

*I hope your dreams take you to the corners of your smiles, to the highest of your hopes, to the windows of your opportunities, and the most special places your heart has ever known.*

*Author Unknown*

# C.O.R.E Newsletter

## Executive Director's Message

**Dear Parents, Students and Teachers,** Thank you all for a fabulous and eventful year. In reflecting on this year there is so much that we can recognize that has been positive for our schools. This is the first year for CORE Butte Charter and they had such a wonderful year in their new center on Cohasset thanks to the hard work of teachers, administrators, parents and students. All worked together forming a very dynamic team and the end of year review by the School Director, Jonelle Pena, provided an opportunity for her to share the great results with the school board and others. CORE Butte also received their WASC accreditation through a review process that allows them to be accredited to the length of the Camptonville Academy's 6 year term, April 2010. Both schools received certification by the California Charter School Association. Other notable accomplishments were the first Washington, DC trip for 8th through 12th grade students led by Neil Bledsoe, successful Passages expeditions thanks to all HS Counselors, establishment of volleyball and basketball teams in Marysville thanks to the efforts of Chris Mahurin, successful completion of the Enhancing Education Through Technology Grant with Reid Luhman and Sharlee Curry at the helm, progress toward an a-g course list for CORE Butte Charter with Marlene Brenden and the other HS Counselors leading the way, and improvement on remediation strategies for all students who need the extra help. On an administrative level, We have made great strides as a team moving our office toward paperless archiving of student files through the efforts of many but especially Sharon Chester, our Administrative Assistant. Lastly, If you were able to attend graduation you witnessed the event and saw over 160 students who graduated from either 8th or 12th grade. It was truly a touching ceremony. I wish you all a restful and recreational summer and look forward to your return at the start of school in August.

Best Wishes to You All,  
Jan

### Camptonville Honor Roll

#### Executive Directors List

Brigitte Aasen	Jessica Gifford	Jordan Law
Bobbie Acuna	Amaryllis Graybill	Stephanie Macomb
Alexis Alvarez	Caroline Graybill	Ala Navratil
Lucas Alvarez	Elizabeth Hardesty	Gabe O'Rourke
Stephanie Battenfeld	Jeremiah Hardesty	Kathryn Peterson
Samantha Bell	Joseph Harmon	Miranda Rapisura
Codey Borges	Nicole Heffley	Danielle Reeser
Robert Bowler	Tyler Hickman	Carey Ruff
Eric Brusseau	Ryan Holden	Mike Seipert
Hannah Calvert	Robbie Hood	Heather Sims
Allison Dailey	Patricia Joost	Joy Smith
Anthony Dollar	Hailey Kleinhans	Madeline Stuart
Jessica Edwards	Cassandra Koeberlein-Carroll	Allison Tarascio
Reanna Elliot	Rachel Koszka	Joshua Unitt
Katie Filipowski	Joshua Landry	Andrew Warren
Nate Geiger	Janell Law	Tawsha Wasley
		Jessica Winn

#### Honor Roll A

Anthony Barbaria	Shayla Choate	Garrett Konrad
Jessica Battenfeld	Margie Dixon North	Nina Liu
Alyssa Beem	Jessica Fitzpatrick	Kaitlyn McCaul
Matthew Bourgeois	Haley Formo	Zachary Miller
	Lydia Hejny	Jesica Minton
	Benjamin Jackson	Alicia Ramos
	Ashley King	Kelsey Sims

#### Honor Roll B

Alyssa Ackenheil	Shaina Ferguson	Elishia Muzio
Brandon Barker	Joseph Forman	Cedar Myring-Hatch
Elida Bradley	Brittany Gannon	Alex Perez
Tori Brooks	Chelbie Grant	Jillian Rosenberg
Steven Buchanan	Lisa Haskin	Jordan Rymel
Beth Burch	Coleton	Hope Smith
Cody Clover	Hollingsworth	John Spencer
Samantha Costales	Jolienne Holtze	Conner Summerby
Allison Deily	Drew Jackson	Morgan Summerby
Shane Elizarrarez	Mark Kangas	Kelly Tapp
Sarah Elmer	Jordan Konrad	Mical Todd
	Zacheus Law	Tyler Todd
	Lisa Lonquist	Kevin Winn
	Kelly Lucich	

