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# CougarParentNews

## MAY 2009

Mr. John Bohannon—Principal

Mr. Pedro Caldera—Assistant Principal

Dear Cougar family,

It's hard to believe the school year is almost over. STAR testing is coming to a close and we're entering the final stretch.

The month of May will be filled with celebrations, concerts and events to celebrate the closing of another school year.

While all of the events are great and showcase our students, we must not forget that there is still work to be done. Students still must stay on top of their assignments and work hard to keep their grades up.

Nobody wants to see a student's grades drop because they get spring fever and start acting like summer vacation started in May.

That being said, there are plenty of fun activities scheduled for the month of May.

The festivities kick off on May 13 with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards Night. Stay tuned for more information.

The next day (May 14) Mr. Baumgartner will have the 11<sup>th</sup> annual CJ Sidewalk Draw. The theme for this year's draw is "Imagination, Magic and Memories." This will be Mr. Baumgartner's last Sidewalk Draw as a staff member, as he will retire at the end of the school year. Good luck in retirement J.B., you will be missed at Chico Junior.

The music students will have a busy month with tours to elementary schools on May 19 and the Spring Concert on May 27 at 7 p.m. at Chico State's Harlan Adams Theater.

Of course, the school year will officially come to an end with promotion exercises on Friday, June 5.

**Summer School** – Some students have not earned enough credits for promotion to the next grade level. Our counseling staff is working hard to identify these students and get them enrolled in summer school.

Chico Junior students (current 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) in need of summer school will be attending at Chico Junior. Summer school will begin on Monday, June 8 and end on Friday, June 26. Classes will begin at 8 a.m. and conclude at noon.

If you think your student may need summer school, please contact your student's counselor.

**BLAST Summer Session** – Chico Junior's after school BLAST program will run a summer session on the same dates as summer school from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. You do not have to be enrolled in summer school to attend BLAST, but you do need to be a Chico Junior student. May can pick up a BLAST application in the main office.

**Next year** – As noted in the previous newsletter, we are already looking forward to the 2009-2010 school year. We have been registering students and are preparing to work on next year's master schedule.

We are always analyzing our school and looking for strategies to make Chico Junior better. If you have ideas, suggestions, or concerns, please contact me.

I will be here through the month of June, and will be available by e-mail or phone all summer.

Thanks for a great first year; I look forward to great things to come at Chico Junior.

Please call 891-3066, ext. 208 or e-mail [jbohannon@chicousd.org](mailto:jbohannon@chicousd.org) any thoughts you have about Chico Junior.

## **8th GRADE PROMOTION TIPS**

All the fun and excitement of the last week of school seems to always be marred for some of our students by incidents that we hope to prevent. Following is a list of tips that we hope will help you ensure that your student takes care of things that need to be done to ensure a happy last week of school

**OUTSTANDING DEBTS:** If your student has any outstanding debts at school, their certificate will be withheld until they are paid. Students check with the Payment Window before June 5.

**YEARBOOKS:** Students need to be sure to write their name inside the front cover and keep it with them at all times to prevent loss or theft. Be sure to watch who is signing your book so they don't write offensive things.

**APPROPRIATE DRESS FOR CEREMONY:**  
**Formal Dress is not allowed.** Gentlemen are asked to wear nice pants and a collared shirt. It is certainly OK to wear a tie. Ladies dress in nice sundresses or something that is similar. High-heeled shoes are not allowed because of safety on the grass and ramp.

**CEREMONY:** Students need to report for line-up for the ceremony, Friday, June 5th by 8:00 a.m. The processional will start at 8:30 a.m. Students must not carry anything in their hands during the ceremony.

Parents may not enter the student seating area until after the ceremony.

Students must not leave their seat until the ceremony is over.

Students will go to the back of the field after the ceremony to pick up their certificate. They will be handed out to the student only, not to adults.

Promotion takes place on the field. Please bring lawn chairs for your family and guests. Chairs will not be provided. Please be considerate with balloons and keep them to the side of the seating area so you are not blocking the view of adults behind you.

Thank you for your help. Hopefully, this will be a great time for all who are involved!

Report cards will be mailed home June 8th.

