



# The Superintendent's Update

May 3, 2013

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## NEWS FROM KELLY

### 2013-2014 CUSD BOARD ADOPTED GOALS

***Goal #1: To provide every student with the opportunity to attain increasing levels of individual achievement that prepares them for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century***

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

***Goal #3: To build effective partnerships with our constituents***

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

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Even though we are still very much involved in the 2012-2013 school year, it is time to start planning for 2013-2014. Central to this planning is the adoption of District wide goals and at their April 7 Board Workshop, the CUSD Board of Education adopted the goals listed above for the 2013-2014 School Year.

Sites and departments now have the challenge of developing more specific goals that further define the broad District adopted goals and reflect the work needing to be done at the site level. To ensure these more specific goals are grounded in and address our most pressing needs, we need input from our school community as we will all be working to implement the goals. To that end, the CUSD Board has scheduled a **Goal Development Board Workshop for Monday, May 20, 2013, at 3:30 p.m.** and invites teachers, staff, students, parents and community members to attend. The meeting will be held in the Large Conference Room at the CUSD District Office.

In addition, attached to this update, is a CUSD Goal Input Form which can be completed and submitted to the District for additional consideration. Thank you in advance for taking your valuable time to share your ideas!

**Measure E Input Meetings:** CUSD has scheduled five community meetings designed for community members to provide input into the Measure E Facilities Master Plan. Two of the meetings were held this week, and while there was significant attendance by CUSD staff, we are hoping for increased attendance by parents and community members.

The dates, times, and locations are as follows:

- Tuesday, April 30, 5:30-7:30 at Marsh Junior High School in the Library. This meeting addressed the needs at Little Chico Creek, Loma Vista, Parkview, Sierra View and Marsh Jr. High School.
- Thursday, May 2, 5:30-7:30 at Chico Junior High School in the Theater (Room 505). This meeting addressed the needs at Chapman, Citrus, Hooker Oak, Emma Wilson, Rosedale and Chico Jr. High.
- **Wednesday, May 8, 5:30-7:30 at Bidwell Junior High School in the Multi-Purpose Room.** This meeting will address the needs at **Marigold, McManus, Neal Dow, Shasta and Bidwell Jr. High School.**
- **Thursday, May 16, 5:30–7:30 at Pleasant Valley High School in Valhalla.** This meeting will address needs at **PVHS, FVHS and AFC.**
- **Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-7:30 at Chico High School in the Library.** This meeting will address needs at **CHS and Inspire.**

**CUSD Leadership Team Awards:** The CUSD Leadership Team Award for the Month of March was awarded to Hooker Oak Principal **Sue Hegedus**. The Leadership Team Award for the month of April was awarded to **Julie Kistle**, Construction Manager in our Facilities and Planning Department. These awards are voted upon by the CUSD Leadership Team and reflect their recognition of colleagues they believe are going above and beyond to help students. Thank you to Sue and Julie as well as to Jack and Blake Danielson who contribute a gift certification to go along with this award.



**PTA Honorary Service Awards:** Congratulations to the CUSD Staff members and volunteers who were recognized at the April 11 District 13 PTA Honorary Service Awards Dinner!

- Bidwell Junior: **Debra Lou Hoffman, Anthony Nanfito, Tamara Jay, Tami Henriksen**
- Chico High School: **Joe Asnault, Ronnie Cockrell**
- Chico Junior High School: **Andrea Dempsey, Valya Watson, Judy Cline**
- Citrus Elementary: **Susy Chavez, Dave Coleburn, Mare Wade**
- Emma Wilson: **Julie Kistle, Dannel Langston, Sharon Purser**
- Marigold Elementary: **LeAnn Andrews, Tony Carlisle, Diana Theobald, Karen Wagner**
- Pleasant Valley High School: **Connie Chrysler, Janet Kelsey**
- Rosedale Elementary: **Tino & Ana Nava**
- District 13 PTA: **Anita Balardi, Todd Sturgis, Laura Angle, Maria Phillips**

**Masonic Staff Member of the Year Awards:** Each year the Masonic Lodge honors three members of Chico Unified School District. This year's awards ceremony was held on April 25 at the Masonic Lodge. Congratulations to each of the following Masonic Educators of the Year and thank you to each for representing CUSD in such a positive manner.

- Elementary Teacher of the Year: **John Jenswold**, Emma Wilson Elementary School
- Secondary Teacher of the Year: **Bill Battaglia**, Bidwell Junior High School
- Classified Member of the Year: **Luke Steinberg**, CUSD Carpenter



**Spring BBQ School Site Lunches:** We encourage all staff, students and parents to enjoy the upcoming school BBQ's hosted at each school site by the CUSD Nutrition Services Department. The calendar for these spring lunch time celebrations is located at the end of this update!

## NEWS FROM EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

A draft of the new Math Framework is available for public input. All are encouraged to provide input to the state. Share **your** opinion during the April 17–June 17 public review and comment period.

- From April 17 to June 17, 2013, access the draft *Mathematics Framework* and Online Survey at: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/>
- E-mail longer or more in-depth comments to: [MATHFRAMEWORK@cde.ca.gov](mailto:MATHFRAMEWORK@cde.ca.gov)
- For more information, please contact Deborah Franklin, Lead Consultant, @ [dfrankli@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dfrankli@cde.ca.gov)

The draft *Framework* incorporates and supports the state-adopted *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics* and provides guidance to the field regarding Common Core standards-based mathematics instruction and learning. The *Framework* also includes chapters on assessment, universal access, and supporting high-quality mathematics instruction.