### CORE Butte Honor Roll

#### Executive Directors List

Stetcyn Arrington	Ashley Hankins	Graham Provost
Mary Collins	Christina Jeffries-Kinney	Danielle Snelson
Jordan Cottrell	Janae Keables	Kirsten Weiss
Sara Dura	Anthony Lucas	Sarah Wilson
Franz Ferre	Emma Luther	Megan Yamada Bryant
Sarah Gronseth	Seth McFarland	Julia Young
Malea Hadidan	Jossalyn Nelson	
Chelsea Hankins		

#### Honor Roll A

Curtis Eiler	Hillary Kerr	Jessica Rollins
Sara Elloway	Christopher Myers	Michael Tully
Morgan Galbraith	Marissa Nugent	
Mark Gehrett	Bradley Richardson	

#### Honor Roll B

Chris Adkins	Brandon Eckert	Mallory Penzotti
Colby Ballinger	John Fuller	Austin Puckett
Kasia Byers	Moryah German	Gidon Segal
Austin Campbell	Jessica Gidley	Annastasia Smith
Gina Chandler	Cyndi Golden	Michael Spann
Olyvia Cooper	Steven Gray	Paige Spencer
Michael Crosbie	Ryan Holman	Sawyer Stanley
Claire Dasbach	Erica Kielhorn	Emily Storm
Cate Dasbach	Cailey Leary	Austen Strine
Haley Davis	Chase Looney	Demming Tilton
Keileen Dawson	Jessica McGuire	Courtney Tilton
Jake Derrington	Jennifer Mulvihill	Shannon Villa
Aaron Dixon	Brandon Munoz	Tina Weddell

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# Congratulations Graduates of 2008

## CORE Butte Graduates

Abernathy, Jesse  
Adkins, Christopher  
Baker, Daniel  
Bladorn, Scott  
Dasbach, Caitlin  
Dutra, Sara  
Edsall, William  
Eiler, Curtis

Galbraith, Morgan  
Gehrett, Mark  
Gray, Steven  
Henderson, Travis  
Hignell, Ryan  
Jauregui, David  
Jeffries-Kinney, Christina  
Keene, Rose

McGuire, Jessica  
Mokhtarzadeh, Chelsea  
Moyer, Scott  
Nelms, Adam  
Penzotti, Mallory  
Porter, Darcy  
Provance, Travis  
Quan, Ausyrai

Rollins, Jessica  
Snelson, Danielle  
Sullender, Christian  
Tilton, Courtney  
Villa, Shannon  
Wilson, Sarah  
Wolf, Scott  
Yamada-Bryant, Megan

## Camptonville Graduates

Aasen, Brigitte  
Aronson, Courtney  
Barbaria, Anthony  
Battenfeld, Stephanie  
Beauchamp, Katelyn  
Birkholz, Elizabeth  
Brusseau, Eric  
Burdick, Jessica  
Koeberlein-Carroll, Cassandra  
Childers, James  
Clifford, Allison  
Clift, Kellen  
Coutee, Ilona  
Cox, Anastaysha  
Deily, Allison  
Dollar, Anthony

Duenas, Katelyn  
Edsall, William  
Evans, Andrea  
Farabee, Elyssa  
Finlon, Amanda  
Formo, Haley  
Fuentes, Felicia  
Hampton, Christopher  
Hickman, Linsey  
Hoglund, Gianna  
Hollingsworth, Christian  
Jewell, Candice  
Kangas, Monica  
Kangas, Tonya  
Kleinhans, Hailey  
Konrad, Jordan

Landry, Joshua  
Law, Janell  
Law, Zacheus  
Lowry, Koorisa  
Lucich, Kelly  
Lynn, Thomas  
Macomb, Stephanie  
Merritt, Marisa  
Minter, Ashley  
Minton, Jesica  
Montano, Jenna  
Navratil, Ala  
Nordin, Elaine  
O'Rourke, Gabriel  
Parker, Josiah  
Penzotti, Mallory Rose

Ralph, Elysse  
Ramos, Alicia  
Reeser, Daniell  
Seipert, Michael  
Stanley, Miranda  
Stouder, Kristin  
Stuart, Madeline  
Tapp, Kelly  
Thuman, David  
Vick, Kayla  
Ward, Amy  
Woolery, Patrick  
Woolery, Hannah



This has been an exciting year, and another one is soon to come. If you like to plan in advance, mark your calendars for the upcoming dates for the **2008-2009** school year.

