



The Superintendent's Update

April 24, 2012

NEWS FROM KELLY

Congratulations Dan Sours, Sherry Boone, Ron Pope and Karen Olberg!: On April 24, the Chico Noon Rotary Club honored four CUSD educators as the Rotary Educators of the Year. CHS Principal **Jim Hanlon** introduced the Chico High School Rotary Teacher of the Year, **Dan Sours** and his guest, wife **Mary Sours**. Dan shared how he loves going to work each day and how he remains in awe that he was lucky enough to find a career where he gets paid to do something he loves so much. FVHS Principal **David McKay** introduced the Alternative Education Teacher of the Year, **Sherry Boone**. Always one to display positive energy and quick wit, Sherry quickly had the full attention—and laughter--of the Rotary crowd. Inspire Principal **Eric Nilsson** introduced **Ron Pope** as their Teacher of the Year, who shared that he is retiring. We all hope Ron does not really mean it as even after 30 years, he has not lost his magical touch with students. With Ron were his wife **Ria** and daughter, **Aubrey**. PVHS Principal **John Shepherd** introduced the PVHS Rotary Educator of the Year, **Karen Olberg**, sharing that he hoped his daughters followed in her footsteps—quite high praise, but also setting very high standards for his girls. Karen's guest to the luncheon was former CUSD Teacher and Principal, **Maxine Weston**. Please join me in congratulating all of these outstanding teachers. As most of them mentioned today, while they were the ones who got to be present for the luncheon and the award, all of our educators are deserving of such honors—and I could not agree more. Again, congratulations, job well done, and most importantly, **THANK YOU** to **Dan, Sherry, Ron** and **Karen**.

Lori Twisselman Honored at Board Meeting: Congratulations to Chico High School Sports Booster President **Lori Twisselman** who was awarded the Superintendent's Award at the March CUSD Board meeting. Principal **Jim Hanlon** listed the many activities undertaken during her tenure as both a volunteer and member of the Sports Boosters. Ms. Twisselman and the Sports Boosters have raised in excess of \$100,000 per year to keep high school sports a reality for students in Chico Schools. Congratulations and Thank You Lori!

CUSD Students Participate in Special Olympics: Each year we have many CUSD students participate in the local Special Olympics. This is a wonderful event and if you have time, please stop by to cheer on our students. Their enthusiasm is so moving—this is their day to shine in the spotlight and shine they do.

Date: Friday, May 4
Time: 10:00 a.m. to Noon
Location: Chico State Track Stadium

Discovery Homes Donates to CUSD Schools: The Discovery Homes Donation Ceremony and Celebration was held April 12 at which time Discovery Homes planned to donate \$14,000 to local schools. However, at the ceremony, the owners of Discovery Homes were so impressed with the work being done in our local schools that they on the spot doubled the donation to

\$28,000. These dollars go directly to the schools for site level programs. Please join me in sending a huge thank you to Discovery Homes.

Superintendent Feedback: Thank you to those of you who have returned information to **Kevin Moretti, Mike Allen, Beverly Patrick** or me regarding feedback on the 2011/12 CUSD Goals as well as my performance as Superintendent. If you would like to provide feedback but have yet to find the time to do so, I will be collecting the information through May 1, 2012. The form is again located at the end of the Superintendent's Update, but do not feel you have to use the form—feedback in any format is appreciated!

NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Secondary Math Staff Development: CUSD will hold its third math staff development day for high school and junior high school teachers on Wednesday, May 9. Teachers will continue building consensus on essential standards to be taught across the district as students advance through the different levels of secondary mathematics. Once essential standards are completed and connections built to the Common Core, common assessments will be constructed to assess student achievement throughout the school year across the district.

Mileage Reimbursement for All District Staff Development: As the District-wide collaboration days are held off site for most staff and thus require travel, mileage reimbursement is available. Per Board Policy 3350, mileage for work purposes other than to and from home and work, may be reimbursed. Mileage Claim Forms are available at school sites or from the Business Office, Accounts Payable. (A copy of the Form is attached at the end of this update.)

Every 15 Minutes: All four high schools—CHS, PVHS, FVHS, & Inspire—participated in the Every 15 Minutes program on April 4 and 5. This program challenges youth to think about drinking, driving, personal safety, the responsibility of making mature decisions and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others. This was our district's ninth program implementation year, beginning with CHS and PVHS in 1996 and expanding to include FVHS and Inspire. We are very fortunate to receive grant funding through CHP and the Office of Traffic Safety, making this program possible. In addition to CHP, numerous emergency responders, service organizations, businesses, agencies, parent groups, and individuals join together to educate youth about safe driving practices with the goal of continuing to reduce the number of alcohol-involved fatal traffic collisions. Fatal traffic collisions are the number one cause of death among 16-20 year olds!

The "Every 15 Minutes" program was named in 1996 from the statistic that, every 15 minutes, someone in the United States was killed or seriously injured in an alcohol-involved traffic collision. This statistic is now closer to "every 30 minutes"—which shows the awareness is making an impact. Thank you to **Ann Brodsky**, Coordinator, Safe and Drug Free Schools, for her outstanding work in making this event happen for our students.

Peter Pan Fundraiser for Center For the Arts: **Peter Pan**, the musical, will be soaring to new heights with Tinker Bell and the Darling family flying around the stage of the Center For the Arts. This joint production with Chico Theater Company features students from Inspire, Pleasant Valley High, Chico High, and Emma Wilson Elementary. For more information visit www.peterpaninchico.com

Charter Visits: The CUSD Charter Committee has completed visits to six of the seven charter schools authorized by CUSD. The committee is working on reports based on these visits that will be shared with the CUSD Board of Education.

Charter Facilities: CUSD completed facilities offers to charter schools as mandated by Proposition 39 by the final offer date of April 1. Offers were made to Forest Ranch, Nord and Sherwood Montessori schools. These schools have until May 1 to accept the offers from CUSD. Once offers are accepted, CUSD will get together with each school that accepted an offer and build a Facilities Use Agreement for each.

STAR Testing: The STAR testing season is in full swing. 369 boxes of testing materials have been distributed to school sites. Coordinators, proctors and scribes have been trained. Students in grades 2-4 are doing state-released practice tests this week to familiarize them with the format of the tests. The STAR multiple-choice testing window for students in grades 2-11 begins on April 16, 2012, and ends on May 4, 2012. The 2011 STAR test results were released on August 15 and may be found at <http://star.cde.ca.gov/star2011/>

An informational overview of all STATE TESTING PROGRAMS may be found at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/sa/documents/caassesssys1112.pdf>

Illuminate, New Data and Assessment Management System: Data from Aeries is being extracted into the *Illuminate* data and assessment management system. This system will replace our current assessment management system, *Edusoft*, at a lower overall cost. A staff training schedule is being developed to begin in May. Teachers with a very strong interest in being a site lead for *Illuminate* should email **Mike Morris**. Teachers, administrators and support staff use assessment data to inform decisions about instructional practices, placement and to organize instructional resources to support our students. The *Illuminate* data and assessment management system will provide teachers and administrators with improved options for assessment data collection and reporting.

Leadership Team: The district Leadership Team (Site and Educational Services administrators) met on April 12 after the school day. The agenda included a discussion of science instruction and a Common Core Standards update from Principals **Shirley Williams**, **David Murgia** and **Sue Hegedus** who attended a Common Core Summit in Sacramento this week. **Scott Jones** and **Marsha McLean** were recognized for their outstanding work.

District Advisory Council: The District Advisory Council (DAC) will meet again on May 17, time and location to be determined. An online survey is being produced to get teacher input on district meetings and assessments. The main purpose of the DAC is to provide a forum for open two-way communication between the district and school sites.