**Important News from Information Technology Department:** Summer is coming and the Information Services Department is making a few changes we hope are beneficial to teachers and students.

- **Can I get a K:\ Drive?:** Information Technology (IT) services has been working with teachers and staff to standardize an assignment directory for teachers. This new structure will give teachers a

place for student assignments and collaboration, by creating a structure that is flexible enough to cover the individual needs of teachers, while also providing consistency across all school sites. IT has already piloted these changes at a few sites, including a High School, a Junior High, and an Elementary School with success. These adjustments are outlined in the white paper at the following link: [http://www.chicousd.org/documents/IT/Helpdesk/K\\_Drive\\_Structure.pdf](http://www.chicousd.org/documents/IT/Helpdesk/K_Drive_Structure.pdf)

- **Student Login Accounts for Primary Grades:** Elementary Schools will begin having individual logins for students. With many needs around files and more customized appropriate access, the time has come to begin this. The student computer login accounts will provide a safe, secure location (H: Drive) for each student to save their individual work. Additionally we are going to provide a K: drive (see above "Can I get a K:\ Drive?) for teachers to collect work that needs to be turned in. The logins will be generated automatically and follow our district standard for student logins.
- **Bye Windows XP- You Served Us Well:** Windows XP is in its last year of support from Microsoft. IT is currently planning on upgrading the remaining 1004 Windows XP computers to Windows 7 over the summer. Upgrading to Windows 7 allows our IT staff to be more efficient in supporting the various needs of teachers, staff and students.
- **Moving to a New Classroom or School Site?** We request that staff not move desktop computers, monitors and printers to new classrooms. All of the district computers are assigned to rooms and are identified by a computer naming convention that identifies the name and location of the computer. Moving them to different locations will cause delays in servicing and issues when they get returned to their assigned room.
- **Important Computer Documents Location: Reminder: Please make sure that all important documents are stored in your H: drive.** This will make sure you have them if we need to replace the computer you use. It is always a good idea to back up important documents to a secondary location such as a flash drive for your protection.
- **Purchasing new Technology?:** Reminder: All DISTRICT Technology must now be approved BEFORE purchase. The form is available at:  
<http://www.chicousd.org/documents/IT/Helpdesk/technologyrequestform.pdf>
- **All technology purchases need to be approved** (computers, tablets, etc.) so they can be properly inventoried and configured for District Use by IT. If you acquire equipment through avenues outside of purchasing like DonorChoose, please be sure to submit a Technology Request form BEFORE and have IT configure it for District Use AFTER. Not all equipment is compatible with our Enterprise systems and software licensing. It is important that you contact the IT department if you are planning on making donation requests. This will help avoid any problems with integrating new technology into our Enterprise systems.
- **iPads are coming!** Chico Unified has purchased a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system (AirWatch) that will enable the IT department to manage mobile devices (tablets, cellphones, etc.). This allows devices such as iPads to be efficiently configured for email and wireless as well as assisting with recovery if the devices are lost or stolen. We will be piloting iPad Deployments at a few select sites next semester, with a goal of expanding the rollout to all sites soon.

Even while we are adding additional services and support, the IT department is becoming more efficient through the use of supportive technologies like MDM and KACE (for Helpdesk and work orders). We know that change can be hard, but we also know that it is enviable in the world of technology. The changes we've outlined above allow us (IT) to serve our students, teachers, staff and our community better.

**NEWS FROM MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS / FACILITIES / NUTRITION SERVICES**

The Board of Education has authorized Darden Architects, to create a District Wide Facilities Master Plan. A major portion of their duties will be to visit each school campus to assess three areas of the site and the facilities: educational program suitability, physical condition and technology readiness. The deadline for Darden to complete this Master Plan is in October 2013. It is imperative that they conduct as many of assessments before the summer break as possible. The proposed schedule is as follows:

<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	<b>Wed., May 1</b>	<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	<b>Friday, May 3</b>
Marigold 8-12:00	LCC 8-12:00	Open 8-12:00	Citrus 8-12:00
Neal Dow 1-5:00	Parkview 1-5:00	Chapman 1-5:00	Neal Dow 1- 5:00

<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	<b>Friday, May 10</b>
Sierra View 8-12:00	McManus 8-12:00	Rosedale 8-12:00	Open 8-12:00
Shasta 1-5:00	Hooker Oak 1-5:00	Emma Wilson 1-5:00	Open 1-5:00

**Maintenance & Operations (M&O):** As the school year comes to an end, M&O begins the planning of special events, such as graduations, special mowings, turning water on or off for events, custodial needs, etc. If your site is planning a special event between now and the end of school, it is important to get your request in as soon as possible. M&O would like a week’s notice to coordinate such events. Remember, there may be multiple sites having an event that day. If you have custodial needs, contact **Darci Bruggman** either by phone (891-3095) or by email ([dbruggman@chicousd.org](mailto:dbruggman@chicousd.org)). All other request may be submitted through the work order system. Information we need to coordinate your extra help should include date, time, location, and type of event. Remember, the more information we get, the better we can accommodate your request.



**Welcome Eric:** M&O would like to welcome **Eric German** to our team. Eric is our new Senior Maintenance Worker Irrigations, replacing **Dusty Copper**, our current M&O Supervisor. Eric has been working in the irrigation field for 20 years. Eric is regarded as a top notch professional in the industry. He will be very busy over the next few months learning the sites and making sure all systems are in good running order. We are very excited to have Eric working for CUSD.

