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Happy Holidays

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

{Principal's Corner}

Middle School Electives

We have a wonderful group of parents and teachers who have been instrumental in providing a rich elective offering for our middle school students. In grades 6-8 CCDS middle schoolers enjoy Exploratory offerings during the week (Monday-Thursday), then a number of elective offerings on Friday mornings. The mid-week Exploratories are: Art; Drama; Keyboarding; Technology; Video Yearbook; Spanish; and Student Aiding in the lower grades. These classes are taught by our middle school staff: Darren Massa, Wendy Fairon, Kelly Clark, Merced Najera, Brigit Hull and Kari Zigan

On Fridays the students get to choose from a wide array of elective offerings. These change every trimester and are taught by staff members, as well as parents/community members who bring a special expertise to our school. Some examples of these classes are: Beginning Guitar; Dance; Cooking; Improvisational Comedy; Music Appreciation; Musical Theater; Yoga; Chess; Sign Language; Psychology; Scrapbooking; Crochet; Leadership; Yearbook; and International Sports. Pete Pembroke, Darren Massa, Kelly Clarke, John Garrett, Sarah Peterson-Young, Wendy Fairon, Brigit Hull, Art Davis, Kari Zigan, Donna Henderson, Michelle Trulin, Karin Daverson, Susan Efseaff and Renee Dooley have all taught these Elective classes. In addition, the following parents/community members have also

shared with us their expertise by teaching an elective class: Lora Adams, Nancy Heffley, Vince Chambers, Kelley Kremer, Lisi Walsh, Bradley Huggins, Bill Bynum, Nicole Lucente, and Thia Wolff. Thank you to all who have given of their time and added so much to our middle school program.

If you have a special talent or skill that you would be willing to share with our students, please contact the school office or Mr. Weber. Middle school electives are Friday mornings from 8:15 – 9:30 with classes rotating every trimester.

-Paul Weber

Calling All Siblings for Kindergarten 2010-2011

Chico Country Day's Kindergarten lottery will be held January 15, 2010. We need to know how many siblings of current students will be starting Kindergarten here in the Fall so we know how many openings are available for new families. If you haven't already, please call Bonnie Fitzgerald in the office at 895-2650 ext. 201 to be placed on the list.

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.

CALENDAR

Wed. Dec. 16—Band and Chorus Concert, 6:30 pm in MUR

Thurs. Dec. 17—Orchestra and Strings Concert, 7-8 pm in MUR

Dec. 21-Jan. 1—Holiday Break. No School.

Mon. Jan. 4—Back to School

Tues. Jan. 12—PTP Meeting

Wed. Jan. 13—CCDS Board Meeting. 6 pm. Room TBA.

Fri. Jan. 15—Lottery for New Students

Mon. Jan. 18—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, No School.

Fri. Jan. 29—All School Skate

Thank you!

Special Thanks to Butte County Supervisor, Maureen Kirk for speaking on behalf of Chico Country Day at our charter renewal hearing earlier this month. Maureen was very complimentary of CCDS and urged CUSD to renew our charter. The final hearing and determination for the District will be at their January Board meeting.

Notes from the Safety Committee

Field Assignments: Jeff Hall had brought up the idea of sectioned field areas that are devoted to specific activities. His concern at this point is the grass has died off in many areas and now there is hard packed dirt. We discussed using paint to make field sections. The issue is more having kids run through different games and that poses a safety issue. Jeff, Joy, and Merced have been trying to guide the kids to play games in specific areas and going in the same directions so there aren't as many cross overs. This has been working fairly well. Raul is going to look into getting a field painting set-up. Paul is going to look into additional goals.

Pick-up Drop-off and Driver Behavior: We continue to witness unsafe driving behavior at pick-up and drop-off times. Possible solutions were discussed, including more Chico P.D. visits. A thought is to send a form letter from the safety committee that would be sent to offenders of our safety plan, specifically for poor actions while driving, dropping off, and picking up. At this point we have decided to send a general driving safety reminder via email and the CCN.

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.

{Middle School Basketball}

Eagles Basketball in full swing

Our middle school boys and girls basketball teams have been busy on the court. Here are highlights from some of the latest games.

6th grade girls played Hamilton. It was a good team and we came away with a win. Final score 23-17. Olivia Najera and Kara Kremer were our top scores with 6 each.

7/8 team girls played Hamilton and won 38-20. Every girl on the team put points on the board during this game. They all played great! High score was Megan with 8 and Megan and Adrian each had 6.