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): The next administration of the CAHSEE will be May 8 and 9, 2012, for all students in grades 11 and 12 who have not yet passed and students in grade 10 who did not take the assessment in February. CAHSEE results may be found at [California High School Exit Exam \(CAHSEE\) Results](#).

Physical Fitness Testing: The Physical fitness testing window opened February 1, 2012. The district window closes May 4 when scan sheets are due to **Jennifer Bevers** in the Testing Office. Eleven CUSD schools will be piloting an electronic spreadsheet data system this year. One

advantage of the electronic spreadsheet data system is that teachers can immediately determine student progress toward meeting healthy fitness standards. **Jennifer Bevers** and **Mike Morris** met with secondary PE teachers and 5th grade teachers who administer the state Physical Fitness test during the district-wide meetings on March 14 to review electronic data collection procedures. The Physical Fitness test window began February 1 for students in grades 5, 7 and 9.

CELDT Testing: CELDT data is available in Cruncher and Aeries. The California English Language Development Test (CELDT) test is given each year to students identified as English learners during July through October. Our CELDT examiners just finished up annual CELDT testing. The CELDT has three purposes: (1) to identify students who are limited English proficient; (2) to determine the level of English language proficiency of students who are limited English proficient; and (3) to assess the progress of limited English proficient students in acquiring the skills of listening, reading, speaking, and writing in English. More about the CELDT program may be found at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/el/>

CALPADS: Amendments to the Spring 1 data collection are being finalized this week. To fully comply with federal accountability requirements, California has enacted a data collection and reporting system, California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS). Collection and reporting of this data is a joint effort between all CUSD schools, Business Services, Educational Services, Human Resources, Information Technology, and Nutrition Services.

Applicants to Serve on the Mathematics CFCC: The CDE and SBE are recruiting applicants for the Curriculum Framework and Evaluation Criteria Committee (CFCC) to assist with the revision of the *Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools: Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Mathematics Framework)*. The *Mathematics Framework* will be revised to incorporate and support the CCSS for Mathematics. The CFCC will include between 9 and 20 members who will be selected to ensure balanced representation of regions, mathematical content knowledge, and grade-level experience. The committee will meet up to six times, with meetings tentatively scheduled from September 2012 through February 2013. More details about the responsibilities of serving as a CFCC member and the application are available on the CDE Mathematics Curriculum Framework Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/>. The deadline for submission of the application was **April 18, 2012**.

NEWS FROM BUSINESS SERVICES:

Budget Update: The 2011-12 2nd Interim Financial Report was approved by the Board March 28, 2012, with a Positive Certification. After many hard financial years, this is really good news...for now. As we look to the future, however, education funding continues to be tenuous at best. Let us first look at one of the positives: District enrollment has finally stabilized and is no longer declining at staggering rates. We are hoping for even enrollment numbers for the next few years. Another positive is that the district, through tough decision making and hard work, has built the General Fund balance through using one time dollars to a level that covers the current deficit through 2013-14. Here is where the bad news comes in: the 2012-13 State Budget projects "flat funding" or no new dollars to education. This assumes the state will receive new revenues if tax increases are approved by the voters in November 2012. The Governor and California Teachers Association have joined forces to combine their tax bill initiatives for the November 2012 ballot. Only if this initiative passes do we get to keep the money we currently

receive. If the initiative fails, Chico Unified has the potential to lose \$4.2 million dollars of permanent, on-going funding.

While the fiscal picture seems bleak, we need to focus on the fact that Chico Unified does great things for kids every day. We will continue to work together and keep the district fiscally healthy to the best of our ability. We will keep you updated!

Nutrition Services: Are school meals nutritious?: School meals are healthy meals that are required to meet science-based, federal nutrition standards limiting fat and portion size and requiring that schools offer the right balance of fruits, vegetables, milk, grains and proteins with every meal. In January 2012, First Lady Michelle Obama announced new school meal nutrition standards that go into effect starting July 2012. Under these standards:

- No more than 1/3 of school lunch (1/4 of school breakfast) calories can come from fat; less than 10% from saturated fat.
- School meals must meet stricter calorie limits.
- Schools must gradually reduce sodium levels in school meals.
- Cafeterias must offer larger servings of vegetables and fruits with every school lunch, and children *must* take at least one serving.
- Schools must offer a wider variety of vegetables, including at least a weekly serving of dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes.
- Milk must be fat-free or 1% (flavored milk must be fat-free).
- Within two years, all grains offered must be whole-grain rich.

A recent School Nutrition Association survey found that nationwide, nearly every school district offers students fresh fruits and vegetables, whole grains, salad bars or pre-packaged salads and fat free or low-fat milk. School districts are also offering more vegetarian meals and locally sourced foods. School meals offer a great value and a huge convenience for busy parents. Parents can rest assured that there is no super-sizing in school cafeterias because federal regulations require schools to serve age-appropriate portions.

CUSD's Nutrition Services is already ahead in all the areas mentioned above, we utilize our Garden and Condiment bars to provide students with a variety of fresh fruits and veggies EVERYDAY with vitamin packed romaine/spring mix lettuce. We look forward to introducing and offering additional dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes. We already made the switch to 1% or fat free milk. We only serve milk, water and 100% fruit juices. CUSD is lucky to have its own on-site Bakery. Our sandwiches are served on whole wheat bread made by our own district bakery. We are able to control 100% of what goes into our baked products which provides us with enormous flexibility to provide only the freshest baked products for our students. Our cafeterias have introduced lower sodium entrees. We currently purchase, prepare and serve CHS FFA's Cranberry beans in all our burritos at the Secondary Schools and keep an eye out for other areas throughout our lunch program for these yummy beans. These are just a few examples of our nutritious meals we serve. Come Join Us!

USDA Releases New School Meal Patterns: The new nutrition standards for school meals are great news for our kids. They will help school nutrition professionals build on the work we are already doing to provide more fruits, vegetables, whole grains and healthier entrees in our school cafeterias.

Over the next few months, we will be building on the progress we have made and planning our menus for next school year to meet these new nutrition guidelines. We know how important it is to encourage students to accept and consume these healthier options. Our school nutrition staffs have found great ways to get students excited about healthy food choices and we will continue to work on creative solutions to ensure healthy foods appeal to students. *Such as:*

- Our Director, Vince is an Executive Chef and has introduced some exciting new healthy recipes on our menus
- We host student taste tests to get feedback directly from students and get them involved in the menu planning process
- Our harvest of the month program is introducing students to a new fruit or vegetable every month
- We involved students and parents in getting recipe suggestions to reflect ethnic and regional favorite foods into our menus
- We offer unlimited fresh fruits and vegetables to students
- Our farm to school program is bringing fresh, local produce into the cafeteria and teaching students about what foods are grown in their communities

We will face some challenges to meet all the new requirements on a tight budget, but our school nutrition program will work hard to make these healthy changes for our students. We hope parents will support this effort by encouraging their students to give the healthier meals a try. Students are far more likely to pick up a fruit or vegetable in the lunch line if they have been introduced to those foods at home. We are looking forward to next year's new challenges with Healthier meals, please come join us.

Information Technology Department / iPad Information: May 3, 2010, was the date when the first iPads were sold by Apple. We have seen Apple release two versions since that date with the latest version having only a couple of enhancements to the second generation. CUSD currently has an [Educational Technology Plan](#) approved by BCOE and the CDE that is used to guide the direction of technology used within the district and is the source for many grants to meet the objectives found in the plan. When we wrote the plan in 2009, iPads were not even a known technology.

As the iPad has started to make its mark on the technology world, people have become interested in using this within the educational and enterprise institutions. We have had several people inquire about purchasing iPads in the district and as a result we have begun looking at how this could be accomplished. Our preliminary research showed that even Apple is struggling to get resources needed to successfully manage these devices in an educational or enterprise setting.

