

Chico/Paradise Resource Center News

Make up picture day will be at the Marysville Resource Center Tuesday, December 6th from 9:30 – 11:30

- Dear Butte County Parents,
We request yours and your students' presence at the December 7th meeting of the Chico Unified School District in order to show support of the C.O.R.E. charter petition to the Chico Unified School District. The regular meeting will be held at 7p.m. on December 7th at the Chico City Council Chambers. Parents and/or students may address the board during the Public Forum. The rules to speak are follows:
- Identify yourself and speak to the Chair
- Speakers will be given 5 minutes or less to present their topic, speakers will not be allowed to yield their time to someone else
- The Charter petition will be limited to 15 minutes
- Priority will be given to student speakers
- Once two speakers have shared a similar viewpoint, the Chair will ask for a differing viewpoint. If no other viewpoint is represented then a 3rd speaker may present.

We will only be guaranteed 2 speakers if there is a differing viewpoint, 3 if there is not a differing viewpoint. Please let your teacher or Jonelle Pena know if you are able and willing to speak in support of our charter petition. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you,
Jan

Minds in Motion is being offered at California State University on April 28th for a day of hands on, exciting competitions and fun learning in math and science. This is the college of engineering, computer science and technology's 4th annual event. The day will be filled with a series of hands on booths, informational displays, videos and other fun activities. At the same time, team competitions for participating classes will take place for 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th and 11th grades. If you are interested in forming a team for the competition, call Linda Payne at 873-4109 for more information, early registration is required.

Our **Art Expo** is planned for December 15 in Chico. Please contact LaMichael Williams at 899-7011 or Debra Moon at 343-9204 to get details on entry.

Tall Pines Bowling Alley in Paradise is offering Camptonville students a great deal on bowling. Parents will need to supervise their own children. The cost for bowling is \$2.50 per game on November 18 between 1:00 – 3:00, students may bowl as many games as they can during those hours (time for approx. 2 or 3 games), shoes included.

Let's get together at the Chico Center for our **Spelling Bee** on Wednesday afternoon, December 7th at 2:00 P.M. and see who our best spellers are! Contact Gayle Brewer at glg1rl@digitalpath.net for more information. The winners will move on to Butte County Spelling Bee on Thurs. January 12th at the Elk's Lodge in Chico.

The Paradise and Chico Centers are offering a special day for students to come and create some **fun holiday crafts** and cards. The Paradise craft day will be held on **Tuesday, December 6th** from noon to 2:00. The Chico Center date is **Monday, December 12**, from 1:30-3:30. We are planning a pot luck lunch and will have many different ornaments and goodies for the kids to make. Please be sure to RSVP, in advance, if you'd like to join us. Students are also invited to bring their appropriate CD's to share during this celebration. We'll have music, snacks and crafts for all.



Sutter's Fort is scheduled for February 14th. Fourth graders will have priority for this event. The cost is \$60 EU's. There is a mandatory information meeting on November 29th at the Marysville Resource Center.

Let the adventure begin!!

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Dextrinna Blindbury, a talented Camptonville 12th grader, participated in a pageant run by Nationals, which also runs the Miss America Pageant, in Sacramento at the Double Tree Hotel in October. Dex entered the competition based on personality and modeling ability. She was interviewed and modeled 3 outfits. Out of the 300 original participants, Dex was chosen as one of the top 10 finalists. She now has the opportunity to participate in Florida in another pageant if she chooses. Kathleen Severin, Jonelle, Debra and Sarah staged a mock interview at the resource center to help prepare Dex. We would like to think it helped.

Butte College concurrent enrollment forms are due to Butte College by January 6th at 4:00.

The Nutcracker will be in Paradise on December 16, 17 and 18th sponsored by the Northern California Ballet. The phone number is 872-3140 or 872-1719.



Selling Back Our College Books
by Debra Moon

This year for the first time, we will be collecting our high school students' college books and selling them back to the college bookstores where they were purchased. Right now, these books end up in our library shelves, usually unused. By selling the books back, we can recover up to 50% of the original cost.