**The Center will open** for resource check out and support on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Open Orientation** will be held on August 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. This is for families who are interested in learning about our program and would like to enroll.

**Classes start** at the Marysville Center, Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Picture Day** is on September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and sign ups will be available at the front desk in the beginning of September.

**“Thank you” to Rob and Lynn Perry** for donating and assembling two new podiums to our center, and to **Jason Dysart** for donating his time and hard work improving our electrical and lighting system.



### Website

Mark Yedinak has put together an excellent website displaying our students' hard work and creativity from this year such as videos, pod casts, photography, and writing. If you would like to check it out, go to the CORE web site ([www.coretca.org](http://www.coretca.org)), click on “Spotlight,” and click “see the Marysville Students' writing page”.

### New Additions to our Staff

We would like to welcome our new Marysville teachers Nancy Socha and Juspreet Bains.

Nancy has been a parent in our program for several years and will now bring her experience to our school. She will be teaching Interactive History and Art Across America at the center.

Juspreet has a wealth of experience working with elementary students. She will be teaching Hands On Math for kindergarten through third grade. We are very excited to have such joyous and passionate teachers come aboard.



**Volunteer Center Clean up Day** is scheduled for Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup> 8:00-1:00

Volunteers are welcome to drop in and help us clean up the center, paint walls, pull weeds and etc.

College Prep Course a Success at CORE Butte Charter  
By Debra Moon

Debra Moon and Mary Cox team-taught a special course designed by the California State College system at CORE Butte Charter this past year. It was a great success, since all 22 students attending the class grew in their analytical reading and writing abilities. The course was taught in a two-hour block, once a week. The teachers promoted a variety of configurations in the class structure, using pairs, small groups and whole class activities throughout each class period. The students did a lot of team-work and teambuilding activities which led to a feeling of cohesiveness within the class and within the groups.

The class covered contemporary, non-fiction articles published in popular magazines and newspapers. Some of the topics covered were discrimination in hiring practices, child abuse versus discipline, methods of determining monetary value of human life in accident reimbursements to families, racial profiling in police searches and arrests, and other controversial issues. Students rose to the challenge and did a lot of aggressive research, interview, debate, and discussion on these topics as well as formal writing assignments.

Mary and Debra noted that students specifically grew in the following areas: leaps in critical thinking; ability to organize thoughts; ability to express and substantiate points; ability to format a formal essay; punctuation, grammar, syntax and word choice.

Here is one excerpt chosen from many, many good pieces of student writing. The following is a quote from an essay titled “How Much Is a Life Worth” by Austin Campbell:

How much is a human life worth? According to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), it is approximately \$6.1 million (O’Keefe 1). Valuations of life are most often based on analysis of the wages premium for risky jobs [.....] Putting a money value on human life makes a lot of people uncomfortable. It is clearly unacceptable to almost all religions and moral philosophies to do so [....] To know why we try to place value on human life, we have to look at what things we consider “valuable.” We claim that life is valuable, but we toss life aside as if it’s something cheap and near worthless, We put more value on cars than we put on the air we breathe; we put more value on our comforts than we put on the comforts of others[...]. In my opinion, the only person who can put a value on a human life is the person evaluating him or herself [...]

Students expressed opinions, and found experts and/ or philosophers to agree with their thesis statements. They wrote some well-substantiated, interesting essays and letters to the editor in the class. The teachers feel the course did indeed help prepare students for college reading and writing. The students also responded to the team-work format and did some fantastic presentations and other work in teams.



# CORE Butte Charter School

Next year's **curriculum** will be available through your teacher after August 1<sup>st</sup>. Your teacher will arrange a time for you to pick it up.

The **first day of school** is August 25<sup>th</sup>. High school classes at the Chico and Paradise centers begin Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Elementary classes at the centers begin Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.

