



The Superintendent's Update

November 5, 2015

News from Kelly

CUSD Honors Students with Perfect SBAC Scores: At our October 21 CUSD Board Meeting, CUSD proudly honored 43 CUSD students who attained the highest possible scale score on the 2015 California Smarter Balanced State Assessments. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 took these new state assessments in the spring of 2015. Both the students and their parents attended the meeting to receive certificates as well as a resounding standing ovation from all in attendance.



Congratulations to the following students:

Grade 3 ELA

- **KAYLA WOLFE** Sierra View Elementary
- **ASHLEY EATON** Sierra View Elementary
- **CYPRIANI CHIEM** Sierra View Elementary

No highest score for Grade 3 Math

Grade 4 ELA

- **NATALIE BRIDGNELL** Sierra View Elementary
- **ISABEL LOZADA** Sierra View Elementary
- **MASON KETTLE** Sierra View Elementary
- **JANE CULBREATH** Parkview Elementary

Grade 4 Math

- **LOGAN KIMURA** Rosedale Elementary
- **GAVIN PASILLAS** Shasta Elementary

Grade 5 ELA

- **KAYLEE CAMPBELL** Little Chico Creek Elementary

Grade 5 Math

- ZANE KIRK Parkview Elementary
- ETHAN NORD Parkview Elementary
- RENTON MCGREGOR Marigold Elementary

No highest score for Grade 6 ELA

Grade 6 Math

- ERIK MARTINEK Sierra View Elementary
- ETHAN HIGGINS Sierra View Elementary

Grade 7 ELA

- MADELEINE ROBERTS Marsh Junior High
- JASMINE DERISH Chico Junior High
- ILIA CLARK Marsh Junior High
- ANDREW SNIDER Chico Junior High
- ISAAC SCHWEIN Chico Junior High

Grade 7 Math

- ISAAC SCHWEIN Chico Junior High
- MASON THAU Marsh Junior High
- JED WOODS Bidwell Junior High

Grade 8 ELA

- MADELINE GONZALEZ Bidwell Junior High

Grade 8 Math

- CHRISTIAN HARRINGTON Chico Junior High
- IAN ANTHOINE Marsh Junior High

Grade 11 ELA

- BJORN LARSEN Chico High
- JARED BRIGGS Inspire School of Arts and Sciences
- MATTEO LONG Chico High
- NATHANIEL HOPKINS Pleasant Valley High
- COREY MCDONOUGH Chico High
- DAVID LUTHER Chico High
- AUSTIN FRITZ Chico High
- THEODORE GREENFIELD Inspire School of Arts and Sciences
- REBECA KINSLOW Chico High
- CHARLOTTE ROBERTS Pleasant Valley High
- JESSIE JIANG Pleasant Valley High
- ELSA WALSH Chico High
- ANNA CONLEY Chico High
- KARA KREMER Pleasant Valley High
- MIKAYLA EDWARDS Chico High
- ELAINA CAREY Chico High
- LAUREN JOHNSTON Pleasant Valley High

Grade 11 Math

- BENJAMIN KAUFFMAN Inspire School of Arts and Sciences

CUSD Teachers Voted Best of Chico: Carol Stein was recognized recently by the Chico News & Review as first place in the category of Best K-12 Teachers. Carol's teaching is described by parents as "magical" while Carol herself states that her whole team is deserving of the award. In addition, Little Chico Creek teacher Liz Albright also was honored in this category with a top 2 finish. Thank you Chico News & Review for recognizing what we have all known for decades.

Inspire Wins PG&E Solar Suitcase Conservation Award: Congratulations to Inspire! Inspire was recently selected as the winner of the Solar Suitcase Conservation initiative with PG&E. As a result, Teachers **Malina Olson, Erin Hall, and Becky Brown** will travel to Kenya in February to share their project. In addition, Inspire will receive \$1500. Congratulations Inspire!

Superintendent's Awards: The October Superintendent's Awards were presented at the October 21 CUSD Board meeting. FVHS Art Teacher **Alexey Ledwith** was presented the award for certificated staff at the Secondary level. FVHS Principal **Andrew Moll** presented the award and remarked upon Mr. Ledwith's dedication to his students. McManus Teacher **Emily Coons** was presented the award for certificated staff at the Elementary level. McManus Principal **Tina Keene** presented the award while emphasizing Ms. Coons' remarkable resilience and ability to find the positive even in exceedingly difficult times. Director **Julie Kistle** and BJHS Principal **Judi Roth** presented the Superintendent's Award for Classified staff to **Lalanya Rothenberger**. Lalanya was the lead to the recent remodel at BJHS and did an outstanding job. CONGRATULATIONS to all of our Superintendent Award winners. I am so fortunate to work with such amazing people all across our District.

CUSD Teacher Monica Brown Publishes Book: Congratulations to Hooker Oak Teacher **Monica Brown**! Her children's book, *Adeline Abigail Adams and the Giants Bird's Nest*, was recently published by Mascot Books. It is a fun read with wonderful illustrations and available through Amazon.

