Chico Food Network for submitting the grant on our behalf. We now have the funds to cover the cost of much needed irrigation in our garden, and much more. If you have irrigation installation skills you can share with our garden crew, please contact Gina Sims, garden coordinator gsims@chicocountryday.org or Patricia Smith, garden committee chairperson patricia95973@gotsky.com.

Together we are building a successful thriving garden program for our kids. Thanks for all of your support!

{From the Business Office}

Free Lunch and Breakfast Eligibility



Did you know it is not too late to apply for the free or reduced hot lunch program? The guidelines to qualify for this program are outlined below. Applications are available in the office and on our website and are processed through Chico Unified School District on a confidential basis. Upon review of the application, a letter will be sent directly to your home apprising you of your eligibility.

Any questions with the application can be directed to Celia Bianco @891 3021ext. 204. You can also visit the Nutrition Services website: http://www.chicousd.org/__dept/business/nutrition_services/index.html

Income Eligibility Guidelines July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

Household Size	Year	Month	Twice Per Month	Every Two Weeks	Week
1*	\$20,036.00	\$1,670.00	\$835.00	\$771.00	\$386.00
2	\$26,955.00	\$2,247.00	\$1,124.00	\$1,037.00	\$519.00
3	\$33,874.00	\$2,823.00	\$1,412.00	\$1,303.00	\$652.00
4	\$40,793.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,569.00	\$785.00
5	\$47,712.00	\$3,976.00	\$1,988.00	\$1,836.00	\$918.00
6	\$54,631.00	\$4,553.00	\$2,277.00	\$2,102.00	\$1,051.00
7	\$61,550.00	\$5,130.00	\$2,565.00	\$2,368.00	\$1,184.00
8	\$68,469.00	\$5,706.00	\$2,853.00	\$2,634.00	\$1,317.00

For each additional family member, add:
 \$6,919.00 \$577.00 \$289.00 \$267.00 \$134.00

* A household of one means a foster child, a child in out-of-home care, or a pupil who is his/her sole support