



The Superintendent's Update

February 26, 2016



News from Kelly

Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP): CUSD held its first Districtwide LCAP meeting on Wednesday, February 24. LCAP presentations were held at each site in the District in December, January, and February. During those meetings, parents from each school were asked to attend the Districtwide LCAP meeting to review districtwide data and provide input into the plan. Dinner and childcare were provided and over 120 people attended the meeting. **Joanne Parsley** and the staff in Educational Services put together an agenda that encouraged staff, parents, and community members to look at site and district student achievement, as well as review detailed site and district LCAP budgets. The evening ended with input from staff, parents, and community regarding what is working well in our District as well as what is missing from the LCAP plan and should be considered in future revisions. This opportunity for input will be further expanded at the next Districtwide LCAP meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 30 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lincoln Center on the Chico High School campus. Staff, parents, and community members are encouraged to attend, and both dinner and childcare will again be provided. Thank you to all who took the time to attend—your input is both needed and appreciated.

Superintendent Awards from February 17, 2016 CUSD Board Meeting:



Classified: Congratulations to **Alana Meline!** Alana is the office manager at MJHS, a position she has held since the school opened in August of 1999. Her award was presented by MJHS principal **Jay Marchant**, who stated Alana is the real principal and he is privileged to work for and with Ms. Meline. A large number of Marsh staff were present to support Alana as she was honored by the school and the District.



Certificated: An equally large number of staff and family members were on hand when Citrus Principal **Rachel Tadeo** presented Citrus teacher **Nicole Ballew** with her Superintendent's Award for Certificated Staff. Nicole teaches 3rd grade and is known for her energy and passion for teaching. Her students are truly fortunate to have her in their lives.



Community Member: Chico City Manager **Mark Orme** was honored by CUSD for his leadership at the city and his desire to work collaboratively with CUSD. CUSD has expressed concerns about student safety on the Esplanade corridor for many years. Mr. Orme, in his first full year as City Manager, gathered accident data and worked to hire an outside consultant to look at the existing issues and present possible solutions to address the safety concerns. Thank you Mr. Orme!

Kudos to CUSD Performing Arts Staff: The performing arts are alive and well in CUSD...and the credit goes to the outstanding performing arts teachers in our District. CUSD student performances packed the house at the February 18 performance leaving standing room only for those unfortunate enough not to arrive early. Great job—and thank you CUSD band and choral teachers!



News from Educational Services

Local Control and Accountability Plan Community Meeting: The Local Control Funding Formula is a huge opportunity for parents to help shape the vision for their children's education. California's school funding law, the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF), is a way for schools to focus on student success. The LCFF requires school districts to involve parents in planning and decision-making as the **Local Control and Accountability Plan** is developed. On Wednesday night, February 24, parents, CUSD staff, and community members met in Lincoln Hall on the Chico High School campus for dinner and data discussions based around how CUSD is currently spending LCAP dollars on student learning and what supports are needed. A follow-up meeting on March 30 will focus on the needs identified at the February meeting and identify services/programs for 2016-17. Both meetings open at 5:45 p.m. with dinner and childcare provided.

Tobacco-Use Prevention Education (TUPE): CUSD's 2015-2018 TUPE (Tobacco-Use Prevention Education) Grant is off to a great start, thanks to our dedicated staff and students. In summary of the progress that we have made this first year of our 3-year grant, teams of staff and students from all four of our high schools have been trained in the prevention and wellness program, *SPORT*. CUSD is the first district in the nation that has included youth to be trained in implementing the program! Each *SPORT* team will be delivering this program to students in high school Health classes. **Abe Simmons**, and *SPORT* team students **Kaden Bradley** and **Izzy Bishop**, presented *SPORT* at Chico High on February 9. The other three high schools are scheduling presentations later this spring. *SPORT* team members include: PVHS teacher **David Crawford** and students **Amber Pickering**, **Juan Pablo Martinez**, and **Kevin Crawford**; FVHS teacher **Janice Sunderland**, and student **Sofia Amador**; and Inspire teacher **Lee Holcomb** and students **Nikki-Maarie Ahlstrom** and **Jemma Ochs**.

