



The Superintendent's Update

August 24, 2012

NEWS FROM KELLY

Congratulations on a positive start to the 2012-13 school year—we now have a full week under our belt! I have thoroughly enjoyed my visits to school sites and as always am very impressed with the wonderful teaching and learning I have observed throughout the District. I am also happy to report that our enrollment appears to be holding steady through week one—a trend we all hope continues.

However, we have not been without our challenges. I have heard from many of you regarding frustrations with our student data system, Aeries. Since this has been the most frequently reported concern associated with the start of school, I want to explain both the issue and the steps we are taking to get this resolved.

Aeries was switched to the upgraded .NET version of Aeries over the summer break. There are several reports and functions that teachers were accustomed to using that are not yet available in the new .NET version of Aeries. Those items include emailing in gradebook, attendance via seating chart, gradebook reports, assignments by student report, gradebook roster report, and others.

The good news is that Aeries has informed us that those items are being “fast tracked” and should be available by the end of August. As Aeries releases the new updates, our Information Technology (IT) team will immediately apply the updates. The IT department will be communicating with teachers as soon as the new reports and functions are available. In addition, resources will be made available in the Staff Room on the CUSD Web site. An Aeries Help Document can be found in the Staff Room. This is a product of collaboration between Lori Sullivan, Deanna Holen, IT site administration and a group of teachers.

To assist with the transition to .NET, CUSD staff will schedule voluntary Aeries trainings for those that want to increase their familiarity with Aeries.NET. In addition, the IT department will work with site principals to send trainers to sites during staff meetings. It is our desire to work together—with Aeries and with staff—to resolve the Aeries issues and move forward with having a great school year!

I will be visiting more schools and classrooms next week—feel free to put me to work in your classroom! And, as always, please do not hesitate to contact me regarding things we can improve upon as well as things that are going well and we should be sure to continue.

Thank you for your dedication to our students, have a great weekend, and I'll see you next week!

NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

New Teacher Training: CUSD held its first new teacher's training on August 9, 10, 13 & 14. The new teachers were introduced to the District Goals and Expectations. They were also shown the district's commitment to the Professional Learning Community (PLC) philosophy. In addition, new elementary teachers received a full day of training in both Everyday Math and California Treasures. Secondary teachers were able to spend a full day with a veteran CUSD teacher in their content area to learn and work with curriculum and district expectations. The training concluded with information on best school and classroom discipline practices, school safety procedures, CUSD Special Education resources, CUSD Human Resources and CUSD Technology. CUSD has high expectations this group of sensational new teachers that were hired this year.

Grant Information: Four CUSD Teams among Thirty to Win \$93,500 in Professional Development Grants: Four Chico Unified teacher-teams will be taking part in professional development activities through Teacher-Based Reform Initiative (T-BAR) grants. Through this program, managed by California State University, Chico (CSUC), teams from 33 counties were invited to design two-year professional development activities that would "help participating teachers make significant educational reforms that will increase student achievement in their classrooms and schools," according to a press release prepared by CSU, Chico. The Chico teams are part of a cadre of thirty teams funded in this round. Congratulations to the following teachers for their work in designing and writing the applications:

- **Marcelle Gregoire** (PVHS), **Connie Chrysler** (PVHS), **John Klein** (CHS), and **Stephanie Starmer** (CHS): \$27,000 for "Visible Thinking: Increasing Intellectual Work in the Classroom."
- **Reta Rickmers** (PVHS), **Nancy Ritcher** (PVHS), **Pennie Baxter** (CHS), and **Paul Stephens** (CHS): \$27,000 for "Art Curriculum: Current and Relevant."
- **Ray Barber**, **Barbara Bertapelle**, and **Tom George** (all PVHS): \$27,000 for "Applying Chemistry Content Using Web 2.0: A Twist (Not a Flip)."
- **Gale Morgan**, **Liesl Jones**, and **Linda Elliot**: \$12,500 for "Trekking in Transliteracy with Teacher Librarians: A Collaborative Odyssey." (This last project is an extension of a professional development and school improvement project the teacher-librarians were awarded last year.

Upcoming Grant Opportunities: Looking for a grant to fund a classroom project or field trip? Here are a couple of options.