## **PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS**

Counselors at each junior high shall be responsible for the promotional requirement program, monitoring student progress and recommending appropriate remediation as needed. Counselors shall consult with a student's language arts, reading and/or mathematics teachers to determine academic progress towards district established standards in reading, language arts and mathematics.

**Credits:** A student will learn 50 out of 60 credits each year for promotion to the next grade, including credits earned in a remediation/intervention program. A student must go to summer school if he/she fails the same class both semesters.

**Semester Grades:** Credits will be calculated by semester, but reviewed quarterly to identify students in need of participation in the remediation/intervention program.

**Attendance:** A student must attend a minimum of 85% of total school days each year.

**Review Committee:** A review committee comprised of the principal/designee, counselor, parent, student and any other person deemed relevant by the parent or school will be established at each site to consider special circumstances of students not meeting the promotional requirements.

**Remediation/Interventions:** R/I Strategies may include, but are not limited to, a class within the daily schedule, an after school class, summer school, Saturday school or Alternative Education placement. A student may begin R/I as deemed necessary by the parent/guardian and school officials. Strategy will be prescribed based upon the diagnosed reason for the student's deficiency. Services shall be offered on a space available basis.

**Credit:** A student may earn **5** credits for a failed semester class when he/she successfully completes an R/I strategy and minimal proficiency, as determined by the R/I Team. A student must attend a minimum of 85% of the days in the R/I strategy.

**STUDENT PACKET PICK-UP DAY  
CJHS CAFETERIA**

**AUGUST 5TH  
9:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.**

**AUGUST 6TH  
8:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

Please be prepared to turn in your emergency card while you are there. You will also be able to purchase:

Gym shorts & shirt

Yearbook

Planner

Student Body Card— which supports student activities and entitles your student to discounts on school admissions.

All of these items can be paid for with one check or cash on pick-up days.

Your student's schedule will be given to you on this day.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**

School classes begin on **AUGUST 12 for ALL** students. This will be a half day for Chico Jr. High with students being dismissed at 12:06.

Students will have an opportunity to meet their teachers and get their bearings before the first full day. All students will meet in the gym by 8:10 for a short spirit rally before heading to their first class.

**This day is an official school day and all students are required to attend.**

**INCOMING STUDENT TIPS**

Know how to use a combination lock. You will need to know for P.E. DO NOT share your combination. DO NOT leave your locker & backpack unattended. **Always** lock up your backpack.

You will need to bring your own combination lock for a skateboard locker.

Be sure to **ALWAYS lock up your bike**. Come to the main office if you need to get into the bike racks.

DO NOT bring money to school. You, or your parent, can prepay at the cafeteria during breakfast.

Always have a pencil and use your binder reminder.

ALWAYS do your homework.

**CELL PHONES are to be off and put away during school** hours, including lunch. There are student phones available in the office.

When you have a question or concern you can talk to your teacher, counselor, main office staff, campus supervisor, or administration.

**CLOSED CAMPUS REMINDER:** Chico Jr. High is a closed campus. Late Start Wednesdays are no exception. Once a student comes onto our campus, they are allowed to leave only with an off-campus permit. Students who leave campus without off-campus permits will be subject to detention or Saturday school.

**2009/2010 School Year Information**

There will be a letter mailed to your home in August with all of the school year start up information. If you move or have a new mailing address, please notify the registrar, 891-3066 ext. 209.

**DRESS CODE REMINDER**

There should be adequate coverage of the body, which means that short-shorts, bathing suits, halter tops, tube tops, spaghetti straps, undershirts, bare midriffs, sheer garments, sagging pants, etc., are **not** to be worn to school. The skirt or shorts must at least reach to the end of the fingertips when the student stretches their arms straight down their sides. Crude or vulgar lettering or printing, pictures depicting or encouraging drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, racial/ethnic slurs, gang affiliation, sexually suggestive printing on shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, or other wearing apparel are not acceptable. No hats or other headwear may be worn on the school campus or at school activities (except for specified dress-up days). Attire associated with "gangs", such as the wearing of colors, gang insignias, bandanas, etc., is not allowed.

Any students violating the rules will be asked to change and get a phone call home. Any further violations will lead to detention and Saturday school.

