

Building for Success

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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

Building for Success

CCDS IS "BUILDING FOR SUCCESS". Our Year long theme this year promotes "minds at work" building competencies, foundational skills, a healthy environment and a better world. Classrooms have formed teams such as, "Hardesty's Hard Hat" and "Pembroke's Post-holing Crew" as they work to fill their toolbelts with strategies to be successful in life. This year we are also re-focusing on the Life Skills. There will be a "Life Skill of the Month", which will be emphasized in the classroom, on the playground and at morning assemblies. Students will receive recognition for demonstrating the Life Skill of the month. For August the Life Skill is Courage, and for September Cooperation and Problem Solving.

This year CCDS will be going through the WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation process. This is a self-study that focuses on continuous improvement. We have three minimum days in our calendar in order to do the work of WASC – the end product is an approximately 100 page document. The first of these minimum days is September 2. The WASC commission will conduct their 3 day visit of our school in April.

Our school has grown considerably this year. We now have 540 students in grades K-8, and have completed our middle school long range plan by adding

the second 8th grade class. Our middle school (6-8) is at 180 students with 2 cored classes (6th grade) and 4 departmentalized subject-specialist teachers: Mr. Garrett teaching Social Studies; Ms. Clarke teaching Math; Mr. Massa teaching Science and Ms. Fairon teaching English. Exploratories and electives include Spanish (Mr. Najera), Keyboarding, Video Production, Art, Drama, Student Government and Music Appreciation just to name a few.

This year we have also initiated a home school program entitled Chico Country Day Home to School Partnership. This program is for families that want a home school experience with some connections to a site-based school. Students receive primary instruction from parents with the support and assistance of our teacher, Charley Snyder, then can participate in music and art classes, as well as field trips at CCDS.

We are all excited and looking forward to a great year at Chico Country Day. Remember, our charter and vision emphasize parent involvement.....so get involved – help in the classroom, drive on field trips, sign up for PTP committees. Students who have involved, participating parents do that much better in school.

Thank You

—Paul Weber

CALENDAR

Wed. Sept. 2—Minimum day of school so staff can work on WASC accreditation

Mon. Sept. 7—Labor Day Holiday

Wed. Sept. 9—Picture Day

Tues. Sept. 15—PTP Meeting 6:30 in MUR —Please come!

Sat. Sept. 19— All School Clean 8:00-Noon

Sept. 21-25 TV Turn Off Week

Wed. Sept. 30—Minimum day—WASC accreditation workday

Fri. Oct. 2—Middle School Social



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Our Wish List

Seeking Redwood boards to make raised beds in the garden

The garden crew is looking for some used redwood 2x6 boards. Lumber from a recently replaced deck would be ideal. We will be using the wood to make raised beds in the garden. Bruce Hicks hicksbr@butte.edu Thanks!

Cooking items needed

The Cooking elective has begun! We have a wish list and used "stuff" is perfectly acceptable! So if you have any of the following in your cupboard or garage and would like to donate it, the cooking class is in need of the following:

Electric hand mixers (2)
 Electric griddle (2)
 Blenders (2)
 Vegetable peelers (8)
 Rubber scraper spatulas (8)
 Paring knives (10)
 Can openers
 Wire whisks (8)

Please bring any donated items to the office at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please e-mail Lora at adams-fam@att.net.

Thank you so much!
 Lora Adams

Hand Sanitizers needed

We would like to provide hand sanitizers for staff members and students in every classroom. To combat any potential influenza outbreak the sanitizers need to be at least 60% alcohol. DONATIONS WOULD BE APPRECIATED!

PTP Update

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! If your children are like mine, they seem very anxious to get started back at school. I am also looking forward to being president of the PTP (Parent Teacher Partnership) once again. We continue to have a very strong board of PTP officers including:

Kat Clark – Vice President
 Janell Koentopf – Secretary
 Kris Schroth – Treasurer
 Robyn Saylor – Public Relations Officer

We have also added a new non-voting advisory position to help us to use the internet more effectively in communicating with our parents. It was graciously occupied by Cheryl Mortenson. Thank you for stepping forward Cheryl.

