

# C.O.R.E. Newsletter

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## From the Legislature and the CORE Butte Board



It was a record setting year in the legislature, so we have that going for us. This year's record budget standoff of 85 days had various causes, but at its root was a fundamental disagreement between the two sides over how the state should treat spending in the future. State government spending has increased dramatically over the past five years and the state must be much more careful with the taxpayer funds with which we are entrusted. New tax increases on parents, employers and virtually every sector of California's struggling economy in order to pay for overspending was attempted, the most well known being the sales tax increase proposal.

By standing firm against these proposals we were able to prevent the tax increases proposed. We were also able to pass one long-term budget reform, a stronger rainy day fund that will help California avoid some of these problems in the future, but a Constitutional spending limitation I think is still needed as I don't see the legislature ever having the self-discipline on its own to not spend more than it takes in per year.

The 2008 legislative session also saw two bills with a major impact on California charter schools debated, Senate Bill 658 and Assembly Bill 2115. SB 658, a win for charter schools, was passed by the legislature and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger, and will add over \$100 million dollars to the Charter School Facility Grant Program over the next five years and give a major boost to both new and existing schools. The other measure, AB 2115, one of many anti-charter school pieces I've seen attempted in my 6 years here, would have prohibited employees of a charter school from serving on that school's board and imposed much of the state red tape that charter schools have been exempted from. This measure was passed by the legislature despite strong opposition from myself and others, but we can thank Governor Schwarzenegger for vetoing this destructive bill.

Lastly, the court decision to disallow home schooling by those not seen as "qualified" to teach their own kids at home [such as requiring a full credential of a parent as a teacher for the right to home school their own child] was tossed in a higher court action, reaffirming parent rights and putting the anti-home school/charter school on their heels, for a while anyway. Paying attention to legislation and being active when needed as volunteer advocates for these issues is something I encourage for parents that prefer alternative education choices for their own kids. I've seen it pay off in the Capitol as legislators cannot completely ignore these voices asking for their choices and rights as parents to be preserved. With more and more anti-family legislation and court decisions being made that affect school curriculum or even the school atmosphere, school choice becomes even more critical for parents that care. All in all, a pretty good year for charter schools. Have a great year at yours.

*Assemblyman LaMalfa represents 9 counties in NorCal and is a board member in Butte County.*

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### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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- \*Nov. 4 - Cahsee ELA**
- \*Nov. 5 - Cahsee Math**  
**Grades 11 & 12 only**
- Please contact your center for times and locations*
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- \*Nov.11 - Veterans Day Holiday**
- \*Nov. 26-28 Thanksgiving Holiday**
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### CAMPTONVILLE ACADEMY

**\*Board Meeting**  
**November 13**  
**To be determined**

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**CORE BUTTE**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Dec. 5**

**Core Butte Center**  
**260 A Cohasset, Chico**

### In remembrance of Laura Canney

CORE Butte Charter would like to extend its condolences to the Canney family. Laura Canney has been an integral part of the Paradise Center since its inception. Her sudden passing has left a large hole in many of our hearts. Laura was well-known for her ability to relate to others. Students always knew that if they needed a hand with their homework, or just a friendly ear, Laura was there to help. Students actually looked forward to tutoring sessions with her, because she "made math fun!" She couldn't stand to see kids hungry, so she began the tradition of "Dollar Burger Days" in which students could purchase burgers for a buck. Those who didn't have a buck, would somehow find themselves presented with one of the "extras" she just happened to have. The Paradise Center was known for its warm and friendly atmosphere, due in large part to Laura's efforts. She welcomed everyone and did her best to make them feel at home. She was much loved, and will be missed.

### S.H.A.R.E.S. Program- Easy Fundraising Donating up to \$2 Million dollars annually

**Supporting Humanities, Arts, Recreation, Education & Sports in our community. The SHARES card program is an easy and efficient way to fundraise.**

**Cards will be available at each Learning Center Please look on the card to see which markets are participating – all you have to do is scan the card before you pay and our school get 3% of the qualified purchases. For further information, Please visit the website:**

## Counseling

### Washington DC Trip – May 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> 2009

Register now for \$79 online at [www.worldstrides.org](http://www.worldstrides.org) use trip # 21085. If you are one of the first ten students to register you will receive last years price (\$1,858). After the first ten you will be charged this year's price (\$2,143). As of this writing, 9 participants are now registered.