When Apple released iOS 5 in October of 2011, it added a few features allowing IT departments to manage the devices using a technology called [Mobile Device Management or MDM](#). The features included in iOS 5 are:

Managed settings	Managed apps	Security commands
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install/Remove Configuration Profile (i.e., Wireless, email, etc.) • Configuration Profiles • Data roaming • Voice roaming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install/Remove managed app (i.e., App purchases, locking unapproved apps like YouTube for students or Camera use • List all managed apps • Install/Remove Provisioning Profile 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote wipe • Remote lock • Clear passcode

The newly added features in iOS 5 are basic things needed in order to manage the devices in an educational or enterprise setting. CUSD has been looking at what it will take to implement an MDM. The following key areas are needed in order to successfully deploy iPads:

Device models available-

- **Centralized Model**
 - Institution Purchases Apps via VPP/App Store
 - Institution Retains Ownership of Apps
 - Content Managed in iTunes
 - Connectivity - Computer or Wi-Fi
- **Personal Model**
 - End User Retains Ownership of Apps
 - Institution Treats Apps as Consumables
 - Content Managed in iTunes or iCloud
 - Connectivity - Computer/Wi-Fi
- **Layered Model**

This model would bring a blend of the centralized and personal model. The device would be managed by the institution but any app purchases (institution or personal) would automatically belong to the user as it would go to the personal iTunes account.
- **Mobile Device Management (MDM)**
 - MDM software is used to ensure mobile devices are being used efficiently and appropriately within our education network environment.
 - MDM will provision a mobile device within our network and allow many devices to be completely provisioned with little or no specific involvement from the IT department.
 - Add additional 1/2 FTE per 100 devices.
 - MDM will cost \$15,000-\$20,000: Server, licenses (\$10-\$50 annually), training.

NOTE: Not all sites have wireless

Next steps? Pilot, \$\$, Time: After much discussion with district and site leadership, it was determined that further investigation would be needed and that the resources to successfully deploy an iPads platform could not be met at this time due to the **need for additional staff and money to implement**. In addition, the time and resources the IT department has available have been stretched thin with new system implementations like Aeries, Escape (the new financial system), ESGI and Illuminate (new assessment systems), and updates/upgrades to servers and windows 7 and Office 2010.

The next steps in the process will include looking at our [Educational Technology Plan](#) and examine how iPads can meet the objectives of technology use in the district. We have created the following website to post information and status updates: www.chicousd.org/Departments/Information-Technology/iPads/.

CHANGES to Aeries Teacher and Parent/Student Portal: The look and feel of Aeries used by parents, students and teachers will be changing this summer. Aeries will be unifying the interfaces so there is similarity between the administrative portal and the teacher/parent/student portal. This will give teachers more information from Aeries and it will help staff and IT support the system as the interfaces will have the same look and feel. The parent/student portal may come this spring with the teacher portal being upgraded this summer.

Information for Low-Income Families About Computers and Internet Service: Computers for Classrooms has an ongoing program for low-income families that would like to purchase a computer and/or broadband internet service. For \$125.00 a family can get a Windows 7 based system with Microsoft Office 2007. This system comes with a mouse and keyboard as well as an LCD monitor. Families can also qualify to purchase low-cost broadband internet service for \$9.95 a month with no set up fee. For more information contact Computers for Classrooms at (530) 895-4175 or visit their website at <http://www.computersforclassrooms.org>

Supper Program: Nutrition Services is happy to report that the Supper program kicked off at Chapman. Their first supper had a guest count of 43; on the second night the guest count was 54. They hope to be at 100 guests by the end of the year.



NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES:

Furlough Day: Friday, April 27 is a non-student day as it is a furlough day for all CSEA and CUTA members. As a result, all schools and offices in the District will be closed that day. At this point there are **NO** furlough days planned for the 2012-13 school year.

Paraeducator Conference: Ten paraprofessionals went to a Paraeducator Conference this month. Additionally two 4-hour trainings were held here for fifteen paraprofessionals who work at the Language Star schools. That same group attended additional 4-hour trainings on April 16 and 17.

CSEA, Chapter 110: The CSEA Chapter 110 and District negotiating teams met on February 22 and March 16. The teams reviewed and responded to a comprehensive package proposal. Primary issues of discussion at this point include:

- Process for offering overtime
- The layoff process and return rights given recent case law
- The accrual of vacation time for long term employees
- New Year's Eve day as a paid holiday
- Transportation Special Education Aides becoming a part of the "transportation" article
- One time reimbursement to CSEA members for increased costs associated with medical care

Chico Unified Teachers' Association (CUTA): The CUTA and District negotiating teams met on February 21, February 28, March 12 and April 5. The teams have reached agreement on language dealing with:

- Medi-Cal Administrative Activities (MAA)
- The ongoing implementation and use of the grade book component of the Aeries student information system for secondary teachers
- The ongoing implementation of extended day kindergarten

The teams are discussing other issues such as:

- Job descriptions for academic "coaches" (e.g. Math, ELD and Language Arts)
- Class sizes and caseloads for special education providers
- Class size for regular education classes with special education students mainstreamed
- Student ratios for School Nurses
- Class sizes for and the number of combination classes

M&O Staff Development: Thank you to the M&O staff who have been working hard this year to ensure they stay current in their areas of expertise. To date, the following have participated in staff development opportunities:

- **Mike Witzcek** - Back Flow Certification;
- **Luke Steinberg, Chris Williams, Bob Baughman, and Randy Salado** - Asbestos Certification;
- **Randy Salado** - Quality Air Certification;
- **Steve Gaddini** - Lead Certification for Painters;
- **John Michaels, Dusty Copper, Daniel Hunt, Dan Rice, Jerry Hoyt** - Playground Safety Best Practices and Preventive Measures for Reducing Risk);
- **John Carver, Dusty Copper, Daniel Hunt, Randy Salado** - Integrated Pest Management for School Facilities;
- **Yee Lee, Bill Patterson, Corey Jones, Dale Spainhower, Jim Stephens, Dan Hunt, Dusty Copper, John Michaels** - Butte County Pesticide Worker Safety Training;
- **Luke Steinberg, Dan Rice, Dan Hunt John Michaels, John Carver, Randy Salado** - California School Boards Association's Americans with Disabilities Act Compliance Program.

M&O Hosts Pesticide Workshop: On March 21, Maintenance and Operations (M&O) hosted a California Department of Pesticides Regulation training workshop on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for School Facilities. The training workshop was headed by **Laura Brajkovich**, Sr. Environmental Scientist, IPM and Policy Unit for the Pest Management and Licensing Branch. Her crew consisted of **Allison Fish**, School IPM Program; **Michael Baefsky**, owner of Baefsky and Associates Environmental Consultants; **Lisa Estridge**, Environmental

Scientist; and **Ingrid Carmaen**, owner operator of Carmaen Pest Management. Attendees from CUSD were **Randy Salado, John Carver, Dusty Copper and Daniel Hunt**. The all-day training, held at Chico High, had 55 people in attendance, representing 35 school districts.



Laura Brajkovich, Allison Fish, Michael Baefsky, Lisa Estridge, Ingrid Carmaen

The training was divided into two sessions. Group one, led by **Ingrid Carmaen**, worked on insect and pest recognition. They worked in Lincoln Hall and the outside area identifying bugs, insects and pest problems. Trainees were given hands on experience in applying products that are approved by DPR and also compliant with the Safe Schools Act of 2000.



Group two, led by **Michael Baefsky**, dealt with rodents and weed identification. His group worked in the classroom, and also the athletic fields. Out on the fields, the group did gopher eradication, and weed identification. The groups, using McAfee Gopher Traps, managed to trap 11 gophers for the day.