- Target Field Trip Grants provide up to \$700 for field trips that connect the curriculum with out-of-school experiences. Deadline is October 1, 2012. More information is available here: <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031880>
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education grants provide up to \$5,000 for school improvement projects. Priority goes to projects that have a permanent impact (such as facility enhancement or landscaping/clean-up projects). Projects that include parent and / or community involvement are also encouraged. More information can be found here: <http://www.toolboxforeducation.com/>

Testing and Assessments

Illuminate Data & Assessment System: Teachers, administrators and support staff are being introduced to an improved way to collect and report on assessment data. Our new system, called Illuminate, provides data to inform decisions about instructional practices, placement and to organize instructional resources to support our students. Administrators attended initial training on August 7. Representatives from all sites were trained as site trainers by Illuminate personnel on August 9. Most CUSD teachers attended Illuminate training on August 16. The Illuminate system provides web-based access to student assessment information in one place, whether from state, district, classroom or curriculum-based assessments.

Leadership Team Advance: Chico Unified's Management Team members attended the 2012 Leadership Advance on Wednesday, August 8 at the Pleasant Valley Library. The focus of our Leadership Advance this year was Practical Strategies for Transforming School & District Culture. Dr. Luis Cruz, the presenter, a public school educator for 20 years, focused on unifying strategies for all staff for ensuring learning for all students.

District Assessments: Students in grades 2-6 will be participating in district student progress assessments during the last week of August. Teachers will analyze results to better understand student learning needs and to plan instruction. Students will be assessed in English and Math to establish a baseline for measuring learning progress. Students will be assessed two more times to track progress and identify learning needs prior to the state STAR tests in mid-April.

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): CAHSEE results were released this week and may be found at [California High School Exit Exam \(CAHSEE\) Results](#). The next administration of the high school exit exam will be held on **October 2 and 3, 2012**, for grade 12 students and adults who have not yet passed the exam. Please note that the November administration of the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) takes place on election day; after a thorough review, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction determined that this date was the only viable option for the November administration. The Chico Unified district pass rate for students taking the test for the first time in grade 10 continues to exceed the county and state passing rate.

CELDT Testing: The California English Language Development Test (CELDT) test is given each year to students identified as English learners. Schools sites are conducting annual CELDT testing through October. CELDT test examiner training will take place in September with teachers from school sites trained by CUSD teacher/CELDT trainers **Tina Keene** and **Terri Crawford** to administer the state CELDT test to English Learners. 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/>.

STAR Test Results: Individual student results from the spring 2012 STAR tests are being sent to parent/guardians. If you do not receive your student's STAR score report by September 15, please contact Louise Workman at 891-3000 x171. The dates for the STAR Writing Test in grades 4 & 7 will be March 5 and 6, 2013. The STAR multiple-choice testing window will begin on April 15, 2013. The 2012 STAR test results will be released approximately August 31.

2010–11 Accountability Progress Reporting (APR): California's integrated accountability system that reports both the state Academic Performance Index (API), and the federal Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) and Program Improvement (PI). The following reports have been delayed by the state this year and are scheduled to be released in early October:

- * 2012 Growth Academic Performance Index (API) Reports
- * 2012 Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Reports
- * 2012–13 Program Improvement (PI) Reports

NEWS FROM BUSINESS SERVICES:

Happy New Year from *Maureen Fitzgerald*, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services!

The new school year is off to a running start. Lots of exciting things are happening and I am proud to be part of it. Along with the exciting is the new. We have a new business software called "Escape" which has been live and running since January. This software has allowed us many more features and flexibilities than before.

The most significant benefit with the software is integrated Human Resources/Position Control/Payroll. Position Control is the management of all district approved positions and assignments managed by Human Resources. Payroll is paid directly from the Human Resources activity where employees are assigned to approved positions. Budgets are then built on those very employees' position costs along with vacancies. Since this is a brand new software, updating processes, reconciling all positions, employees, and especially vacancies has been a big task.

Another great feature of the software is site based access. Sites can now enter Purchase Orders online from the school sites as well as access their accounts and reports any time of the day, any day. The system is a live system and transaction data is available instantly. Once everyone is up and running, we will be turning on Workflows. Workflows are a paperless, electronic signature/approval process that will submit, approve, and process transactions as quick as a click of the mouse. While there are many other features that can be accessed by the site, we will start with Requisition/Purchase Orders and build as the year progresses.