We chose Worldstrides because of their exceptional service, 40 years of experience and our flawlessly orchestrated trip last year. We have great fundraising ideas. **SCHOLARSHIPS** are available! Parents are welcome too! Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity. Call your counselor (478-9458) for additional details.

### View Your Photo and plan your future in Naviance Today

We are uploading 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> school pictures on Naviance student pages. To view sign-up at <http://connection.naviance.com/camptonville>

Our goal is 100% participation. Once you log on for the first time you will be prompted to complete the PERSONALITY PROFILE and to complete the MY GAME PLAN questions. This virtual advisor is a valuable tool for students and parents in their post high school planning. Get your access code today from your teacher or call your counselor at 478-9458.

Register today, your future needs your attention.

### Work Permits

Students under the age of 18 are required to have a work permit if they are working. Work Permits from last year expired on September 8, 2008. If you are still working for the same employer you need to renew your work permit. Get a copy of the work permit application from your teacher or Counselor. There is also a copy in the back of your High School catalog.

### Juniors and Seniors

Register online to take the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com)

Take the practice tests to prepare.

### Marysville Parents and Teachers worked together to compile a Top 10 Do's and Don'ts for Homeschooling

#### Do's

- 1) Set up a daily routine with start and stop times - manage time.
- 2) Do allow K-3 students several breaks. Use their energy to accomplish academic progress.
- 3) Read. Independently and/or together. **Read. Read. Read.**
- 4) Regularly grade papers/tests. Record scores.
- 5) Work higher thinking lessons (Algebra 1) together with students
- 6) Go on field trips, experience what you've learned and add variety to learning
- 7) Communicate with other home schoolers - support groups.
- 8) Have, skip a lesson or two every once in a while (if it's repetitive). Take a day off, play, have a cooking day, play some games..
- 9) Begin teaching independence self-learning, and problem solving right away.
- 10) Be the student of your child. Learn his strengths, passions, learning styles and learn how to use these to his learning advantage.

#### Don'ts

- 1) Leave answer keys within visibility to present temptation.
- 2) Forget about regular physical activity.
- 3) Leave schooling responsibility completely to students, even high school students. Be involved.
- 4) Allow phone interruptions or noise distractions.
- 5) Hide mistakes, your student's or yours. Turn them into a learning experience, they can be a golden opportunity.
- 6) Schedule routine doctor appointments (or any appointments) in the morning, during the best school/thinking time.
- 7) Hold your student back from excelling or stepping into unknown territory with your guidance. Go crazy with ideas sometimes.
- 8) "Do Lunch" Homeschooling is your job. It is your lifestyle.
- 9) Neglect to provide opportunity for social interactions. Your children need friends just like you do.
- 10) Forget to: enjoy your children, laugh together, and make the schooling experience positive. Time goes quickly.

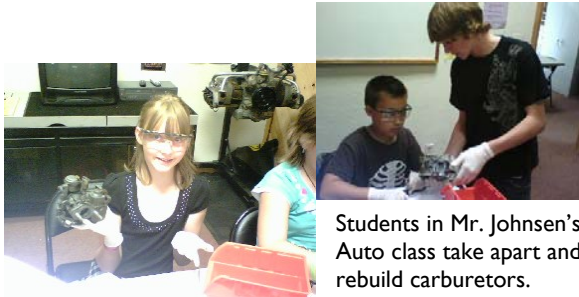


**Graham Provost**, CORE Butte senior, is being recognized for his exceptional academic performance on the PSAT. Over 1.5 million students took the 2007 preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. Graham has been included on the list of Commended Students in the 2009 National Merit Scholarship Program, among the top 5 percent. Graham has demonstrated outstanding academic potential by his strong performance in this highly competitive program. Thanks Graham, we appreciate your hard work.

## Colfax Center Highlights

### ◆ *Charter school petition update!*

Thank you to all families for their support in petitioning to Colfax Elementary School District . We appreciate all of the efforts to support our school and our program. A special thank you to all of the families that attended to Colfax Board meeting and spoke out for our school to explain why personalized learning is an important choice for our community. The Colfax Board will vote on Tuesday, November 18 at 7pm. Family support at this meeting continues to be important as well. We hope to see you there!



Students in Mr. Johnsen's Auto class take apart and rebuild carburetors.