Plan ahead. **2008 – 2009 Picture Day**. Mark your calendars for Monday, Sep. 22<sup>nd</sup> in Paradise from 10 – 11:30, then in Chico from 1 – 3:30. Make up picture day will be on Monday, Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> in Paradise from 10 – 11, and in Chico from 12:30 – 2:00.

The **Back to School Event** has been set for Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 6:30. The Fall Festival, Family Fun Carnival and Back to School event will be incorporated into one fun filled afternoon. Plan on meeting the teachers, vendors and visiting the center classrooms.

**Vision, hearing and scoliosis screening** for both the Chico and Paradise centers will be scheduled for October.

**Testing Dates for next year** have been scheduled. Mark your calendars.

**PSAT** Voluntary test for 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> graders, Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**CAHSEE** for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who haven't previously passed the test, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.

**CAHSEE** on February 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> for **all 10<sup>th</sup> graders** and any 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who haven't previously passed the test, all classes cancelled that day.

**Mandatory STAR** Writing test for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders on March 3, all classes cancelled that day.

Voluntary **EAP** Writing test for 11<sup>th</sup> graders on March 3.

**Mandatory STAR Testing** for all 2<sup>nd</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> graders the week of April 27<sup>th</sup> – April 30, all classes and speech cancelled that week.

**Mandatory PE Testing** for all 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> graders on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**CAHSEE** on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders who haven't previously passed the test (11<sup>th</sup> graders may attempt the CAHSEE test only two times during the school year).

The **Talent Show** will be on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 P.M. at the Chico center.

Several assemblies are in the works, **Living Abe Lincoln** for K – 6<sup>th</sup> graders and **Physics is Fun** for 4<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

The **Curriculum Faire** will be in late February. Please plan on attending to view all of your curriculum choices for your children.

A **Spring Dance** and a **Graduation Party** is planned for high schoolers next year.

Specific details for **Sutter's Fort**, **Trapper's field trip** in Red Bluff, **Woodleaf** environmental camp, **Reach for the Future** conference, **Youth Leadership** workshop, **Butte College** planning, **Spelling Bee**, **Science Fair**, **Renaissance Fair**, **Expo**, **Art Showcase**, **Running Club**, **CIF**, **School Wide Awards**, **Scantron Testing**, **Work Experience Education**, **Charter Council** (Governance Council).

**Sign ups for classes** will be in May next year.

The **Renaissance Faire**, **Art Showcase and Expo** will take place from 4:00 – 7:00 P.M. on May 4<sup>th</sup>, a wonderful evening for all.

Please read the Back-to-School Newsletter for more information.

Have a **good summer** and see you next year.

## Magical Night

Congratulations to Mary and all who helped set up the dance. When the lights went down the big room was transformed. The detail was incredible. And the students. . . .when they came in, the magical night began. There was something for everyone to do. . .dancing, prizes, video games, slide show, COTTON CANDY, luscious displays of food, great music, laughter and joy. . . We are so fortunate to have such a great group of kids. EVERYONE was engaged and having a blast. . .even the teachers!!!

**Graham Provost**, Core Butte 11<sup>th</sup> grade student has achieved the honor of being accepted into the Stanford University Mathematics Program, an incredible opportunity offered to only 35 students world-wide.

The program brings mathematically talented and motivated high school students to Stanford University for four weeks of serious mathematical pursuits. A guided research project allows students to pursue a focused area of interest related to the course. There will be guest lectures given by internationally renowned mathematicians.

**Anna Lopez**  
Butte 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Student

### My Inspiration

You are one of my inspirations  
You tell me I can do anything I want if I put my mind to it  
You always make me laugh  
You always know how to make me feel better when I'm upset  
You never seem to let me down  
You are someone I can truly trust my entire life with  
You made me be the best person I can be  
You are a person I will always treasure  
You are my other half  
You are my best friend

*On Wednesday, May 21, 2008, C.O.R.E. Butte Chico Center students, teachers, and families stepped through the looking glass with Alice into the middle of a musical chess game. Twenty-eight students, first through ninth grades, from the Performing Arts class taught by Kathy Severin and Michele Steele took on the roles of Alice and the characters of Looking Glass Land. With the help of a fantastic parent and student crew, student director Thomas Billheimer, and a beautiful set designed and painted by Danielle Snelson and friends, empty space became a magical world.*

