



The Superintendent's Update

February 26, 2013

NEWS FROM KELLY

Bill Bataglia honored as California's Middle Level Student Council Adviser of the Year: On behalf of the National Association of Student Councils (NASC) National Advisory Council, **Bill Bataglia**, Student Government Advisor at BJHS, was selected the 2013 Region 7 Middle Level Adviser of the Year. (This is a large region; see the area in red on the following map link: <http://www.nasc.us/Content.aspx?topic=56116>) As a regional finalist for the Warren E. Shull National Middle Level Adviser of the Year award, he joins the ranks of a very prestigious group of advisers who have been honored since the Shull Awards began in 1989 in honor of NASC founder Warren E. Shull. The Adviser of the Year award was established to recognize student council advisers of exemplary character, leadership, and commitment to young people and their development as student leaders. The award will be presented during the general session of the 2013 NASC National Conference in Las Vegas. Congratulations to Bill on this tremendous honor!

PVHS Swim Coach Christine Lockhart honored with California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Model Coach Award. Only fourteen such awards are handed out each year and we are proud to have **Ms. Christine Lockhart** recognized as 1 of the 14 awardees. CIF recognizes these coaches for serving as positive role models in their schools and communities and exhibiting the traits apparent in the principals of the CIF Pursuing Victory with Honor.

Chico Students Recognized by City of Chico: City of Chico Mayor **Mary Goloff** (and also a math teacher at CHS) recognized two groups of CUSD students at the February 19, 2013, City Council meeting. Both groups had participated in service projects in their local community and in Africa.

- **Pam Bodnar and CHS & PVHS Students Honored for Work in Africa:** **Pam Bodnar** and students **Bailey Fairbanks (CHS)**, **Kaci Spooner (CHS)**, **Emily Auvinen (CHS/CORE)**, **Nimrat Mann (PVHS)**, **Daniel Romero (PVHS)** were honored for Afripeace, a work project they undertook in Rwanda. The group is now making plans for a similar trip to Ethiopia.



- Ronnie Cockrell and CHS Welding Students for Their Water Well Project in Tanzania:** CHS Welding Teacher **Ronnie Cockrell** and five of his welding students **Emily Nava, Danny Meyer, Antonia Piceno, Chase Thompson, Gage Berge, and Allen Hart** were honored for their work in building and then installing a water well in Tanzania. They also provided welding instruction to the locals as they presented them with a new welder.



Ronnie and his students also presented information to the CUSD Board on February 20 on their experiences in Africa and presented the district with the beautiful batik wall hanging pictured below:



PARENTS ON A MISSION: More than 120 parents attended the kickoff of the Parents on a Mission campaign championed by Chico Unified at the Center for the Arts on January 30. Fair View Principal **David McKay** and Chico Junior Principal **Pedro Caldera** started the evening with a discussion of the importance of keeping the youth of Chico safe from negative influences. Parents on a Mission guest speaker **Richard R. Ramos** followed with a passionate explanation of the finer points of his workshops to the parents. The main theme of his speech was that the first line of defense in keeping kids safe is well-informed, active parents. The project is a joint effort spearheaded by CUSD Family Literacy Coordinator **Sheri Zeno** and the CUSD junior high schools. CUSD Targeted Case Managers will continue workshops to help parents learn how to keep their children safe from negative influences such as drug and alcohol abuse, cyberbullying, gang membership, teen pregnancy and dropping out of school (See schedule below). For more information, contact **Sheri Zeno** at 891-3092, ext. 159 or by email at szeno@chicousd.org.

POM Sessions Dates and Times		
Bidwell Jr. High	Thursdays, 2:00-4:00pm	February 14 – March 28
Chico Jr. High	Tuesdays, 6:00-8:00pm	February 12 – March 26
Marsh Jr. High	Thursdays, 6:00-8:00pm	February 14 – March 28

PVHS Wins Academic Decathlon: At the February 20, 2013, CUSD Board meeting, Butte County Office of Education Superintendent, **Tim Taylor**, recognized members of the Pleasant Valley High School Academic Decathlon Team as winners of the 2013 Butte County Academic Decathlon. Huge congratulations to the team and their advisor **Beth Burton**!



NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

Third Annual Performing and Fine Arts Gala: A district-wide celebration featuring: fine arts gallery of student artwork, dance, choir, band and theater performances sponsored by **Arts for All** took place in the CUSD Center for the Arts on February 20, 2013. **Arts for All** is a non-profit parent and community booster group supporting the Visual and Performing Arts in the Chico Unified School District. The **Arts for All** Gala is their one big fundraiser of the year, with proceeds funding grants to CUSD school teachers for their projects and programs in the Visual and Performing arts. Since 2011, **Arts for All** has given out 26 grants to nine different schools involving 3,000 students!

Elementary Report Cards: On Wednesday, February 13, elementary teacher representatives from each site met to read and discuss the elementary teacher's survey input regarding the Illuminate report cards. The representatives had presented grade-level samples during site staff meetings and gathered feedback during site discussions in addition to offering the survey for additional input. Numerous changes were made during the meeting based on the input and new grade level samples should be ready for the group to review in a few weeks.

Common Core State Standards (CCSS): Common Core training continues throughout CUSD. Recently several elementary school teams traveled to BCOE to participate in the Susan Beers workshop. They returned very enthusiastic about Ms. Beers message and had plethora of information to share. **Sue Hegedus, Dave Murgia and Bruce Besnard** gave an overview of her information to the Elementary principals which they all found very valuable. The next Administrator's Common Core State Standards Implementation meeting will be held on Monday, March 4, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Pleasant Valley High Library. Adopted in California in August 2010, the K-12 Common Core State Standards were developed through a state-led effort to establish consistent and clear education standards for English language arts and mathematics. The Common Core State Standards have been formally adopted by about 90% of the states. A CUSD Board of Education workshop on the Common Core was held on September 5.

