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

{Principal's Corner}

WASC Results Impressive

We are all very excited about the results of our WASC Accreditation visit. The 5 member team was very impressed with Chico Country Day School and their exit interview was rich with compliments for our staff, students and parents. We will hear back from the WASC Commission later this year as to the term of our Accreditation, which we hope will be the full 6 year term. The Commendations we received were:

- The Joy of Learning is evident throughout the school
- API standardized test scores are very high, yet CCDS does not "teach to the test".
- Communication with parents is outstanding
- The level of trust between students, their families, and the staff is extremely high
- "Being There" study trips make learning relevant.
- Lessons are presented using multiple modalities.
- Rubrics are used throughout the school.
- Small class size is a major plus
- The emphasis on Life Skills is integrated both at home and at school.
- Support staff does an outstanding job
- Technology is an integral part of the middle school experience. Middle school students develop weekly student-directed broadcasts to the school.

- Parental involvement is extensive and intense.
- The fact that so many teachers have their own children at CCDS speaks volumes to parents and community members.

The WASC Committee had 7 recommendations for the school – all of which we have already identified and are part of an Action Plan we have developed for the next 6 years. They are:

- Develop a plan to address the educational and social needs of a more diverse student population which maintaining the close, interpersonal feeling of the school.
- Improve technology in the lower grades and expand the school library – budget permitting.
- Move forward with modernization and beautification of the school campus.
- Develop a program to continually challenge advanced students.
- Complete Mathematics and Language Arts Vertical Alignment in all grades.
- Develop the use of student writing portfolios to track student progress across the grades.
- Implement more staff training in the use of technology.

Thank you to the staff, parents and students who were involved in our WASC Self-Study.

— Paul Weber

CALENDAR

Thurs. March 25—Budget Advisory meeting 6:30 pm in Room 24

Fri. March 26—Science Fair Project viewing day at CCDS, MUR til 6 pm.

Mon. March 29—CCDS Personnel Committee available for Principal and Executive Director feedback, 3:15-5 pm, Room 24

Wed. March 31—1st Annual Basketball Exhibition Game: 8th graders vs. staff, 6:30 pm, PV gym.

April 2-5—No School. Easter Break

April 20—STAR Testing begins

Thurs. April 29— Student Art Night



Principal for the Day Creighton Gruber with the "ex-principal" Mr. Weber.

Safety Committee News

The Safety Committee is asking parents to continue to follow our safety procedures before and after school. These procedures are designed to insure the safety of our students and have been confirmed by Chico PD as appropriate behaviors for drivers in school zones. Occasionally, the Chico PD will be monitoring traffic before and after school and will be issuing citations. The Safety Committee is also working on finishing up our Emergency Supplies for each classroom in the event of an extended Lock Down, and are developing a Reunification Plan in the event of an incident on campus in which we would need to release students early straight out of a Lock Down situation. These plans are being developed with the help of the District Safety Committee, as well as Chico PD and Fire Department:

- Use crosswalks at all times – this is for both students and parents.
- Never park in the loading zones along Broadway and 11th Street and leave your vehicle. These zones are for 3 minute loading/unloading only.
- Do not double park and ask your child to run through parked cars to or from your vehicle.
- Do not stop and have a conversation with your child's teacher while you are in the loading zones. 3 minutes only, please.
- Do not pull U-turns on 11th or Broadway during dismissal or drop off time
- Do not ask your child to wait in the parking lot for you to pick them up there. We have no supervision in the parking lot—and that area is for parking only, not pick-up and drop-off.
- It's extremely helpful when parents park a block or two away and walk onto campus to pick up their child(ren). Thank you to those who are doing this.

{Auction Update}

Auction 2010 a Huge Success!