Finally, perhaps the biggest change for us all, are changes to our coding. In order to use Workflows and electronic signatures and approvals, a Manager (Mgr) code has been added to the end of the account string. The Manager code tells the story of who is responsible for the account and also helps in running reports for all budgets for that Manager. Along with the Manager code change some account fields have been consolidated to eliminate duplicate codes and simplify object codes to just a few. Account codes should tell a story: the what, why, who, and how much of each transaction.

The packet of information is posted in the staff room and helps identify the major changes to codes and some guidelines and reference sheets to use when coding. Also attached is a "walk-through" step-by-step instructions on how to run a report for your Site/Manager. All school sites and departments should have received their budget worksheets for 2012-13 including account codes and where dollars have been allocated. Know that these are not set in stone and Budget Transfers within your accounts are allowed. We are still updating budgets as we work with each of you to better align the budget with needs. Since we have not closed the books yet for 2011-12, carryover budgets are not included in the budget. Carryover will be available the first of October.

FACILITIES & PLANNING / MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS / NUTRITION SERVICES:

FVHS Construction Technology Laboratory: CUSD is building a 4,414 square foot Construction Shop building with a 1,440 square foot covered work area on the south-west edge of the Fair View High School campus. If you have been by Fair View High School in the past two weeks you will have seen a flurry of activity on the new building. United Building Contractors is currently on site digging electrical trenches. Next week they will be excavating for building footings which will be followed by pouring the concrete building slab.

Inspire School of Arts & Sciences on the CHS Campus: Inspire School of Arts is a local charter school that is currently flourishing on the Chico High School campus. Over the summer, two repurposed 48'x 40' portable classroom buildings and one portable student restroom were added to the campus. The site concrete has been completed and a quad area has been established for the school. The buildings will be ready for move-in over the Labor Day Weekend.

Chapman Elementary School Solar Project: CUSD has been in the process of working with Solar City to construct five solar systems on district properties over the last year and half. Over the summer, solar shade structures over the Chapman Elementary School parking lot were installed. This system began generating power at the end of July. This project concludes the construction of the projects that are part of our solar power purchase plan with Solar City.

CHS Lincoln Hall & Fitness Laboratory: The old Lincoln Hall (cafeteria building), which was constructed in 1952, was demolished over the summer. On Tuesday, August 21 subcontractor bids were received by Modern Building Company for the construction of the new dining facility (which includes a field house) and the new fitness laboratory. Construction of the new buildings is anticipated to start in early September.

PVHS New Classroom Building: A 2-story, twenty-four classroom building is under construction on the Pleasant Valley High School campus. Over the summer Broward Builders completed the demolition of underground conduits and sewer piping that had served the I-wing portables at PVHS. On August 6 they mobilized earthmoving equipment to start the construction of the new classroom building. Rough grading and construction of the building pad has now been completed. In the coming weeks you will see trenching for the new underground utilities.

Maintenance and Operations (M&O)

On behalf of the Maintenance and Operations team, Randy Salado, Director, would like to welcome back both students and staff for the 2012-2013 school year. The M&O Team hopes your summer went well and you are re-energized for another school year. Their team had a fast paced summer. Here is a list of some of the projects that have taken place:

This year Chico State is celebrating their 125th anniversary. In recognition of this, CSU administration has challenged their staff to volunteer 125K hours of work to the Chico community. The Chico State painting department presented Pleasant Valley with a volunteer proposal to paint the exteriors of both the East gym and Varley Gym. After several months of planning, Chico State and M&O joined man power and spent three Friday and Saturdays to complete the project. A total of 420 man hours were logged to complete the project. A huge thanks to Chico State painting department for their contribution to CUSD. Both gyms look great!

We helped three Eagle Scouts complete projects around the district. **Austin Bossetti's** project involved creating a new sidewalk to the front entrance of Pleasant Valley High; and **Ryan Dunbar** landscaped the area behind the gym between the CFA and locker rooms. Both projects helped to improve areas at Pleasant Valley. **Seth Chatfield** worked on a project at Neal Dow replacing the borders to the playground equipment. Seth and his crew did an outstanding job. Kudos to all three Eagle Scouts for their contributions to Chico Unified Schools!