Teaching with Technology: **Ernest Witt** and **Louise Murad** from Sierra View attended *Apps for Education- iPad Ed Series* at Butte County Office of Education. **Ken Petlock** from Chico Jr High and **Rita Goedl** from Hooker Oak elementary attended a workshop on *Flipped Teaching* at Butte County Office of Education on February 8. Flipped Teaching is a technology-driven teaching method that flips the time-honored model of presenting new material in class with practice at home — new material is presented at home and class time is for practice, questions and deepening understanding.

California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS): Thanks to **Jen McCall** and **Joe Loomis** for spearheading the collection and refining of CALPADS data resulting in the state certification of the Fall 1 and Fall 2 CALPADS. We are moving to Spring 1 data collection in March which includes English Learner Counts and Immigrant Counts. 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. CALPADS data submission for Fall 1 includes: 12-13 Enrollment Counts, 11-12 Grads and Drops and Immigrant Counts and began October 3 and goes through mid-December. Fall 2 data collected through January includes Student Course Enrollments, Teacher Assignments, and English Learner Education Services.

District Advisory Council (DAC): The next DAC meeting is February 28 from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the Large Conference Room at the District Office. The purposes of the DAC are to provide a forum for open two-way communication between the district and school sites as well as guidance and support for Common Core State Standards implementation.

Physical Education Testing: The state-required PE testing runs from February to May. We are expanding the use of electronic data collection this year.

California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE): The largest administration of the school year of the high school exit exam was held on February 5 and 6, for grade 10 students and for grade 12 students and adults who have not yet passed the exam. The next administration of the high school exit exam will be March 12 (English) and March 13 (Math), for students in grades 11 or 12 and adults who have not yet passed the exam.

STAR Testing: STAR site coordinators have been identified for this year's STAR testing. Site Coordinator training took place on February 12. CAPA examiner training will take place on March 27. The dates for the STAR Writing Test in grades 4 & 7 will be March 5 and 6. The Early Assessment Program (EAP) of college readiness essay window for students in grade 11 is March 1 to March 15. The EAP program gives with certain scores college-ready standing or gives students feedback on areas they need to focus on to become ready to enter credit-bearing courses at the Community Colleges or California State University. The STAR multiple-choice testing window will begin on April 15. The 2012 STAR test results were released approximately August 31 and may be found at: <http://star.cde.ca.gov/>

NEWS FROM FACILITIES & PLANNING

Chico High School Lincoln Hall & Fitness Laboratory: Gym walls have been erected; footings have been poured around the dining and kitchen area. The concrete pads will be poured Friday, February 15 for the remainder of Lincoln Hall.



Pleasant Valley High School New Classroom Building: Structural Steel is in place and the lightweight decking on the second floor has been placed.



Measure E Update: We received twenty-four impressive resumes in response to our Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Architectural Services and Measure E Master Planning. The Selection Committee screened the proposals and chose nine firms to be interviewed the first week of March with the intent to bring a recommendation to the March 27 Board meeting.

NEWS FROM NUTRITION SERVICES

Nutrition Services: We are working on the farm to school grant (see below) with **Carol Lams** and are working on taste tests with new products that can be grown locally and served at the school sites. This will be a very exciting opportunity for the school district as well as local farmers. We are very excited and hope to see this project grow in the near future. Other news: We are developing new spring menu ideas for a kick off in March.

USDA Awards \$4.5 Million in First Round of Farm to School Grants: Chico Unified School District is one of 68 projects that were awarded funding through the USDA Farm to School Grant Program! The awards, which were made possible through the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, span 37 states and the District of Columbia and will impact nearly 2 million students.

The first-ever USDA Farm to School grant will help Chico Unified schools respond to the growing demand for locally sourced foods and increase market opportunities for producers and food businesses, including food processors, manufacturers and distributors. Grants will also be used to support agriculture and nutrition education efforts such as school gardens, field trips to local farms and cooking classes.

When schools buy food from nearby producers, their purchasing power helps create local jobs and economic benefits, particularly in rural agricultural communities. Nutrition Services has been practicing this on a small scale for the past 6 years, with the Farm to School grant, we are hoping to increase our opportunities for utilizing local produce in school meals.

The combination of bountiful and diverse types of agriculture in our backyard, an increasing number of small and large growers, and resources through a state university in town has already enabled the Chico Unified School District to put into place several farm-to-school activities, including:

- **School gardens** at all twelve elementary schools, and one of our three junior highs.
- **Garden bars** as part of the cafeteria lunch at all twelve elementary sites; these garden bars also feature fresh fruit at breakfasts. At the secondary sites, we have condiment bars (with leaf lettuce, sliced tomatoes, pickles, onions, and fresh fruit).
- The occasional use of **produce grown in student gardens and farms** in cafeteria meals: cranberry beans grown by students in Chico High School Ag program, lettuce from the garden at Chico Junior, and tomatoes from gardens at Parkview and McManus.

- **Experiential nutrition education** provided as part of the health education program in grades K-12 and, as appropriate, integrated into core academic subjects. This includes garden educators at McManus, Chapman, Parkview and Rosedale Elementary. It also includes monthly Harvest of the Month activities in all seven of our Title I schools, put on in cooperation with the Sierra Cascade Nutrition and Activity Consortium (SCNAC) through California State University, Chico (CSUC).

These initial efforts have been highly successful. Not only have Harvest of the Month (HOTM) tastings have been very popular with teachers and students, but research shows that the number of students who choose fruits or vegetables in the cafeteria after having participated in HOTM tastings increased compared with the control group. Moreover, the increase was higher among low-income students^[1]. A partnership with Chico High's Ag students to grow and use cranberry beans, as well as with Culinary Arts students to prepare Harvest of the Month offerings, provides a chance for the high school students to apply their learning; a side benefit is that this kind of student involvement motivates younger students to try the produce.