**MAY 3, 2013 Was School Lunch Superhero Day:** Showing how much you appreciate a school nutrition employee can be as simple as saying thank you or as special as holding a reception to recognize their achievements. How can you show your favorite school nutrition superheroes that you value them? The list below details some different ideas to recognize the efforts of school nutrition professionals. There is something in the list for everyone—principals, teachers, students, parents, supervisors and coworkers. And don't forget, this does not have to be limited to SNEW or School Lunch Superhero Day. These can be done any time of year!

**KEEP IT SIMPLE**

- Announce School Nutrition Employee Week (May 6-10, 2013) on the signs in front of the schools. Make sure that the week is featured on the schools' calendars and in newsletters. Don't forget to include the celebration on your menus for the week.
- Recognize your employees' achievements during morning announcements or even during a special segment on the school's TV show.

- Make signs, banners or posters to decorate your cafeteria and to promote the work your staff does. Feature photos of the employees and a short description of why they are special.
- You could also add something to your school or district Facebook page.
- Send a thoughtful greeting to make your employee feel special.
- Reward staff with inspirational pins like the new "Child Nutrition Is My Business" or "Serving Up Excellence" pins. Click here to see the SNA Emporium's full line of jewelry.

These are just a few ideas to recognize the achievements of the school nutrition employees who make your days brighter.

## NEWS FROM BUSINESS SERVICES

**2013/2014-Open Enrollment Update:** It is Open Enrollment time again!!! This is your opportunity to change your medical plan election or add additional benefits effective July 1, 2013. Open Enrollment will be open from May 1 through Friday, May 31, 2013, until 11:59 p.m. **Changes and elections will not be accepted after that date.**

*ALL eligible employees* should expect to receive an Open Enrollment packet in the mail in early May 2013, notifying you of changes, rates and directions for completing this year's elections. New enrollees will need to contact **Cookie Doerr** in the Payroll Department during our Open Enrollment period for directions in completing the enrollment process.

**New for 2013!** 1) All open enrollment elections for employees currently enrolled in BSSP (Butte Schools Self-funded Program) benefits will be processed via BSSP'S (online) enrollment portal. **Do not panic** if you are worried about processing your changes online. **We will have training sessions scheduled in May to provide support for those employees who do not have a computer or who have attempted the online process and were unsuccessful.** 2) Section 125-Cafeteria Plan will have a Debit Card availability to pay out-of-pocket expenses at Point of Sale. More information on signing up for this great tool will be given later in your Open Enrollment packet. Those wishing to continue with the current voucher system can do so. However, reimbursement checks will be processed once a week and the checks will be mailed directly to your home.

**CalPERS Retirement Workshop:** CalPERS will present a Retirement Workshop at the Butte County Office of Education in the Boardroom on Thursday, May 9, 2013, 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. The workshop is for those planning to retire shortly or those who may have questions regarding retirement. A CalPERS representative will be available to help answer questions. For registration, follow this link: [CalPers Retirement Workshop – May 9, 2013](#). Click on the date and scroll down to register for meeting.

**Measure E Bond Sale Update:** On Monday, April 15, CUSD's Bond Investment team met at Standard and Poor's in San Francisco for a Bond rating conference. CUSD received an improved Bond rating of A+. Earlier in the month, CUSD received a Moody's rating of Aa3. What do these ratings mean? The better the rating (and these are both great ratings) the better interest rate the district receives when selling the Measure E bonds. CUSD's first Measure E, Series A Bond sale is scheduled to sell and close around May 30, 2013, meaning the Bond dollars will be ready to go once the Facilities Master Plan is complete and the projects are identified and prioritized. The Series A Bond sale is for \$15,000,000.

**Work Experience:** The District Office (DO) annually hires work experience students to work at the district office in the afternoons after they have finished their classes. This year the students, **Melanie Knafla** and **Jessie Xiong**, were from Chico High School. Melanie and Jessie assist the staff with various administrative tasks like filing, shredding, mail, and postage handling. The DO staff always enjoy working with the students and getting to know them. Melanie has been very active with her senior class i.e., the

most recent event was the birdhouse project and she will be running a half marathon soon. Jessie has been the CHS Men's Volleyball captain and was racking up some impressive statistics during his season. Jessie is also very active with his class activities and club memberships. The CUSD DO staff will soon be looking for next school year's work experience students.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR VALUED EMPLOYEES

**Perfection:** The CUSD Accounts Payable staff, **Terri Humphrey** and **Mary Kemp**, just received a perfect audit result from BCOE. The Accounts Payable functions at every district in Butte County are audited annually. The CUSD Accounts Payable staff always does a great job and once again proved it with this year's audit. Thank you Terri and Mary - Good job! **Nona Nahalea**, Account Technician, also deserves kudos for completing the CUSD P2 (ADA) data collection on schedule. This is not an easy project to complete. Thank you Nona!