6th grade girls played Plaza and won 24-6. Olivia was the high scorer with 8.

7/8 girls played Plaza. It was a really exciting game. We came out on top 26-21. Katy Colwell was our high scorer with 10.

6/7grade boys played Plaza. The final score was 30-25 Chico Country Day coming out on top. Grant Adams and Brody Kelly were the high scorers with 14 each.

7/8 team played Plaza. Plaza came out on top the final score was 35-16. Thomas McNarin was the high scorer with 8.

December 2, the boys played Bidwell Junior High. 7th grade boys took a loss. Grant Adams was the leading scorer with 10 and Brody Kelly had 6. It was a close game the first half.

8th grade boys team took on Bidwell Junior and had a great game. Thomas McNarin could not miss scoring 8 points the first quarter. He totaled 14 points. Braden Clark scored 7. They beat Bidwell by 4 with a final score 31-27.

The first weekend in December our girls teams participated in the Chico Jr. tournament. Our 6th grade team played all 7th grade teams and played hard and had fun. They did not come away with a win. The coaches from each team we played nominated an all star player each game. The girls that won the all star tourney for the 6th grade were Kara Kremer and Caitlin Buyert. They were both excited and were awarded an All star T-shirt. The 7/8 girls played Chico Jr. Friday night and lost 40-25. They were hoping it to be a closer game because when we played them last week we only lost by 2. Saturday they won two more games and lost one. They took 5th in the tournament. This was an improvement from last year. The All Star girls for the tournament were Sophia Leiker, Tiffani Kelly and Adrian Stein.

CCDS T-Shirts/Sweatshirts CCDS Merchandise will be 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 Thank you for taking the time to find, clip & turn in those tiny Box Tops for Education labels found on many household products. This simple act helps bring in much-needed income for our school. Box Top collection envelopes are located inside every CCDS classroom.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You – All School Clean Volunteers:

Mike Dunkley
 Matt Meuter
 Jeff Wozena
 Janice Erven
 Mike Hamilton
 Casey Baker
 Matt McCowan
 Gina McKellar
 Marian & Jeff Stoner
 Mary Smith
 Mike Devine
 Carol Louber
 Cassie Chambers
 Brad, Lorna and John Paul
 Downham
 Gina Sims
 Jonathan Allen
 Kelly Stone
 Tom Venus
 Sandy & Rick Carr
 Jeff Kuhn
 Adrienne Edwards
 Maguett Chapin
 Nancy Fort



{Science Fair}

5 Simple Steps to Creating a Great Science Project

Overview of the Process and Timeline

So you want to do a science project? Great! We want to help! Below is an overview of a science project timeline to help you create a great science project. Beginning in January, we will highlight the current step and offer some resources that might be useful for that step. Each step can be completed in two weeks.

**Note* The following dates are suggestions! Grades 1-3 have other project options!*

1. Create A Question ~ January 4, 2010

Choose your topic, find out a little bit about it, and write a one paragraph summary of what you know about the topic (Background). Then, ask a specific question that you will answer with your science project (Hypothesis).

2. Do Some Science ~ January 18, 2010

Week 1: Plan Your Project to answer your question, answering the following questions: What can I measure? How will I do it? How can I repeat my research several times? Then write down the steps you will do (Methods) and create a data sheet to record your measurements.

Week 2: Do the Science by completing the steps you wrote down to answer your questions and recording the measurements on your data sheets. This is the time to take pictures!

3. Write Your Results ~ February 1, 2010

Summarize what happened when you did your research. Be sure to say it in words and pictures, create a graph of your measurements and include photos or drawings of the research process or results (e.g., before and after).

4. Answer Your Question ~ February 15, 2010

Write a conclusion statement that answers your question in one sentence. Then write a paragraph that explains the experiment and the results (your measurements), and anything that was unexpected or might have gone wrong (it's totally okay!). Finally, mention what you are curious about now and what you could test next.

NOTE: if your experiment couldn't answer your question, you still have time to try again!

5. Share Your Science ~ March 1, 2010

Create a poster that includes 5 sections: Background, Hypothesis Methods, Results, Conclusion. Be ready to give a talk about your project to your class!

CCDS Science Fair~ March 25, 2010

Now you are ready to display your poster at the Chico Country Day School Science Fair and submit your poster to the Chico Science Fair. Pat yourself on the back for a job well done!