News from Educational Services

LCAP Update: This year as the 2015-16 LCAP Plan is being implemented across the district, Site LCAP Informational Meetings are being scheduled on each site. These meetings are scheduled as a portion of existing meetings that are regularly scheduled and open for all parents and staff. Each site will have the information imbedding in a meeting of their choice which might be similar to a PTO, PTA, SSC, ELAC or PAC type of meeting. Hooker Oak and Chapman have already had an LCAP meeting with additional elementary sites scheduled during November and December. All secondary sites will schedule LCAP informational meetings during January and February -please see the tentative schedule attached at the end of this update. The goal of the site meetings is to explain and discuss how the site is spending their 2015-16 LCAP allotment and how that expenditure fits into the District LCAP goals. These site meetings will lead up to two final, large group meetings scheduled in February and March to examine student needs, determine if the LCAP dollars are or are not currently meeting the needs and refine the LCAP budget for 2016-17. It is our belief that if site individuals have a foundational understanding of their school site's LCAP plan they will be more willing to be involved at the District meetings held at Lincoln Hall on the CHS campus on February 24 and March 30. These dates will also be posted in newsletters, on the CUSD WEB page and via the LCAP email group comprised of parents who signed up at Back to School Nights, Informational meetings or by utilizing the QR code posted on fliers.

Elementary News:

- Letters went out to all families residing within the CUSD school boundary area notifying them of the upcoming Kindergarten registration dates happening at their local schools.
- After school professional learning session opportunities are being posted on the staff development calendar in the staff room. The initial Google focused sessions filled to capacity and received positive feedback. More Google sessions are already scheduled and other types of professional learning opportunities are being scheduled.
- CUSD and CUTA met for three days of Interest Based Bargaining training. On the third day of the training the groups met and used the newly learned strategies to begin discussing the impacts of recent contractual changes to the Kindergarten teacher work day that take effect in January (this one element of the contract is the only area of the Kindergarten workday

discussed). We have another negotiation session scheduled for November and will hopefully be able to share a resolution.

- The elementary TOSA (Teachers on Special Assignment) group continues to meet regularly and work well as a conduit of information between CUTA and CUSD. The group has worked hard to modify elementary assessments for next year as well as organizing and facilitating the district-wide after school meetings.

Charter School Facility Requests: Charter schools have the ability to ask districts for space on district campuses for their schools under a law titled Proposition 39. The deadline to request facilities for the next school year is November 1. Chico Unified received facility requests from Sherwood Montessori and Wildflower Open Classroom by the deadline. The request for facilities is just the beginning of the process. It opens a negotiation period between the charter schools and the district that will not be complete until the end of the school year. The district will review the requests and make facilities offers as mandated by Proposition 39.

Title I Funded Updates: A variety of factors led to CUSD having a larger than usual amount of Title I fund carryovers for the 2015-2016 year. The Education Services team has been working closely with Title I school sites to determine the best way to utilize these funds. Three initiatives are being implemented with these funds: 1) Title I schools will utilize these funds to purchase Chromebooks in addition to those provided with general funds to create one-to-one technology ratios at the schools with the highest percentage of Title I students; 2) A second initiative focuses on purchasing licenses for online math intervention materials to support students in after school programs at Title I elementary schools. The online software being considered supports diagnostics to determine areas of need for the students and materials to support the students in those areas both during the school day and in the after school programs; and 3) Additional support for students will be provided at the schools with the highest percentage of Title I students in the form of increased counseling time.

What is Going on in the Butte-Glenn Career Pathways Consortium Expansion Grant? This expansion of the Career Pathways grant added 17 pathways from several high-need, high-wage industry sectors. Chico High School added a design, media, and visual arts pathway in addition to an ICT pathway; Pleasant Valley added a design, media, and visual arts pathway; and Inspire added three new pathways: design, media, and visual arts; performing arts; and production and managerial arts. These pathways started the year by developing or refining programs of study which include core academic course pairings for the purpose of curriculum integration. These pathways plan to increase integration with additional core academic areas next year. The Butte-Glenn Career Pathways Consortium is putting on two professional development sessions on November 3 and 4 to support both round one and round two (expansion) pathways in the development of industry advisory boards and work-based learning experiences for students in the pathways. We are excited to see these new career pathways take flight! Have questions? Email [Kristin Lower](mailto:klower@chicousd.org), klower@chicousd.org.

Using Windows 7 on Your Chromebook: Sometimes you may find that your Chromebook does not offer a feature, such as printing, when you need it. When those moments happen there is a Windows 7 computer just a few clicks away. On your Chromebook go to <https://view.chicousd.org>. Choose the **View HTML** option (see picture below) and then choose CUSD-STAFF from the list. Within a minute Windows 7 will open up right there on your Chromebook.



Need Extra Help? If you are having an event and/or need extra temporary volunteer help, contact [Joanne Parsley](mailto:joanneparsley@chicousd.org) at 891-3000, ext. 137 and she will let district office employees know.

- **Linda Fillerup**, a district office employee, helped at Parkview's 'Laps for Learning' and had a ball!! Parkview needed adults to help tally the number of laps for each child, and to encourage water breaks. Linda worked with a 2nd grade class. The kids were great! They ran for 20 minutes, with most students completing 8-10 laps, and a couple of 'super stars' completing over 25 laps. Teachers also ran and LOTS of parents came, and some ran with their students. Teachers created a party. There was a disc jockey. The CSUC track team was there. The Parkview Panther mascot and the CSUC Wildcat mascot had a dance-off. Classes dressed in matching colors, with lots of super hero capes and purple hair – although Linda's favorite was the TK class, with all the students wearing 'frog' green and their teacher in head-to-toe green and a frog hat. It was an amazing event and she plans on going back to Parkview for next year's 'Laps for Learning'!

The 2nd Annual District Office Barbecue sponsored by **Eric Snedeker**, Director of Special Education treated District Office staff to a BBQ on October 9. **Dennis Schultz** brought his staff and students from his post-secondary classroom at Chico High School to help host the event. There were hot dogs, chips, salads and assorted goodies offered for lunch. Tables were set up under the trees in the parking lot, and there were plants and crafts available for sale.