## NEWS FROM SCHOOL SITES

**Kudos to Chico High School and Pleasant Valley High School:** According to the 2013 **US News & World Report** list of **Best High Schools**, CHS and PVHS have both received the Silver Medal Award. Congratulations to all of you as you work so hard to support students as they strive for excellence. More information can be found at:

- <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools>; and
- <http://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/california>

**Pleasant Valley High House of BLUE Students!:** Congratulations to PVHS Seniors **Bradley Cox** & **Sean Olson** for winning First place in their respective regions for the 2013 "Directing Change" video contest. These outstanding students used their creativity & skill to create a Public Service Announcement (PSA) to tackle the important topic of suicide prevention aimed at teenagers. Celebrity Judges for the contest Included: LA Laker Forward-Metta World Peace, "The Taste" top chef-Brian Malarkey, and "13 reasons Why" Author-Jay Asher. With over 300 entries from around the state Bradley & Sean won \$1000 cash prize for their powerful PSA called "HOPE" and \$1000 cash prize for PV's own "House of BLUE" program. Their video will now be shown at the State competition during a Red Carpet event at the historic Crest Theatre in Sacramento. The video will compete against the other 9 winning videos from around the state and will have a chance to win an additional \$1000 First place cash prize, 2<sup>nd</sup> place of \$750, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place of \$500 more. In addition Bradley, Sean, and their teacher/advisor **Michael Peck** will be a part of the Meet Your Legislator opportunity to visit the Capitol, speak with legislators and have lunch on the Capitol steps. In addition, PV House of BLUE students **Cody Young** & **Jonny Trimboli** won an "HONORABLE MENTION" award for their PSA "Trimboli" and **Gabe Prusa** & **Jason Carpenter** also won a "HONORABLE MENTION" for their PSA "Prusa\_Carpenter." Cody & Jonny were also awarded a special award for BEST "Creative Script Writing" for their PSA. In total, out of the 6 awards in Regions 1 & 2 House of BLUE won 4!!! Congratulations PVHS!! All winning videos can be viewed on the Directing Change website @ <http://www.directingchange.org/directing-change-regional-winners/>

**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 PVHS and ROP *Television Video Production* students again this year for the SkillsUSA California State competition held on April 4-7 in San Diego. Students competed in the Television Video Production, ARC Welding, MIG Welding and Firefighting contests. Of the students that had qualified through Regional competition in February 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.

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

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| • <b>Elvis Douglas</b>                       | SILVER MEDAL | Firefighting               |
| • <b>Shane Goodman</b>                       |              | Shielded Metal Arc Welding |
| • <b>Logan Gaylor</b>                        |              | Gas Metal Arc Welding      |
| • <b>Bradley Cox &amp; Jonny Trimboli</b>    | SILVER MEDAL | TV Video Production        |
| • <b>Rolland Summers &amp; Chris Karl</b>    |              | TV Video Production        |
| • <b>Austyn Rubalcava &amp; Jordan Devol</b> |              | TV Video Production        |

All of these 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 you may remember as 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, all while working at Chico Power Equipment and attending college full-time. Thank you to Leoni Van MiddleKoop for her role as Advisor.





**CHS Student Completes Eagle Project:** CHS student **Alex Kyle** finished his Eagle project at the Chico Nature Center. The pictures below show this amazing project. Alex states, "I am relieved and excited to have finished the project and I am very happy with the appearance and usefulness of the pond. It has been a long process, but well worth the time spent. I believe that it has been a great experience for myself and those involved. I have learned a lot about leadership and organization in the process of the project and will remember those lessons for the rest of my life." Kudos to Alex and all of our CUSD students who undertake these types of community service projects!



**Bidwell Star Breakfast:** Bidwell's STAR kick-off breakfast celebration was a real hit with the students. Thank you to **Bill Battaglia** for being the brainstorm behind the idea. Thank you to **Tanya Harter, Vince Enserro, Teri Molina and Karen Haselton** in food services for creating a great menu, serving buffet style with decorative touches giving the event a real 'party' feel. Kudo's to the MANY Bidwell support staff and Teachers who helped serve breakfast and just 'hung out' with the students. I think this will be an annual event as it was VERY appreciated by the students and promoted a positive start to testing. – **Laurie DeBock and Judi Roth**

**Parents as Teachers:** **Annel, Mai, Dolores and Terry Quinto** attended the Chico Children's Fair. It was a very blustery day and a bit cold, so not as many families attended, but they saw more families than expected. They received seven referrals for trial visits, have eleven more families to contact and restocked the brochure table twice! They had an opportunity to chat with many parents, and were able to make some on the spot referrals. The children made birdfeeders out of Cheerios, painted the sidewalk with water, and drew on the sidewalk with chalk. The children really enjoyed the activities, and the cost was minimal. They also had a good time. A special thanks to the Parents as Teachers (PAT) team for all of their excellent work on a Saturday, and to **Ray Quinto** for helping with set up and clean up! They currently have eleven children on their waiting list. - **Terry J. Quinto, School Psychologist**

**Math Olympiads:** Over 30 students from Parkview participated this year in the Math Olympiad program. As part of a bigger group of 150,000 students in 30 countries, they participated in a series of five monthly contests of five problems each, from November to March, and weekly practice sessions on Thursdays after school. Together they learned to solve unusual and difficult problems and to think creatively. All the students will be recognized with certificates for their hard work and enthusiasm. In addition, several students earned recognition for exceptional scores. **Christian Herrington** earned the prestigious Dr. George Lenchner award for having a perfect score on all five tests. This is an accomplishment that only 1% of the students enrolled worldwide achieved! **Kiran Singh** earned an award for scoring in the top 10%, and the following students earned awards for scoring in the top 50%: **David Cheng, Robert Thomassian, Ty Baird, Madeleine Roberts, Hannah Clark, Jacob Liu, Alan Diaz, Sophie Simmons, Ivy Alplanalp, Michael Karicas, Esha Patel, and Drew Snider**. Congratulations to all the students who participated, and to these award winners! You worked hard and are true "mathletes"!