We are fortunate in having many resources to draw from in implementing a successful farm to school program. These include a **large number of growers and variety of produce** available locally. We also have programs at each of our two comprehensive high schools that dovetail with this effort: an **agriculture program** at Chico High (including a farm, where cranberry beans were grown this year), and a **nutrition science/ culinary arts program** at Pleasant Valley High School. Additional resources are available through CSU Chico: the **University Farm** and the **Center for Nutritional and Activity Promotion (CNAP)**, which organizes and promotes nutrition and health-related programs that serve high-risk populations in northern California. CNAP is an umbrella for a number of programs that promote nutrition and physical activity: among these is SCNAC, which manages Harvest of the Month and Farmer of the Month (profiling a different local farmer each month). At several school sites, we have **school gardens** and **garden bars** in place; CARD and our grant-funded After-School programs are partners in helping to keep the gardens operational.

There has never been a more perfect time to focus our efforts into a strong and coordinated Farm-to-School program. Chico residents are embracing locally sourced food, as evidenced by increasing numbers of CSAs, farmers markets, and backyard gardens. This is partly a response to the economy, and partly to increased awareness about the health and environmental benefits to be gained by eating locally. This leads to more demand from parents for healthier foods in school cafeterias. At the same time, Chico High's agriculture program has begun growing produce on its farm. Pleasant Valley's Culinary Arts students have been helping prepare Harvest of the Month samples. We have a strong commitment from Friends of Agriculture—a committee of local farmers supporting the high school agriculture program—in support of this effort.

One challenge in our farm-to-school efforts to date has been finding farmers who can grow produce on the scale we need to feed our 12,000 students. We have begun to address this, both for cafeteria foods and for Harvest of the Month (see attached news article). A second challenge actually springs from a strength: we are fortunate to have many resources and enthusiastic volunteers ready and willing to support a strong, model Farm-to-School program. Yet the challenge is bringing these disparate pieces together into a unified and coordinated whole. So far, we have lacked someone to guide the coordination and integration of efforts. With planning grant funds, we will hire a project director who will work with a district staff and collaborative members to develop an integrated Farm-to-School program. Once established, we are confident that the commitment these partners have will ensure that the program continues.

^[1] A. Waite, M. Frigaard, K Goto, C. Wolff, S. Bianco-Simeral. "The Harvest of the Month Curriculum Increases Fruit and Vegetable Selections from School Salad Bars Among K-6 Grade Students." Findings of a research study by the Center for Nutrition and Activity Promotion, California State University, Chico. July, 2010.

Carol Lams is the lead on the Farm to school grant working with **Tanya Harter** in Nutrition Services to begin working with local farmers and gardeners to plant and grow foods for use in the Breakfast, Lunch, Supper and After School Snack Programs. This week we began taste testing some items with Bidwell Jr. High students to see how receptive the students are to new items: Jicama & Edamame Salad, Roasted Tomatillo Salsa and Zucchini Muffins (see attached photos). If successful, we will be working with local groups to begin planting, growing and cultivating the fresh ingredients for these yummy recipes. This has been a very exciting experience so far for Nutrition Services and we are looking forward to establishing and cultivating a wonderful relationship throughout the growing community of Chico.



NEWS FROM HUMAN RESOURCES

CUTA Negotiations: The District and CUTA bargaining teams participated in a mediation session on December 6, January 11 and February 11. The teams are scheduled to meet again on March 6. These negotiations are for the 2012-13 school year. Both CUTA and the District have shared their initial proposals for the 2013-14 negotiations with each other. These proposals that spell out the articles to be opened by each party and the issues of interest are agendaized for the Board of Education meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 20.

CSEA Negotiations: The teams met on January 30 to review and clarify some of the language in the agreement approved in the fall. The teams identified a subcommittee that will develop a chart to clarify any misunderstanding about the language that was approved.

Staffing for 2013-14: There were some items on the February 20 CUSD Board of Education agenda that may be of interest to you and that may be cause for concern:

Release of Temporary Certificated Staff: For many years CUSD and most other districts have released all temporary certificated staff prior to March 15. That is the deadline by which temporary staff must be notified if their services may not be needed the next school year. It is likely that many of those affected by this action will have an opportunity to return to CUSD for the 2013-14 school year but we will not know what openings we have until we know who is returning from leaves, who is retiring, our enrollment and what courses have been selected by students. It is anticipated that we will be able to begin the process to open up positions in May or June.

Reduction in Certificated Staff Due To Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Service: As we look to the 2013-14 school year we have identified particular kinds of services that may not be needed or might need or be able to afford less of next year (i.e. specific secondary subject areas, services such as elementary counseling, etc.). In this process we identify positions (not people) that may not be filled next year. There are approximately 41 such positions on the list at this time (see Board agenda). The vast majority are on the list due to anticipated reductions in categorical funding for next year. It is hoped that with retirements and leaves and/or changes to the budget that we will not need to actually layoff that many certificated staff members. When the resolution is passed, we will then go through the tedious and complicated process of identifying, based on seniority and credentials held, who will receive preliminary layoff notices by March 15. We will work to take positions off of this list as we know more about retirements, leaves and the State and Federal budget for next year. Please feel free to contact Bob Feaster in Human Resources @ bfeaster@chicousd.org or 891-3000 x 142, if you have any questions.

SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VALUED EMPLOYEES

CA Association of Directors of Activities (CADA) Spirit Award: Congratulations to **Lisa Reynolds**, Activity Director at Marsh Junior High School, on her selection as the Bob Burton Spirit Award recipient for 2012. She will be honored during the opening general session at the CADA Convention next week. Lisa is the only award winner not from a high school. Way to go Lisa!