**Students should continue to show good judgment when choosing school attire.**

**The school administration reserves the right to determine acceptable or unacceptable attire.**

**PLEASE take a look at their outfit before they leave home and spare them the hassle of coming to the office and changing their clothes. WE greatly appreciate your attention to this matter.**

## PTSA MEETINGS

DATE: **May 6**

**6:00pm, in the library**

We are still looking for nominations. If you, or someone you know would like to run for office, please contact Karen Micalizio at [CJHSPTSA@sunset.net](mailto:CJHSPTSA@sunset.net). Elections will be held at the June 3rd meeting in the school library at 6:00PM.

## SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

MEETING DATES: **May 6**

**3:00-4:00pm, in room 400**

School Site Council is in need of parent involvement. Please call Mrs. Hughes at 891-3066 EXT 201 for more information.

## ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE

**MAY 21**

Please be sure to find and return all your books to the library to avoid paying a fine.  
Library Staff

## 8th GRADE AWARD NIGHT

**MAY 13**

**GYM 7:00 - 8:30 pm.**

Parents will receive a letter in the mail the first week of May if their child is receiving an award.

## INCOMING 7TH GRADE ADVANCED MATH PLACEMENT TESTING

All of the junior high schools in Chico Unified have a challenging and rigorous math program. Most seventh grade students are placed in **Math 7** which is an intensive curriculum aligned with the California State Standards. After completing this course, students move on to either Algebra I or Math 8/Algebra A, depending on their performance in seventh grade.

On rare occasions, students are enrolled in Algebra I as seventh graders. If you feel your child is exceptionally gifted in mathematics, you may elect to have him/her take our algebra readiness test.

Many of our top math students wait to take Algebra I as eighth graders. We have found that the foundation we provide in our seventh grade math class (Math 7) generally leads to greater success in future math courses.

Students may take the Algebra Readiness test at either of the following locations from 3:15 – 4:15 (Please bring a pencil only.)

Bidwell Junior High	Room 304	Wednesday	May 6
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Chico Junior High	Room 206	Tuesday	May 12
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**Only students who wish to be considered for advanced placement need to take the test.**

## ART CONGRATULATIONS!!



Our five Duck Stamp Competition  
Winners are:

Emma Hoppough  
Coby Esposito  
Allie Jenkins  
Eli Hase  
Ryan Calbert

They were present at the School Board Meeting on April 30th and received their certificates and ribbons.

The 8th grade Art Awards will be presented, Wednesday, May 13, at 7:00 pm, in the gym, along with the 8th grade Award Night.

Congratulations to all our students who have done an outstanding job on their projects this year.

## CJHS ANNUAL SIDEWALK DRAW

The Art Club is planning for the 13th annual Sidewalk Draw.

THURSDAY  
MAY 14

## SUMMER BLAST PROGRAM

**June 8 - 26 from 8am - 3pm.**

We will be doing a variety of activities including swimming, soccer, academics, and dance.

Anyone can sign up by picking up an application from the main office or Ms. Waddell in room 207

Students that are enrolled in summer school may come to BLAST at 12pm if they are signed up. BLAST students will also be offered breakfast and lunch.

## MUSIC NOTES

EVERYONE is invited to our annual **Spring Concert on May 27**. The Beginning Band, Concert Choir, Jazz Band and Concert Band will be performing and we have quite a program in store for you. The cost is \$7.00, to pay for the facility at CSUC. The **piano recital is June 1 in Durst Theater, Room 503**. We have some very talented students ready to show off, so please try to attend these events. It has been a great year in the music department at CJHS. We have managed to maintain 5 periods of music and the students are learning and progressing so much! Our scores at music festival were fantastic and the progress this year has been amazing. If you have any questions about the CJHS Music Department, please call Mrs. Delgado @ 891-3066-265 or email her at [sdelgard@chicousd.org](mailto:sdelgard@chicousd.org) and she will be happy to answer your questions. If you would like to hear what your students have the opportunity to be involved with, come to one or more of our performances listed below. I think you'll be pleasantly surprised.

Sue Delgado-Music Teacher.