What a testament to our CCDS families, staff and the greater Chico community for their commitment to our school. **The early total of \$58,500 far exceeds our estimated goal.** We couldn't have made it happen without the dedication, creativity and talent of SO MANY in the CCDS Community. Many of our donors were mentioned by name in the program. Now we would like to mention and thank those on the committee who worked so hard:

- To all the teachers & families that stepped up and created lovely, original, amazing one- of-a-kind classroom projects.
- Bonnie and Michelle, for all the extra work and traffic in the office.
- Karen Schreder, Janie Murray, and Jenny Maiorano and their team of donation solicitors. How they did it in this economy is a marvel!
- Pamela Meuter, Queen of the Excel Spreadsheet, for organizing all the classroom projects and teacher dates.
- Kate McCarthy and her team of worker bees. Once again they transformed a rectangular room into a beautiful event with creative décor.
- Amy Gomersall for all her amazing graphic work,
- Mr. Massa and Mr. Garrett for a hilarious sneak peak at the Faculty Follies. (Save the date May 7!).
- Kelly Huber for closing the silent auction portion of the evening.
- Kris Scroth and Deb Sioux-Thorup and their banking crew.
- Tam Le for data entry.
- Kat Clark for processing donations and creating all those bid sheets plus banking, and closing and....!
- Angela Allen for directing bid runners, helping with decorations and so much more.
- Amy Beadle for the eye pleasing displays for many of the silent auction and Buy It Now Party Coordination.
- Paul and Margaret, for all their support and work throughout the entire process.
- Thanks to all the parents who helped set up, deliver projects, clean-up, run bid sheets, and spot bidders.

We've set a few records this year:

- Highest paid price on a class project –A beautiful redwood table with tile inlay sold for: \$5,000.00, Mr. Davis' class.
- Most auction attendees—305
- Most items purchased at live auction, 44 in program plus 8 desserts.
- Most live auction items split and shared cost amongst a group or table.
- Most silent auction items created, solicited, donated and sold.
- Best performance by the "Auctioneer" Dick Stein—he cajoled us all into parting with our money.
- Best team effort!

The total dollars raised are not finalized. We still have some outstanding reimbursements to process before that number is solid. If you have reimbursements to submit, please fill out the reimbursement form available in the school office by March 28th.

Again THANK YOU!

Robyn Saylor & Karen Rose, Co-Chairs



CCDS celebrated its 100th day of school on Monday, February 1, 2010 with fun activities and games for our Kindergarten through 3rd grade students. Each year I reach out to our awesome families and staff and ask for their support, and for volunteers. Each year I am amazed at the outpouring of help.

Monday morning, as the rain fell, I witnessed our parents, teachers and principle flying into plan B, moving our activities out of the rain, without missing a beat. Everyone had such a positive attitude and this attitude spread to the students. We truly have a remarkable "family" here at CCDS, and I am honored to be a member.

Here is a list of people who made it all possible! THANK YOU: 8th grade, 5th grade, Mrs. Fischer, Miss Nye, the Hull family, Stacy Santa Ana, Celeste Eastman, Ann Hervey, Ree Trites, Gina Sims and the Harvest of the month girls, Art Davis, Mr. Weber, Raul Oliva, Shannon Lawson, Tricia Daverson, Tricia Long, Tami Farrell, Tami Stover, Tammy Sadler, Gina Burris, Rochelle Beck, Lisa Rash, Kristina Trento, Janie Murray, Forrest Olsen, Meg Vieg, Kim Gainza, Rick Carr, Alfredo Santoyo, Roseanna Kuhn, Leslie McCutcheon, Jenny Maiorano, Lauren Wong, Rob and Kat Lewin, Diana Markham, Carolyn Wayland, Cathy Benson, Maralee Shearer, Angel Korte, Darien Sterling, Julie DeMaggio and to anyone I forgot to mention! CCDS appreciates YOU!

—Anne Marie Chik

{Athletics}

5th and 6th Grade Basketball Champions

CCDS's 5th-6th grade girls basketball team as well as our 5th grade boys basketball team both completed their CARD seasons and were both undefeated. The girls record was 11-0 and the boys were also 11-0. They both won every season game as well as every championship tournament game which took place on 3/6 and 3/7. They demonstrated not only superior basketball skills, but also displayed exemplary life skills throughout the season. The girl's team was complimented several times by both other coaches as well as referees for their outstanding attitudes, sportsmanship and respect of each other and the other team!

