

One School, One Dream

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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

Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year at Chico Country Day School. I hope that the Back to School Night presentations were informative and answered any questions you may have had. If not, please feel free to contact me at any time. My email address is pweber@chicocountryday.org.

All of us at CCDS are excited about the upcoming year. We have several new staff members – all of whom are going to add expertise and commitment to our already excellent program. Our Special Education / Student Intervention Department now consists of RSP Teacher-Sydney Thomas, School Psychologist- Dick Bishop, Speech and Language Therapist- Cheryl Woodman, and Instructional Aid- Tami Stover. Aiding in the classrooms and providing yard duty supervision are Tami Farrell, Joy Buyert, Ruba Powell, Merced Najera, and Shelley Buchanan. Merced is also teaching 8th grad P.E. and 7th and 8th grade Spanish.

Our new teachers this year are Debbie Hardesty in 3rd grade (not really new), and Kelly Clarke in 7th grade. Kelly teaches Math and English to 7th graders as well as Keyboarding to 6th graders and an elective sports class. Brigit Hull is on board to help Kari Zigan with our classroom art program and art electives.

Gina Simms is our new Garden Coordinator, Kari Applegate is our school counselor, and Patricia Mott R.N. is our

new school nurse. We've added a custodian—Lee Thao who assists our Plant Manager, Raul Oliva. Raul does many things on campus—besides custodial work he also handles repairs and maintenance plus aids in the middle school P.E. classes. A big thanks to Raul and Lee who worked tirelessly over the summer to get the school up and ready for our students.

As we start the school year, please follow our parking-pick-up and drop-off procedures. 11th St. and Broadway adjacent to the school are pick-up, drop-off zones—3 minute unloading only. No parking is allowed. Parking means staying in those zones longer than 3 minutes and/or leaving your vehicle. We desperately need the flow of traffic to be quick and smooth. If you park and wait in those zones for extended periods of time, or park and leave your vehicle you will be corrected by a staff member, a note will be left on your windshield, or you will be ticketed by the Chico PD. Also, no double parking and use the crosswalks. Do not send your child to and from your car across double parked vehicles or across the street. Staff members will provide crossing guard supervision at both crosswalks—on Oakdale and at the corner of 11th and Broadway. Also do not use the parking lot for pick-up and drop-off. That area is unsupervised and unsafe for dropping off students.

Unfortunately we have a limited number of disabled parking spaces, and those

CALENDAR

Thurs., Sept. 18 PTP meeting,
6:30 p.m. in the MUR

Fri., Oct. 3 Harvest Fair

spaces are taken up quickly. We have a student on campus who is disabled (in a wheelchair) and desperately needs parking close to campus. Therefore we are "reserving" a parking space in front of the school office on 11th Street to the east of the cutout to the fire lane by the MUR. The curb on that space will be painted blue and indicated as "reserved". We are asking that everyone, out of courtesy, leave that space open for this student between 7:45-8:00am and between 2:45-3:00 daily. This would be very much appreciated.

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A hallmark of Chico Country Day is our high level of parent participation. Whether helping in the classroom, driving on field trips, or participating in fundraisers, our parents are what makes this school what it is. It's important that every family contribute 50 hours of service to the school per year. Twice per year PTP will send home forms for you to log your hours. It's important that we record these hours, so please remember to keep track of them. There are so many ways to complete your hours—All School Cleans, helping catalogue books in the library, being a phone tree parents, helping out with the Book Fair, etc. Information will be shared about all these opportunities at the first PTP meeting of the year—September 18. See you then.

—Paul Weber

Wish you could be a Girl Scout?

Brownie Troop 6 is looking for new girls!

Girls in 2nd and 3rd grade are invited to join. Bring your parents to an informational meeting at 6:15 p.m. Thursday, September 18th in the Multi-Purpose room. Come have fun with the Girl Scouts!

Please call Shannon Lawson with any questions 342-1459.

Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) Goes for the Gold

Welcome back, and an especially warm welcome to our new students and their parents. This year brings us exciting new opportunities, fantastic changes to our school in the near future, and the belief that each of our children will embrace the school theme of “going for the gold” by doing their personal best.

My promise to you is the Parent Teacher Partnership (PTP) will also work hard to achieve our personal best for the school. As you log each of your volunteer hours please make this your goal. It serves as a wonderful example for our children and improves the school with each hour you give.

We are also looking ahead to the near future when State Proposition Funding will allow our school site to get a much needed update so our teachers and students have the facility they deserve.

While the state gives us the bare minimum to fund the school, it is the families of our students who help provide the resources which give us our wonderful Art Programs, Music Classes, Study Trips, Special Events, Technology, and Library Resources we all value as part of the educational experience here at CCDS.

Our auction, new Walk/Jogathon Event (hooray! no more delivering cookie dough all over town!), Harvest Fair (mark your calendar for Friday, October 3) and other fundraising activities all need your support and help.

I look forward to meeting and getting to know everyone as they attend the PTP meetings. These meetings are a great way to keep informed about the school and its activities so make sure to attend each and every one of them. Our first PTP Meeting will be held on September 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the MUR (childcare for school age children will be provided). If you have questions please drop me an e-mail at Coolidgepr@aol.com.

Have a wonderful year at CCDS!

Andrew Coolidge
PTP President

Thanks!

Take a look around and you see our growth represented in the new portables on campus. We'd like to recognize the significant contributions and donations (Labor and Material) that were made to the installation of the portables. As a school community, we say a special thanks to Richard Horn and Quin Hogan of RR Horn, who donated much of the site work and paving; Ray Dalton of Dalton Inspection Services, who donated the license construction inspection services to satisfy State requirements; and Zane Schreder, who donated the base rock material (and time).