News from Business Services

Facilities

Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies:



The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Bidwell Junior High School went very well and we are happy the students, staff, and visitors can now enjoy their newly modernized school for years and years to come. Thank you everyone for your support!

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at Chico Junior High: The construction of the new Science Classroom Building at Chico Jr. High School is underway. As many of you may have noticed, this building will be built in the grass "quad" at the corner of Oleander and Memorial Way. To kickoff this project in style, a ground breaking ceremony was held where students, Board members, community members, administration, contractors, and architects came together to celebrate the commencement of construction.





Green Schools Leadership Award: At the Green California Schools and Community Colleges Summit and Exposition held in Pasadena, the Chico Unified School District received the distinguished Green Building Award. The District was honored for the energy efficient and sustainable design of the New Science Building at Chico Jr. High School. This

new science building will allow students to grow and learn in a complete state of the art interactive classroom. Accepting the award on behalf of the District was **Dr. Kathleen Kaiser, Julia Kistle, Maria Campos** and **Lalanya Rothenberger**.

Maintenance and Operations (M/O): Scientists say that this massive El Nino is now too big to fail and this has been at the forefront of many weather reports across the nation. Here at M/O, we are busy preparing for this event. Our maintenance staff will be trained by Justin Holliman from The Garland Company, Inc. on how to identify and repair potential roof leaks. We will be out in force, checking all roofs in our district over the next two months. With this extra effort, our goal is to minimize and stop leaks before they happen. We will also be clearing roof drains, gutters and down spouts.

It is also that time of year that our HVAC Techs start inspecting and turning on heater units to make sure all are in working order and ready when the demand for heat is needed. During school hours, please help us conserve energy by keeping all doors and windows closed. Do not forget to set your clocks back this Saturday for daylight savings. This Friday, October 30 our communication tech **Nick Oldman** will be working late to ensure that all sites will have the correct time on Monday, November 2. If you see the time is wrong, please put in a work order and we will get it corrected.

Transportation:



During the week of October 19-23, CUSD, along with the help of our Dedicated Bus drivers and Mechanics, celebrated National School Bus Safety Week. Did you know that more than one million children ride school buses in California every day? The California Highway Patrol promoted National School Bus Safety Week to help the public recognize that school buses are the safest way for children to get to and from school. "It

takes a collective effort from the public, transportation professionals, government agencies, law enforcement, parents and children to continue to protect California's students," CHP Commissioner Joe Farrow said. "The fact that California has not had a pupil passenger fatality in 20 years is no accident." The CHP helps protect student safety through its school bus program and bus inspection program. The school bus program includes an array of tests for bus drivers, a criminal background investigation, health qualifications and interviews with CHP officers. The Department of Education and the Department of Motor Vehicles also set standards for bus drivers. The CHP is responsible for inspecting more than 24,000 school buses each year. In fiscal year 2012-2013, these buses traveled 254,325,996 miles – approximately the distance from the Earth to Mars. "California may have the best pupil passenger safety record in the nation, but we always need the help of the driving public," Farrow said. "When the flashing red lights and stop arm on a school bus are activated, drivers are required by law to stop until the flashing red lights and stop arm have been deactivated. CUSD Transportation was featured in a segment by Stephanie Barnes from News Channel 7 about National School Bus Safety Week. I would like to thank **Karen Nasser** and **Larry Shepard** for their willingness to be interviewed and they both did an AWESOME job! See:

<http://www.krctv.com/news/local/school-district-ensures-bus-safety-with-training-inspections/36020358>

Nutrition Services is rotating new menu items for the winter menu starting November 2. Some of the favorites are turkey and gravy with mashed potatoes and mac and cheese. The new menu can be seen at <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Nutrition-Services/Current-Student-Menus/index.html>. Please encourage your students to Come Join Us for breakfast and lunch.

Apple Crunch Challenge: October 23 was National Food Day and CUSD celebrated the day with a CRUNCH. CUSD joined the NorCal Apple Crunch Challenge. The goal was to beat New York state in their 1 million crunches. We partnered with Noble Orchards in Paradise, CA. Noble Orchard provided CUSD with 3,000 apples from their farm. The Apple Crunch Challenge took place at Citrus, McManus, Rosedale, Parkview, Chapman and Neal Dow elementary schools. The event had all the students on the playground and at a designated time each student took a crunch of their apple. What a success the event was. Thank you to **Shanon Payne** and the *Farm to School* grant for helping with the event.



Turkey Feast Time: Nutrition Services kicked off their annual Turkey Feast at each school site on October 26. Come Join Us for a fun day of food and celebrate the fall season.



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Vince Enserro would like to say thank you to each Nutrition Services Team Member for all the hard work they do each day to provide the students in CUSD amazing healthy and tasty meals.

News from Human Resources

Certificated HR: The District Bargaining Team and the CUTA Bargaining Team participated together in an **Interest Based Bargaining** Workshop on October 20-22. The purpose of the training was to move away from the traditional, position-based bargaining and work toward finding mutual interests and working to understand each side's perspective of the issues. Both teams expressed the desire to move away from an oppositional bargaining style to a more constructive and productive method of problem solving our differences. We worked together on real issues including the impending 6th grade transition to the junior high schools and the change in work hours for kindergarten teachers which starts in January. Our intent is to continue working in other areas to build trust.