High School students from Fair View, Chico High, and Inspire also received training in *Teens Against Tobacco Use* (TATU) this spring. TATU prepares high school students to deliver tobacco education prevention lessons to elementary school students. The Fair View High team (**Janice Sunderland**, and students **Sofia Amador**, **Mikheala Velazquez**, **Robbi Anderson**, **Sierra Gilbert**, and **Jackson Bassow**) is scheduled to present to students at Chapman Elementary this week, as is the Chico High team at Citrus (**Shelia Snyder** and students **Rebekah Gray** and **Ty Thompson**), and Inspire's team (**Lee Holcomb**, and students **Zouapa Lor**, **Margie Johnson**, **Sierra Day**, **Abby Shaw**, and **Kat Burchett**) at Neal Dow.

Our TUPE grant provided training this past fall and winter for all secondary counseling staff in our grant identified intervention programs, *New Leaf Curriculum* (Dr Alex Stalcup), and *Brief Intervention* (Ira Sachnoff). Our student support staff will be using these exceptional programs for assisting students who are referred to *In School Suspension* for drug-related behaviors.

Kids Leading Everyone Against Nicotine (KLEAN) groups at Chico High, Pleasant Valley High, Marsh Jr. High and Bidwell Jr. High received training this fall by our grant partner, Butte County Public Health (**Ellen Michels**), to collect information on the tobacco retail environment in Chico. The goal is advocating for policy change to include the adoption of a tobacco retailer license for those retailers selling tobacco products, or nicotine delivery system devices and products. KLEAN student groups have been instrumental in advocating for policy change for years, and were key partners in the adoption of the City of Chico's comprehensive smoking ban in all city parks (including Bidwell), and 20 feet in front of business entryways in the city of Chico.

Pennie Baxter and **Shannon McLean** at Chico High are in the process of engaging their digital arts class students in a social media campaign on campus that will help educate youth on the health issues associated with electronic cigarettes, and the tobacco retail environment. **Janice Sunderland**, **Alexey Ledwith** and **Fran Anderson** (and TATU students) at Fair View High are also working on a social media campaign that will engage students in designing a t-shirt logo that serves to increase student awareness about these same tobacco and nicotine related health concerns. The winning logo will be printed on t-shirts and distributed to the students. Raul Raygoza, Butte County Public Health, will be making presentations to students to help educate and prepare them for these projects.

Finally, our district administered the California Healthy Kids Survey to 7th, 9th, 11th and all Alternative Education students districtwide. A huge thank you to all of the school-site survey coordinators responsible for ensuring a smooth administration! The percentage of student respondents districtwide was higher than in any other year.

If you have any questions, or would like additional information about CUSD's TUPE program, please contact **Ann Brodsky** at 530-891-3050, ext 112, or abrodsky@chicousd.org

District Leadership Council (DLC): A few members of the DLC presented information at a Board Workshop on February 3. They shared how they are working towards:

- Providing elementary professional development
- Refining the elementary assessments
- Promoting our Professional Learning Communities structure at the school sites
- Supporting improved instructional practices
- Using data to drive instruction and ensure student learning

The Secondary DLC, along with ELA and Math teacher leaders, continue to refine our pilot district benchmark assessments to be administered in March. With site feedback, teachers are

developing streamlined rubrics to guide teachers' interpretation of student work without resorting to multiple choice questions that may not reflect what we actually do in our classrooms. ***While the primary purpose of these assessments is to provide teachers with actionable data about their students' work, we also need to capture the data for analysis at a district level. This data will guide decisions about how we support teachers to reduce the disproportionately high percentage of Low SES students who fail in our traditional schools.*** Let us continue pulling together to accomplish something that has never been done in CUSD before: using district-level data from teacher-created common assessments to improve instruction for all students--especially our most disadvantaged kids. Imagine a CUSD where poor kids do not fail classes any more frequently than their more affluent peers. Imagine a CUSD where economically disadvantaged kids are represented in our A-G courses at the same rate as any other student group. We can take steps to realizing that vision if we begin to gather meaningful data on a district level and then use that data to inform our professional development and instructional leadership practices. Please contact David McKay with any questions or comments.