The benefits of hosting a Department of Pesticide Regulations IPM workshop is the host district is given free IPM training materials, training of three staff members at no charge, and a professional evaluation of the school site. School districts throughout California are facing increasing pressure from parents and other community members to reduce pesticide use through compliance with the Healthy Schools Act. IPM programs protect children from unnecessary pesticide exposure and allow forward-thinking districts to demonstrate concern in their pest management policy. Hosting a workshop highlights Chico Unified School's commitment to healthy, economic and environmentally friendly school policies.

In addition, ongoing in-District training has taken place for Fork Lift, Aerial Lift, and Underground Storage Training (gas and diesel tanks) for all M&O employees. CUSD Transportation Supervisor, **Bob Ontiveros**, is a First Aid/AED trainer and workshops in that area are being scheduled. Thank you to all of our classified staff for your involvement in staff development. We appreciate your desire and willingness to model life-long learning!

Nutrition Services: Area Coordinators have gone to training and conferences and then take the materials/information and conduct trainings for our staff reaching a wider audience at a lower cost to the department. For example: **Teri & Karen** attended the State School Food Services Conference in November 2011, then took what they learned and structured small mini trainings for kitchen managers, cafeteria assistants and new hires over the past few months. This has been well received and a great use of district funds. **Vince Enserro** is training all staff on improving interview skills; he has even opened it up to M&O and Transportation.

NEWS FROM SCHOOL SITES:

Butte County Spelling Bee Winners: Congratulations to the Little Chico Creek student **Coral Silver** who was the county wide winner for the Elementary level. The winner and the runner-up will attend the state spelling bees. The elementary version was on April 21 at San Joaquin COE.

Hooker Oak Blood Drive: Way to go Hooker Oak! They collected 22 pints for a school record! Thank you to all who contributed!

McManus Thanks Chico Sunrise Rotary: **The Chico Sunrise Rotary** applied for, and received a literacy grant which they awarded to McManus Elementary. The total funds between the grant and the club match are **\$4,410!** This money will be used to buy new books for the library and incentives for the AR (Accelerated Reader) reading program which promotes and encourages students to read both at school and home. In addition, the Sunrise Rotary Literacy project for McManus this year includes:

- Funding for "Chico Reads,"
- Sunrise Rotary members participate in a tutoring program at McManus
- Rotary guest speakers donate a book to the McManus library each week
- All 3rd graders received a dictionary (pictured below)



Congratulations to Shasta Gymnast: **Lauren Maxwell**, a sixth grade student at Shasta Elementary, competed at the Level 8 State Gymnastic Meet where she earned her personal best scores on all four events. She earned a 9.0 on vault, a 9.125 on bars, a 9.075 on beam and a 9.375 on Floor with her All Around Score a 36.575. Lauren also qualified for the Regional Meet which will be held in Las Vegas next month and where she will compete against gymnasts from five different States. Congratulations Lauren and thank you to the Shasta Staff for supporting her in gymnastic efforts!

Congratulations to the Chico High School A Cappella Choir, Women's Choir and Symphonic Band who ALL received Superior Ratings at the California Music Educator's Association Large Ensemble Music Festival held at CSU Chico on March 16. The students performed selected pieces in front of professional adjudicators and received feedback, comments and ultimately a rating. Congratulations to all of the students and their teachers.

Healthy Lifestyles at Chico High School: CHS teacher **Sue Baber** and her Nutrition Action Council (NAC) students are promoting and encouraging healthy lifestyles. On a monthly basis, students and staff are provided with locally grown fruits and vegetables to taste test, nutrition education posters and mentoring presentations from Chico State Nutrition Interns. For the sixth year, **Shannon McLean's** computer art students designed nutrition posters to raise awareness and importance of "healthy eating" and "being active". Through their art, students challenge their peers to make healthy lifestyle changes such as eating more fruits, vegetables (preferably organic) and whole grains, drinking more water as well as being more active. Other students' posters conveyed concern about some aspects of our "food systems", and how we all have the ability to bring change to the system through our food choices. Prior to the poster contest, to inspire the students and to get them thinking about how food is grown, several community and student leaders in agriculture and nutrition spoke to the students about the importance of following their passion and why making healthy choices matters. Students and staff voted for their favorite posters April 3-5, while on display in the school library. Shannon McLean said, "As a teacher, it has been a treat to see students apply what they have learned in class and share their important messages about health and food systems with so many." One student poster designer wrote, "I was inspired by the in class presenters as well as the movie, 'Food Inc.' Both of these influences made me think about what I am eating, where I get my food and where it actually comes from." Another student wrote, "What inspired me to create this poster were facts about the importance of drinking water and facts about how bad soda is for our bodies." The winning nutrition posters will be displayed in our district office, Grilla Bites, Farm Star Pizza and several elementary schools. As Sue Baber said, "Once again this year, we continue to offer exciting 'youth engagement' activities that promote nutrition and are encouraging students to make healthy changes in their lifestyles." For example, **Nancy Skadal's** Ceramics students will be creating another 5'x7' tile mural using one of the winning poster images. This tile mural, as well as last year's, will be mounted inside our cafeteria. **Paul Stephens**, Chico High Art Teacher, had his water color art students design exceptional paintings using fruits and vegetables as the theme. **Anita Homesley**, the ROP Fashion Merchandising Art Teacher, had her students design and create fruit and vegetable costumes. These colorful costumes will be worn by students, staff, and Chico State interns while teaching nutrition education lessons to local elementary students. The Network for a Healthy California and Sierra Cascade Nutrition and Activity Consortium (SCNAC) helped to support these worthwhile projects.

CHS Career Tech Webcasts and Meetings: In addition to the very cool and high tech Thursday web cast meetings held in the CHS Computer Assisted Drawing Lab every Thursday at 2:00 pm with TLCD Architects of Santa Rosa, CHS CTE is now also hosting high tech engineering meetings every Wednesday with Westside Research at 1:00 pm where students participate in product development for auto accessories for a host of companies. It is exciting to watch CUSD students in action, and many of our local business partners often stop by to observe and learn. You are invited, too – let's spread the word! Nice job CHS and coordinator **Mike Bruggeman!**

Shakespeare Festival: Seventy Chico High AP English seniors and 22 chaperones travelled to the Ashland, Oregon Shakespeare Festival to see three plays: *Romeo and Juliet*, *Animal Crackers*, and *White Snake*. Each play was a unique theater experience. *Romeo and Juliet* was transported from medieval Verona to Alta California, early in the 19th century, and the Montagues and Capulets were feuding hidalgo families. *White Snake* was a beautifully staged version of an ancient Chinese legend about a snake goddess who falls in love with a mortal

man--another pair of star-crossed lovers. The favorite was *Animal Crackers*, a hilarious re-make of the Marx Brothers stage play and movie. The students' respectful and appreciative attitudes all weekend represented the Chico Unified community admirably, and this fabulous experience would not have been possible without the generosity and assistance of the chaperones and all of the parents who contributed their time and resources. Thank you to CHS English Teacher Zack Kincheloe for coordinating this amazing trip. Thank you also to the parent volunteers who made this possible!