Please be alerted that the college books will have to be turned in to the contact person at the appropriate resource center during the dates posted here:

- **Yuba College-Marysville Resource Center, Tracey Carroll or Angela Choate, 12/14-12/15**
- **Sierra College-Colfax Resource Center, Sheri Stover, 12/5-12/15**
- **Butte Community College-Chico Resource Center, Winter Sullender, 12/12-12/15**
- **CSU Chico-Chico Resource Center, Winter Sullender, 12/12-12/15**

Thank you for helping us get the refund on these books by bringing any you have at your home to the centers by the deadline.

Chico/Paradise Students Writing to be Published—by Lori Josifek

Thirty students from Lori Josifek's Writing Well Classes recently entered a regional (Pacific) writing contest hoping to have their essay chosen to be published in this year's anthology entitled "What Is Important To Me?".

We were notified by the Assistant Editor that twenty-five were accepted to be published, and also will be in the final judging for the top ten in their grade category. **Please letter excerpt in next column**

The students to be published are: Christopher Abbay, Colin Allen, Melanie Andrews, Elisa Beiter, Chandler Conner, Ali Cornish, Moryah German, Malea Hadidian, Shelby Hal-dorson, Logan Hansen, Kiley Hayes, Kyle LaMalfa, Cory Louber, Sara Luther, Emma Luther, Natalie Marshall, Seth McFarland, Andrew Puser, Elisabeth Reyes, Samantha Santos, Katie Taylor, Aaron Tuccillo, and Micah Wilson.

Letter from Shannon Hernandez, Assistant Editor Creative Communication (excerpt)

I am writing this letter to personally thank you for sending in the essay entries from your class for our fall contest.

It is such a pleasure to read through so many excellent essays in one packet. Ordinarily about half of the essays sent in are rejected during our preliminary judging. However, from the packet you sent in we had an extremely high percentage accepted. This is very unusual.

We would like to congratulate you and your teaching efforts. Clearly, your students have a great talent for writing, but the teacher is the one who helps bring that talent to the surface.

Thank you again for your interest in our contest and sharing the talents of your students with others. We look forward to seeing many of your students' essays in print.
Good luck.



The Spring Thing

Mark your calendars, Party-
People!

Friday, March 24th is the date of the Spring Thing, a night of hors d'oeuvres, dancing, awards, contests and more.... This will take place in Marysville for all high school students - more details later.

Watch for a poster in your center!

What Teachers Make email forwarded from Patti Russell

The dinner guests were sitting around the table discussing life. One man, a CEO, decided to explain the problem with education. He argued, "What's a kid going to learn from someone who decided his best option in life was to become a teacher?" He reminded the other dinner guests what they say about teachers "Those who can, do. Those who can't, teach." To stress his point he said to another guest; "You're a teacher, Susan. Be honest. What do you make?"

Susan, who had a reputation for honesty and frankness replied, "You want to know what I make? "I make kids work harder than they ever thought they could. I make a C+ feel like the winner of the Congressional Medal of Honor. I make kids sit through 40 minutes of study hall in absolute silence. "You want to know what I make? I make kids wonder. I make them question. I make them criticize. I make them apologize and mean it. I make them write. I make them read, read, read. I make them show all their work in math and perfect their final drafts in English. I make them understand that if you have the brains, and follow your heart, and if someone ever tries to judge you by what you make, you must pay no attention because they just didn't learn." Susan paused and then continued. "You want to know what I make? 'I MAKE A DIFFERENCE.' What do you make?"

"Teachers make every other profession possible!"

One Contest Winning Essay

Love

By Moryah German—Grade 8

Is love that important or does everybody just say it is? Yes, love is significant. You can name about a million ways people show their love for you everyday.

Have you ever read the story "Peter Pan"? If so, you would know that the first time a baby laughs it bursts into a cluster of fairies. When I hear a baby laugh for the first time, I don't think of fairies. I think of how much God loved me when I was that age, and that God's love is better than anything I can ask for.

I have grown up in a home where family members love each other. Love is shown to me everyday, whether it's my mom making me dinner or my dad saying he loves me. Some people don't have the same type of loving family as I have so they have to find love elsewhere.

