

Climbing to the Top



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

{PTP Update}

CCDS Needs You!

To re-purpose one of the greatest statements in U.S. history...Do not ask what your school can do for you, ask what YOU can do for your school! As CCDS parents we all feel fortunate our children go to a school where first through eighth grade students salute the flag together each morning. A school where life skills are appropriately the foundation for the curriculum. A school that has managed through extremely challenging times to maintain low class sizes, art and music programs, and even a garden where life lessons are tied to our very Earth.

These accomplishments do not just happen. They say it takes a village to raise a child and our school embodies that philosophy. Parent involvement is a source of CCDS pride and it is an opportunity that comes but once, as are all of the opportunities that accompany parenting young children. I strongly encourage you to consider getting involved in a higher role at the school. It is a decision you will not regret. The foundation is solid, laid by years of amazing, dedicated parents. The wheel has long since been invented. Have a turn at it! Nominations are being accepted now for PTP Officer position elections taking place at the April 27th PTP Meeting. Open positions for the fall include President, Vice President, and Committee List Officer and newcomers will join experienced returning

members. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to e-mail me at shayne.law@jmsmucker.com.

The auction is this Saturday, and I could not be more excited. I know the committee has been hard at work. If you have not yet bought your tickets or arranged coverage for any little ones, do it today! Keep in mind that 80% of the funds PTP raises for your school each year result from the auction. If there is a way to support your school, this is a huge one! Above all, it is a great time and opportunities abound for those sentimental items we will all look back on adoringly years from now.

Finally, I would like to thank the many parents that gave up a good portion of their Saturday for the February 5th all-school clean. It is an important and wonderful contribution to the school—our kids' home away from home!

Shayne Law
PTP President

CALENDAR

Feb. 15-27—CCDS Art at the mall

Thurs. Feb. 24—Spring pictures

Sat. Feb. 26—CCDS Auction for Excellence, 5:30 pm, Manzanita Place

Wed. March 2—Dr. Seuss' Birthday/
Read Across America Day

Fri. March 4—Report Card Preparation Day - No School

Wed. March 9—CCDS Board Meeting.
6 pm. Room 24

March 14-18—Spring Break

Tues. March 29—Musical Gala

Thurs. March 31—Pizza Night, 5-8pm

Auction for Excellence
Saturday, February 26

5:30 pm

Buy your tickets now!

ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

Students are expected to be at school by 7:58am, and are considered tardy if they are not lined up on the asphalt by the "tardy bell", which rings at 8:00am. Teachers take attendance at that time.

All School Clean Thanks

THANK YOU to the following folks who came out on February 5. Special thanks to Raul Oliva for organizing these All School Cleans.

- Brian Teal
- Donna and Fred Vierra
- Jennifer and Randy Martin
- Nathan Methuin-Terry
- Isadoro Hernandez
- Traci and Jaedyn Vierra
- Rob and Lynette Myers
- Chris Kobz
- Deborah Kinoshita
- Jim Hardesty
- Gabby Tamayo
- Katy Eckes
- Kim and Steve Sawyer
- Bill and Gina McKellar,
Dino and Molly
- Janice and Shaely Erven
- Brad Downhem
- April and Dennis Kramer (Hladik)
- Jeff Reid
- Seam Maiorano
- Rob Lewin
- David Mortenson
- Lindsey Romani
- Jemmy Maiorano
- Marilyn and Dan Baldwin and
Xander, Elijah and Danny Jr.
- Thomas Courtright
- Landon Kobz
- Lisi Walsh
- Rebecca and Jason Trento
- Brad Ledford
- Nathan Pegg