- **Students:** Jonelle Ahiligwo , Ryan Alexander, Alexandria Arroyo Long, Chantel Arvold, Cole Baker, Louis Barnett, Madalynn Bright, Will Buchholtz, Jessica Candela, Erin Carroll, Haley Chamberlain, James Clark, Hannah Decker, Alex Dorsett, Lindy Edstrom, Brigid Ehrlich, Gia Giambalvo, Quinn Greenwood, Linda Lee, Diva Leech, Erin Lehfeldt, Patrick McCampbell, Liam McCarthy, Emily Moline, Pac Moxon, Meghan Murphy, Skyla Reiner, Nat Robie, Dylan Rothfeld, Jesse Ruley, Forest Sears, Dallas Thorpe, Raelynne Vaught, Clarisa Velazquez, Kathleen West, Corina Ahlswede, Kallan Berglund, Mohit Bhardwaj, Amy Bower, Samuel Bransky, Andre Buccola, Vinna Chan, Blake Crossen, Daniel DeBrito, Celia Eckert, James Farmer, Dylan Geerlings, Natalie Gillard, Taylor Hill, Flannery Lagrave, Cyrus Lopez, Megan Lucena, Gabrielle Luu, Alex Matthews, Meghan O'Brien, Georgia Mae Parrish, Brianna Reed, Bella Reynolds, Adam Rose, Kassie Rosell, Hannah Scott-Persson, Mansha Seth, Abbie Sullivan, Julia Thomas, Scott Thompson, Addie Trausch, Cameron Williams, Victoria Williams, Allison Willis, Roxanne Winslow.
- **Chaperones:** Therese Chamberlain, Maggi Dorsett, Maureen Leahy, Maureen Ehrlich, Cherie Giambalvo, Meridith Woods, Kellie Murphy, Rebecca Herring-Rein, Judy Vaught, Dana West, Mary Berglund, Kathy Hill, Jennifer Parrish, Luz Reynolds, Kristi Rosell, Quirino DeBrito, Eric Moxon, Craig Erickson, Dorcas Erickson, Kamala Purl, Laurie Kincheloe.



African Style Water Well Drilling Demonstration: On April 13 and 14, the FFA students of Chico High School drilled a water well using a drilling rig made by volunteers in Chico. The machine called the KS 1000 has been used to drill over 230 wells in Tanzania. The students and other volunteers drilled and developed a water well and then installed a solar powered pump, which was used to fill a storage tank. The students used the well and tank to build a drip irrigation system. The students learned how to effectively build a system that can be used in developing countries to increase food production. The Chico High Students built a copy of the KS 1000 well drilling rig and upon its completion will be shipped to Africa to use in drilling water wells. A huge thank you to our community volunteers for sharing this wonderful experience with our students. Also thank you to CHS Ag Teacher **Ronnie Cockrell** for his work with the students in making the student made well drilling rig a reality. Way to make an impact!!



Arigatoo from PVHS Japanese Program: Michelle Martin would like to thank everyone who made the Japanese visit a great success. The kids had a great time and had many chances to speak Japanese! **Ida sensei** commented on the friendliness and openness of the staff. The Japanese visitors had many unique experiences and loved all of the great activities at PVHS and they also enjoyed visiting the elementary Japanese program at Marigold. Below is a link to the farewell party movie.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JaV_6cMFW4A&list=UUTOJRF6TbrLFxrON761cqwA&index=1&feature=plcp&safety_mode=true&persist_safety_mode=1&safe=active



PVHS Students Finalists for Citywide Sustainability Logo: The Sustainability Task Force Business Outreach Ad-Hoc Committee chose five finalists for the Sustainable Business Recognition Program logo contest! Of the many outstanding entries, the committee narrowed the competition down to designs submitted by the following PVHS students: **Andrea Chatfield, O. Chinn, Alex Coder, Jordan Culbreath,** and **Eric Houchin**. Voting was conducted online to allow the public to choose the winning design. Congratulations to PVHS students and kudos to **Reta Rickmer** and **Nancy Ritcher** for involving their students in the community activity.





Jordan Culbreath



Eric Houchin



O. Chinn

Student Art Show at Beatniks Coffee House, April 17-30: PVHS students from **Reta Rickmers'** Art Studio class have an art exhibit and sale as a fundraiser for Heifer International which donates animals and training to small farmers who in turn "Pass on the Gift" of offspring and knowledge to others in their community. Over 60 small framed acrylic animal paintings and original linoleum block prints are for sale for \$20 each with all of the proceeds benefiting Heifer. Heifer's mission is to end hunger and poverty while caring for the earth through sustainable agriculture. The exhibit is on display from April 17-30 with a reception on the final day, Monday, April 30, 3:00-4:00 pm. Beatniks Coffee House is at 1387 E. 8th Street, just west of Hwy. 99 between 8th and 9th Streets. Hours are Monday to Friday, 6:00 am-4:00 pm and Saturday/Sunday 7:00 am to 2:00 pm. The art show is free and open to the public during Beatnik hours. For more information contact Reta Rickmers at 530-891-3050 or Suellen Rowilson, Heifer volunteer, at 530-897-0226.

Great News from Industrial Technologies & Video Production at PVHS and Butte County ROP: Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP *Industrial Technologies* students were joined by Mr. Peck's PV and ROP *Television Video Production* students again this year for the SkillsUSA California state competition held on April 12-15, 2012, in San Diego. Students competed in the Television Video Production, Welding Fabrication, ARC Welding, MIG Welding, Oxygen Acetylene Welding and Power Equipment Technology contests. Of the fourteen

students that had qualified for the opportunity to display their abilities at State level, three were awarded medals! Competition was fierce this year at the State Level, but all of our students did an exceptional job of representing PVHS and Butte County ROP. By placing **GOLD** at State, **Zack Hill** has qualified to represent PVHS, ROP and the State of California at the National SkillsUSA Competition in Kansas City, KS, the last week of June 2012! Additionally, Zack was awarded a set of Snap-On tools (\$600) and **Shane McIntosh** was awarded a Cutoff Saw and Auto-Darkening welding helmet (\$700) for placing 1st in their respective contests.

This year's State level competitors and contests are as follows:

Zack Hill	GOLD MEDAL	Power Equipment Technology
Shane McIntosh	GOLD MEDAL	Shielded Metal Arc Welding
Casey Rabenneck	BRONZE MEDAL	Oxygen-Acetylene Welding
Alina Steadman		Gas Metal Arc Welding
Zack McLane		Gas Metal Arc Welding
Brianna Vinsonhaler		Gas Metal Arc Welding
Trevor Corbin		Oxygen-Acetylene Welding
Ryan Schmidt		Television Video Production
Devon Rhodes		Television Video Production
Derek Tenckhoff		Television Video Production
Brandon Murray		Television Video Production
Jake Price		Welding Fabrication
Angel Saenz		Welding Fabrication
Ryan Harrington		Welding Fabrication

All students should be commended for their desire to compete and proudly represent their school at the State level. A special "Thank You" to **Shawn Meeder**, who was the National Winner (Post-Secondary division) of the Power Equipment Technology contest from PVHS in 2010, who is continuing service to the SkillsUSA organization as the Power Equipment Technology contest coordinator at the Regional and California State contests! Thank you to **Leoni Van Middlekoop** for her role as Advisor. Additionally, thank you to **Karen Olberg** and her daughter, **Darby Peters**, for arranging a tour of Solar Turbines Incorporated <http://mysolar.cat.com/> while we were in San Diego. Darby is a **PV graduate** and employee of Solar Turbines and we greatly appreciate the enormous amount of time, resources and security clearance she and Solar Turbines gave to our students for this experience. It was also very exciting to learn that Solar Turbines has a great need for highly-skilled employees in many areas including Engineering, Machining, Welding and CAD drafting and offer many excellent paid internship programs available to our students after high school/during college. **Thank you** ~ Jerry Joiner, Mike Peck, and Matt Joiner

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

Career Day: The Sunrise Rotary Club of Chico will hold its annual Career Day on Thursday, April 26 at Pleasant Valley High School. The event begins around 3:15 pm in the Center for the Arts. Students will have an opportunity to meet with those who work in a variety of fields such as medicine, law, construction, cosmetology, law enforcement, culinary arts, and will learn what the

jobs are really like and what it takes to be successful in the field. Those who attend the sessions will be treated to pizza and many great prizes (i.e., gift cards, iPods) in Valhalla.