Leadership Member of the Month:



At the monthly Leadership meeting, **Vince Enserro**, Director of Nutrition Services, received the "Ruler of the Month" award. This award is sponsored by **Jack Danielson** of Horace Mann insurance and is bestowed based on feedback from other leaders in the District. Feedback noted that Vince is always helpful, creative, innovative, and strives to ensure that staff and students eat well and enjoy meals.

Congratulations Isern Family: **Antonio Isern** (Inspire teacher) and **Jessica Isern** (PVHS counselor) had a baby boy, 7 lbs, 10 oz. and 20 inches.

Our Condolences to the Marigold School Family: **Nita Jergentz**, a long-time member of the Marigold Family, passed away Wednesday, February 13. Her many, many years of service to the children of this community are much appreciated. The connection she had with this year's class of first graders, as well as classes before, will forever be touched by her tender, caring and loving teaching style. She touched all those who had the privilege of her friendship and camaraderie. Grandma Nita will be missed and be forever dear in our hearts. --*Rhys Severe, Marigold Principal*

NEWS FROM SCHOOL SITES

BE THE ONE, WEAR PINK: You may be noticing the posters with the message of **BE THE ONE**, wear pink on February 27. This reflects an activity we are doing at all elementary schools next week. We are encouraging students, staff, families, and community members to wear pink on that day, and we will be asking all elementary school students to take a pledge against bullying. We are engaging in this activity because we feel it is important for us to take opportunities to all share in the same message at the same time, but also to invite our families and the community to get a sense of the work we (all of us) do on behalf of kids and making Chico and the world a better place. Why pink? I know pink is generally associated with breast cancer awareness, but here's the short version of how wearing pink became a message of standing up against bullying. It seems there was a new male student in Berwick, Nova Scotia, who wore a pink shirt on his first day of school. He was harassed and teased by some of his fellow students. Upon hearing of this, two students at the school, David Shepherd and Travis Price, bought and distributed 50 pink tank tops to their schoolmates, who wore them as a message of support for the new kid and anyone else who endures senseless harassment/bullying. Subsequently, this became an international movement, with a particularly strong base in Canada. In fall, you might catch us again wearing blue for the same message. More to come... - *Scott Lindstrom, Elementary Student Support Coordinator*

Congratulations to CHS Students Qualifying for Honor Band and Honor Choir!!: Several students from Chico High School participated in the Northern California Band Directors Association (NCBDA) Nor Cal Honor Band and Honor Choir held at CSU Humboldt. Participating in the band, directed by Robert Halseth from CSU Sacramento, were **Camelia Boutros, Evan Goodson, Lexi Smith, Will Firth, Nathan Love, Asem Berkaliev, Ethan Wolfe, Willis Silliman and Harrison Mills**. **Camelia Boutros** was the recipient of the coveted Daniel Hiestand Scholarship.

The choir students were directed by Bruce Rogers from Mt. San Antonio College where he is the Director of Choral Activities. Choir students from Chico High School were **Barbora Buzinskaite, Alison Willmann, Kevin Palmer, Will Santana, Dylan Anderson, James Montague and Anthony Newman**. Will Santana was also selected to play bass on a spiritual song by the choir. Congratulations to these CHS students and a huge thank you and job well done to their outstanding music directors, **Ms. Susan Delgado** (choir) and **Mr. Todd Filpula** (band).

News from Industrial Technologies & Video Production at PVHS and Butte County ROP: Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP *Industrial Technologies* and ROP *Television Video Production* students displayed their skills again this year for the SkillsUSA Region 4 Competition that was held on Saturday, February 2 at American River College in Sacramento. With over 3,623 competitors participating in six regional conferences, the largest number of regional participants in our organizations' 46 year history. Students competed in the Television Video Production, Firefighting, ARC Welding, and MIG Welding contests. Of the ten students that competed this year at the regional level, all ten placed in the top three of their respective contests earning GOLD, SILVER or BRONZE medals!! Most of these students now have the opportunity to compete at the State level, representing Pleasant Valley High School and Butte County ROP, April 4-7, 2013, in San Diego, CA. Some could even transfer if they qualify to National Competition in Kansas City, MO, the last week of June 2013! This year's competitors, medals, and contests are as follows:

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| • Logan Gaylor | SILVER | Gas Metal Arc Welding |
| • Chris Dominguez-Feathers | GOLD | Firefighting |
| • Elvis Douglas | SILVER | Firefighting |
| • Shane Goodman | GOLD | Shielded Metal Arc Welding |
| • Bradley Cox | GOLD | Television Video Production |
| • Jonny Trimboli | GOLD | Television Video Production |
| • Chris Karl | SILVER | Television Video Production |
| • Rolland Summers | SILVER | Television Video Production |
| • Jordan Devol | BRONZE | Television Video Production |
| • Austyn Rubalcava | BRONZE | Television Video Production |

Thank you to each of these students for their excellent job in representing Pleasant Valley High School, Chico Unified School District, and Butte County ROP. We wish you the best at the State level! Huge kudos and thank yous go out to the awesome advisors for these students, **Mr. Michael Peck** (PVHS teacher), **Mr. Matt Joiner** (PVHS teacher) and **Mr. Jerry Joiner** (retired PVHS/BCOE teacher). Keep up the outstanding work!!