61 students and over 30 parents from Chico & Paradise , Marysville, Colfax and Nevada City centers attended the Mountain Man/Coloma Field Trip on October 3



## Marysville Center Highlights

- ◆ You can now find permission slips and flyers for upcoming events on the Yuba/Sutter County Calendar on our website at [www.coretca.org](http://www.coretca.org) For more information on how to access the calendar from the CORE Website call the front desk.
- ◆ Snow Trips are creeping closer. We will be giving out information as we receive it.
- ◆ Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped with the Book Fair. The Book Fair raised over \$700 for new books for our library. Thank you for all your support!!

### Homeschool

**Workshops.** Some students getting a drumming lesson while their parents participated in workshops.



Cory Willert and Joseph Rice had on the Coloma Field trip learning how to pan for gold as miners would have. They also made pouches for gold. Thank you, Kathleen Medley for putting the day together.



## C.O.R.E. Butte Highlights

- ◆ Thanks to all our students, their families, our wonderful ASB and our staff for helping to make our **Fall Festival** a super, well attended, wonderfully fun evening.
- ◆ Families of Seniors, we have contracted with Lifetouch studios in Chico to take **Senior portraits**. There is no sitting fee and it is a way to get their picture in the yearbook. Any questions, please call 518-6877, thanks, Geri Clements
- ◆ The **Running Club** is off and running. We participated in two cross-country meets in October, and we are so happy to have the opportunity to compete with other schools! Thanks to Laurie Teague, our coach!
- ◆ Our local high school counselor, Marlene Brenden, will be available at the Chico center to help answer your questions about **Work Experience Education and college planning, just to mention a few.**
- ◆ The **CORE Butte Talent Show** will be on Wednesday, December 10, at 7:00 P.M. at the Chico Center. For additional information contact Michele Steele, 342-5858 or [steelemichele@sbcglobal.net](mailto:steelemichele@sbcglobal.net), or Kathy Severin, 893-3816 or [kathyseverin@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathyseverin@sbcglobal.net) .



Mrs. Severin's k-2 & 3-5 science/math classes posing for a picture under the giant bamboo plants on their field trip to the USDA Genetic Resource and Conservation Center.

Mountain Field Trip with CORE Butte and Camptonville Academy students.



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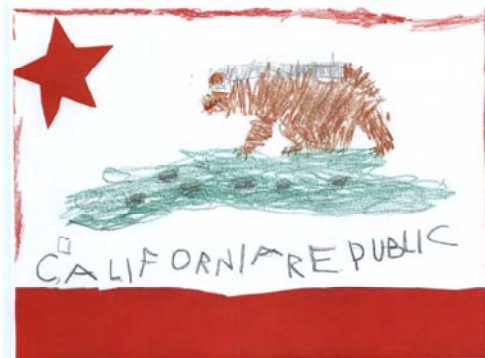


We're on the Web!  
[www.coretca.org](http://www.coretca.org)

## Student Spotlight

Poem by a kindergartener Kaelyn Foor, CORE Butte on learning about plants in her Kindergarten Science Unit.

*Green is beautiful  
So keep it out.  
Lovely nature  
With green about.  
Nature is so beautiful  
So keep it out so quickly.  
Nature is so beautiful  
With green on top.  
With green leaves and green trees,  
Green grass, green everywhere.  
I just can't wait to go  
On my nature, green hunt.*



Noah Dunkley, Kindergarten Student, CORE Butte

## Mark Your Calendar

### Core Butte

**Nov. 3** ~ Make-up picture day  
**Nov. 24-25** ~ Classes at center will be cancelled but are school days  
**Dec. 10** ~ 7:00pm. Talent Show  
**Dec. 17** ~ Center classes cancelled

### Marysville

**Nov. 5** ~ 9:00-12:00 Picture Day Make-Up  
**Nov. 10-11** ~ Center Closed (Veteran's Day)  
**Nov. 14** ~ Sixteen to One Gold Mine field trip  
**Dec. 5** ~ Petaluma field trip (Mrs. Grossman's Sticker Factory and Petaluma Adobe.  
**Dec. 12** ~ Assembly World of Light

### Colfax

**Nov. 4** ~ **11am-12pm** Colfax/NC Center Picture Day Make-Ups - Colfax  
**Nov. 14** ~ 8am – Sixteen to One Mine Field Trip – coordinated through Marysville Resource Center  
**Nov. 18** ~ Colfax Elementary School District voting on charter petition – all families encouraged to attend; 7pm Colfax Elementary School Library  
**Nov. 24** ~ All Center classes being held except for yearbook  
**Nov. 25** ~ All Center classes cancelled – continue independent study  
**Dec. 5** ~ Petaluma Field Trip - coordinated through MRC