Chico Science Fair: Consulting Company Broadbent & Associates, Inc. supports the Chico Science Fair with special awards for Engineering, Water Resources, and/or Environmental Projects. This year, one of the three special awards went to a Fair View High School 11th grade student, **Jorge Hernandez**. He was awarded a \$50 gift certificate to Edmunds Scientifics (online or catalog) for his Science Fair Project "Is Daily Air Quality the Same All Over Chico?" Broadbent also wishes to recognize the teachers of the special award winners for successfully instructing the scientific method while instilling wonder and the enjoyment of learning science, technology, engineering and math in the young minds of their students. We acknowledge that teachers all too often utilize their own resources for the benefit of their pupils and are never compensated enough. Therefore they are sending a \$25 check to Jorge's teacher, **John Cowan** to use as he sees fit. Thank you all for instructing and inspiring the next generation of scientists and world citizens! Sincerely ~ *Thomas A. Venus, PE, Senior Engineer*

Dictionaries for 3rd Graders: As a part of their ongoing commitment to literacy, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Chico will be providing dictionaries to 3rd graders this month. They are focusing their efforts on our program improvement schools. The dictionaries will be distributed by Rotarians over the next two-three weeks.

Kudos to PVHS Culinary Team: We always love hearing from our community, and it does not get any better than when they compliment our students and staff. Below is an email from the director of Innovative Preschool:

My name is Erin Shimizu and I am the Director of Innovative Preschool, Inc. which works in affiliation with Loma Vista School. Priscilla Burns and her wonderful PV Culinary team helped us put on our annual Spaghetti Feed at Valhalla Hall which is one of our major fundraisers for the year.

Innovative is a private non-profit and relies on fundraising events. Priscilla and her team were such a HUGE help to us and we could not have done it without them. Not only did they cook our spaghetti and prep our food, they stayed through the entire event to serve our families so we could be available to talk with the parents and children of our program, sell tickets, and run our raffle.

Our families commented about how gracious and professional they were. I just wanted to extend an email to you all letting you know how amazing we think they are and how much we appreciate their willingness to help out! We think they are fantastic!! Their generosity has made a positive impact on our program.

Respectfully,

Erin Shimizu, Director
Innovative Preschool, Inc

Great Community Partnership at Work: Earlier this month Michelle L. Anderson, D.C. spent about four hours with Zack and Kayla shopping for interview outfits. Kayla was able to buy two professional outfits with nice shoes and earrings to match. She mentioned to me that having these clothes motivates her to go apply for jobs! Zack was able to purchase a nice outfit with shirt, tie, socks, and slacks for interviews. He was also able to purchase some work clothes consisting of waterproof work boots, work gloves, Dickies work pants and shirt. The work clothes are in preparation for the job he has secured this summer on the maintenance team at Sheridan Property Management. This work opportunity arose for him as a result of the mock interview process - so another great success! Each of them also bought 50+ Thank You cards to follow up with potential employers after the interviews. Both students were elated and consistently thankful for the opportunity that you all provided them. It was a boost to their self-esteem and confidence as they move forward in life. Following are some photo's of Zack's and Kayla's great purchases.



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**CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SERV-
ING SUPPER EVERY SCHOOL DAY FOR
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**



WHAT: FUNDING IS NOW AVAILABLE TO SERVE A SUPPER MEAL AT PROGRAMS THAT OPERATE AFTER SCHOOL, ON WEEKENDS, AND DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS. THE NEW AFTERSCHOOL MEAL PROGRAM THROUGH THE CHILD AND ADULT CARE FOOD PROGRAM (CACFP) PROVIDES FEDERAL FUNDING FOR A MEAL IN ADDITION TO OR INSTEAD OF A SNACK. ANY PROGRAM THAT IS LOCATED IN A LOW-INCOME AREA CAN RECEIVE FUNDING TO SERVE A MEAL TO STUDENTS 18 AND UNDER (PROGRAMS OFFERING EDUCATION OR ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES THAT ARE LOCATED IN AREAS WHERE 50 PERCENT OR MORE OF THE CHILDREN ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE OR REDUCED PRICE MEALS CAN RECEIVE A FEDERAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR EACH SUPPER SERVED. AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS CAN PROVIDE A SUPPER. ALL STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAM WILL RECEIVE A FREE SUPPER AND FAMILY MEMBERS MAY PURCHASE A SUPPER FOR \$3.50.

WHY: AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS SERVE A SNACK IN ORDER TO KEEP CHILDREN FOCUSED AND ENGAGED THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON. YET, FOR MANY CHILDREN A SNACK IS NOT ENOUGH. CHILDREN EAT LUNCH HOURS BEFORE THE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM, SOMETIMES AS EARLY AS 10:30 IN THE MORNING, AND NEED MORE THAN A SMALL SNACK TO MAKE IT THROUGH THE AFTERNOON. IN ADDITION, MANY FAMILIES ARE STRUGGLING FINANCIALLY, AND PROGRAMS THAT PROVIDE A NUTRITIOUS MEAL AFTER SCHOOL MAKE IT EASIER FOR PARENTS TO MAKE ENDS MEET AND KEEP CHILDREN FROM BEING HUNGRY.

WHEN: BEGINNING MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2012

TIME: 5:30 P.M.-6:30 P.M.

WHERE: CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

WHO: CHICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NUTRITION SERVICES

CONTACT: FOR MORE DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT VINCE ENSERRO AT (530) 891-3021 X201



Financial times today have changed not only the rules but how we need to react. For years we have heard that if you follow sound financial practices and stick to a plan with a solid foundation you will come out ahead. Learn how to:

- Make it a family affair
- Do an annual credit check
- Reduce your debt
- Look at your spending
- Re-set goals
- Play catch-up
- Consider other income sources
- Utilize super saving ideas

The webinar will be held Wednesday, April 18, 2012, from 7-8 p.m. You can participate in the webinar from any computer with high-speed Internet access. Click here to [register now!](#) Dial and log-in information will be distributed to registered participants two days prior to the webinar. If you are not able to attend the webinar, visit our webinar [archives](#) one week after the event to listen to a recording of the event.

And, it's not too early to register for our future webinars -- just click on the dates below to register!

[May 16](#): Understanding Health Savings Accounts

[June 20](#): Advanced Directives

I hope you find this information useful! As always, please contact me with your feedback on our programs, our website, these emails or any questions you may have regarding the programs offered by the Butte Schools Self-Funded Programs.

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Chico Unified Nutrition Services Department Newsletter



Staff Wellness: 8 rules for living well

Brought to you by Tanya Harter, Nutrition Specialist, Chico Unified School District

1. Limit sugar, salt and saturated fats (the kind that's solid at room temperature).

Reduce those three "S's," Diets high in these foods lead to obesity, fatigue and poor health.

2. Watch out for "portion distortion."

Try to keep servings at a sensible size.

The ideal meal plate has one-half of the plate devoted to vegetables and fruit; one-fourth of the plate to proteins (ideally the protein is baked, broiled or grilled) and one-fourth of the plate to starches, either whole-grain starches or such starchy vegetables as peas, potatoes and corn.

3. No more "happy plates."

Stop telling yourself you have to clean your plate, Be aware, too, that stress and negative emotions can trigger "emotional eating".

Is your stomach really growling? Is there an empty feeling there?

If not, take a walk, call a friend or pick up a book. And try to "keep comfort foods out of your house, there is no need for a pack of Oreos in your house.

Nobody needs them.

4. Don't forget the veggies.

Try to incorporate vegetables at lunch and at dinner and in one snack every day.

5. Always add protein.

Protein provides valuable iron and has the advantage of helping diners feel full.

Try to get 4 to 6 ounces of protein (with 1 ounce being about the size of a golf ball) at every meal.

Sources include (Low-fat versions, when applicable, are best.) beef, pork, chicken, seafood, eggs, beans, peanut butter and dairy products; Greek yogurt is a good high-protein choice.