District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC): What a wonderful showing we had at the last DELAC meeting from our EL parents and staff representing quite a few of our district schools. There were 37 attendees who signed in and many more who missed the sign in sheet. We had representation from 7 elementary schools (Chapman, Citrus, Emma Wilson, Marigold, McManus, Little Chico Creek and Rosedale); 2 Jr. Highs (Bidwell Jr. and Marsh Jr.); and 1 High School (Chico High). It was so nice to see representation from so many of our schools.

A huge thank you to all the targeted case managers for making phone calls, posting signs and making sure parents knew about the meeting. Thank you to our targeted case managers **Jaz, Frances, Ge, Pauline** and **Dolores** who came to the DELAC meeting, you were all so helpful with the success of the evening with your interpreting skills and filling in where needed. We could not have run such a successful meeting without you. It is because of you that we have parents interested in coming to meetings and wanting to become DELAC Officers. Thank you to **Mayra Avalos** and **Ge Thao-Lor** for taking the lead on translating last night. Thank you to **Yolanda** and **Vivian** for providing childcare for the 23 children so their parents could attend the meeting. We also want to thank **Kim Rodgers** for inviting parents to come and to see what DELAC was all about. It sure is nice for parents to see their school staff attend these meetings as well. Thank you to **Ted Sullivan** for representing the district office and supporting DELAC.

With this being our first DELAC meeting of the year, we elected officers, reviewed CUSD EL goals for the year and explained the district wide needs assessment that will be going home to EL parents at each site in the district. Most of the parents filled out their needs assessment last night so we have the beginning of some great data from our EL parents. Next meeting we will cover the Reclassification Procedures, written notification sent to EL parents, and Educational programs and services for English Learners.

We had some great questions posed by the parents and **Jaz** brought flyers inviting the DELAC members to the LCAP meeting next Wednesday night at Chico High. **Jaz** this was much appreciated and was a wonderful segway into how the parents can have input on how money is spent for the EL population. We felt the parents heard throughout the evening that the LCAP is a venue where parents can have their voices heard and where they have input on where the allocated dollars for ELs goes. The next DELAC meeting is scheduled for April 21. ~ **Dana Feingold, Terri Crawford** and **Tami Oberg**

Art Acker Award Winners: Several elementary students (see list below) were acknowledged for their academics, leadership, and good sportsmanship at school during half-time at a CSU, Chico basketball game recently.

Student Names	School
Syneetha Xiong and Dansani Vang	Chapman
Xyla Hemsley and Krishan Lal	Citrus
Ian Guanzon and Makayla Low-Carpenter	Emma Wilson
A.J. Ponciano and Taylor Dever	Hooker Oak
Devon Talley and Kao Kia Thao	J. McManus
Gwen Ryder and Casey Sarmiento	Little Chico Creek
Renton McGregor and Talysha Wilkerson	Marigold
Zach Jesse and Mia Medina	Neal Dow
Ryan Jorgenson and Ruby Zeff-Gettis	Parkview
Elliott Hull and Camille Irons	Rosedale
Evan Mayfield and Delaney Thau	Shasta
Callahan Foster and Abigail Blair	Sierra View

Chess Tournaments: There were 12 schools and 132 players in attendance at the recent Corning Chess tournament. Our "Championship Meet" is at Little Chico Creek on March 23. Below are pictures from the start of the Corning tournament.



News from Business Services

FACILITIES--Chico Jr. High School Restroom Modernization Project: The modernization of the student and staff restrooms in the 400 and 500 wings at Chico Jr. High is underway. The restrooms were demolished to the studs. Improvements include: framing, new plumbing, insulation, drywall, paint, tile, fixtures and accessories. These restrooms are scheduled for completion in March 2016 and will be ready for student and staff use after Spring Break.



MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS (M/O)

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, March 13: M/O's Telecommunications Specialist **Nick Oman** will be making his rounds to ensure that clocks are correct for everyone's return after spring break. Our night lights are also affected by the time change - some of our outside lights are controlled by the EMS system and will be corrected from M/O; others are controlled by a

time clock at the site and will be reset by a maintenance worker. If the outside lights are observed lit during the daylight hours or not lit during the PM hours, please let M/O know ASAP.