*As the Red Queen and White Queen gave Alice advice, the White Knight tried to protect her from the troubled Red Knight. As she moved across the chess board, Alice received guidance from a myriad of multi-hued flowers, entered the crazy square of Tweedledee and Tweedledum, helped revive a fallen Humpty Dumpty, escaped the black-light world of the Jabberwocky Ballet, helped to rescue Polly Pawn from the Dream Box, and was crowned Queen for a moment before returning to the "real" world.*

*All students, teachers, and parents involved deserve a huge thank you and congratulations for a successful and fun production.*



# Colfax Center

Thank you to all families for a great school year. Also, thank you to the wonderful teachers and office staff for all of their hard work. I truly enjoyed working with all of you. Have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to next year!  
Sandy Shea, Area Coordinator



## Students saw history come alive at Marshall Gold Discovery Park, in Coloma California.

Families were greeted at the park with gold pouch name tags, courtesy of Theresa Gartrell, Summer's mom.

Kathleen Medley gave a brief history lesson-Coloma came from the Native

American word, meaning beautiful valley, in 1848 James Marshall discovered gold in the American river and the valley and surrounding areas filled with fortune seekers from all over the world. Students and families hiked to the actual site of Sutter's Mill, built by Marshall, where he first reached in and found gold the size of a split pea.

Going further back in time, they learned how the Mountain Men trapped and survived with Mountain Man Fritz. They made our own "leather pokes" and proceeded to learn the best techniques for panning and found garnets, fool's gold (pyrite), and gold.

Families then were free to visit the museum, mining equipment, blacksmith, Wah Hop store, to pan in the river or hike to the monument-visiting Marshall's cabin along the way.

### Panning for gold!



### Mountain Man Fritz



Original Story by Heather Heisch, 5<sup>th</sup> grade Colfax Center student

### The Story of Four Horns

In the summer of 1780 a boy was born of the Hunkpapa band, of the Lakota Sioux and he name was Talk Alot. At a really young age he began to learn to speak his first words. Everyday he learned to speak his words. Everyday he learned more and each year his vocabulary grew. Nobody could ever get a word in. Talk Alot wanted to change his name and wanted to do something, in order to change his name.

One cold, hard, long winter came. Talk Alot was 11 years old. It was a bad winter; he would never forget. Food was becoming hard to get and animals were starting to die off. Talk Alot couldn't see his family hungry any longer, so he decided to get on his horse and ride to find food. As the day started to end, Talk Alot was becoming very cold, hungry and tired. He decided there was no hope, so he decided to go back home. On his way back, he came across two large buffaloes under a tree, eating the last blades of grass. He slowly moved toward the buffalo, pulled a couple of arrows out of his bag and aimed and hit each buffalo, one after another. He was so happy he killed two buffaloes and had enough food to feed everybody. Talk Alot rode back home and told everybody what he did and asked for help to bring back the buffalo. Everybody was so proud of Talk Alot because he saved everybody from starving. After they prepared the buffaloes to eat, they had a ceremony and changed Talk Alot's name to Four Horns. From that day on Four Horns was very happy and proud of himself.

## Spring Music Performance

The Spring Music Performance is such a joy to attend every year. This year was definitely special as all performers brought great energy to the stage. Thank to the hard working teachers Marci Seither, Ana Lea Vincent and Tom Wernigg for leading the way! Thank you to all of the hard working students for their passionate dedication. Thank you to the parents who pitched in for refreshments and to the office staff for helping organize it all



All choir performers singing their hearts out at the Spring Music Performance.



Micah Francis, Riannon Buckley and Shelby Astorino-Preis and Tom Wernigg (teacher).



Josh Unitt, Gabriel O'Rourke and Dillon Worrell jamming on guitar.

## Pennies for Peace

We have closed the Pennies for Peace fundraiser for this year at our open house. Students competed to guess how much money we were actually able to raise at each center. It was a close call, and Scott Seither came in guessing at \$241.52, which was closes to our total. The Colfax Center raised \$264.03! That means 26,400 pencils for students in Afghanistan and Pakistan! Thank you to all who have participated in raising money for schools supported by the Central Asia Institute. For more information, visit [www.penniesforpeace.org](http://www.penniesforpeace.org).