YOUR FAMILY SERVICE HOURS

A form is attached for the family service hours. Please make sure to keep a running tab of the hours you have contributed to the school. Remember each family is asked to contribute fifty hours over the course of the school year. We collect the attached form twice a year to update our information once in December and again in May. It is important that you keep track on a weekly basis, because it is difficult to review and remember everything you have done at the end of the semester.

Last year CCDS parents and relatives contributed close to 11,000 hours of volunteer time. That is an amazing feat and each and every who contributed to this effort deserves thanks and congratulations!

CCDS DIRECTORY

Do you know someone who wants to get their business recognized at the school? Do you have a business that you would like to advertise to your fellow parents? CCDS families benefit when we use each other's businesses and services. The CCDS Directory is the best place to run an advertisement promoting your business (it is also very inexpensive). A copy goes home to each family and you will find that they are even more used than your home phonebook. Please review the attached advertising price guide and make sure to turn in your advertisement early to the office.

COMMITTEES

Have you turned in your committee requests? This information was in the back to school packet that you received at home prior to the start of the school year. It is important that you sign up for your specified committees and participate with them. If for someone reason the committee you signed up for has not contacted you, take the initiative to make sure they know you are interested in helping.

For those of you I have not met, please take the opportunity to introduce yourself next time you see me at a meeting or campus function. The PTP is always open to discuss problems, solutions, and ideas. If you have anything you would like to mention to me directly you can leave a message in the office for me with Bonnie, grab me at a meeting, or just e-mail me at Coolidgepr@aol.com.

I wish you and your family all the best for a great school year!

Andrew Coolidge
 PTP President

Building Life Skills at CCDS

BY ANNE MARIE CHIK | AM KINDERGARTEN TEACHER

As a CCDS family, you will be hearing quite a lot about life skills from the staff and students of Chico Country Day School throughout the year. Not only does every teacher from primary through middle school teach life skills, you will hear us all speak the language as well.

This month, we would like to highlight the life skill of **COURAGE**. If you've ever observed a baby learning to walk, you will see how courage begins early in life. As my Kindergarten students walk into class on the first day and say goodbye to their families, I am in awe of their bravery and willingness to try a new adventure. As they move up through the grades, they will learn how to face more challenges with strength, confidence and perseverance.

Here are just a few ways you can encourage your child to use the life skill of **COURAGE** and help keep the life skill "conversation" going on at home:

Parents

- be truthful
- "walk the talk" and be a good role model
- create an atmosphere of trust
- establish behavior guidelines and be consistent
- believe in your child and be supportive
- stay educated and improve your skills

Children

- respect and follow behavior guidelines
- accept responsibility for your behaviors and actions
- take that first step
- open your mind to learn new things and accept challenges
- ask questions when you are confused
- be a friend to someone who needs one



Courageous Kindergartners on the first day of school.

Books are filled with stories about courage. Read *Charlotte's Web*, by E.B. White, or watch *The Wizard of Oz* and discuss how the characters in the stories showed great courage. For older children, try *The Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane, or *Call It Courage* by Armstrong Sperry. Don't forget to tell your own stories as well. Children love to hear stories about their family members and learn that a hero lies in each and every one of us.

For more information about life skills, see [Character Begins At Home: Family Tools for Teaching Character and Values](#) by Karen D. Olsen and Sue Pearson.

Safety Reminders

- 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 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.

Please clip & turn in Box tops for Education Coupons!

CCDS earned over \$600 through this simple program last year! The product manufacturers offer a lot of Bonus points at back-to-school time. Let's take advantage of them. Check your cereal, Granola bars, ziploc, kleenex, juicy juice packages, and many, many more general mills products.

You'll find a box tops collection envelope in each classroom. SNIP away all school-year long & help earn money for CCDS! Make sure not to cut off the Expiration dates.

Thank you!



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After School Classes and Clubs

Homework Club: Began Aug 19, meets in the Library 3:10-4:10 under the supervision of Vanessa Quevedo. Homework Club provides an opportunity for K-8 Graders to do homework, read, or use computers. Younger children may read or have books read to them.

Garden, Cooking, Nutrition Club meets in ASP Room Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for age level cooking and Monday and Friday for Garden Club. Our goal is to integrate the three areas of gardening, cooking and nutrition by having students grow, prepare, and eat the fresh fruits and vegetables from the garden. Classes will begin Tuesday Sept 8.