Inspire High School Presents: Mark your calendar for March 1, 2, 7, 8, and 9 at 7:00 p.m. or March 10 at 2:00 p.m. to attend **CHICAGO: A Musical Vaudeville** at the CUSD Center for the Arts. Tickets are on sale now in the Inspire office, 891-3090. Don't miss Inspire's distinctive spin on **CHICAGO!**



McManus Parent Resource Center Grand Opening: On Thursday, January 31, the John McManus Elementary School Parent Resource Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the center's new mural painted on the outside of the building. Along with the words, "How can we help you?" in English, Spanish, and Hmong there are beautiful flowers and butterflies painted by **Amelia Lamar** and **Barbara Schofield** with help from some of the McManus students. Author and "Parents on a Mission" developer, **Richard R. Ramos**, did the honors of cutting the red ribbon stretched across the door. The Healthy Start Coordinator, **Brian Holderman**, introduced the targeted case managers **Ge Thao-Lor** and **Martha Newton** and also the center's counselor, **Leopoldo Cano** to an audience of parents and CUSD staff members. Martha, Ge, and Leopoldo provide a multitude of services to the students and families of McManus so the children can come to school healthy and ready to learn and do their best in class. A few of the services provided at the Parent Resource Center are academic support, Healthy Families applications, counseling referrals, a clothes closet, parenting workshops, and ESL classes. After the ceremony, guests were treated to an array of delicious food prepared by McManus parents. Thank you McManus for cultivating this very positive tie between school and family.



Pictured from right to left: Leopoldo Cano, Martha Newton, Richard R. Ramos, Sheri Zeno, Frances Stallman, Ge Thao-Lor, and Brian Holderman.

PVHS Students Involved In KLEAN Help Persuade City Council To Have Smoke Free Parks: PVHS students **Hanne Henriksen** and **Elizabeth Newton** involved in the KLEAN campaign to make Chico parks smoke-free, spoke at a recent city council meeting. The Chico City Council later voted in favor of moving forward with a comprehensive secondhand smoke policy for Bidwell Park. Both Marsh Counselor **Pam Bodnar** and CUSD Tobacco Prevention Coordinator **Ann Brodsky** have been involved with supporting the students involved with the KLEAN project.

Shasta School and the Performing Arts Department would like to invite you to attend a showing of *The Story of Hansel and Gretel* in the Shasta Multipurpose Room. There are performances on March 7, March 8 and two shows on March 9. Show time is 7:00 – Saturday matinee is 11:00.



Parkview Fundraiser: Don't miss out on this fun event at Parkview Elementary:

What: CUTA Pancake Breakfast (*pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee*); and
PTO Silent Auction

When: Saturday, March 2, 7:00 - 11:00 am

Where: Parkview Elementary School Cafeteria
1770 East 8th Street

Why: Proceeds from the pancake breakfast will go into the sixth grade environmental camp fund. The proceeds from the silent auction will be used by the PTO for outdoor school improvements.

***** Tickets are \$5.00 in advance or at the door *****

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Chico Unified School District Schools Put the Spotlight on School Breakfast
Celebrating National School Breakfast Week March 4-8, 2013

Studies indicate that students who eat school breakfast increase their math and reading scores and improve their cognitive speed and memory, according to the Food Research and Action Center. However, fewer than half of the children that receive lunch at school also receive breakfast. To garner increased participation in the School Breakfast Program, Nutrition Services will recognize National School Breakfast Week. Slated for March 4-8, National School Breakfast Week is a weeklong celebration aimed at increasing awareness of the School Breakfast Program among students and parents.

The 2013 theme, "Be a Star with School Breakfast," highlights how eating a balanced breakfast at school can help students shine like their favorite stars in the movies, on the field, and on TV. The campaign will be appearing in school cafeterias in March, culminating in National School Breakfast Week, March 4-8 2013.

Cafeterias will celebrate school breakfast with school breakfast and breakfast related brainteasers to help students to warm up their brains before they head to class. **During the National School Breakfast Week we will donate 4 bikes one to each of the 4 schools that have the highest increase in their participation for the week.**

Every school day, Chico Unified School District's breakfast program offers students the healthy foods they need to get set for a busy school day. We proudly offer breakfast items baked in our own Bakery, homemade pizza, hamburger buns, sandwich bread and much more. Every school breakfast served meets federal nutrition standards limiting fat and portion size.

Healthy school breakfasts can be a lifesaver for busy parents too. "It's a race for any family to get their kids ready, fed and out the door in time for school," said Vince Enserro, "Knowing that their children can eat a healthy breakfast at school can be a huge relief for parents."

"Be a Star with School Breakfast" was created by the non-profit School Nutrition Association with support from Kellogg's Foodservice. This national campaign recognizes National School Breakfast Week, launched in 1989 to raise awareness of the availability of the School Breakfast Program (SBP) to all children and the links between eating a good breakfast, academic achievement and healthy lifestyles.

We have sent out Media Releases to the local newspaper and news stations. Please join us to celebrate a great start to our students' day next week and all year long, together we can make it happen!



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CIF HONORS 2012-13 MODEL COACH AWARD WINNERS

SACRAMENTO – The CIF State Office today announced the 2012-13 Model Coach Award winners. Now in its 12th year, the CIF Model Coach Award program is designed to recognize coaches who have served as positive role models in their schools and communities, and who have exhibited the traits apparent in the 16 principles of Pursuing Victory with Honorsm.

The 14 winners, nominated through their local CIF Section office, will receive an award and be honored at their sport's State Championship or at an event of the recipient's choosing.

A model coach demonstrates and teaches the six core ethical values: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and good citizenship (the "Six Pillars of Character"). The CIF believes that the highest potential of sports is achieved when teachers/coaches consciously Teach, Enforce, Advocate and Model (T.E.A.M.) these values and are committed to the ideal of Pursuing Victory with Honorsm.

"In education based athletics there is more to participating than just winning and losing. We honor and recognize those coaches who teach student-athletes not only the skills needed to excel, but also those who are dedicated to teaching them the values of Pursuing Victory with Honor and the Six Pillars of Character," said CIF Executive Director Roger L. Blake.