Examples of other recent agreements for 2015-16 include **Memorandums of Understanding** for secondary special education teachers (SH) that have not been getting a prep period (receiving 6/5's pay), CTSO stipends, summer school pay for special education teachers (@ teacher's hourly rate) and the reduction from ½ day to ¼ day of PN for missing required staff meetings.

Teaching Opportunity in China this Summer: If you are interested in teaching in China this summer or just want more information to make a decision there are several informational meetings coming up. You only need to attend one of the meeting times that works best for you. An overview of the program will be discussed and there will be an opportunity to ask questions. **Alex Xu** (President of EachFuture) will be on hand to answer any questions. EachFuture has placed nearly 100 Chinese students in CUSD classrooms over the past several years, sent 4 teachers to teach in China this past summer and sent 3 administrators to China to set up and visit our sister schools. **Anita Homesley** will also be available. Anita was one of the teachers that taught in China last summer and is organizing next summer's program. The demand has grown so much that EachFuture is looking for 100 teachers to teach summer school next summer (2016). Applications will be available at the meeting. Elementary, Junior High and High School teachers are welcome! The meeting times are:

November 6, 6:00pm, 7:00pm and 8:00pm
November 7, 9:00am and 10:00am

WHERE:

Golden Apple Office
2056 Talbert Ave., Chico

To view a short video of our teachers (**Anita Homesley, Esther Wright, Chase Redkey** and **Caitlin Dalby**) who went to China this past summer, click on the following:
https://youtu.be/Mjb9tbOm_Ds

Recruitments: Classified Human Resource staff member, **Kathy Watt**, and Loma Vista Assistant Principal, **Aaron Sauberan**, recently attended the Job Faire at Chico State:



The event was well attended and contact was made with numerous potential employees. The focus of the District's attendance at the Job Faire was in the area of Special Education. However, information regarding all available classified positions was shared with all interested applicants. Due to the success of this event, the Classified Human Resources department will be in attendance at other local job faires.

Employee Status Reports: All employees receive a status report for changes in their employment within the Classified department such as new positions, changes in current assignment, and leaves of absence. In the past, these forms were manually generated which was time consuming and provided basic information. The Classified Human Resources department has been working with Escape, the software system that runs our payroll and human resource functions, to provide a more efficient and informative "Status Report" document

for employees. This document will now be called an "Employment Notification" form and the District will now be able to provide not only the information previously included on the Status Report, but also current Health & Welfare benefit information for current employees.

"How to Manage Behavior for Challenging Students" by Josh Kuersten: There is a training scheduled for all employees in the classifications of Instructional Paraprofessionals, Instructional Assistants, Parent Classroom Aides, School Aides, Transportation Special Education Aides and School Bus Drivers who work at elementary school sites. The training will be held on November 6, 2015, in the Large Conference Room at the District Office.

- Registration: 8:00 – 8:30 a.m.
- Training: 8:30 – 11:30 a.m.
- Lunch: 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch on your own, then return to your worksite if your scheduled work day does not end at 11:30 a.m.

If you are not scheduled to work during these times and wish to attend, the training will be unpaid. If you are scheduled to work during this training period you must have approval from your supervisor to attend.

Job Opportunities: We continue to fill open positions and expect further openings in the near future. Recruitments for classified positions will continue to be posted over the upcoming holiday period. If you are interested in additional hours or adding a new position, please check our website.

Job Site Transfer/Seniority notices from the District will be mailed to the home of employees for classifications in which the employee currently holds a regular position. However, if you are interested in a position in a classification to which you are not currently assigned, you will need to make sure that you consistently check our web page at <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Classified-Non-Teaching/index.html> for job opportunities. This link will take you to the Classified (Non-Teaching) web page that shows our current "Internal Notices" and will link you to open and promotional recruitments. The two easiest locations to find information about current recruitments are on the link above or through Edjoin.org. Be sure to check the websites on a weekly basis to ensure that you do not miss an opportunity.

Job listings can be found on Chico Unified School District website @ <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Classified-Non-Teaching/index.html>

Internal openings are only open to current CUSD permanent classified employees. If you are a current CUSD permanent classified employee and are interested in any internal openings, please submit a Letter of Interest form. <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Classified-Non-Teaching/index.html>

If you do not currently hold a permanent classified position with CUSD you are not eligible to submit a letter of interest.

News from Our Schools

UC Berkeley Marching Band to Visit PVHS: The UC Berkeley Marching Band will be at Pleasant Valley High on Friday, November 6! They will be playing on campus at the end of 4th period/start of lunch. ~ Ryan

Youth Employment and Volunteer Program: Recently, nine of the eleven girls in the Junior Leadership Development Program went to Habitat for Humanity to put up siding for the house that was being built. It was so great to see their confidence grow from the beginning to the end. Some of the girls were doing things they have never done before. There was a lot of measuring, drilling, painting, and working and having fun together.



Art Studio @ PV: PVHS has a wonderful group of Art Studio students this year.



Events:

- September 24: Art Community Advisory Board Meeting
- October 1: Art Show in downtown Chico for the Chico Art Walk
- October 2: Pastels in the Quad at PVHS. Over 120 PV students participated. Art Studio students advertised and organized the event, as well as participated in it.



- October 17: Chikoko Fashion show event. 20 students helped make the event take place
- October 27: Family Fun Night. Art Studio students organized the events, shopped for materials, and helped at the event. About 80 people of all ages attended the event.