Mari and Rees Todd guessing how many pennies the school raised at Colfax's Spring

## Spring Drama Performance



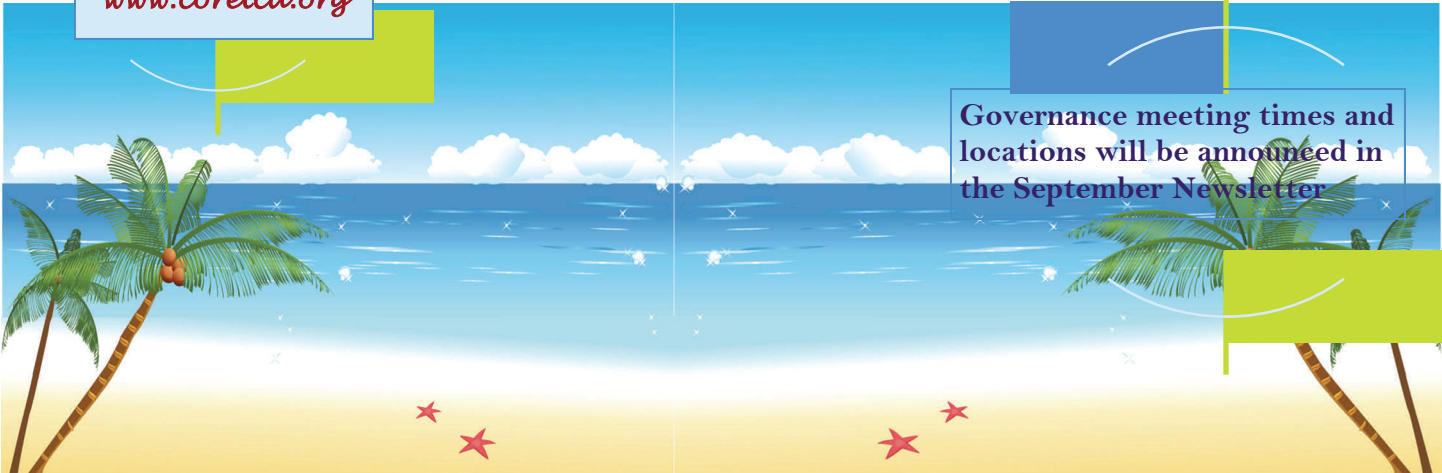


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**Governance meeting times and locations will be announced in the September Newsletter**



The 2008 Worldstrides Washington D.C. Trip was an enormous success! Students Bree Stein, Josh Wyrick, Michael Spann, Shayla Choate and High School Counselor Neil Bledsoe spent five days touring Williamsburg, Jamestown, Mount Vernon, the National Cathedral, the National Archives, the Supreme Court, the Holocaust Museum, the Smithsonian, the National Gallery of Art, Arlington National Cemetery and lots of memorials (Lincoln, Washington, Jefferson, FDR, Vietnam, Korean and Iwo Jima) and much more. Credentialed professional guides led these curriculum rich tours in which students completed study guide journals. This classroom without walls program was perfect for 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade students looking to personalize their learning with a hands –on real world unforgettable experience.

For next year, CORE Schools is fortunate enough to have secured reservations for 10 students **at this years prices** (considering fuel prices it looks like a huge potential savings). The first ten students to register will lock in the 2008 rate, but we can register many more. Visit the Worldstrides Website [www.worldstrides.com](http://www.worldstrides.com) to learn more about why this trip is such a great opportunity. Our trip date is scheduled for May 24, through May 29, 2009. The cost for the trip will be roughly \$1825 (2008 price) or \$1985 (2009 price) per student.

However, a properly motivated student, e.g. Shayla Choate who prepared and sold \$2000 worth of burritos to fund her own trip, can ease much if not all of the financial burden.

In addition to the unparalleled educational value of interactive learning, students also develop important life skills. Students can learn to earn and budget money and practice independent living while making memories that last a lifetime. Don't miss out; call the school at 478-9458 to get on the list.