2012-13 CIF Model Coach Award Winners (alphabetical order)

Name	School, City (Section)	Sport(s)
Calvin Armstrong	Calexico High School, Calexico (SDS)	Football/Track & Field
Lori Becker	Escondido High School, Escondido (SDS)	Volleyball/Basketball
Diane Brouhard	Hamilton High School, Los Angeles (LAS)	Softball
Josh Davenport	Notre Dame High School, Belmont (CCS)	Basketball
Sonia Gonzales	Lemoore High School, Lemoore (CS)	Golf
Steve Heskett	Portola High School, Portola (NS)	Football
Mike Janda	Bellarmino College Prep, San Jose (CCS)	Football
Wilson Labasan	Carson High School, Los Angeles (LAS)	Tennis/Basketball
Darin Lasky	Exeter High School, Exeter (CS)	Soccer/Track & Field
Christine Lockhart	Pleasant Valley High School, Chico (NS)	Swimming
Michael Morris	Rio Linda High School, Rio Linda (SJS)	Football/Track & Field
Jana Osgood	Thomas Downey High School, Modesto (SJS)	Cross Country/Track & Field/Volleyball
Matt Sandora	Andrew P. Hill High School, San Jose (CCS)	Volleyball
Leandrea Slayton	Liberty High School, Bakersfield (CS)	Volleyball

Calvin Armstrong (Calexico HS)

Football/Track & Field

Armstrong has been a pillar in the Calexico High community for nearly 40 years. He has taught young men and women discipline, provided them with an ethical foundation and prepared them to be successful adults. His ability to instill respect for others and a lifelong work ethic has changed the lives and fortunes of thousands of young people. Armstrong's impact has been profound, well beyond the total number of wins, losses and league championships.

Lori Becker (Escondido HS)

Volleyball/Basketball

Becker is every bit as committed and energetic today as she was on the first day of girls' volleyball practice at Escondido High School 30 years ago. Additionally, she has served as the girls' basketball coach for the past 10 years. Her passion is seen and felt by all who pass her way. She has molded her athletes into model citizens, instilling a love of the game in all her players. She teaches the importance of teamwork and hard work to the point that sports transforms her students. She prepares them for life.

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Diane Brouhard (Hamilton HS)

Softball

Brouhard has coached the softball team at Hamilton High School for the past 23 years and previously held a seven year stint with the Track & Field program. Her dedication and fortitude has verified, time and again, her abilities to coach character, sportsmanship, ethics and integrity. Off the field Brouhard has been invaluable to the Hamilton Athletics Department, always willing to volunteer, take control and help to get the job done when needed.

Josh Davenport (Notre Dame HS)

Basketball

Davenport has been on the Notre Dame coaching staff for the past 20 years. He teaches his players lifelong lessons and he has instilled in his athletes that hard work and dedication will help you to attain your goals in life. He constantly coaches his team with enthusiasm and praise and it never matters what the scoreboard says. He works tirelessly to make his teams successful on and off the court while keeping sportsmanship in perspective. Davenport has made an outstanding contribution not only to basketball, but the overall development of every athlete that has played for him.

Sonia Gonzales (Lemoore HS)

Golf

Gonzales is the girls' golf coach at Lemoore High school as well as the Director of Special Education. Her passion for education and golf are apparent in her dealings with students as well as athletes. While she wants her student and athletes to finish on top she also does it in a way that provides integrity and honor. Pursuing Victory on the course and expecting excellence in the classroom are an everyday occurrence for her. Gonzales not only helps students to grow academically, but she also helps them to grow as citizens. She teaches by example as she is a honest, hardworking, and responsible individual.

Steve Heskett (Portola HS)

Football

Heskett currently serves as the head football coach for Portola High School, but has also been volunteer assistant coach in softball, baseball, basketball and football. His teams have always been well prepared and competitive and their sportsmanship has always been commendable. He expects everybody to carry themselves to the highest standard, win or lose. He not only coaches football, he coaches life lessons. He transforms his players into believing they are capable as individuals who are made stronger as a team. Heskett truly cares about the success of his players long after they turn in their uniforms at the end of the season. He leads by example, both on and off the field, and expects his players to do the same.

Mike Janda (Bellarmine College Prep)

Football

In addition to his 28 years as head coach of the Bellarmine Football Team, Janda also teaches Chemistry. As a role model, to athletes and coaches alike, he displays the best qualities of humility, respect and graciousness. He teaches his players that football is something far more important than a win-loss record. Instead they are taught to respect their opponent for all that they will bring to the field of competition, to be gracious in defeat and demonstrate humility in victory. Always it is about the whole person being developed, not just working on athletic skills. Janda has been a champion for insuring a great experience for each and every athlete in his program.

Wilson Labasan (Carson HS)

Tennis/Basketball

Labasan has coached and taught at Carson High School close to 20 years. He has been a dedicated coach to the students by always modeling and teaching ethical values to his athletes along with basic skills and strategies of the game. He teaches his players not only how to play the game correctly, but how to respect the game as well as your opponent. He is highly respected by the students he works with and this is obvious in the way they respond to his coaching style. Labasan is concerned about the development of each athlete's character, not just their athletic ability.

Darin Lasky (Exeter HS)

Soccer/Track & Field

In his 10 years of his coaching tenure at Exeter High School, Lasky has coached soccer, track & field and football. Former athletes return to help coach and continue to want to be a part of his amazing teams. He develops not only great athletes, but works on the core of the player. It's never about winning in his programs; it's about teaching student-athletes about commitment, respect, responsibility, and Pursuing Victory with Honor. They leave his teams ready to face anything in life.

Christine Lockhart (Pleasant Valley HS)

Swimming

As Swimming Coach at Pleasant Valley High School Lockhart inspires, teaches and motivates. She is dedicated and caring in her approach to the many student-athletes she mentors and coaches. She not only teaches her athletes the lifelong skill of swimming, but also how to work together with others to reach a common goal. She appreciates good competition, but also understands what it means to be a good competitor. She values effort and hard work, as well as success. Lockhart teaches all her student-athletes that the journey is as important as the outcome.