**Teacher Appreciation:** Following are great pictures of Marigold's Library decorated by the awesome PTA for Teacher Appreciation. The theme was Under the Sea. - *Rhys Severe*



**INVITATION:** On May 7 **Special Agent Scott Schofield** of the **FBI's Violent Crimes Against Children Squad** and **Assistant US Attorney Kyle Reardon**, **Project Safe Childhood** Coordinator, will be spending the day in Butte County giving presentations about Cybersafety and Cyberbullying. After delivering two talks at Pleasant Valley HS they will offer a presentation for the entire community that evening, see the attached flyer for more details. Please distribute this information your colleagues and to the families of your students. This presentation is free and open to anyone in the community.

## CUSD IN THE NEWS

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# KEEPING KIDS SAFE IN CYBERSPACE

A **FREE** presentation for school staff, parents, community members and teens about the dangers of the virtual world, and how to stay safe online.

May 7<sup>th</sup> 2013, 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
Chico Junior High– Durst Theater  
280 Memorial Way, Chico

## Presented by:

**Kyle Reardon**  
Assistant United States Attorney  
Project Safe Childhood Coordinator  
Eastern District of California

**Special Agent Scott Schofield**  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Sacramento Division  
Violent Crimes Against Children Squad

**Chico Unified School District Peer Mediators**



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## ROP Culinary II Teams takes 3rd in State



(The "A" team pictured from left to right, Joe Wood, Barbora Buzinskaite, with alternate Alexandra Comfort, Andrew Wells, and Isaac Kulchin)

Instructor Priscilla Burns reported that her ROP Culinary II course at Pleasant Valley High School supported two gourmet competitive teams in March. The teams traveled to the Pasadena Convention Center for this year's California Restaurant Association Education Foundation Prostart "Boyd's Coffee" Culinary Cup. In preparation for the event, the teams developed recipes, costed for yields, created menus and developed work plans. The hour long production event forced them to problem solve tens of issues since the teams could only utilize two butane burners and two benches of space. Students purchased, transported and organized all their own equipment and food. Six beautiful, professional level plates were produced by each team and an excellent packet.

The "A" team consisted of Isaac Kulchin, Andrew Wells, Barbora Buzinskaite and Joe Wood with alternate Alexandra Comfort. This team julienned and braised their way into 3rd place in state and were offered over \$10,000 each in a variety of scholarship options from public and private hospitality programs.

The "Chico Finest" team consisted of Destiny Ruiz, Shawn Moran, Jessica Pereira and Kayleona Hill with alternate Julissa Quintero. Performing admirably and notably by several judges, they placed 11th in a field of 30 schools.



Congratulate all these students... they represented ROP and Chico Unified with exceptional sportsmanship and team spirit.



*Starter Salad of Spinach and Citrus Supreme with a Shallot-Orange Vinaigrette & Toasted Goat Cheese Crouton*



*Pancetta, Fontina Rolled Chicken Breast with handmade Parsley Pasta in a Creamy Mushroom-Leek Béchamel*



*Cheesecake with a Graham Cracker Crust and Mascarpone Lemon Topper*

# Help Define Your Child's Space to Learn



## **April 30 @ Marsh Jr. – Library**

For Marsh Jr., Little Chico Creek, Loma Vista, Parkview & Sierra View



## **May 2 @ Chico Jr. - Theater (Rm 505)**

For Chico Jr., Citrus, Chapman, Hooker Oak, Emma Wilson & Rosedale



## **May 8 @ Bidwell Jr. - Multi-Purpose Rm**

For Bidwell Jr., John A. McManus, Marigold, Neal Dow & Shasta



## **May 16 @ Pleasant Valley – Valhalla**

For Pleasant Valley, Fair View, and Academy For Change



## **May 29 @ Chico High – Library**


For Chico High and Inspire

**5:30 PM – 7:30 PM**

## **Measure E Community Input District Facilities Master Plan**



# May BBQ Lunch-Time Celebration

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
 Chico Country Day School 11:15-12:35	Sherwood Montessori School 7 10:40-12:35	Forest Ranch Charter School 1 11:20-12:30 1. John Bohannon 2. Joanna Bettencourt	Nord Country School 2 <i>Unconfirmed</i> Chapman Elementary 9 11:30-12:35 1. David Koll 2. Dave Murgia	Marsh Jr. High School 12:15-12:55 1. Dusty Copper 2. Randy Salado
6 Chico Country Day School 11:15-12:35	7 Sherwood Montessori School 10:40-12:35 1. Kim Rodgers 2. Joanna Bettencourt	8 Sierra View Elementary 11:20-12:30 1. John Bohannon 2. Joanna Bettencourt	9 Chapman Elementary 11:30-12:35 1. David Koll 2. Dave Murgia	10 Chico Jr. High School 11:49-12:30 1. Rhonda Kaufman 2. John Bohannon 3. Joanne Parsley
13 Shasta Elementary 11:40-12:35 1. Mary Wrynski 2. Randy Salado	14 Rosedale Elementary 10:40-12:30 1. Kim Rodgers 2. Joanna Bettencourt	15 Emma Wilson 11:30-12:30 1. David & Lynn Koll 2. Erica Sheridan	16 Citrus Elementary 11:10-12:35 1. Mary Kemp 2. Bidwell Pres.	17 Pleasant Valley 10:47-11:51 + 11:50-12:37 1. Renee Spaggiari & Judi Roth 2. John Shepherd
20 Hooker Oak 11:20-12:35 1. Mike Morris 2. Marilyn Rees & Shirley	21 Little Chico Creek 11:20-12:35 1. Mike Morris 2. Sue Hegedus	22 Neal Dow Elementary 11:15-12:35 1. Marsha McLean 2. Joanne Parsley	23 Parkview Elementary 11:25-12:30 1. Julie Graulich 2. Dave Murgia	24 Chico High School + Inspire 11:07-11:51 + 12:10-12:54 1. Jim Hanlon 2. CHS & Inspire Admin. Team
27 Holiday No School	28 Marigold Elementary 11:20-12:30 1. Kathy Watt 2. John Carver Loma Vista 11:20-11:40 1. Jeaner Kassel 2. Eric Snedeker	29 McManus Elementary 11:00-1:00 1. Tim Cariss 2. Shirley Williams & Bev Patrick	30 Fair View Alternative Ed. 11:45-12:50 1. Dave McKay 2. Rhonda Kaufman	31 Bidwell Jr. High School 10:48-11:24 + 11:42-12:18 1. Pamela Beeman 2. Marsha McLean 3. Laurie DeBock