Another project taking place this summer was a track and outdoor stage created at Rosedale. **Dr. Michael Schooling** has been the driving force on this project. He has been developing plans for over two years and securing grants to make this a reality for Rosedale students. Thanks to the help of **Berton Bertagna** and **M&O team members**, the project is becoming a reality.

The Facilities Department has projects going on at Chico High, Inspire, Pleasant Valley High and Fair View High. We at M&O have spent a good part of our summer helping them: relocating and building irrigation systems, replacing exterior walls on portables, rebuilding bathrooms, and creating new bus drop-off zones. Along with that is our normal summer work of performing annual Cal-Water backflow inspections, insurance safety inspections, fire alarm inspections, plus repairing and repainting building access ramps, room remodels, computer lab installations, floor repair, HVAC maintenance, and much more.

For the first time in several years, the district carpets were cleaned. A crew of three workers cleaned all the carpets in the district, plus refinished the High School and Jr. High gym floors. This was a major task requiring lots of planning to accomplish. Thank you **John Carver** for making this happen!

Our goal at M&O is to provide superior customer service and maintain a quality learning environment for our students. When you see one of our maintenance team workers, take a moment to thank them for all they do.



News from Nutrition Services: Nutrition Services is kicking off the new school year with some very big changes. Trucks are driving around town with a new look, menus have changed with the new regulations, and the department is now servicing three new sites daily: Nord Country Charter School, Forest Ranch Charter School and Sherwood Montessori Charter School.

The summer feeding program was a big success. The program was funded by a breakfast and summer food grant in which they received \$104,000.00 for seven sites: Bidwell Jr., Chapman, Chico Jr., Fair View High, Citrus, McManus, and Parkview. The funds are helping with upgrades to equipment and vehicles for delivery.

The new menus are much different from last year's menus. As of July 1, 2012, the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 has been fully implemented. The new changes for the menu include reduced portion sizes, less fat, less sodium, less processed foods with an increase in whole grains, green leafy vegetables as well as red and orange vegetables and fruits. The CUSD Nutrition Department has been way ahead of the curve on this new act and had begun to implement these changes during the 2011-12 school year.

Last the department is holding several Nutrition Team trainings. They are covering many topics from food safety, meal regulations, and new menu changes. They worked hard to get the new school year started with a bang and are looking for 2012-13 to be another great year serving guests every day!

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VALUED EMPLOYEES:

CUSD School Office Managers



- First Row: Nesta Arnold/Shasta, Jill Miranda/Neal Dow, Denise McKeon/McManus, Tami Medearis/Rosedale, Wendy Billingsley/Chapman, Diana Theobald/Marigold
Second Row: Becki Gilbert/Hooker Oak, Robin Carrier/Chico High, Jana Gosselin/Inspire, Carol Burns/Fair View, CAL, AFC, Oakdale, Rocio Montenegro/Parkview, Hildi Strandberg/Loma Vista
Back Row: Jan Alonzo/Emma Wilson, Rhonda Graves/Sierra View, Dee Gudmundson/Citrus, Denise Hughes/Chico Jr. High, Charlotte Mallory/Bidwell Jr. High, Georgia Stephens/Little Chico Creek
Not Pictured: Bev Patrick/Pleasant Valley High and Alana Meline/Marsh Jr. High

What an amazing group! School Office Managers serve as the initial contact/resource person for the principal's office; are often the first contact for parents and visitors; respond to sensitive requests for information and assistance; interpret policies, rules and regulations in response to inquiries and complaints; resolve concerns and complaints and refer inquiries as appropriate. They plan, organize and oversee school activities and operations. They type and assemble reports, manuals, correspondence and other materials. They coordinate activities with other District departments, prepare agendas, take and transcribe dictation and minutes. They participate in the preparation and administration of the school budget. They supervise and train assigned staff and student assistants; provide or coordinate staff training. They provide information and forms to students, faculty, staff and the general public. They perform specialized record keeping functions in the areas of registration, student cumulative folders, transcripts, attendance records, report cards, graduation and award lists and data processing records. They issue and maintain inventory of room and cabinet keys issued to teachers and other personnel. They assist substitutes and aids. They serve as liaison between the Principal, teachers, students, parents and other staff members. They take care of sick or injured students. They are the first ones that everyone goes to with questions, especially regarding all office machines, (i.e., copiers, computers, phones). And they do all these tasks (and more) on a daily basis with a smile. **Thank you for all you do for staff, students and parents!**