November 5: Fall Prelude- Art Studio 1 and 2 art exhibit and reception in the PV Library from 11:55 to 12:30. It will be catered by PV culinary class. Parents are enthusiastically invited to attend! Parents, teachers and students only from 11:55 to 12:10.

In class: Students are finishing up watercolor projects. Students are also completing their interviews of local artists or art business representatives. For their final this semester they will be creating a presentation about their experience to share with their class. Some of our **“Artist”, Art Service Learning Projects:**

- Organized Pastels in the Quad
- Designed the Almond Bowl T-shirts for 2015
- Created a poster for the school play, Macbeth
- Painted our door for the Halloween door decorating contest
- Organized Family Fun Night

As a fundraiser, students also sold raffle tickets to win a free car and raised over \$500 for our exciting field trip to San Francisco in February.



PVHS Celebrated Beth Burton Day: As a show of appreciation for **Beth Burton** and her win of yet another Highland Games National Championship, PVHS sent her their love by wearing plaid in her honor. Congratulations Beth, who later headed to the World Championships and won!



College and Career Night on September 15, 2015. At the end of this Update is a collage showing the presenters in the gym and dining commons as well as the enthusiastic attendees. Many area high schools attended and very positive feedback from parents and students was received. Thanks to the staff members from Chico High School and Pleasant Valley High School who provided varied forms of assistance! Sincerely, **Leslie Keller**, Sr. Library Media Assistant

CHS Music: Congratulations to the following Chico High boys who went to a Barbershop Harmony Camp along with their teacher, **Sue Delgado**, in Pollock Pines, on September 18-20. They got to sing all weekend with Internationally Famous Barbershop Quartets, receive vocal instruction and sing with 120 other men in a final concert. Thanks to Don Franklin and the local Barbershop group for making this event happen. **Chris Bailon, Jesus Barrera, Austin Seguine, Joey Petelin** and **Manting Xiong** had the time of their lives and also learned a lot!

Congratulations to the following Chico High students who sang in the **CSUC High School Honors Choir** held on September 26. **Austin Seguine, Cora Miller, Sonia Damian, Lin, Fang, Mikayla McDaniel, Hannah Chumley, Allison Taylor** and **Mary Harter**. They learned their music at school and at home, rehearsed all day with over 100 other singers from all over Northern California and put on a final concert with **Dr. David Scholz** directing.



2015 Music Benefit: Thank you to all those who attended the 2015 Music Benefit. It was a tremendous show highlighting the incredible talents of CUSD students and staff. We are proud to have raised over \$1800 for Arts for All which will continue to benefit our students. Special thanks to the many participants (listed below), **Cindy Engberg, Ruby Patchell, Bethany Gonzalez, Taylor Gonzalez**, and especially **Phil Morgan** who goes above and beyond to make this event a success. The PV IB students have dedicated themselves to continuing this important tradition. HUGE thanks to this year's benefit organizers, IB seniors **Jessie Jiang** and **Raina Johnson**. Thank you again for your continued support! Hope to see you next year! ~ **Amy Besnard**

2015 Music Benefit Performers:

- PVHS Marching Band
- PVHS Choir
- PVHS Jazz Band
- Randi Apel
- Isabelle Ralston
- Maia Reed
- Grayson Campbell
- Sterling Demello
- Bobby Arias
- Rome Parco
- Emma Johnson
- TJ Gassaway
- Sierra Hall
- Alina Pickett
- Autumn McClain
- Alissa McBeen
- Dustin Breshears
- Starla Breshears
- Valery Breshears
- Josh Carrington
- Nicky Rose
- James Davenport
- Diego Bustamante
- Mr. Vought
- Mr. Barber
- Mr. Heimlich
- Mr. Brooks
- Mr. Morgan
- The Cast of "You're a Good Man Charlie Brown"

Thank you PVHS Cheer Coach Donna Henderson! A citizen/football fan shared her appreciation for what she saw at a game at Shasta High School. She noted that she is neither a Shasta High parent or a Pleasant Valley parent who happened to be visiting and watching an amazing game. She said she has seen many cheerleading half time routines and was beyond impressed with the PVHS girls. Unfortunately, in our current age, she said has seen many vulgar actions used during said routines and PVHS girls had nothing of the sort. Their performance was classy, well thought out and very much appreciated. It gives her hope that maybe some schools are promoting self awareness for our young teenage daughters.

Run to Inspire and Taste of Inspire was a wonderful event from the run to the tug-of-war. There were student performances along the path that runners kept stopping for and applauding, lots of pancakes, donuts, Jamba Juice and home-baked goods enjoyed by all, and the Minute-to-win-It event was fantastic. The general sense of service and cooperation were invaluable. Additionally, there were countless hours of work that went into this event long before Sunday—thank you for all of that as well. So . . . a special **Shout OUT** to **Jana Gosselin, Katie Raymond, the FOUNDATION LADIES and their families,** and **Antonio Isern and the ASB kids** for their support and planning. And thank you to all the advisors and clubs who participated and made the event special. Here is a link to view all the fun: <https://youtu.be/Eep7hpMmd3c>

Bidwell Junior High School Flag Ceremony: The Daughters of the American Revolution, in conjunction with a Color Guard comprised of local veteran's and current BJHS students, held a ceremony on October 8 in which the flag flying above Bidwell Junior was retired and a new flag was dedicated to the school.