### Important Music Department Dates

- May 13: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards Night  
Jazz Band Performs
- May 19: Elementary School Tour  
Concert Band and Concert Choir
- May 27: CJHS Spring Concert @CSU Chico,  
7:00pm \$7.00 Tickets available at  
the door.
- May 30: Trip to San Francisco to see  
"Spamalot"
- June 1: Piano Recital @6:30pm CJHS Room  
505 Durst Theater
- June 5: 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotional Ceremony

## STUDENT PAYMENT WINDOW

The student payment window is located at the front of the school in the main office hallway. This is where you may pay for textbooks. Please note hours of availability below.

*Please make checks payable to:*

Chico Junior (CJHS) ASB

Our Account Tech is Mrs. Burdine  
891-3066, ext. 203.

**MAY: 7:45-11:15 am**

**JUNE: 11:45-12:45pm &  
1:30-3:45pm**

## CJHS BIKE WEEK MAY 10—17

**STUDENTS:** Ride your bike and wear your helmet. Bring your bike **LOCK**. Check in at the bike racks and pick up a raffle ticket every day you ride.

There will be a daily drawing.  
**CJHS IS THE BEST!**



## RELAY FOR LIFE

Chico Jr.'s Latinas Activas and student government participated in this year's American Cancer Society Relay for Life on April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Our teams raised a lot of money to go towards the American Cancer Society. The relay was 24hrs and over 20 students spent the night at P.V. High School. The kids who participated in the relay are amazing throughout the emotions and excitement at the relay was respect. The kids were very respectful and I want to thank them for that. A big thank you for parents who participated in the Relay. We had great support from them. In heading a team in this relay made me thankful for great kids, staff and parents we have here at CJHS.

## YOU CAN NOW PURCHASE A YEARBOOK ONLINE!!!!

Using a credit card or electronic check  
(online convenience fee of \$3.50)

The website is <https://www.yearbookordercenter.com/?jobnumber=7128>

**Yearbooks: \$45**

Or you can make checks payable to: CJHS – ASB at the payment window at Chico Junior High School. Or [www.chicousd.org/dna/chicojr/n\\_student\\_activities/Yearbook.html](http://www.chicousd.org/dna/chicojr/n_student_activities/Yearbook.html)

**Yearbooks are completed and there is less than 100 left for purchase.  
Get your order in now.**

**REMEMBER—WHEN THEY ARE GONE,  
THAT'S IT.**

## Chico Junior Garden News

We want to thank the **Chico Rose Society** for donating \$250 to our garden project! We are looking forward to completing our first flower bed with this latest contribution from our generous donors. Thanks to the \$250 donation from the **Chico Horticulture Society**, we were able to purchase an indoor plant growing stand with fluorescent lights so the students could start seeds indoors. Not only did we start plenty of seedlings for the garden, including four kinds of tomatoes, lemon basil, eggplant, tomatillos, peppers, spicy salad mix, zinnias, and more, seedlings were available for staff to take home, also. It was fun for students to harvest a full bed of spicy lettuce mix (complete with radishes!), plus parsley, onions, oregano, bok choy flowers and broccoli. After the students cleaned it all in the school kitchen, our kitchen manager Bill Beebe made salads for the next day's lunch as one of the side dishes. We look forward to increasing this collaboration between students, the garden and the kitchen as the garden expansion continues.

The tables we purchased with our grant money from **Lowes** are arriving soon. Having tables in the garden area will give more students the opportunity to learn in a living lab. We are hopeful that a concrete pad will be poured soon so the tables will have a permanent spot; for now they will be tethered to the ground. We are still looking for community support and help with a storage shed and greenhouse. If anyone has ideas or suggestions, please contact Sarah Jensen or Mary Anne Pella Donnelly here at Chico Junior. Please come by the 300 wing and see the garden!

## RAINBOW GIRLS

Rainbow girls enjoy many fun activities and have many opportunities to make lifelong friendships. Rainbow girls raise money for various charities through bake sales, dinners and car washes, and they extend themselves through service to their communities, churches and their sponsoring organizations. The activities in the life of a Rainbow girl are varied and numerous. The girls take part in community drives, some Assemblies work to furnish rooms in hospitals, adopt an orphan, buy wheelchairs for crippled children, look after needy families, put on benefits and care for the aged.