**Elementary Menu:** Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Veggie Burgers, Fresh Watermelon, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies with 1% White Milk & Nonfat Chocolate Milk  
**Secondary Menu:** Grilled Teriyaki Chicken, Hot Dogs or Hamburgers with Fresh Watermelon, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Oatmeal Chocolate Chip Cookies with 1% White Milk & Nonfat Chocolate Milk

**This will work similar to the Turkey Feast, decorations, invite the family and encourage all to attend.**



CALIFORNIA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION

**TOM TORLAKSON**  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

April 18, 2013

Dear County and District Superintendents and Charter School Administrators:

**PUBLIC REVIEW OF THE DRAFT *MATHEMATICS FRAMEWORK FOR CALIFORNIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS: KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE TWELVE***

The California Department of Education (CDE) and the Instructional Quality Commission (IQC) are conducting a 60-day public review and comment period for the draft *Mathematics Framework for California Public Schools, Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve (Framework)*. The draft *Framework* and the online survey form can be found on the CDE Mathematics Curriculum Frameworks Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/>. The draft *Framework* and survey will be available online through June 17, 2013. At the end of the field review period, survey results will be collected and presented to the IQC. For your convenience, a one-page flyer announcing the public review and comment period is attached. Please distribute it throughout your agency and to other individuals and organizations that are involved in mathematics instruction.

We invite you and your colleagues to review the draft *Framework* and submit comments using the online survey. The draft *Framework* incorporates and supports the state-adopted *Common Core State Standards for Mathematics* and provides guidance to the field regarding Common Core standards-based mathematics instruction and learning. The *Framework* also includes chapters on assessment, universal access, and supporting high-quality mathematics instruction.

The participation of your local educational agency is important to the review process. If you have any questions regarding the field review, please contact one of these Curriculum Frameworks and Instructional Resources Division staff members: Kristen Cruz Allen, Administrator, by phone at 916-323-4867 or by e-mail at [kcruzallen@cde.ca.gov](mailto:kcruzallen@cde.ca.gov); or Deborah Franklin, Consultant, by phone at 916-319-0442 or by e-mail at [dfrankli@cde.ca.gov](mailto:dfrankli@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

/s/

Lupita Cortez Alcalá, Deputy Superintendent  
Instruction and Learning Support Branch

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What do YOU think  
about the draft  
*Mathematics Framework*?

Share *your* opinion during the  
April 17–June 17  
public review and comment period.

From April 17 to June 17, 2013, access the draft  
*Mathematics Framework* and Online Survey at:  
<http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/ma/cf/>

E-mail longer or more in-depth comments to:  
[MATHFRAMEWORK@cde.ca.gov](mailto:MATHFRAMEWORK@cde.ca.gov)

For more information, please contact:  
Deborah Franklin, Lead Consultant  
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# SECRET SALT SOURCES.

You can have too much sodium in your diet even if you never pick up the salt shaker. In fact, **75%** of the salt we consume comes from fast food, restaurant meals, and processed and packaged foods. It's everywhere, and it's not always easy to tell how much salt you're getting. A plain bagel might not taste salty, but it may contain **500 mg or more** of sodium. A single slice of American cheese? **350 mg**. A measly tablespoon of ranch dressing? **165 mg**. A slice of pizza? **500 mg plus**. A fast food meal like the one pictured here? As much as **2000 mg** of sodium. So you can easily get well over 1,000 mg of salt in every meal, not to mention snacks.

the big number

# 2300

The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that healthy young people eat no more than 2300 mg of sodium per day.

And, yes, the salt you shake on counts, too -- **a mere teaspoon of table salt contains 2,325 mg of sodium.**



So kids definitely don't need to be getting lots of salt at school, too. That's why we're committed to meeting new standards for limiting sodium in our lunches until we reach a **maximum of 740 mg** sodium per meal on average.

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

**WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!™**

*This newsletter is provided as a wellness resource by our Nutrition Services Department.*

# WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!™

HELPING YOUR WHOLE FAMILY FEEL WELL AND DO WELL!