Bidwell Pioneer's Art program wins BIG! Congratulations to **JR Riggs**, Art Teacher at Bidwell Jr. High School, and his students for winning in multiple categories in the Recycled Art Competition. The results were:

- Pioneers in Space 7th grade project won 1st place against all other class projects by not only popular vote from the crowd, but also the judges votes as well!!!
- Alice in Wonderland by a group of five of 7th graders won 1st place in small group entries against all other age group entries.
- Haunted House by 8th grader, **Peter Andrews**, won 2nd place in his category against all peers in his age group.
- In addition, BJHS received two 2nd place ribbons and about half a dozen participation ribbons.



Marsh Jr High Fieldtrip: All of the MJHS students and staff attended a private showing of the film *"He Named Me Malala"* at the Tinseltown Cinemark Theater on Wednesday, October 28. Thanks to a generous grant through Donor's Choose and Cicero, they were able to take their students to see the amazing story of the heroic teenager that stood up against the Taliban in Pakistan for the rights of girls to attend school and **receive** an education. Malala risked her life to encourage others to work toward global unity in educating "ALL" children. Winner of the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize, Malala is the youngest person to receive this honor.

Sierra View News: SVTV, which has been run by **Dean Passanisi** for years and years, made the leap to digital this year with the help of their district LCAP-funded computer aide, **Cathy Frost**. Use the link below to see the first episode and you will see in a fifteen minute nutshell what is so amazing about Sierra View. See: <https://goo.gl/y3nVxC>

Good Things are Happening at Shasta Elementary: See the news story about Shasta's new "Buddy Bench" at: http://www.actionnewsnow.com/player/?video_id=10540. Principal **Bruce Besnard** said **Julia Sanner** is one of Shasta's new teachers and she is phenomenal. Bruce invites everyone to "stop by if you want to make some new friends!"

Loma Vista News: On September 8, 2015 The Yellow Door of Chico donated \$2,500 to Loma Vista and Chico Unified School District special education programs. The mission of The Yellow



Door is to support individuals with autism and their families while promoting student leadership and involvement in the Chico community. Each classroom serving students with moderate-severe disabilities will get a percentage of this donation. Thank you The Yellow Door and North Valley Community Foundation!!

Butte County Office of Education's Occupational Therapy Department sponsored a conference held at Loma Vista Preschool on September 26. S'cool Moves was developed by Debra Wilson who provided a day full of valuable and applicable information that is hands on and collaborative. S'cool Moves concepts focus on classroom management, educational goals, and integrating therapy techniques into the classroom. Using the techniques create independent learners and enhance self-regulation skills in therapy settings and classroom. The conference was attended by Chico Unified Teachers as well as other Butte County Districts and districts outside the county. It was a huge success!



Another successful day was had by Innovative Preschool, a private, non-profit preschool that is housed at Loma Vista and provides spaces for CUSD preschool students with special needs to attend preschool in an inclusive setting. Innovative Preschool also works with children with special needs and their families who often are not able to find quality child care due to the special needs of their children. On September 26, Innovative Preschool held their annual Carnival and it was a successful and fun day for all.

October is National Down Syndrome Awareness Month. See: <http://www.ndss.org/About-NDSS/Our-Team/Ambassadors/Goodwill-1Ambassador/Straight-Talk-with-Chris-Burke/Down->

October Events that Took Place:

- 2nd Annual Chico Buddy Walk, presented by the Chico Down Syndrome Coalition on 10/3. www.facebook.com/ChicoBuddyWalk .
- Loma Vista Preschool Playgroup field trip to Book Family Farm on 10/16.
- California Children's Services, Medical Therapy Unit Open House, 10/22 from 3-5 PM at Loma Vista.
- Halloween Hustle 5K run/walk on 10/31 at 9AM in Bidwell Park to benefit Jesse Kohen Foundation and Loma Vista School.

News from Our Community

Following is an Email Received by CUSD's Girls Who Code Chico Team:

*I want to thank you heartily for the AMAZING job you've all done so far of getting the word out about Girls Who Code Chico! In the last two days we've had 26 potential students sign up on the web site, the Chico ER has scheduled an interview out at Build to share the good news, and industry professionals have come out of the woodwork to offer support and resources for our little free club that doesn't even exist yet. It's amazing and I can't thank you all enough for all the work you've done thus far. Thanks again and keep it up - this is going to be an amazing resource for our community! ~ **Ryan Sanders** Senior UX Designer, Build.com, Inc. Smarter Home Improvement™*

Chico Parade of Lights: Thank you to the following CUSD Schools and our awesome Transportation Department that participated in the Chico Community Parade of Lights:

- Chico High Band
- Pleasant Valley High Marching Band & Cheerleaders
- Marsh Jr. High Peer Mediators
- Citrus Elementary
- Emma Wilson Elementary
- Little Chico Creek Elementary
- McManus Elementary
- Neal Dow Elementary
- Parkview Elementary – Jurassic Parkview
- Rosedale Elementary
- Shasta Elementary



CUSD in the News

[New ordinance alleviates public safety concerns](#)

[Chico school nurses take on increasing responsibilities](#)

[Chico Unified School District lawsuit against Chico State University leads to disclosure of officials ...](#)

[Chico school officials, students sign new multipurpose building beam](#)

[Child brings gun to Chapmantown school, thought it was toy](#)

[Kindergartner mistakes gun for toy, brings weapon to school](#)

[Gun Found in Chico Kindergarten Class Student Backpack was a .22 Revolver](#)

[Chico school board to consider recommendation for spending \\$5.8 million](#)

[Musical benefits CUSD Center for the Arts](#)

[CUSD allocates nearly \\$6 million](#)

[Chico Unified school officials at center of email lawsuit explain actions](#)

[Chico, Oroville school officials scramble to find former students over exit exam change](#)

[Chico students become 'Medical Detectives' in new junior high school program](#)

[Chico Unified warns of other dangerous games following 'eraser challenge' incident](#)

[Chico school officials warn about eraser 'challenge'](#)

[School district ensures bus safety with training, inspections](#)

[CARD seeking pool-related comments at Oct. 28 meeting](#)

[Sixth-grade teachers deciding to stay or go in move to junior high schools](#)



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Employer

September 28, 2015

Dear Mr. Jerry Crosby and Mr. Dan LaBar,

I would like to take a moment to highlight the amazing work your teachers Erin Hall, Becky Brown and Malina Olson are doing in the area of integrated curriculum development and leadership.