Like many others, I have also found love in my pets and they love me back. Pets don't show their love like people do; instead of making you dinner they might sit on your lap when you are sick. One thing pets do well is make you feel loved!

There are many ways to show you love, as you can see. Love might not always look the same, but when someone says they love you, you can tell if they mean it. My favorite feeling of love is the kind God gives me. What is your cherished kind of love?

Chico State Preview Day by Charla Whiseant—Grade 11 Marysville

6:30 in the morning is no time for a 16 year-old to be awake on a weekend morning! However, on one particular Saturday in mid-November I got up extra early in order to go to Chico State University. It was a Preview Day and I wasn't about to miss it. A month before, I had visited U.C. Davis' Preview Day and it was a lot of fun. I didn't want to see just one campus because you just can't make any conclusions about your future by just seeing one university - I need to have a broad understanding. I really wasn't sure if Davis was the right university for me because they didn't have extensive enough departments in the areas I want to study. So, following my thoughts, I decided to look around before I handed over my fate to U.C. Davis, and I'm happy I did!

Chico's academic program fits almost everything I would like to study. Their department in English is great and their honor society is excellent. I looked around and met some of the students and found Chico to be a better fit for my academic skills than UC Davis. The staff also seemed more intimately involved than those at Davis. At UC Davis, the classes seemed to often be taught by graduate students and undergrads get less personal time with the professor. At Chico State, the classes seem to be smaller and more focused on the individual, not just how many they can cram through the doors!

We also learned about some of the less academic, but just as important details of college life. I met some of the members of Greek societies and found that they are very active in the community, something I did not know. Also, I found out that your first year at the school you can stay on campus but, after that, they encourage you to move out into to apartments so that they can have housing for the new freshmen. They took me around to look at the housing and gave us some prices. The town is extremely beautiful and has a "college ring" to it. My impression was that the houses we walked by were mostly students' by the tell-tale picture of college living; the front-porch-couch phenomenon. I really like the atmosphere of Chico and I will definitely keep Chico State near the top of my list of options.

If you couldn't make it out of bed for the CSU Chico and UC Davis Preview Days, don't worry. You can visit colleges almost any time, since most have daily tours and are always eager to get you to see their campus. You can call or email Dave Peterson, our school counselor, at dpeterson@coretca.org or (530) 478-9458 xt. 207 for info.



Author, Charla Whiseant and father Steve tour the CSU Chico campus.

A CSU Chico senior gives a tour of Clark Hall, an off-campus dorm.



Kevin Burge (Camptonville senior) and friend talk to a Computer Science professor about animation, photography, and video game production.



Genesis by Daniel Forman—Grade 10 Colfax

Every year, mid summer, in the mornings when the air is still warm from the previous day, even before the sun shows its celestial rays over the peaks of the mountains, my cousin and I enjoy an all day hike of exploration filled with laughter, carelessness and the occasional lazy shot at a bird or rabbit.

"Watch out for each other, and be back in time for lunch," my aunt and mother shot from the kitchen as the screen door slams behind us. "O.K.," Tony says sarcastically, as we both give a little sneer. We talk of old times and also the trek of

the prior year as we tread up the foothill to the base of the mountains where the trails split in multiple directions where the excursion is to begin.

"Look," Tony calls as he points to some movement on a rock thirty yards ahead. "It's a squirrel." "Woo, he's a big one," I interject. As I pick up a stone, Tony has already loaded his wrist rocket and is steadying his arm. He releases, and the sound of rock on rocks give us the assurance of a miss. "Ahh, he got away," we both sigh simultaneously. "At least you got a shot off," I reassure Tony.

We begin to trudge our way back up the slope, and by this time we have broken off the main trail, and damp rings are forming under the armpits of our T-shirts. An hour and two water bottles later we had already stumbled upon a flock of grouse, two jack rabbits and a rather nasty looking pile of deer droppings. Our bodies are still energized and ready for anything on our adventure, and our minds are clear and at peace as we soak in God's creations.