Girls Team

- Olivia Leiker
- Alyssa Hardesty
- Claire Morrison
- Leina Clarke
- Mary Applegate
- Raina Johnson
- Kara Kremer

Boys Team

- Jordan Cooley
- Max Anderson
- John Michael Bordier
- Devin Mortenson
- Nick Gomersall
- Dylan Beadle
- Kevin Kremer

Thank you to

Kevin and Kelley Kremer and Mark Cooley for their time, expertise and encouragement as coaches!



CCDS reaching out to our community...

For several months the CCDS Board of Directors and Administration have been discussing the possibility of partnering with the Boys and Girls Club of Chico to form a new charter school at the Boys and Girls Club facility. This school would target the families that have children that attend the Boys and Girls Club, as well as families that need and value an after school program and extended school year. On March 10 the CCDS Board of Directors approved a K-8 charter for the PACE (Partnership to Advance Community Education) Academy. On March 18 the Boys and Girls Club Board of Directors approved the partnership with CCDS to move forward on this project. There is still some planning work ahead, and the charter petition will need to be finalized, presented to and approved by CUSD. PACE Academy will be a separate entity, with its own budget and educational program. If you have any questions, would like to review the charter, or be involved in planning, please contact Paul Weber or Margaret Reece.

Shriners Hospital Screening Clinic

It's that time again. We are having our Annual Screening Clinic for Children.

This clinic is where we screen children for problems that the Shriners Hospital in Sacramento can treat. FREE!

Saturday, April 10th

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Chico Masonic Family Center
1110 W. East Avenue, Chico

No appointment needed. Just show up.

Treatable problems:

- Scoliosis
- Rickets
- Neuromuscular disorders
- Hand and back problems
- Leg length discrepancies
- Congenital hip problems
- Cleft lip and Palate
- Orthopedic problems associated with cerebral palsy
- Burns

For more information, contact:

Chico: Brad Azevedo 879-9199

Oroville: Jeff Ford 693-1866

Paradise: Buzz Colbert 872-3636

PLEASE FORWARD THIS TO ANY NURSE, DOCTOR, TEACHER, PARENT OR ANYBODY THAT MAY HAVE CONTACT WITH A CHILD THAT WOULD BENEFIT FROM THE SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE SHRINERS HOSPITAL.

{Reaching out}

Help the Earthquake Victims of Haiti

The children of Chico Firefighters are endeavoring to learn how to organize, run and participate in a charitable event. Our firefighters are trying to teach and instill community values in our children as well as teach them how to become better World Citizens. In an effort to do just that the kids came up with the idea of coordinating a Chico-wide fundraiser to help the people of Haiti during the aftermath of the earthquake. Chico Country Day School will be participating in this effort through a Coin Drive, with all proceeds going to the Red Cross. Each classroom has a labeled coffee can for coin collection. Students are encouraged to collect any spare change they can from home or donate a portion of their allowance if they choose. We are not promoting any door to door solicitation for this fundraiser. Thank You.

STAR Testing in April

STAR testing begins at CCDS on April 20. For those two weeks (April 20 – April 30) please make an extra effort not to schedule appointments and to have your children in school every day and on time. A healthy breakfast and adequate sleep has shown to have a significant effect on student's performance on these types of tests. Thank You.

All School Clean Thanks!

Thank you to the following individuals for their help during the last All School Clean on February 6:

Julia Murphy	Jack Price
Ryan Tietz	Dudley and Mathew Stone
Troy, Rylie, Joey and Jody Beach	Cathy Reed
Angel Korte	Bruce Thomas
Wendy Smith	Mike Devine
Eric Johnson	Addie Mavis
Kristina Hamilton	Susan and Tim Howey
Brian Teal	Lesli McCutcheon
Danny, Alexander, and Adam Baldwin	Shayne and Christin Law
Thomas Cortright	Daniel, Elsa and Lisi Walsh
Lee McClung	Gabriella Mace
Kim & Steve Sawyer	Darien Sterling
Katie Eckes-Fixico	