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Quote of the Month

What we are teaches the child far more than what we say, so we must be what we want our children to become

*Joseph Chilton Pearce
(1928-)
American Lecturer
and Writer*

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Remember the date!

February 28, 2007

Third annual school-wide high school winter/spring dance.

- * In Marysville.
- * More information in next newsletter.
- * If you have a talent (song, poem, improv) to share start planning now.
- * Want to help plan? Contact Dave Peterson 530-478-9458 ex. 207 or dpeterson@coretca.org



WOODLEAF OUTDOOR SCHOOL

DATE OF TRIP: February 26th – March 2nd 2007

COST: 190.00 (INCLUDES ECOQUEST BOOK and snack fee)

FOR MORE ABOUT WOODLEAF GO TO: WWW.WOODLEAF.ORG

Open to 5th, 6th and 7th graders. [First timers and 6th graders a priority.](#)

E-mail your information to Marlene Brenden at: marbrenden@comcast.net

Please include the following:

1. Student name
2. Teacher
3. Grade
4. Parent Name
5. Phone Number
6. Address
7. E-mail address



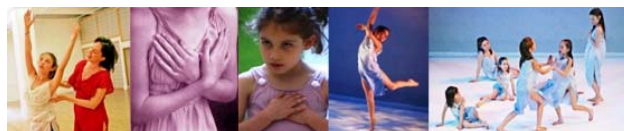
PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST A P.O. UNTIL NOTIFIED - I will notify you if you are on the list and then have your teacher request a Purchase Order.

Congratulations to **CORE @ The Camptonville Academy** for receiving two start-up grants of \$180,000 each (\$360,000 total!), one to help start a new charter school in Butte County, and the other to help start a new charter school in Placer County. Both new schools will help Camptonville Academy satisfy the AB1994 requirements to maintain a student majority in the counties it serves so that the school's Learning Centers can remain a vital component of the school's delivery of educational options for its students.

Jeff Rice, Founder /Director, APLUS+

Lori Belilove & Company Brings Isadora Duncan to CORE

Teachers and over 40 students, kindergarten to 12th grade, from CORE@TCA, Alta Dutch Flat School and Forest Charter participated in the Isadora Duncan Dance workshops held on November 20th in Grass Valley. Two lead dancers, Lori Belilove and Sherilyn, from New York's Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation visited the area for the week, presented performances and held workshops for area dancers. Those who attended had a wonderful dance experience learning to express movement in the unique Isadora Duncan style. This CORE supported event will take place again next year and we look forward to even more participation from students from our area schools.



Colfax Center



For the last two weeks I have gotten the opportunity to work at a colonial camp called Old Sierra Historical Ranch.

This camp is a very realistic setting of the 1800s. There is no running water, electricity, television, computers, plumbing, or any of the high-tech things we have today.

From February through November a lady named Rosemary Hawthorne dedicates her life to three camps a week to teach thousands of children a year hands-on history.

At the camp all the kids must dress and act as if they're in the 1800s. We provide all kids with costumes. The girls wear dresses, bonnets, and aprons. The guys wear black pants, black hats, and usually a vest. We teach the kids to be respectful and to honor their elders. Cooking is all done in front of the kids on an old fire stove. Water is pumped from a well. Everyone does his own dishes.

To teach the kids how life really was in the 1800s we also teach children how to make candles, weave cloth, and make ropes.

I think the best part of doing the camps was knowing that every kid who came through had a hands-on experience because he was a part of history for a whole day. And to me, that's learning more than I would through a textbook.

Jillian Rosenberg
9th Grade, Nevada City

Students in the High School English Class at the Colfax Center took a break from studying and responding to literature and from grammar lessons so that they could write some original haiku.

Haiku is a Japanese verse form consisting of a first line of five syllables, a second line of seven syllables, and a third line of five syllables.

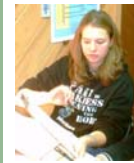
The Colfax poets were allowed the liberty of extra syllables if they found it necessary to complete a haiku.

Andrea Evans:

The lamp had a shade.
The shade did not like the lamp.
The lamp burned the shade.



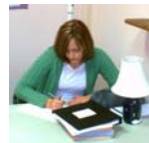
Jessica Minton:
Colors look quite nice.
The color of the Fall leaves
Not discouraging.



Brigitte

Aasen:

The silly cats play
On the bed and on my head.
Get out of my room!



Leaves are everywhere.
Orange and yellow are their colors.
Now I must rake them.



Jake Harrison:
Going to the fair
And eating cotton candy.
It was really fun!

People like iPods.
I stepped on mine and broke it.
iPods are too small!

Beth Burch:

The tiger is here,
And he is very hungry.
He is eating fruit.



Tim Upham:
Early in the morn,
Waffles on the stove top.
It waters my mouth.

Nina Liu:

See the dawn rising?
Colors like a warm fire.
Melts cold nights away.

Things you need in life:
Not much: food, water, and sleep.
But most of all love.