Colfax Resource Center News—by Donna Dunlap

There will be a **Parent/Teacher Potluck lunch** on December 5th at 1:00 pm. This is a chance to hear of any new school/center news as well as to have any questions answered that you may have. Please join us at the Colfax Center and bring a potluck dish of your choosing. A sign-up sheet is now at the Center. Sorry, children do need to remain at home.

Our **choir classes** will be performing at the **Sierra Vista Community Center on December 13th at 6:30 pm**. Come hear the beautiful voices of our K-3 and 4-8th Grade Choirs.

Also, our **K-3 Drama class** will be performing at our **Colfax Resource Center** on December 7th from 9:00-10:00 am.

Sutter's Fort this year has been scheduled for February 14th. Fourth graders will have priority for this event. Please call Marlene Brendan for more information, 896-1415.

Woodleaf has been scheduled for April 30th to May 5th. Priority will be given to 6th graders, with a limit of 25 students. The cost is \$174.50. More specific details will be available soon.

The next **California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)** opportunity for students to take the test will be February 7th and 8th at the Colfax Center. **Passing this test is a requirement for graduation in every school in California.**

Finally, we will hold classes at the Center through December 15th except on December 14th when the Center will be closed due to an all day Staff Meeting in Marysville. Classes will resume again on January 2nd.

Happy Holidays to you All!

Personalized Learning by Daniel Forman, Grade 10

I think that personalized learning is the best because of many reasons. Among these are that you can go at your own pace, you waste less time, and you are more flexible to do other activities that you enjoy.



Your speed is all that matters. Everyone goes at their own speed that fits best. In public school you are forced to do things at the pace of the teacher or the other students even if it does not benefit you. Personalized learning allows you to learn how fast you want to learn. This is the key in growing a love for learning.

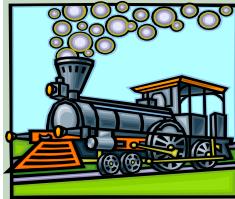
Public school is a waste of time. The teachers are so focused on others that you spend most of your time waiting. Personalized learning allows a one on one with the teacher and you. And has little or no waste of time, because once again you control your pace so you are in control of your time.

Flexibility is a wonderful thing. You can visit more places and do more things with personalized learning. If you miss any school in public schooling you will have a hard time catching up. With personalized learning you can manage your time around what you want to do to fit your schedule and lifestyle.



Colfax

An Exposition Essay by Rachel Koszka - Grade 9



Colfax is a small, quaint town dripping with history, an old landmark of cultural facts. It is

a mine of silent details just waiting to explode. Although it is not my home, for I love my home, it is a place I have admiration for. Colfax is my topic of exposition.

Once known as Illinois Town, Colfax holds a variety of entertainment. Located right next to the railway is a charming sweet shop called Calamity Jane. Here you can get a smooth and creamy ice cream cone or select from an array of old-fashioned taffy. Also located in Colfax is a wonderfully old movie theatre where I myself enjoy going to see a film. It's small but it makes an impact. Another fun place to visit is a small café named after another one of the town's original names, Camp 20. All you have to do is just sit down, relax, and enjoy a bottle of old-fashioned lemonade and an oatmeal cookie.

Need some information on Colfax? Simply stop by the Colfax Chamber of Commerce and you will eagerly be aided by a friendly Colfax

resident who wishes only the best for his town. One thing I found worth knowing about Colfax was that on April 14, 1865 a speaker of the House of Representatives named Schuyler Colfax was asked by President Abraham Lincoln to give a message to the miners of the west. The message was to say that their property was the property of the nation. These possibly could have been Lincoln's last words as he was shot the very same evening. In May 1865 Colfax embarked on a rugged trip towards the west. Colfax traveled from San Francisco to Camp 20 by special train, along with horseback and stage coach. Track was finally laid and trains running to the town, now named after the speaker, Schuyler Colfax. The transcontinental Railroad would unite the Atlantic regions and the Pacific regions of our country.

All I have to say is that after finding out these things about Colfax that I never knew, I definitely have a greater appreciation for this town and for the people who keep it alive.