Michael Morris (Rio Linda HS)

Football/Track & Field

Morris has been the Head Football Coach at Rio Linda High School since 1991. He teaches his student-athletes to be honest, hardworking and truthful. He wants his players to be responsible citizens, who contribute to a positive school culture as well as to society overall. He educates his student-athletes that you must treat people with fairness even when life is unfair to you. Morris is tremendously loved and revered in the Rio Linda community for his dedication to the students and his uncompromising ethical bearing.

Jana Osgood (Thomas Downey HS)

Cross Country/Track & Field

Osgood has been Thomas Downey's Cross Country and Track & Field Coach for many years. She is an anchor of character and treats her student-athletes with respect and dignity, yet expects excellence and effort beyond themselves. She is one of those pillars that everyone on campus knows is a positive role model and one who displays exceptional leadership qualities. She enjoys her students and is very personable toward them. Far and beyond expectations, she lives up to the highest ethical standards.

Matt Sandora (Andrew P. Hill HS)

Volleyball

Sandora has been the Andrew P. Hill High School Girls Volleyball Coach for the past 10 years. He leads by example and sets a standard that encourages student involvement. He constantly emphasizes team play over winning and he makes it a priority for all players to play in each game whenever possible. Students learn how commitment, the setting of personnel goals, learning to work with others, and how assessing your own performance will guide you in a positive direction in developing your own philosophy and the standards by which you wish to be judged. Sandora is a man of personal integrity, honesty and compassion. Student-athletes want to be a part of his program.

Leandrea Slayton (Liberty HS)

Volleyball

Salyton has been the Volleyball Coach at Liberty High School since 2001. She is not only an outstanding coach; she is an outstanding teacher, role model and asset to the community as well. She teaches more to her student-athletes than just volleyball excellence; she teaches her players how to be the best they can be. She teaches them to be and play bigger than themselves. Her players have not only benefited from her coaching expertise on the court, but also from her emphasis placed on team building activities and community service projects. Slayton truly wants the students to learn what is really valuable in life.

City of Chico

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: Afripeace is a non-profit, student directed organization of passionate and motivated local high school students who believe they can make a difference in the world, one person at a time; and

WHEREAS: Chico students were trained and served as peer mediators at Marsh Junior High School and after studying the Holocaust and Rwandan Genocide and were determined to make their voices heard in promoting peaceful alternatives for conflict resolution; and

WHEREAS: Five Chico students embarked on a month long journey to Rwanda, Africa, traveling through cities and villages, building bridges between Rwandan and American youth as "ambassadors of peace" and immersed themselves in day-to-day African life, feeling the joys and struggles of Rwandan families; and

WHEREAS: The journey included educational and cultural workshops with Rwandan educators, and community and political leaders, working on service projects that assisted villages with critical and life supporting projects, such as building schools, shelters, farming, eco-preservation, recycling and wells/water purification; and

WHEREAS: The primary focus for the Chico students was to teach and share non-violent conflict resolution techniques and mediation skills to Rwandan youth and that every child who begins to recognize the importance of promoting social justice and equality will be one more person creating positive change for the future.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mary Goloff, Mayor of the City of Chico, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the significance of the social, cultural, educational and humanitarian efforts of Afripeace Chico and honor the students, teachers and advisors for promoting peace, social justice and equality in Chico and throughout the world.

Dated: February 19, 2013




Mary Goloff, Mayor

**PROCLAMATION ACKNOWLEDGING THE
"WELLS IN AFRICA" PROJECT**

WHEREAS: It is clear that the future of our community, our state, and our nation depends upon our students of today; and

WHEREAS: Six local welding students, Emily Nava, Danney Meyer, Antonio Piceno, Chase Thompson, Gage Berge, and Allen Hart and their welding instructor, Ronnie Cockrell decided to help pave the way in helping to make a difference for an underprivileged area in the Region of Iringa, Tanzania. It is there that the students helped install drill water wells for desperately needed safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS: "Wells in Africa" began as a vision of local Chico Attorney Ron Reed. He and others have rigs built and shipped to Africa where they are used by trained locals to dig drinking water wells. Local students help to build those rigs and due to the help of some rigorous fundraising efforts, the students got the opportunity to take the rig that they built to Africa and see it work; and

WHEREAS: On this journey, the students developed a new appreciation for things that are often taken for granted, such as safe drinking water, clean restaurants, and technology; and

WHEREAS: Most importantly, the students came to realize that, even in the midst of squalor, grinding poverty, and the search for safe drinking water, the people of Tanzania are happy, congenial and friendly, and expressed gratitude for the water wells; and

WHEREAS: The Wells in Africa project has had an ever-lasting impact on the students.