Spring Break (March 14-18) is rapidly approaching! And many sites may have their custodial staff on vacation, so as a reminder this would be a great time to unplug appliances and remove food items before leaving for break. As always your help is greatly appreciated!!

A few projects that the M/O team will be working on during this break will be roofing repair/replace, classroom remodels for the upcoming move of the sixth graders to the Jr. Highs, and storm water management at various sites.

M/O, working with the Facilities department, recently remodeled the boys' locker rooms at the two high schools. Thanks go to the hard working maintenance team members that made these locker rooms look outstanding: **Daniel Hunt, Danny Rice, Dusty Copper, Eric German, Leroy Jackson, Greg Kandler, Jerry Hoyt, Joel Rothenberger, Luke Steinberg, Mike Witzcek, Scott Beem** and **Tom Combs**.



Spring Break Transportation: Transportation will have busses on the road during Spring Break servicing our school sites that will be conducting Intersession at Chapman, Citrus, McManus, Neal Dow, Parkview, Rosedale, Chico Jr., and Bidwell Jr. High schools, so please drive careful.

Pep Talk: From time to time everyone needs encouragement. Please check the link below to view an awesome pep talk by Robby Novak, an amazing kid who calls himself "Kid President". He has Osteogenesis Imperfecta (Brittle Bone disease) but he doesn't let that stand in the way of his positive attitude. See for yourself at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l-gQLqv9f4o>

Nutrition Services: The Nutrition Services department is at the end of the federal annual site reviews. Every year we are required to go to each site and review both breakfast and lunch meal service as well as review all paperwork. (FYI - CUSD Nutrition Team reviews the sites at least four times each year, three more than required by the USDA/CDE). This is a great chance to work side by side with the team, we take the opportunity to hear the site teams' ideas for improvements, as well as new menu items. Site staff have been doing a wonderful job providing great service and meals.

The USDA/CDE Administrative review takes place this spring. The review consists of a detailed inspection into our free and reduced application process, purchasing practices, menu compliance, on-going team training, meal claims, meal service and production paperwork. Our review is scheduled for the middle of May; we have just finished submitting the preliminary paperwork. I am very confident in our team and our practices, and know we will pass with flying colors.

Our site teams have been working on a trial purchasing program for produce. The new nutrition regulations have opened some exciting new doors for us. Each of our site managers can now order produce according to what their guests like. This allows for sites to order fresh products that their guests will like. The site managers have done a great job during this trial and it looks like this will be our new practice moving forward - Great job Site Managers!

We are also working on the installation of our final grant purchases across the district. A big thank you goes to **John Carver, Dusty Copper, Eric German** and **the M&O team** for assisting with that process.

News from Human Resources

Classified Human Resources Training: A training on *How to Manage Behavior for Challenging Students* was presented by **Josh Kuersten**. The majority of the employees at the first two trainings were special education employees who routinely deal with challenging behaviors from students. Mr. Kuersten made presentations at the Elks Lodge, Chico High School, and the Large Conference Room (LCR) at the District Office. The last presentation at the LCR was primarily attended by the employees who work in the transportation department.



Elks Lodge



Chico High School

The trainings were well attended and many employees actively engaged the speaker in lively discussions regarding student behaviors and the challenges that they faced at work.

Future Trainings: We expect to provide computer software training in Microsoft Office products in the near future in the LCR at the district office from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. We will send notices out providing specific details for the voluntary training in the next 30 days.

Personnel Commission: Chico Unified School District is a Merit System school district. This simply means that the work in the Classified Human Resources Department is primarily administered through a Personnel Commission. The Personnel Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at the District Office. The agenda for Personnel Commission meetings can be found on our website @: <http://www.chicousd.org/Departments/Human-Resources/Personnel-Commission/index.html>. There are three Commissioners who are responsible for the merit system at Chico Unified. The makeup of the three Personnel Commissioners consists of: 1) an appointee of the School Board (**Gloria Bevers**), 2) an appointee of CSEA Chapter 110 (**Jane Dolan**); and 3) a third Commissioner who is appointed by the other two Commissioners (**Scott Jones**). The Commissioners serve a three-year term with one Commissioner's term ending each year in December. **Gloria Bevers** was recently re-appointed.