As the project coordinator for the CDE grant-funded statewide project "CTE Online" (www.cteonline.org), I have had to pleasure of working with Mr. Hall, Ms. Brown and Ms. Olson in a number of capacities. Their work has impressed not only the CTE Online team, but educators across the state as well.

The engaging and detailed curricular project they developed together in Media Design, English Literature and Science, titled "Corporate Identity and the Power of Rhetoric" CTE/STEM Integrated Project (<https://www.cteonline.org/curriculum/project/corporate-identity-and-the-power-of-rhetoric-stem-integrated-project/cbwchf>), now serves as an exemplary model that we use to guide other teams of educators in our Institutes, trainings, and presentations.

In fact, due to their impressive skills in collaborative subject integration and instructional design, we have asked them to present their project in person this October to hundreds of other educators at the annual STEM Symposium in Anaheim, California.

Mr. Hall, Ms. Brown and Ms. Olson represent the very best kind of educators we can hope to have working with our students—creative, dedicated, and inspirational leaders.

Sincerely,

MaryRose Lovgren
CTE Online Project Coordinator
Butte County Office of Education,
Regional Occupations Programs Office
Statewide CTE Online Project

"WHERE CHILDREN COME FIRST"



LCAP TIMELINE 2015-16

September	SSC LCAP Workshop, Redding ACSA LCAP Workshop, Sacramento
October 12	SAC, 9:30am, McManus Rm 27 Site LCAP Goals / Template
October 14	EAC, 9:00am, LCR Site LCAP Goals / Template

Elementary LCAP Input Meetings	
October 14	Hooker Oak PTO, 6:30pm, Library
October 23	Chapman ELAC, 8:30am, Room 3
November 4	McManus ELAC, 8:30am
November 9	Sierra View PAC, 3:00pm
November 10	Marigold PTA, 6:00pm
November 17	Parkview PTO, 6:30pm
November 18	Neal Dow SSC, 3pm
November 19	Little Chico Creek PTA, 3:00pm Rosedale PTA, 6:00pm
December 15	Emma Wilson PTSA, 6:30
	Citrus Shasta Loma Vista

Secondary LCAP Input Meetings	
December/January	Bidwell Junior High
	Marsh Junior High
	Chico Junior High
	Chico High School
	Pleasant Valley High School
February	Fair View High School

District wide Meetings	
	CUTA and CSEA Bargaining Groups
February 24	LCAP District-Wide Committee Meeting Overview of Goals Data – discuss needs CHS, Lincoln Hall
March 30	LCAP District-Wide Committee Meeting Based on needs identified in February Identify services/programs for 2016-17 CHS, Lincoln Hall
After May 19	Adjust LCAP based on May revision Post LCAP to District website
June 15	Board Meeting LCAP Public Hearing
June 22	Board Meeting LCAP Adoption Forward LCAP to BCOE

2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

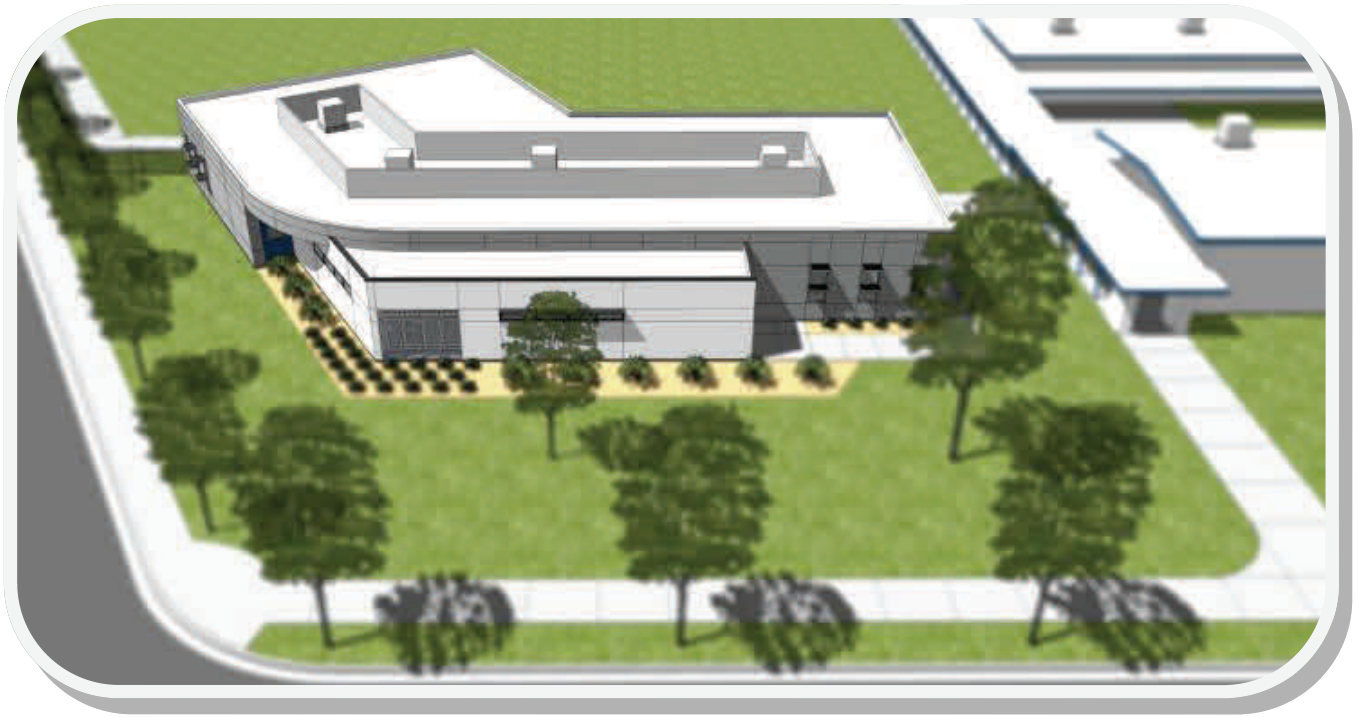
Registration for the 2016-2017 school year will be held on the following dates at the locations indicated below. To enter Kindergarten in the fall, **a child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2016.** To enter Transitional Kindergarten, **a child must turn five between September 2, 2016 and December 2, 2016.** Parents should register their children at the school serving their residence area. Proof of residence is required. An online school locator program is available at http://www.chicousd.org/_dept/schools/School_Locator.html. Parents can input their address and find out their resident school.