6. Make an exercise plan.

Try to fit more activity into the day, aiming for at least 30 minutes (the time can be broken up into intervals) of moderate to vigorous exercise each day.

7. Stay hydrated.

It's recommended that people drink 64 ounces, eight cups, of water a day. However, most people only get 16 to 32 ounces daily.

A nice side-effect of being adequately hydrated: a feeling of fullness.

In a recent study, people who drank a large glass of water before their meal ate 75 calories less and lost about 14 pounds a year, from that alone.

8. Live it. Don't diet.

Don't consider healthy lifestyle changes to be temporary or just for the moment. Create healthy patterns for life.

Purpose of the Newsletter.

The purpose of a department newsletter is to keep Nutrition Service's staff updated on the events in the department and throughout the district. I hope you find this information helpful and useful.

Note from Vince.

We are in the final stretch of an amazing school year. We have made some great changes in the program and paved the way for some new program in the future. One of the programs is the Supper Program that we kicked off at Chapman. The vision for the site was to create an atmosphere that would be inviting to both students and parents. I wanted to give parents the chance for family time. As we move into the second week of the program I am seeing just that. The parents are sitting together and visiting while the students sit together and laugh and have a great time. I have found that as I welcome each guest to our school café they are so thankful for all we do at breakfast and lunch. As we move forward with the Supper Program I know that each site will create its own identity that each family will want to participate in. I look forward to what this program has in store for CUSD.

As we get ever so close to the last day of school please share with the students the information about the summer program. We will be serving a FREE breakfast and lunch at each of the following sites.

Chapman
Parkview
Citrus
CJHS
BJHS
Fairview

As well as the CARD programs and the Boys and Girls Club.

Thank you all for a great year.

"When you practice gratefulness, there is a sense of respect toward others." The Dalai Lama

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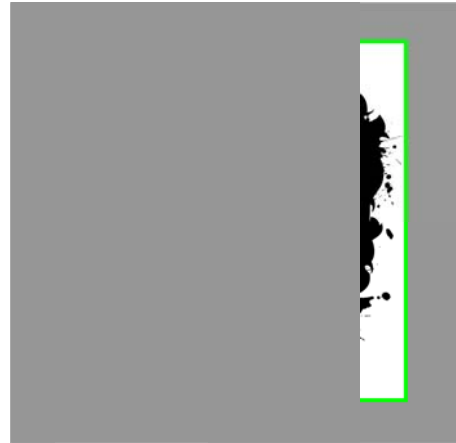


SUPPER PROGRAM

McManus & Chapman Elementary School Serving Supper Every School Day for After School Program Students and their Families

Funding is now available to serve a supper meal at programs that operate after school, on weekends, and during school holidays. The new Afterschool Meal Program through the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) provides federal funding for a meal in addition to or instead of a snack. Any program that is located in a low-income area can receive funding to serve a meal to students 18 and under (Programs offering education or enrichment activities that are located in areas where 50 percent or more of the children are eligible for free or reduced price meals can receive a federal reimbursement for each supper served. Afterschool programs can provide a supper

Afterschool programs serve a snack in order to keep children focused and engaged throughout the afternoon. Yet, for many children a snack is not enough. Children eat lunch hours before the afterschool program, sometimes as early as 10:30 in the morning, and need more than a small snack to make it through the afternoon. In addition, many families are struggling financially, and programs that provide a nutritious meal after school make it easier for parents to make ends meet and keep children from being hungry.



7 Core Values to Follow to Great Customer Allegiance

1. Knowing that without customers we don't have a job. We need them.
 - a. An important role of the school nutrition team is in meeting customer needs.
 - b. The goal of the school nutrition program is more than making food available to students, which is providing a service to students.
2. Your personal commitment to a positive attitude determines the level of service you perform.
 - a. Customer satisfaction requires more than healthful food.
3. Understanding that customers come to you through a call, contact, or visit for one reason.. They need your service.
4. The value of customer allegiance is multiplied.
 - a. The service the school nutrition team provides helps customers develop healthy food habits for a lifetime by:
 - i. Providing meals that meet requirements for reimbursable meals.
 - ii. Offering all customers healthful and appealing meals that meet their school-day nutrition needs.
 - iii. Creating an attractive, safe, enjoyable, and healthy environment that makes eating school meals the "thing to do" and the cafeteria the "place to be."
5. The quality of the relationship determines their allegiance.
6. When they start talking is when true allegiance begins or ends. Positive, Positive the way they feel when they are finished with the transaction determines their level of allegiance.

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**WELLNESS IS
A WAY OF
LIFE!**

Notes from Teri and Karen.

THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS MAKING THEIR ROUNDS.

One of the things they check is your dishwasher temperature if you have a high temperature machine. Rinse water needs to be 180 degrees. If you have a low temperature machine you have to test your rinse water with the Blue test strips to make sure your sanitizer is at the correct level.

How to tell which dishwasher you have:

1. If you use the strike force product in your machine you are a high temperature machine and you don't need to test the water.
2. If you use the gallon multi chlor bottle with your dishwasher you have a low temperature dishwasher.

If you have a high temperature machine and have some blue strips please send them back in the mail to the office.

FYI the green strips are for either a sanitizer bucket for cleaning tables or if you use a 3 compartment sink you would use these to test your sanitized compartment.

Health Department is also checking your food temperature and if you calibrate your thermometer.

Do you have a working thermometer?

1. Are you calibrating your thermometer weekly?
2. Are you taking temperatures of your food daily and putting the temperatures on your production record?

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Notes from Shawn & Tracy.

I have had a lot of questions about who to call when Celia is out. Please continue calling her extension and using her email for ALL scheduling, PN, and sick calls. That way when she comes back all calls continue to go to her directly - not some to me and some to her as that could result in some important messages getting missed.

I am checking her voicemails and emails frequently throughout the day.

Thank you!

Tracy

Hello Everyone,

Just wanted to remind all of you that we have frozen strawberry cups (96/4.5 oz.) available. They may be used for breakfast or afterschool snacks. Just let us know!

Shawn



DATES TO REMEMBER **INTERVIEWING SKILLS 101**

Thursday, April 19
2:00

Nutrition Services Office

Anyone who wants to participate and work with the Summer and Supper Programs, we will be offering a training, which will set you up for the test which you need to pass to receive a certificate which will allow you to work in one of these programs.

SUMMER & SUPPER PROGRAM TRAINING

Friday, April 20, 2012
2:00-4:00

Nutrition Services Office

The Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) was established to ensure that low-income children continue to receive nutritious meals when school is not in session. Free meals, that meet Federal nutrition guidelines, are provided to all children at approved SFSP sites in areas with significant concentrations of low-income children. The SFSP operates during school vacations, primarily in the summer months – from May 29 through August 17, 2012

Chapman Elementary School
Citrus Elementary School
Fairview High School
Parkview Elementary School
Chico Jr. High School
Bidwell Jr. High School

Breakfast 7:00-9:00
Lunch 11:00-1:00

For more details check out www.chicousd.org
Nutrition Services Department or call 891-3021
x201.

All Children Ages 2-18 will be served a free meal and all meals must be consumed on the premises.

MISNOMER.

A “misnomer” is an inaccurate or misleading name for something. Take “energy” drinks, for example. Energy comes from calories, and an “energy” drink’s calories largely come from sugar, just like soda. Not much energy there. What these drinks do supply is stimulation, largely from chemical compounds like caffeine, sometimes in very

high doses -- more like a cup of strong coffee than a caffeinated soda.

So, in effect, energy drinks are sodas hopped up with extra stimulants.

Like soda, they provide no nutritional value.