NEWS FROM SCHOOL SITES:

CHS Literary Magazine Wins Top Award: Congratulations to **Laura Carey** and the student staff of the 2011-2012 issue of Seven-Eighths Under Water. The magazine has received a gold medal from Columbia, an international competition. Kudos to students **Linda Lee, Zoe Willingham, Alex Shumway and Celia Eckert!**

News from CHS Ag Farm: "Go Ag Panthers"! The students are back at it at the CHS Ag Farm and are in full force playing catch up with weeding and keeping the Farm looking presentable to all. The Ag marketing class is already working on the PR for the farm. Information will be available September 1 regarding the "Chico High FFA Farm": dates of operation, what is being sold, and more. CHS Ag has also been in contact with the manager of Chico Farmers Market and she has donated a booth at the Farmers market to sell our beans and pumpkins. Thank you Chico Farmers Market! The CHS Agriculture students have worked really hard this summer to keep the farm looking great and the students are proud of what they have accomplished at the farm thus far. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail **Ronnie Cockrell** at rcockrel@chicousd.org

PVHS Teacher Presents at National Conference: Congratulations to **Reta Rickmer**, Art Teacher at Pleasant Valley High. She presented at the National Art Education Association (NAEA) Conference in Fort Worth, Texas this year. While this was her third time attending, it was her first time presenting information about the PVHS Art Studio program. Way to put Chico on the map Reta!

News from Former Student, Danielle Gimbal (daughter of Kim Gimbal, CUSD elementary music teacher) sent last June: *"I hope everyone is doing well! As some of you may have heard, I was asked to do a concert with a musical theatre composer named Drew Gasparini. The concert was June 16 at the Kennedy Center in Washington DC! I'm so excited about this and would love you guys to share the experience with me! I know it's unlikely that any of you will be able to make it out to see the concert, but it will be streamed online live!! I'll give you the link and if you have some time next Saturday at 6PM - please tune in! I'll be singing four songs! Thanks, as always, for all of your love and support!!"* Best ~ Danielle

Info on the concert: http://www.kennedy-center.org/explorer/artists/?entity_id=86246&source_type=B

CUSD KLEAN Students Share Insight with Chico City Council: The city council voted to move forward with both the smoke free parks policy and a smoke free entryway policy. CUSD students involved with the KLEAN project (under guidance of CUSD staff members [Ann Brodsky](#) and [Pam Bodnar](#) with assistance from [Lisa Winslow](#), [Sandra Villasenor](#), [Patty Haley](#) and [Jorge Salas](#)) made excellent presentations to the city council. Their work was both respected and influential in educating city leaders about second hand smoke. KLEAN students are In the process of developing activities for the 12/13 school year and will continue to assist when needed to help finalize the adoption of the city's second hand smoke policies. Thank you to our KLEAN counselors, advisors, interns, grant partners, and our school leaders for their dedication to this project—one that the students themselves identified as a need and of interest to them.

www.chicoer.com/news/ci_21371332/change-is-air-smoking-rules-making-business-entryways

Citrus Elementary News: [Joyce Christensen's](#) fourth graders were featured on the "Kids in Action News" this summer on Channel 12 on Sunday, June 3.

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FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL EXCITEMENT AND FUN



Hello to All Chico Unified School District Principals, Vice Principals, Teachers, & Office Staff:

For the past three years, the Chico Elks Lodge #423 has had the pleasure of sponsoring a fundraiser for all CUSD schools which we call The Dog Parade Contest & Chili Cook-Off. The proceeds have been allocated to Art, Music, and Sports.