Parents are strongly encouraged to register on the designated dates. Priority will be assigned based on the date of registration. The time of day that registration occurs will not constitute a priority. All children will be enrolled, but some may have to attend a school other than the one serving their residence area.

The following are required to register a child: (1) proof of date of birth (birth certificate, baptismal certificate, or other legal proof), (2) two forms verifying proof of residency, and (3) written immunization record from a physician, nurse, or health department. Children must be immunized for MMR - measles, mumps and rubella (German measles), polio, DTaP - diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough), Hepatitis B, and Varicella (chicken pox) prior to school entry. A temporary or permanent medical exemption to one or more of the immunizations may be granted under certain circumstances if a licensed physician provides documentation.

For information regarding placement in the Hands-on Thematic Learning Community program, contact Hooker Oak School, 891-3119; for information regarding placement in the Academics Plus program, contact Sierra View School, 891-3117; for information regarding the STEM Program, contact Parkview School at 891-3114; and for information regarding the Two-Way Immersion Program, contact Rosedale School, 891-3104. Applications for these alternative programs, as well as Form 10 School of Choice applications, will be available at the time of registration.

DATE	RESIDENCE SCHOOL	TIMES
Monday, December 7	Marigold	8:00 – 3:00
Tuesday, December 8	Little Chico Creek	8:00 – 3:30
	Neal Dow	8:00 – 3:30
	Shasta	8:00 – 3:30
	Sierra View	8:00 – 3:30
Wednesday, December 9	Citrus	8:00 – 3:30
	Emma Wilson	8:00 – 3:30
	Hooker Oak	8:30 – 3:30
Thursday, December 10	Chapman	8:00 – 3:30
Friday, December 11	McManus	8:00 – 3:30
	Parkview	8:00 – 2:00
	Rosedale	8:00 – 2:30



Please Join Us!

Groundbreaking Celebration

For the **New Science Building**
at **Chico Jr. High School**

Wednesday, October 21, 2015

3:45 pm

Meet in the Quad Area



College and Career Night 2015

Universities, Tech Schools,
Military, Student Guidance



Break-out Sessions:

- Tech. Careers
- Financial Aid
- Career Choice



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- INSTRUCTIONAL ASSISTANT
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- SCHOOL AIDE
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PRESENTED BY JOSH KUERSTEN

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Large Conference Room – District Office

- 8:00 – 8:30 Registration
- 8:30 – 11:30 Training
- 11:30 – 12:30 Lunch on your own then
Return to your worksite if your scheduled workday
does not end at 11:30 am.

Attending this training requires employees to be released by their supervisor from their current assignment, 8:00-11:30.

Questions? Please contact Classified Human Resources

TRAINING FOR ALL SECONDARY AIDES

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Chico High School Theater

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Triad NGSS Workshop

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

6:00 – 8:00 PM

CSUC Campus, Langdon 302 (Engineering Building @ First and Warner Streets)

****Limited Seating: [Click HERE](#) to RSVP****

You are invited to attend a FREE workshop hosted by local science teachers, teacher candidates, and science educators who have worked together over the past semester to plan and implement innovative NGSS science units. Short presentations from the Triad teams (see below) will be followed by breakout tables during which workshop participants will have the opportunity ask questions and share resources. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by November 6.

We hope to see you there!

Triad Teams

Science Teacher	Teacher Candidate	Science Educator
Annie Adamian Bidwell Jr. High	Lauren Duchon	Tal Slemrod
Kelly Coombe Marsh Jr. High	Estefan Oliveras	Tal Slemrod
Tom George Pleasant Valley High	Brad Hauskens	Leslie Atkins
Steve Coates Las Plumas High	Ken Dotson	Leslie Atkins
Bill Flory Pleasant Valley High	Chelsea Mitchell	Al Schademan
Sonja Leland CK Price MS	Leslie Howes	Al Schademan