Shauna Elizarraraz:

The bed is cozy.
The blanket is soft and warm.
I wrap myself up.



Yeah! The last haiku!
I'm so glad we are finished!
And you should be, too!



Shane Elizarraraz:
Picture on the wall
It is very terrible.
Who painted it, huh?

Eric Evans:

A lightbulb gives light.
A dead light bulb doesn't give light.
Give me a light please!



Paradise Center

The seasons are changing and so are some of the activities here in Paradise. The outdoor fun will soon come to an end and a focus on indoor activities and crafts is sure to follow. Here is student, David Easley, enjoying the last hurrah. Pottery and minoran leaf crafts are just a few of the fun activities we have to look forward to.



More Colfax

Auto Theory Class

For the last Auto Theory Class in October the students watched a documentary on the development of the Volkswagen from its design by Ferdinand Porsche and its creation



through the agenda of Adolph Hitler before and during World War II. They learned that the economic recovery of Germany after World War 2 was possible largely by the fact that the Volkswagen factory in Wolfsburg, Germany gave many workers the opportunity to earn a living.

Here are some student responses to the movie:

Clare O'Leary: I learned that during World War II the VWs could swim.



Michael D'Amour: I learned from the movie that Volkswagens...could ride on steep walls.

Isaac Merritt: I learned from the movie that Hitler wanted a cheap car for the German people.



Adam Acrich: I learned from the VW movie that VW bugs are very durable.

Adrian Diamond: I learned from the movie VWs can drive in water.

7th and 8th grade students in the Introduction to Auto Theory class at the Colfax Resource Center recently studied carburetors. Each student disassembled and then re-assembled a Volkswagen carburetor during the class period.

They learned that the purpose of a carburetor is to mix air and fuel for the engine to burn and produce power.

Because of advances in technology carburetors have been replaced by fuel injection which is much more efficient and more environmentally friendly than a carburetor.

In November, the students continued to disassemble VW air-cooled engines with the help of two teacher's aides, Mike Smith and Shane Elizarraraz. Mike and Shane demonstrated how to "split the case", how to remove the connecting rods from the crankshaft, and how to align the timing marks on the camshaft and the crankshaft. In future classes, the students will be reassembling the engines.



Third grader, Mari Todd, turned in an outstanding performance at her last gymnastics meet. She placed 1st on beam with a 9.225 (out of a possible 10) and took third place overall !!! She also faired well in the other events (a 2nd a 3rd and a 4th place) Mari is proving to be quite the strong gymnast. WAY TO GO MARI !!!!!

Do you have a business? **Would you like to buy ad space in this year's yearbook?** Prices start at \$30 for a business card size space (1/8 page). Our yearbook is distributed in 5 counties: Nevada, Placer, Yuba, Sutter and Butte. **Take advantage of this great opportunity by contacting yearbook advisor Sherry Fortner at the Center or by calling 913-2140.**

Drop and Shop Homework Club

Parent Club Fundraiser

Friday, December 15th, 9am-1pm

\$10 per student, \$20 after 1pm!

Must pre-register at the front desk.

Please drop your students off with a clear list of assignments and lunch, and let us do the rest while you shop for the holidays. A certificated teacher will be there to assist the students while they work independently.

February Middle School Dance

We are in the process of planning a dance for middle school students! The dance committee will be choosing the name, the theme, the songs! Any students interested in the dance committee, please talk to Sheri or Sandy!

Parent Club

The Colfax Resource Center is continuing to form its own Parent Club! The purpose of this group is to help build a stronger school community and support school activities that enhance the academic and social achievement of our students. We have started monthly meetings to discuss how we can achieve these goals. One of our goals this year is to get more parents involved at our center. Please be on the look out for a list of activities from your PL teacher at your next monthly meeting!

Winter Arts Festival

Choir! Guitar! Drama! Join us for this fabulous ensemble of performances at the Winter Arts Festival. Don't miss it! December 8 @ 6 at Sierra Vista Center
DVD's of the performance will be for sale

Holiday Food Drive

With the holidays approaching fast, the students here at Camptonville Academy Colfax Resource Center are holding a food drive for 15 local families. Please help them fill the box in our center!! Non-perishable food items are best. However, larger donations as well as cash donation for the purchase of 15 turkeys can be left with Selene Anderson at the Colfax Learning Center. Will be accepting donations until the Winter Break!

Colfax Center Hours
Monday through Thursday 8:30am-3pm
Friday 8:30am-2pm

Read Marysville's Talented Poets!



Mountains

By Alexis Carroll, 7th Grade

Mountain snow,
Looks as if it can glow.
Almost to the top,
I'm still not able to stop.
When you're there,
You just don't care.
As long as you can see,
What may come to be.
With only one look,
You see a rook.
Flying so high,
In the Northern sky.
Going down,
To my home town.
I keep a picture always,
So I can say,
The mountain snow,
Will always glow.