Guitar begins Friday Sept 11. Beginning instruction, open to grades 3-8. Guitars will be provided or students may bring their own guitars. This class will be limited to 6 students; we will maintain a waiting list.

Spanish: Beginning level conversational Spanish open to K-3rd Grade. Taught by Joey LaRossa Tuesdays from 3:10-4:10.

Irish Dance will be taught by our own Irish Dancer, April Standafer. Classes began Aug 24 and are on Mondays 3:10-4:10 and Fridays 12:30-1:30. Classes are beginning level and open to K-8th Grade. Will culminate in at least one performance during the semester.

Arts and Crafts Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays—Students will make craft projects to take home or in some cases help seasonally decorate the ASP Room.

Anthropology Museum will begin in Oct; a \$5.00 fee per session is charged to cover materials.

After School Schedule of Clubs, Classes and Activities

2:50-3:10 Sign in and snack

3:10-4:10 Activities

4:10-5:00 Free time inside or out (write in book)

5:00-6:00 Quiet time inside

Monday 3:10-4:10 Homework Club, Irish Dance, Kinder Club, Garden Club (3rd and 4th graders), Fun Games (1st and 2nd graders), Free time for 5th-8th.

Tuesday 3:10-4:10 Homework Club, Kinder Club, Cooking (1st and 2nd graders), Spanish, Fun Games (3rd and 4th graders).

Wednesday Homework Club, Kinder Club, Cooking (3rd and 4th graders), Free Play (1st and 2nd graders), Soccer for all.

Thursday Homework Club, Kinder Club, Cooking (5th-8th), Short fun game (1st-4th).

Friday 12:30-1:30 Garden Club (1st and 2nd graders), Guitar, Irish Dance, Board Games, Arts and Crafts.

1:30-3:00 Snack and movie

3:00-3:30 K-3rd outside, 4th-8th inside

3:30-4:00 K-3rd inside, 4th-8th outside

4:00-6:00 Teacher's choice

Thank you!

Thank you to the following CCDS family members who participated in our first All School Clean:

Tiffany Wheeler
 Reuben Jacobson
 Ryan Tietz
 Kurt Lundberg
 Hope and Amy Spanfelner
 Mike and Sarah Devine
 Adrienne Edwards
 Tara Johnson
 B.G. Stover
 Rae and Claire Morrison
 Nancy Fort
 Brad and Lorna Downham
 Trenton Harris
 Campbell Church
 Clara McKenzie
 Cassie Faith
 Christina Cassady
 Maya Cassady-Church
 German Campos
 Kim Sawyer
 Katy Eckes
 Sam Bell
 Hal Benson
 Brian Jones
 Tim and Brigit Hull
 Greg Gordon
 Kelly Osborne
 Rob and Kat Lewin
 Grady and Emily Davis
 Tracy Tullis-Davis

The next All School Clean is September 15.



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CCDS String Students invited to Participate in Chico All-City Youth Orchestra

Chico Country Day is proud to announce a new joint venture with the Butte County Branch of the Music Teachers' Association. String students are invited to participate this Fall in a Chico All-City Youth Orchestra. The Youth Orchestra will be conducted by Yoshie Muratani.

Yoshie holds a M.A. in cello performance at Osaka Conservatory of Music in Japan in 1994. She was selected as one of ten winners of the Rome Music Foundation scholarship in 1992 and 1993. In 1994 she taught music at Osaka Conservatory of Music. After moving to the US in 1999, she studied orchestral conducting at CSUS Masters program. Subsequently she has conducted CSUS Symphony Orchestra in several concerts between 2002 and 2003.

Rehearsals will take place at the Chico Country Day School . The semester will culminate with concerts in November & December. Rehearsal Schedule September 14th - December 17th 2009

Beginner Ensemble (Appx. level Suzuki books 1-2): Mondays & Thursdays
 3:10-3:40pm

Intermediate Orchestra (Appx. level Suzuki book 3-6): Mondays & Thursdays
 3:30-4:30pm and/or 6:00 -7:00

Advanced Orchestra (Appx. level Suzuki book 6 and above): Thursdays
 7:00pm-8:00pm

To enroll please contact Chico Country Day School or MTAC.:

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