“SECRET SALT SOURCES”

## 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!

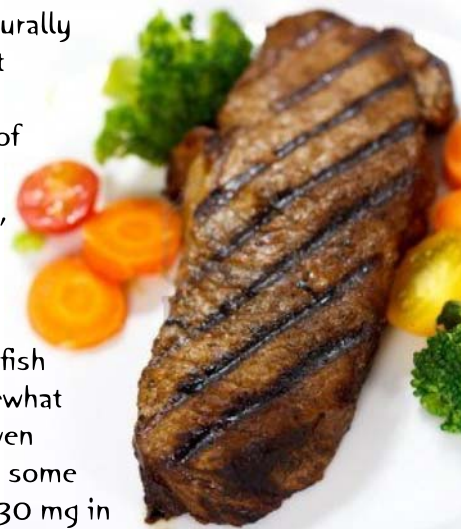
### OLIVES

Olives are rich in healthful anti-oxidants like vitamin E, and they're also a good source of healthy mono-unsaturated fat. BUT olives are also one of the few plant foods that are high in sodium -- and they're very high: 60 mg from a single olive!



## LIVE HEALTHIER

Sodium occurs naturally in many foods, but usually in small quantities. A cup of milk has about 100 mg of sodium, most fresh meat and poultry has 50-100 mg per 3-oz. serving, and fish and shellfish somewhat more than that. Even vegetables contain some natural sodium -- 30 mg in a cup of broccoli, 42 mg in a medium whole carrot, 96 mg in a cup of celery, for example. With fresh foods, it's really all about how much salt you shake on or cook with. The less you use, the better.



## LEARN EASIER

A diet that contains less sodium is generally healthier overall and can help kids steer clear of “adult” health problems like high blood pressure, diabetes, and obesity.

And healthy, fit kids have the alertness of mind and energy to learn easier!



## PLAY HARDER

A 20-ounce bottle of a popular sports drink contains 240 mg of sodium (plus 32 grams of sugar). That's 10% of the recommended daily sodium maximum. Endurance athletes and people who work out very intensely or in high heat might need that much sodium to replace what they lose by sweating. But the rest of us? Not so much.



*As part of the new USDA regulations for school meals programs, we're committed to limiting sodium in our lunches until we reach an average maximum of 740 mg per meal. Throughout the school year, we'll be using the menu and this newsletter to tell you more about all of the new regulations and what we're doing for your kids!*



**DON'T 4 GET!**  
Take at least **ONE**  
**FRUIT** or  
**VEGGIE**  
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items total so your meal  
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# IN AND OUT.

This school year, we've made a lot of changes to make our meals even healthier for you -- offering more of the healthiest fruits and veggies, cutting sodium, adding even more whole grains, and further reducing saturated fat, among other changes. These are all excellent ways to help keep our diets healthy. But living healthy is not just about eating healthy. Wellness is a balancing act -- and the calories that you **PUT IN** are only one part of the balance. The calories that **GO OUT** -- through exercise and activity -- are just as important!

All of us need daily physical activity to complete the equation. Whether your favorite way to burn calories is biking, hiking, running, walking, swimming -- or even rugby! -- **try to get some kind of exercise EVERY DAY**. Pay attention to the calories that go in and work on the ones that go out, and you'll definitely live healthier!

the big number

# 443

A 155-pound person walking four and a half miles in an hour -- a very brisk walking pace -- will burn 443 calories.

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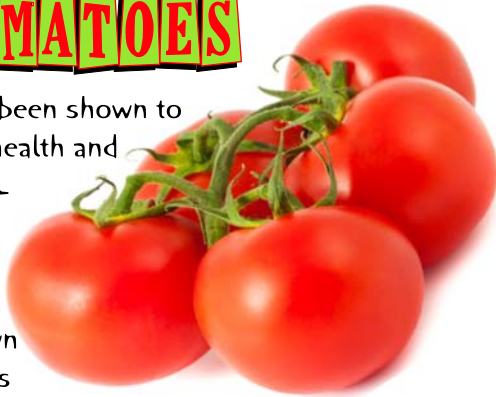
“IN AND OUT”

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### TOMATOES

Tomatoes have been shown to promote heart health and lower “bad” LDL cholesterol. Recently, one substance in tomatoes, known as lycopene, has been shown to promote healthy bones, as well.



## LIVE HEALTHIER

Boneless and skinless chicken thighs and breasts are lower in fat and calories than red meat, and they're delicious grilled! Simple, too -- just brush the birds with olive oil and sprinkle with salt and pepper, then grill with the lid closed until they reach 160 degrees internal temperature. Then brush with BBQ sauce, close the lid, and cook for 3 more minutes. For a quick homemade BBQ sauce that you don't need to cook, combine a cup each of brown sugar and ketchup, a half cup each of cold water and red wine vinegar, a tablespoon each of paprika, Worcestershire sauce, and ground mustard, and a little salt and pepper. Grill some veggies to finish off the plate!

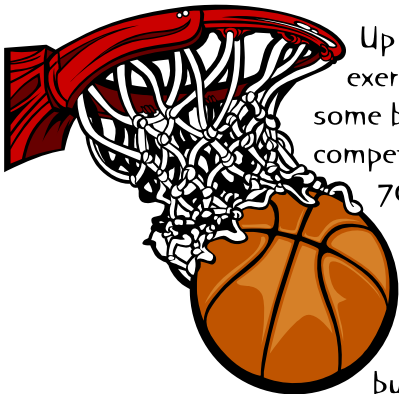


## LEARN EASIER



Word games and number puzzles, played in the real world or electronically, are a good way to keep the mind sharp during the summer -- without feeling like you're still doing homework!