It came to our attention that CUSD schools would commence the 2012/2013 school year on August 20, 2012. The Chico Elks Lodge pondered over this during several meetings and decided to make a change in this year recipients for fundraising proceeds disbursement. With your school year starting August 20th; we felt as a group that it would be too much pressure for teachers and students to participate with a big fundraiser being held less than 4 weeks after school starting.

The pressure that the CSUD teachers, parents, and students would experience in helping us this year is too much and we do not want to be responsible for such a short time to prepare under high pressure for all involved.

We cherish our connection with CUSD through this event and will miss the good relationships we have established with many of your teachers and parents during the past 3 years.

This year we are supporting CASA-Kids, Chico Library, Barry Kirshner Wildlife Foundation, and the Elks Children Charities for Northern California.

We welcome all and any of you to join this fantastic event which we have been working hard to make a more organized and successful fundraiser for this 4th year.

We are grateful to CUSD for sharing this news with all of you and for permission to put up the event posters at every school. The CASA-Kids share of proceeds will go directly into a bank account that is disbursed only to the foster children who need extra help; it does not go to an administration account.

Please continue to attend this event and bring your dogs for the Dog Parade Contest. We made some good changes that will get the contest started on time and end sooner with awards being given after each contestant category is announced.

We are serving barrel roasted Santa Maria Style Tri Tip Sandwiches. You can register on line at chicoelks.com. We are having a Dogs Art Contest that will be administered through the Chico Library. Please look for our two posters on campus and the Dog Parade Sign-Up Sheets in the school offices. For more information, you may contact Connie Wright at 530 521-2334.

We Wish All of You, the Very Best. Happy New School Year!

The Chico Elks Lodge #423 Presents

September 16th, 2012
11am-3pm
Under the Trees in the Backyard of the Chico Elks Lodge
1705 Manzanita Avenue

A Dog Parade Contest & Chili Cook-Off



Family Fun!

Register Online at chicoelks.com

Admission:
Adults \$4.00
Children \$3.00
Dogs \$1.00

Parade Contest Categories

- CUTEST PUG
- BEST KISSER
- CUTEST PUPPY
- BEST COSTUME
- PRETTIEST FEMALE
- HANDSOMEST MALE
- BEST Owner Look-A-Like
- BEST Dog Talent or Trick

Benefitting:
CASA Kids of Butte & Glenn



The Barry Kirshner Wildlife Foundation



The Butte County Library at Chico



Elks Childrens Charities

Chili Tasting
Featuring:
Tres Hombres
Kathy's Deli
Kevin of Garibaldi's Catering
Jerseys Clips & Brews
Logans Roadhouse
Monks Wine Lounge & Bistro
Crush
Kinders

Exhibits • Music
Children's Art Display
Silent Auction
Santa Maria BBQ Tri-Tip
Wine Tasting
Prize Raffles

To Register or for more information:
Scan this code with your smart phone OR on the web at <http://chicoelks.com>
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The 4th Annual Dog Parade Contest & Chili Cookoff

Announces:



THE DOGS ART CONTEST!

SUBMISSIONS ARE JUDGED IN THREE CATEGORIES:

**Elementary K-6
Junior High & High School
Adult (18 and older)**

INFORMATION:

**The Contest is a Dogs Art Theme!
Dogs you love, know, see, or live with.
Anything to do with dogs!**

MEDIUMS:

**Your choice of acrylic, water color, chalk, pencil, ink, pen.
Maximum size: 12 in x 18 in.**

SUBMIT YOUR ART BY FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH 2012

**To the Butte County Library Front Desk
1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico**

AWARDS

**There will be 3 awards per category (1st, 2nd, & 3rd).
Judging will take place on Monday September 10th.
All winning art will be displayed at the The 4th Annual Dog
Parade Contest, which takes place on September 16th from
11 am - 3 pm at the Chico Elks Lodge Backyard Under the
Trees.**

Adults + 1 Dog --- \$5 Adults --- \$4 Children --- \$3

**The Dog Parade Contest is a special fundraiser for CASA
Kids Butte & Glenn Counties - Court Appointed Avocates for
Foster Children, Butte County Library Chico, Barry Krishner
Wildlife Foundation, Chico Elks North State Children's
Charities.**

**If you are willing to donate your piece of art to be sold to
the public with proceeds deicated to the fundraiser, please
state this on the back side of your art piece along with your
name, address, telephone number, and age. Thank you.**

For more information call 530-521-2334 or visit www.chicoelks.com



The Third Annual DOG PARADE CONTEST & CHILI COOK-OFF!