Plus, excessive caffeine from whatever source can interfere with sleep, and young kids and teens need more sleep than adults -- at least

8 hours a night and preferably more. No wonder the American Academy of Pediatrics believes that kids should never drink stimulant drinks . . . er, energy drinks, that is.

**EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER.
LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.**

WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!™

This newsletter is provided as a wellness resource by our District Nutrition Services Department. Check out www.chicousd.org and click on the Nutrition Services Department for more information.



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HELPING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL WELL AND DO WELL!

"MISNOMER"

EAT BETTER

Try lots of different fruits, veggies, and whole grains for a healthy diet. You're bound to find a few you really like!

WHOLE GRAIN PASTA



One simple way to make your family's diet more healthful is to switch to 100% whole grain or whole wheat pasta. It's less processed so it retains fiber, vitamins, minerals, and other nutrients that aren't present in regular pasta.

LEARN EASIER

Kids need to use all of their senses to learn -- but they spend so much time in front of screens these days! That's why a visit to a hands-on museum is such a fantastic experience. And lots of fun, too!



PLAY HARDER

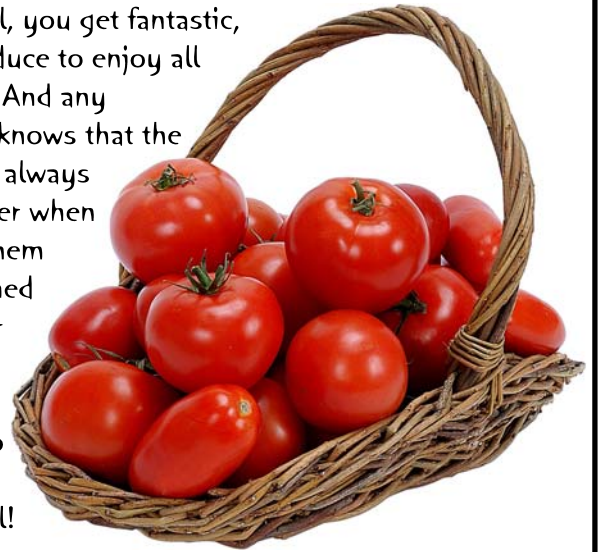


Some of us prefer to exercise alone and others would rather exercise with a friend or group of people. Doesn't matter! As long as you're making the effort!



LIVE HEALTHIER

Whether it's 500 square feet or three pots on a porch, a home vegetable and herb garden can help you live healthier in so many ways! Sure, you get the benefit of being outside more, filling your lungs with fresh air, working in the dirt, lifting, digging, and toting. But better still, you get fantastic, fresh produce to enjoy all summer. And any gardener knows that the tomatoes always taste better when you eat them sun-warmed from your very own plot of land -- no matter how small!



What can we say? It's what we do!

Most of us are parents just like you. We *know* your time is tight. You're working late or helping with homework or running your child to practice or just spending time together as a family. And you might not always be able to shop for and prepare a well-balanced lunch. So why not let us do it for you? We arrive at work every day ready and eager to prepare and serve healthy, delicious meals for your kids. So whether it's breakfast or lunch or sometimes both, let us help your family make the most of your time together, while we get the meals ready! Hey, it's what we do!

School Meals
We serve education every day™

CHICO AREA BIKE EVENTS

Project Activity	Lead Person/Partner	Timeline
Bike Safety Rodeo	BBC/Chico Velo Cycling Club	April 29, 2012
Traffic Skills 101	BBC/LCIs	Last 2 weeks in April
Endangered Species Faire	BBC/ Butte Environmental Council	May 5, 2012
Bob's Cruiser Classic	KBQB Radio Bob FM 92.7	May 6, 2012
Video Production	Freewill Productions	April 29 th ongoing with posts on website
Bike to School Day/Week	BBC/ Chico Unified/PTA	May 7-11
Website	Butte Bicycle Coalition	
Children's Bike Work Parties at the Bike Shed	CNAP/Chapman Bike Shed	3/25; 4/8; 5/13
Bike Safety Checks at Schools (5)	Local bike stores	May 7 th
Bike Night on the Plaza	BBC/Chico Velo/DCBA	May 11, 2012
3 rd Annual Children's Bike Swap	Chapman Bike Shed	May 20 th

For more information visit www.buttebicyclecoalition.org.



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KlaasKids Foundation President Marc Klaas will be on hand to promote and educate families about safety and administer fingerprinting and photographing.

Butte County Sheriff's Department will provide Barney the Sheriff's Talking Car with safety messages for the kids

Parents receive a FREE DNA Collection Kit, child safety tips and a 9-point plan on what to do if your child disappears.

American Red Cross representatives on hand to provide information about child and adult emergency preparedness.

Take an opportunity to meet local firefighters from CAL Fire/Butte Countyfire who will provide fire and life safety materials, conduct fire engine tour, and see live demonstrations of specialized equipment during a traffic accident.

Child Safety/Booster Seat Checkup Station:

Butte County Public Health Department with the CHP Valley Division will be on hand to give expert help in the proper use and installation of child safety seats.



PARENT NOTICE

Mark Klaas, father Polly Klaas Announces:
KlaasKids Foundation Print-A-Thon
Local Contact:
Tim Titus and Keith Lynch at (530) 895-1555

Please Bring Your Children to this FREE Program

What: KlaasKids Foundation child safety programs are designed to promote awareness and education for parents and children in an effort to protect children against violence.

Why: Following the 1993 kidnap and murder of Polly Klaas, her father Marc formed the KlaasKids Foundation, a non-profit organization that works with citizens, the private sectors, law enforcement, and legislators to develop ways to safeguard children against violence.

No Data Basing:

Parents retain the only record of this visit.



CIG Titus & Associates Insurance Agency will be sponsoring a KlaasKids Print-A-Thon Event



A mile a minute...
that is how fast your child can disappear

Know Your Neighborhood!

Know the best places for your children to play and areas to avoid; like alleys and dark stairwells.

Show your children the safest routes to and from school and insist that they use the buddy system.

Know your children's friends, where they live, their addresses and phone numbers.

Insist that your children be home before dark.

The more you know about your neighbors and neighborhood the safer your family will be.



ID your Kids **with Klaas**

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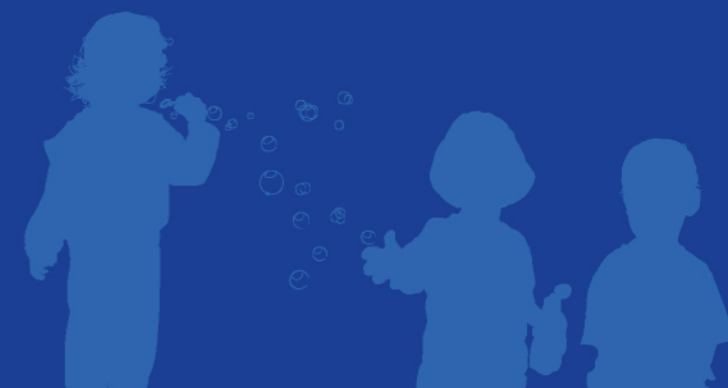
Come enjoy a day of fun & information for the whole family.

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May 5, 2012
Time: 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

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FREE Fingerprinting
FREE Photo
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FREE Child Safety Information

Marc Klaas, father of Polly Klaas will attend and participate at this event.



Goal 2: To provide a safe, healthy, and engaging environment for learning to take place

Areas for Growth:

Things That Are Working Well:

Goal 3: To build effective partnerships with our constituents

Areas for Growth:

Things That Are Working Well:

Goal 4: To monitor and adjust our district budget to ensure solvency and local control of our schools

Areas for Growth:

Things That Are Working Well:

Other Comments: Please feel free to address any thing which you feel it is important that I be made aware. Your honesty is appreciated as these will help me to develop my individual goals for the 2012-2013 school year.