Job Opportunities: We currently are not recruiting within classified service. 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. 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.

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.

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

Americanism Essay Contest: The Elks Grand Lodge held a contest geared towards students in 5th through 8th grades to promote patriotism among young people. The essays were to be about "What I Can Do to Promote Americanism and Love of Country". The Elks Americanism Essay Winners for the 5th and 6th grade category were:

Student Name/Grade	Teacher	School	Place	Award
Mikal Teklai, 5th	Dan Linville	LCC	1 st	\$100 cash award and moves on to district competition
Elizabeth Harkey, 5th	Kelli Voss	Shasta	2 nd	\$50 cash award
Elyse Greenberg, 5th	Kelli Voss	Shasta	3 rd	\$25 cash award

Below are photos from the award night and from the rally at LCC last Thursday. The winning essay is at the end of this Update.



Students Participating in the CMEA-NS Honor Choir held at CSU Chico were **Hannah Bond, Catherine Bultema, Jared Giribaldi, Katya Nayduch** and **Clara Coon**. The choir, which included over 120 7th-9th grade students from all over Northern California, was directed by Chico High's **Susan Delgado**. The following students travelled to Arcata to CSU Humboldt for the Northern California Band and Choir Director's Association Honor Choir February 4-7. **Cora Miller, Christina Felipe** and **Austin Seguire**. The students worked with Jeff Benson from SJSU.



Honor Band
Kobe Hassenzahl,
Bjorn Larson,
Anna Conley,
 Chico High



Honor Band and
 Honor Choir Students from
 Chico High



NCBCDA Director
 of the Year
Sue Delgado



Christina Felipe,
Austin Seguire,
Cora Miller
 Chico High

FHA-HERO, Affiliate of FCCLA / Region 2 Spring Meeting Winners! Congratulations to the leadership at the FHA-HERO meeting from Region Officers, **Anne Gebicke, Brianna Romero** and **Sienna Sasseli**. They opened the Spring Meeting with a mixer and challenge as competitors nervously awaited the Competitive Events held at PVHS on Saturday, January 31.

The advisors were so proud that not one student was disqualified and the following students received medals for their respective events. Note there are 8 – 1st place medals.

- **Anne Gebicke** Gold in Child Development
- **Brianna Romero** Silver in Child Development
- **Christina Newquist** Gold in Child Development, Jr. Division
- **Erin Brown** Gold in Life Event Planning
- **Rhiannon Mueller** Gold in Job Application and Interview
- **Avalon Cooper** Gold in Salad Demonstration, Jr. Division
- **Rebecca Ray & Vehlilah Rothenberger** Gold in Applied Math to Culinary Concepts
- **Ashley Harris & Kamara Cornett** Bronze in Culinary Art- Gourmet Meals
- **Miranda Garner** Gold in Culinary Display
- **Hannah Siebert & Sienna Sasseli** Gold in National Program in Review on “Teens in the Driver’s Seat”
- **Micaela Serrano** Gold in Menu Planning, Design and Table Display



Students can move on to state level competitions and tests in content areas for a chance at over \$200,000 in scholarships, prizes and awards. Three of our students challenged themselves by running for a Regional office. Elected were **Sienna Sasseli** to President and **Brianna Romero** to Treasurer – Congratulations!

Bidwell Jr. High School Spelling Bee: Congratulations to Bidwell’s Spelling Bee winners: **Mikhaela Compuesto**, 1st place and **Marisa Lo**, 2nd place. The Spelling Bee was held on Wednesday, February 17, with 31 participants. Students first competed in their English classes to earn a spot in the school spelling bee. Thank you to **Pamela Beeman** for acting as the Spelling Bee Master, and **Debra Lou Hoffmann** and **Cathy Jenswold** who were the judges. All three are retirees from Bidwell and their continued support is much appreciated. Mikhaela (pictured on the left) and Marisa (pictured on the right) will go on to compete in the county spelling bee on March 4 in Oroville.