Sunday, September 18th, 2011
Chico Elks Backyard - Under The Trees, 11 am - 3 pm

EVENT DETAILS:

A fundraiser for CUSD Schools, raising money for Art, Music, Sports, and 6th Grade Environmental Camp.

DOG CONTEST BEGINS: 12:00pm sharp.

DOG CONTESTANT CATEGORIES: Cutest Pug, Best Kisser, Prettiest Female, Handsomest Male, Cutest Puppy, Best Costume, Best Ball/Frisbee Catcher, Best Bark, Best Trick, Best Owner Look-A-Like.

COST: \$5 per dog entry, includes owner or walker/handler. Adults - \$5.

Children (\$3 age 4-18) (Free under 4)

LUNCH OPTIONS: Barbecued pulled pork plate \$5, hot dogs \$2, Fattie's Pizza slices \$2, cold drinks \$1, chili tasting \$0.50, desserts \$1-\$2.

REGISTRATION:

If you register and pay on-line, show up no later than 11:45 and pick up your contest card. The card will include directions on where to prepare for the parade. If you pay for food tickets and raffle tickets on-line; your ticket packet will be waiting with your contest card. If you register on-line but do not pay on-line, get in line to pay and buy your food and raffle tickets. If you do not register in advance, you must register at the event no later than 11:30 on the day of the contest (September 18). There will be booths assigned for each registration situation.

Online registration is available at www.chicoelks.com (scroll down to Dog Parade Contest Registration on right-hand side of page). Otherwise, complete this form by hand and sign the release, and fax to 530-898-1649, or have your child return this completed form to his or her "home" teacher.

FILL-OUT FORM

My Dog's Name: _____
My Dog's Breed: _____
My Dog's Age: _____
My Dog's Weight: _____
Male or Female: _____
I would like to enter my dog in (limit two parade events):
Event 1: _____ (example: handsomest male)
Event 2: _____
My Dog's Special Talent: _____

CONTESTANT CATEGORIES

Cutest Pug, Best Kisser, Prettiest Female, Handsomest Male, Cutest Puppy, Best Costume, Best Ball/Frisbee Catcher, Best Bark, Best Trick, Best Owner Look-A-Like.

Interesting information you would like to share about your dog: _____

Owner's Name: _____
Handler's Name (if applicable): _____
Email: _____
Cell Phone: _____
Home Phone: _____
Address: _____
City: _____
ZIP: _____

RELEASE

I hereby participate in the above event(s) at my own risk. I further warrant that any dog that I bring to this event is free from any communicable disease. I certify that I am the actual owner of the dog(s) that I have registered, or that I am the duly authorized agent of the actual owner. In consideration of the acceptance of my registration I (we) have read, understand, and agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the Dog Parade Contest. In consideration of the acceptance of my entry(ies) and of the holding of this event and the opportunity to have the dog(s) judged and to win prizes, certificates, or trophies, I (we) agree to hold the event-giving organizations, their members, directors, officers, agents, owner and/or lessor of the premises and any provider of services that are necessary to hold this event and any employees or volunteers of the aforementioned parties, and any judge, judging at this event, harmless from any claim for loss or injury which may be alleged to have been caused directly or indirectly to any person or thing by the act of my dog(s) while in or about the event premises or grounds or near any entrance thereto, and I (we) personally assume all responsibility and liability for such claim; and I (we) further agree to hold the aforementioned parties harmless from any claim for loss, injury or damage to the dog(s). Additionally, I (we) hereby assume the sole responsibility for and agree to indemnify, defend and save the aforementioned parties harmless from any and all loss and expense (including legal fees) by reason of the liability imposed by law upon any of the aforementioned parties for damage because of bodily injuries, including death at any time resulting there from, sustained by any person or persons, including myself (ourselves), or on account of damage to property, arising out of or in consequence of my (our) participation in this event, however such, injuries, death, or property damage may have been caused or may be alleged to have been caused by the negligence of the aforementioned parties or any of their employees, agents, or any other persons.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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