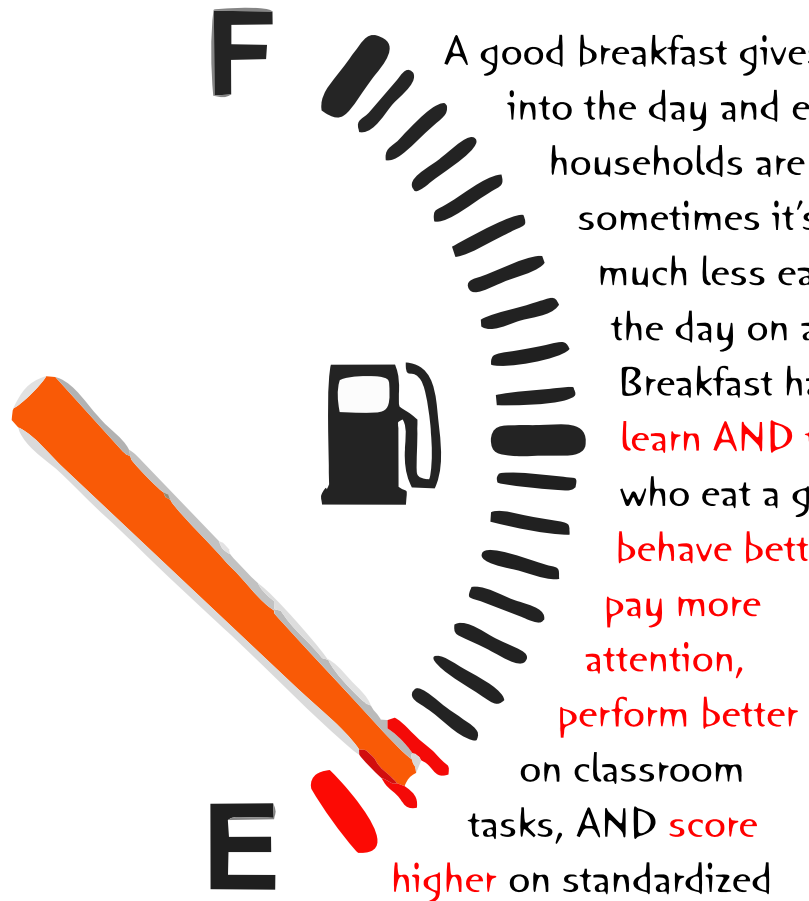
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mary Goloff, Mayor of the City of Chico, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby recognize the significance of the educational and humanitarian efforts of the Wells in Africa Project, and honor the students, teacher and visionaries for their quest to bring safe drinking water to the people of Tanzania.

Dated: February 19, 2013




Mary Goloff, Mayor

RUNNING ON EMPTY?



A good breakfast gives all of us the fuel we need to accelerate into the day and excel all morning long! But modern households are **hectic places** in the morning, and sometimes it's **tough just to get up and out the door**, much less eat a good breakfast. So lots of kids start the day on an empty tank. And that's not good.

Breakfast has been proven to **boost kids' ability to learn AND their physical and mental health**. Kids who eat a good breakfast **participate more** in class, **behave better**,

pay more attention,
perform better

on classroom tasks, AND **score higher** on standardized

tests. So if kids eat a good breakfast at home, that's great. But don't forget that **many school nutrition programs offer the option of breakfast**, too. A healthy breakfast includes whole grains and fresh fruit, and next school year, we'll be serving up even more of these items when the new School Breakfast guidelines take effect.

the big number

34

34% of kids at one high school without a school breakfast program reported that they usually ate nothing at all for breakfast.

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

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"RUNNING ON EMPTY"

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!

PINEAPPLE

Pineapples make a sweet and juicy breakfast treat, alone or with berries and melon in a fruit salad. They're nutritious, too -- a cup of pineapple provides 100% of your daily vitamin C and manganese (an important mineral), as well as 2.3 grams of fiber, and all for just 82 calories.

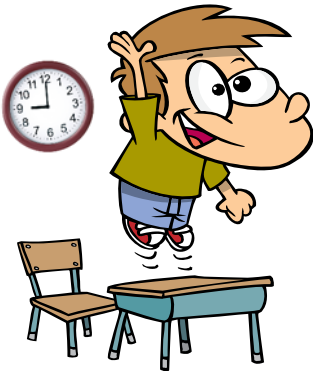


LIVE HEALTHIER

We always associate fruit with breakfast, but getting veggies into the morning meal might seem more difficult. Well, how about an occasional omelette? A couple of eggs, a little cheese, some chopped ham . . . and then onion, tomatoes, mushrooms, red peppers, spinach, broccoli -- the possibilities are endless!



LEARN EASIER



WHEN kids eat breakfast is important, too. Studies have shown that students learn best when they eat as close as possible to the time their classes start. So even if kids eat a little something at home, they can benefit from grabbing breakfast at school.

PLAY HARDER

Want to play harder? Then make sure you EAT BREAKFAST! Poor diet and physical inactivity are connected, and skipping breakfast, particularly, has been linked to higher rates of obesity and physical inactivity, as well as chronic disease.



At the beginning of this school year, we put into place the new USDA regulations for school lunches, and throughout the year, we've been using the menu and this newsletter to tell you more about the new regulations and what we're doing for your kids. This issue of the newsletter is a sneak peak at the new guidelines for School Breakfast, coming next year!



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Take at least **ONE**
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and at least **THREE**
items total so your meal
counts as a complete lunch!

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PRESS RELEASE

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Media Alert

Pleasant Valley High School to present Poetry Alive 2013

Pleasant Valley High School staff and students will present a very special event, **Poetry Alive 2013**, on Friday, March 1, 2013, in the Pleasant Valley High School Robert Cranston Library. The event starts at 8:00 a.m. and will continue throughout the school day.

Poetry Alive 2013 will feature poetry, music and dance created by and performed by students and staff of Pleasant Valley High School. Guest performers such as slam poet Reed Rickmers will also perform.

“This is the 23rd year for Poetry Alive and it is definitely an event requested by students. I am asked about the dates for Poetry Alive beginning in August of every year. Clearly students express their joys, sorrows and feeling about life through poetry, either through the spoken form or through their musical lyrics,” said event coordinator and library media teacher Linda Elliott.

Principal John Shepherd said, “Poetry Alive is one more avenue for our students to express their passions and perceptions through the written word. This event not only benefits the participants, but also allows the audience opportunities to reflect on the various topics encountered by our youth. We pride ourselves on our ability to sustain a democratic approach to social issues – this event provides proof of that commitment.”

Space in the library is limited; however we set aside seats for family members to attend and those from the community. Check in at the main office of the school prior to attending the event.