Library Lovers’ Month: February is Library Lovers’ Month and our elementary libraries are hosting a Library Book Drive. Families can show the library and our readers some love by donating gently used children’s books to any of our elementary library sites or donate a new book from one of our libraries’ [Amazon wishlists](#). We love donations any time of the year, but

we are especially grateful for the extra “love” this February. Your donations help our students read and succeed! - **Michelle Kelley**, Elementary Teacher Librarian

How to Be a Helpful Upstander: The attached link will take you to a video produced by **Andy Canales** at McManus and used by their student leadership news program. It combines a moving video from youtube with celebrities and kids talking about bullying, as well as ideas for how to be a helpful upstander. It ends with the McManus students talking about Pink Shirt Day history and encouraging students to participate. Shows some nice work by McManus staff!

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News from Our Staff and Community

Thank You from a Former Student: The following email is from a former four-year ACE-LIFE academy student in both Careers with Kids and HERO...it takes a village to graduate such an amazing young woman as Sarah Holden...love the success stories of our much-loved students... With appreciation ~ Laura Dietle

Hi there Mrs.Dietle, I just wanted to shoot you a quick email to say thank you. Because of you and the ACE-LIFE Academy I am working in the most amazing job. Last spring, you offered me a chance at an interview at a daycare that were looking for a high school student to hire part time. I remember feeling so honored that I was the first student that you had thought of. Well, now about a year later I am working there full time as a preschool teacher! It's been one of the most challenging, but most rewarding jobs that I have ever had. I get to work with twelve two year old students all by myself and they are just precious. I've bonded and made connections with each and every one of them. It's the best job that I could have hoped for as a student graduating and transitioning into college. And it's all thanks to you! So thank you so much

And, thanks to Careers with Kids, I was able to finish all 12 units that I needed to be able to work full time in the matter of two semesters! ACE-LIFE and you are truly a blessing to the students who are a part of it.

I just wanted to email you and say thank you for everything you did. And thank you especially for thinking of me when the librarian asked you to offer it to one of your students. I hope that ACE-LIFE is doing well this year, I do miss it a lot even though college is a blast! I hope that this program keeps going for many many years to come, because it is amazing and helping a lot of students even after "PV la la land". Thanks again ~ Sarah Holden

The Chico Community Ballet (CCB) is a local treasure that provides many CUSD students the opportunity to pursue a passion for dance. Most of us know and have had members of the troupe in our schools and classes over the last 2-3 decades. CUSD and the Chico Creek Dance Centre (which hosts CCB) also share teachers. The Chico Community Ballet (CCB) is the group that brings the Christmas ballet to Laxson every December. This year was Sleeping Beauty but most years it is the Nutcracker.

Next month, CUSD and the Chico community have the opportunity to support this group by supporting their annual Spaghetti Dinner and Dance Performance. The food is made from scratch the day before (a 9-10 hour cooking day for many ballet supporters) and includes homemade sauces, yeast breads and desserts. The dancers in CCB provide entertainment throughout the whole meal. The money raised goes right back into CCB, and this year, to the new sets for next year's Chico history themed production of the Nutcracker.

Please consider taking your family to this community cultural event on Saturday, March 5 at 4:30 or 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20/person. Children who cannot walk yet are free. You can get your tickets at the Chico Creek Dance Centre at 1144 W 1st St. or send me (Beth Johnson @Chico High School) a check in the district mail indicating which seating you want (4:30 or 7:00 p.m.) and I'll send your tickets back to you. Checks need to be made out to the Chico Community Ballet.

