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Holiday Business Market Showcases Sprouting Entrepreneurs

57 student booths to be showcased at the Hooker Oak Elementary Business Marketplace.

Chico, CA – Community members can grow student business skills by attending the first annual Hooker Oak Elementary School Business Marketplace! The craft fair and market showcase will be held on Saturday, December 10, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hooker Oak Elementary School.

Students submitted their unique business ideas and accompanying applications. "Tugger Treats" homemade dog biscuits, "Glittery Slime Parlor" and "Carmen's Cross Stich" are just three of the 57 student vendors offering holiday stocking stuffer ideas.

In addition to shopping the student businesses, community members can purchase raffle tickets to win one of 13 gift baskets. Santa will be on-site to take pictures, and photos are free with a donation of a new or unwrapped toy to the Toys for Tots Program.

What: 2022 Hooker Oak Sprouting Business Market

When: Saturday, December 10 (rain or shine)

Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Hooker Oak Elementary School, 1238 Arbutus Avenue, Chico

Education and business sense are a few of the key ingredients for Hooker Oak Elementary School's Thematic Hands-On Learning Program. Explore how these "little sprouts" turn into "mighty oaks" while supporting student learning!

"Our program focuses on real-world activities that foster a love of learning while supporting our school and the larger Chico community. Students shape the focus, and our staff takes the time to forge valuable learning connections. We are thrilled to invite the community onto our campus to experience our student entrepreneurs' passion and hard work," shared Hooker Oak Principal Emily Mullins. "Plus, attendees can walk away with some incredible stocking stuffers!"

Hooker Oak Elementary School is a Chico Unified School District School of Choice and is accepting applications for the 2023-24 school year. Visit www.hookeroak.chicousd.org to learn more or schedule a tour.

If you have questions, contact Hooker Oak Elementary School at 530-891-3119.

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Additional Information

- Registration for the 2023-24 school year will begin on December 5, 2022.
- Students are eligible to attend *Kindergarten* in the fall if they turn five on or before September 1, 2023.

- Students who turn five between September 2, 2023 and April 2, 2024 are eligible to enroll in *Transitional Kindergarten (TK)* for the 2023-24 school year.

Registration Information

New California Legislation has changed the age requirements for attending Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

- **2023-2024 School Year** – Students who turn five between September 2, 2023 and April 2, 2024 are eligible to enroll in TK for the 2023-24 school year.
- **2024-2025 School Year** – Students who turn five between September 2, 2024 and June 2, 2025 will be eligible to enroll in TK for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **2025-2026 School Year** – Students who turn FOUR on or before September 1, 2025 will be eligible to enroll in TK for the 2025-2026 school year.

Chico Unified offers five preschool programs for families who qualify. Visit www.chicousd.org and type "Preschool" into the search bar to learn more.