Rainbow girls earn merit awards for their activities and participation, and many scholarships are available for those seeking higher education. Rainbow girls develop important life skills through their involvement, such as public speaking, poise and maturity. Rainbow promotes personal growth, fellowship, and charity.

In addition to learning valuable character building lessons, Rainbow affords excellent leadership experience, public speaking opportunities, study skills, and organizational techniques. For example; each Worthy Advisor (the girl who serves as the head of her Assembly) is responsible for selecting her officers, planning her term, choosing service and charity projects, planning social events, preparing greetings and speeches for guests, and presiding during meetings.

Rainbow girls go on to become successful leaders in all fields of employment, such as doctors, lawyers, teachers, Supreme Court justices, judges, actresses, nurses, and engineers, to name just a few. Some former Rainbow girls you might recognize are Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, comedians Ruth Buzzi and Lily Tomlin, actress Lee Meriweather, and former Miss Americas Jane Jaroe and Chantelle Smith.

If you are interested in learning more about this wonderful organization, you are invited to attend a "get acquainted meeting" at the Rootbeer Company (between Main and Broadway on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.) on May 21 from 6:30-8:00. At that meeting you will be able to meet with our Chico and Paradise Rainbow Girls who will be glad to tell you all about Rainbow; Or, you can go to our national website [www.GoRainbow.org](http://www.GoRainbow.org). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Barbara Stevens @530-520-9161. Hope to see you soon.

## AUDITIONS

### BLUE ROOM YOUNG COMPANY & CHICO PERFORMANCES FOR

### DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR.

To be performed at Laxson Auditorium September 3, 2009

We will be rehearsing the play from July through September. There are many roles for all ages and levels of experience.

Auditions are:

Wednesday, May 27 @ 4:00 pm

Saturday, May 30 @ 10:00 am

(Come to one audition only)

Ages: 7—18

Actors should prepare 16-20 bar of a song (and bring sheet music) or be prepared to sing "Happy Birthday" a cappella. Registration is \$140 for actors cast in the show.

Please call 530-895-3749 or e-mail [blueroom@blueroomtheatre.com](mailto:blueroom@blueroomtheatre.com) for more information.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 5/06—School Site Council Meeting, 3:00-4:00pm, room 400
- 5/06—PTSA Meeting, 6:00pm, library
- 5/06—Advanced Math Placement Test, Bidwell Jr., 3:15 pm
- 5/10-17—Bike Week
- 5/12—Advanced Math Placement Test, Chico Jr., 3:15 pm
- 5/13—8th Grade Awards Night, 7:00-8:30pm, Gym, Jazz Band performs
- 5/14—CJHS Sidewalk Draw
- 5/19—Elementary school tour-Concert Band and Concert Choir
- 5/20—Dual Immersion Meeting, 6:30-8:00, library
- 5/21—Multicultural Day at CJHS
- 5/21—All library books due back to library
- 5/22—60's Flashback DANCE, 6:00-8:30 pm, Gym, \$5 ahead or \$8 at the door.
- 5/25—NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- 5/27—Spring Concert, CSUC, 7:00pm—\$7.00. Tickets available at the door.
- 5/30—Music trip to San Francisco to see "Spamalot"

### JUNE

- 6/01—Piano Recital 6:30pm CJHS, Room 505, Durst Theater, free
- 6/03—PTSA Meeting, 6:00pm, library
- 6/04—Last day of school, minimum day, school out @ 12:06pm
- 6/05—Promotion—8:00am- West Play Field (please bring chairs)
- 6/08—Report Cards mailed
- 6/08—6/26—Summer School for CJHS & MJHS, 8:00-12:00 pm
- 6/08—6/26—BLAST Summer Program, CJHS, 8:00-3:00 pm

### AUGUST

- 8/05—Packet Pickup, 9:00-5:30 p.m., CJHS Cafeteria
- 8/06—Packet Pickup, 8:00-12:30 p.m., CJHS Cafeteria
- 8/12—First Day of School, Minimum Day, out at 12:11

### SEPTEMBER

- 9/07—NO SCHOOL, Labor Day Holiday