Our community is a web of organizations supporting the community and each other. Our unions, the school district, and the community ballet directly and indirectly interact. One more way we can support each other is to let someone else make dinner, clean up, and choose the channel on the 'TV' for us on March 5. Please plan to attend this great entertainment opportunity. Thank you ~ **Elizabeth (Beth) Johnson**, Chico High School

CUSD in the News

[Chico school district using new approach to deal with behavioral issues](#)

[Chico school board talks elementary education](#)

[Standing Room Only for School Honor Band in Chico](#)

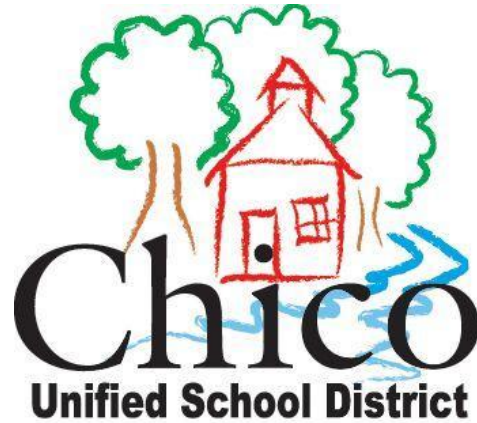
[Empty Bowls Benefit for the Torres Shelter is Thursday](#)

What Is K.L.E.A.N.?

- A youth empowerment program that trains students how to educate others about the dangers of tobacco and emerging nicotine delivery devices (e-cigarettes)
- Students collaborating to advocate for Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community.



Sponsoring Agencies



**QUESTIONS ABOUT
K.L.E.A.N. PROGRAM?
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**Kids
Leading
Everyone
Against
Nicotine**

**Teens Advocating for a
Tobacco-Free Chico!!**



**How Can You Make a
Difference in Your
Community?**

Who Can Participate in Teens Against Tobacco Use - T.A.T.U Program?

- Students who are interested in educating others about the dangers of tobacco use.
- Students who are tobacco free/ or who have quit smoking successfully.
- Students who are in good academic standing.



Goals

1. Develop skills to teach younger children about tobacco use and become advocates for a tobacco free community.
2. Understand and identify the positive aspects of being tobacco free and realize that the majority of teens and adults do NOT smoke.
3. Understand how tobacco advertising and promotions deceive youth.
4. Understand how getting hooked on tobacco destroys youth's freedom and control over their personal lives.
5. Develop self-confidence



Why

K.L.E.A.N.?

- Youth empowerment
- Development of communication skills using tobacco as the focus.
- Meet new people with common interests.
- Provides an opportunity to express your creativity through fun and exciting activities.
- Exercise Leadership skills
- Provide community service
- Acquire work related experience (Job training skills).



Mikal Teklai

5th Grade

Little Chico Creek Elementary School

Sponsored By: Elks Lodge, Chico

Home of the Brave

America's rights are often taken for granted. Our country is mostly thought of as the land of the free, which means that we can speak our minds publicly and we can say whatever we want to say. This isn't a worldwide opportunity. We don't realize that there are many things that we can do to show our appreciation.

One way to show my admiration of America is to raise American flags. I know it sounds really simple and effortless, but that's all I really need to do. If I put a flag on my house, who knows, maybe my neighbors will start putting up flags on their houses too. Then I would have a whole street of Americanism. Putting up flags can show that my country means a lot to me, and that I truly appreciate the lifelong opportunities America can and will give to me.

Another sign of gratitude towards our beloved country is to thank both former and currently working veterans. I probably won't recognize them if they aren't in their uniform, but if they are, then I can give them a simple thank you. I guarantee they will understand my appreciation. After all, they save America from being taken over and they keep people like you and I safe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was made so that everyone can show their gratefulness for America. All of the classes I have been in, have done the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, so whenever they forgot, I would always remind them. It is my way of having a moment of faith in America and everyone living here that they will always remember to love America and what it has given us.

No matter what way I show it, I will always know I love America. In America I trust.

CUSD Elem Library Book Drive!

February is Library Lovers' Month

Help show your love for our school libraries and for reading by donating gently used children's books to a library of your choice this month. Donations can be brought to any school campus (please specify for the library) or contact

Michelle Kelley at 891-3111 / mkelley@chicousd.org



LOVE YOUR LIBRARY



**Donate your
used children's
books to the
Library
this month!**

*Please donate only gently
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books too! See
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ANYTIME of the
year!*