## PLAY HARDER



Up for some serious exercise this summer? Play some basketball. An hour of competitive hoops burns up to 700 calories. Shooting baskets for an hour burns as many as 500. And an hour of wheelchair basketball burns up to 600 calories.

*Throughout this school year, we've been using our menu and this newsletter to tell you more about the new USDA regulations for school lunch. We'll be back in the fall to keep you up to date about how we plan our lunches and to tell you about new school breakfast regulations that will go into effect next school year.*



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Community Advisory Committee  
(CAC)

CAC for the 21st Century

Parent Institute

May 18, 2013

Butte County Office of Ed

1859 Bird St

Oroville, CA

8:30-3:30



*“Be Empowered – Be Connected”*

## Responding to Behaviors: Tips on transforming problem behaviors

Butte County SELPA and RFENC invite parents, educators, and agency members of children with diverse needs to participate in the Butte County Community Advisory Council **Parent Institute Day!**

This all day institute will provide strategies for managing challenging behaviors in children with diverse needs. Parents will create an action plan specific to their child.

Training will include strategies for:

- setting fair and consistent boundaries
- maintaining a positive approach
- recognizing the four levels of behaviors and the appropriate response
- building strong relationships
- collaborating with your child’s school regarding his or her behavior

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REGISTER: Sign up online: <http://www.buttecac.org/> or call Tina Richter at (530) 532-5875

\*Parent scholarships available on a limited basis



<http://www.empoweryourfamily.org>



<http://www.bcoe.org/selpa/>

For more information or to make reservations, contact Tina Richter (530)532-5875 or Theresa Pineda (530)899-8801

Comité Consejero de la Comunidad  
(CAC)

CAC para el Siglo 21

**Instituto de Padres**  
18 de mayo, 2013  
Oficina de Educación del  
Condado de Butte  
1859 Calle Bird  
Oroville, CA  
8:30-3:30



*“Estar Facultado—Estar Conectado”*

## **Repuestas a Comportamientos: Consejos para Transformar Malos Comportamientos**

Los programas SELPA y RFENC del Condado de Butte invitan a padres, maestros, y miembros de agencias de niños con necesidades diversas a participar en el **Día del Instituto de Padres** del Concilio Consejero de la Comunidad del Condado de Butte!

Este instituto durante todo el día proporcionará estrategias para manejar comportamientos desafiantes en niños con necesidades diversas. Padres crearán un plan de acción específicamente para sus hijos.

El entrenamiento incluirá estrategias para:

- Establecer límites razonables y consistentes
- Mantener un enfoque positivo
- Reconocer los cuatro niveles de comportamientos y la repuesta apropiada
- Construir relaciones sólidas

**UN PROYECTO DE SERVICIOS DE CALIFORNIA PARA ASISTENCIA TÉCNICA Y ENTRENAMIENTO (CALSTAT)**

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**Request for Input:**  
**CUSD Board Adopted Goals for 2013-2014**

Dear CUSD Teachers and Staff,

To assist both the Board and me in further developing our Board Adopted District Wide Goals for 2013-2014, I would very much appreciate your input. As my role is to directly support the implementation of the District Goals, I am also asking for your input and feedback about how I, as Superintendent, can assist staff members and school sites in meeting our 2013-2014 District Goals. This input will help with how our District moves forward as well as help in setting my own personal goals for the upcoming school year. Please return no later than Friday, May 17, 2013, as the Board will be discussing Goal Development at their Monday, May 20, 2013, Board Workshop.

**Thank you** for taking the time out of your very busy schedules to help plan for the future. You have several options for returning this information:

- Email directly to me ([kstaley@chicousd.org](mailto:kstaley@chicousd.org))
- Email directly to Marsha McLean ([mmclean@chicousd.org](mailto:mmclean@chicousd.org))
- Print and send to Kelly Staley or Marsha McLean at the CUSD District Office
- Email directly to any CUSD School Board member
- Email to Kevin Moretti ([kmoretti@chicousd.org](mailto:kmoretti@chicousd.org)) or print and mail to Kevin Moretti at the CUTA Office
- Print and mail to Susie Cox

Sincerely,

*Kelly Staley*

Kelly Staley, Superintendent

**Please address those goals upon which you can contribute suggestions for implementation. I would appreciate input into areas of both how the District as a whole and I as an individual can grow. In addition, if there are things that are working well, please state those so we can continue in those areas that are working well.**

**CUSD 2013-2014 Goals**

<b>Goal 1: To provide every student with the opportunity to attain increasing levels of individual achievement that prepares them for success in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century</b>
<b>Suggestions for 2013-2014 District Implementation:</b>
<b>Things That Are Working Well and Should Be Continued:</b>
<b>Suggestions for Focus for Superintendent:</b>

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

Suggestions for 2013-2014 Implementation:

Things That Are Working Well and Should Be Continued:

Suggestions for Focus for Superintendent:

**Goal 3: To build effective partnerships with our constituents**

Suggestions for 2013-2014 Implementation:

Things That Are Working Well and Should Be Continued:

Suggestions for Focus for Superintendent:

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

Suggestions for 2013-2014 Implementation:

Things That Are Working Well and Should Be Continued:

Suggestions for Focus for Superintendent:

Other Comments: Please feel free to address anything which you feel it is important that I be made aware. Your honesty is appreciated.