{Principal's Report}

Life Skills and Life Long Guidelines

Life Skills and Life Long Guidelines are one of the hallmarks of Chico Country Day School. One of the many strengths of our school is the very consistent implementation of our core beliefs and values throughout the school. Integrated Thematic Instruction, strong parental involvement, a commitment to fine arts and support for students—as exemplified by our terrific music and art programs, electives, library and support services, and of course—the Life Skills are the manifestations of the CCDS vision: To provide a safe and joyful learning environment. Teachers continue to incorporate the life skills into their curriculum and daily instruction. Whether it be the Random Acts of Kindness program in Ms. Masters' class, a focus on the life skills shown by a literary character in Ms. Fairon's NING writing program, or our positive discipline approach on the playground with our yard duty supervisors—Mr. Hall, Mr. Najera, Ms. Buyert and Ms. Kelly. Life skills are integrated into curriculum throughout the day and are an essential part of each teacher's year long theme. There are life skills for each month (February is "friendship" and "curiosity") that help us focus even more on those valuable traits and help students apply them daily at school.



On March 1 CCDS is fortunate to have the NED Assembly coming to our school. NED (Never give up; Encourage others; Do you best) is a nation-wide character education assembly program. Our students will be able to watch fun and entertaining presenters reinforce those same values and life skills that we have been teaching at CCDS for over 15 years. Weather permitting, the NED assembly will be on March 1 at 10am on the basketball blacktop area. If it's raining we will move to the MUR and have two assemblies—the first at 9:00 for K-2, the second at 10:00 for 3-6. Check it out online at www.the nedshow.com

—Paul Weber
Principal

Peer Mediation program starting

CCDS is starting a Peer Mediation program—which is the training of a group of interested 6th and 7th graders to help out their peers and younger students with conflict resolution and friendship issues. Our intern counselor, Tania Wood—under the supervision of LCSW, Chris Sims and our School Psychologist, Ami Parent—will be supervising the students. There will be a training on March 11 with the CHS Peer Counselors, then students will meet weekly at lunch here at CCDS. Teachers and parents can refer students to Peer Mediation, and students can refer other students or self-refer. The goal is for students to be given the opportunity to help their peers deal with non-physical conflict to improve the social environment of the school. 6th and 7th graders interested in becoming a Peer Mediator can bring up the issue with their teacher. Teachers also will be recommending students to the program.

6th graders receive award

Congratulations to our Outstanding 6th grade students who received the Art Acker Memorial Award from CSU-Chico – **Lauren Meichtry and Dino McKellar**. Both Lauren and Dino exemplify the qualities we love to see in our students – responsibility, leadership, academic and/or athletic achievement, and living out the Life Skills. Lauren and Dino were recognized at halftime of the CSU-Chico basketball games this past weekend.

Safety Committee Update

The safety committee has been working on a Reunification Plan. In the event of needing to relocate students to our Emergency Relocation Site (which is the Boys and Girls Club), a plan needs to be in place to re-unify students with parents. The Committee has a relocation plan in place—which is the set of procedures to evacuate the school and move students to the Boys and Girls Club. The final step is to determine job duties—logistics, communication, health and safety, etc.; and put procedures in place for releasing students to parents/guardians in a safe and orderly manner—which includes parking, traffic and verifying emergency card information to be sure students are released only to authorized adults. The Safety Committee meets the last Monday of every month at 3:30 in Rm. #2.

2011-12 School Year Calendar

The CCDS Board recently approved the calendar for the 2011-12 school year. Below are the holiday dates for next year.

August 2011

August 15 - Back To School Picnic

August 16 - First day of school - minimum day

August 25 - Back to School Night - minimum day

September 2011

September 5 - Labor Day

October 2011

November 2011

November 11 - Veteran's Day

November 9 & 10 - Parent Conference Days

November 21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

December 2011

December 19-30 - Winter Break

January 2012

January 2 - Return to school

January 16 - Martin Luther King Day

February 2012

February 17 - Lincoln's Birthday - observed

February 20 - President's Day

March 2012

March 2 - Report Card Prep Day - no school

March 12-16 - Spring Break

April 2012

April 6 & April 9 - Easter holidays

May 2012

May 17 - Open House - minimum day

May 28 - Memorial Day

June 2012

June 1 - Last day of school - minimum day