Bedtime

I go to bed at night,
I always start to think,
I think about tomorrow and what I'm going to
drink,
To sleep I go, after I think,
I talk, I snore, I sneeze,
And in the morning my parents say,
"how did you sleep last night?"
I told them what I told you,
I talked, I snored, I sneezed,
They answer me with "Oh how strange."
I hope you have a better day than,
You have had last night.

Derek Ewen, Grade 6



Joan Norton, teacher, left and Kristen Armstrong, student, right enjoy the companionship of a skeleton checked out from the Butte Center Audio Visual department



Marysville Center

Upcoming Assemblies & Special Events

Animals Sensing Their World

December 22, 2006 9:00-10:00 (all ages)

Presented by: MobileEd Productions

Live animals provide a learning experience as students try to guess which of each animal's senses are the keenest.

Parent Club

Marysville Center will have our next Parent Club meeting on **Monday, December 04, at 3:00 P.M.** Everyone is welcome to attend and support our school by building a stronger school community. If you are unable to attend, but would like to be a Parent Club volunteer, please contact Robin Maier at 822-7858.

Reminder

The Marysville Center will be closed December 25th – January 8th for the Winter Break. Enjoy your vacation!

Scholastic Book Fair

Our book fair was so much fun, and we **DOUBLED** our sales from last year. In fact, **we raised over \$1,000 for our center library!**

We want to thank all the parent volunteers that made the book fair a success: Leah Ewen, Colleen Ferguson, Trish Veal, Sherry King, Robin Maier, Tera Heacock, Sylvia Johnson, and Deena Peterson. Thanks to all that supported the fair. Great Job!

**Avery Brooks
the smile that says,
Whoopie! Book Fair !"**



Bagpipes Anyone?

Would you like to learn to play a Bag Pipe Chanter? **4th grade – High school students.** Matt White, one of our Camptonville teachers, is a member of the White Hackle Pipe Band, and would love to teach anyone who is interested. The class will begin in the Spring, and meet at the Marysville Resource Center twice a month on Fridays. More information, and a sign-up sheet is at the MRC reception counter.



Shark Experience---This assembly was a great (white!) success. Pictured above are students learning about sharks "hands-on."



Sylvia Johnson won the Parent Volunteer Award for her outstanding dedication to our school. This award was only given to one parent, representing all charter schools in California. Wow Sylvia!



Family Night--- Nancy Socha guides students in a craft as part of the fun activities of Family Night.



Nick Veal and friend collecting Coats for Kids again this year. Way to go Nick!



Assembly "Grossology of Stinky, Smelly, Gross Things."

CAHSEE Prep Workshops

Prepare for the California High School Exit Exam:

CAHSEE Math Prep Workshops – Instructor: Dawn Flinn

Fridays 12:30-2:30, January 12th, 19th, 26th, and February 2nd.

Actual Test will be held February 07, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

CAHSEE English Prep Workshops – Instructor: Mark Yedinak

Fridays 10:00-12:00, January 12th, 19th, 26th, and February 2nd.

Actual Test will be held February 06, 2007 at 8:30.

Butte County

Helping Hands Projects 'Tis the Season!

Canned Food Drive and Coats for Kids



Boxes will be provided at the entry of both Paradise and Chico Centers

Donations will be given to local charities December 15
Please help if you can!

On Wednesday, December 20th, teachers have an **all day staff meeting in Marysville**. Lori Josifek's writing and Vince Scocozza's self defense classes will be in session. All other classes will be canceled that day.

Concurrent enrollment is due for **Butte College** spring semester no later than Jan. 5th. Telereg is January 12th between 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. depending on the last 4 digits of your social security number.

Please send in your pictures for our great yearbook: field-trips, dance class, karate, sports, etc. Send to gclements@coretca.org. Yearbooks are on sale for \$30 each at your local center.

Don't forget to have your students between grades 3 and 12 complete an **online survey of their technology skills**. The survey provides important information about our students, but it is also an essential part of our EETT grant. Keep in mind that we are looking for information about your **student's current level of technology**, so that we will hopefully see improvement when they take the survey again in the spring.

The school nurse cancelled the original date and the new date for **Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Screening is Nov. 29th**. We will call the families who were originally signed up to let them know about the new date.

The Chico Center **Winter Craft Party** is on Friday, December 15th from 12:30 – 2:30.

The Paradise center **Winter Craft Party** will be held on Friday, December 15th from 11:00 – 1:00.

Next up is the Mobile Ed Assembly, **Animals Sensing Their World** on Friday, December 22 at 1:00 in Chico. Please don't sign up for both assemblies. If you can't make the first assembly, sign up for this one!

We have **awards** available to Camptonville Academy students. Your teacher has a flyer with the criteria for the following awards: The President's Volunteer Service Award, The President's Award for Educational Excellence, The President's Award for Educational Achievement, The American Citizenship Award, The Principal's Leadership Award and the President's Environmental Youth Award. Ask your teacher for a flyer on all of these so you can look over the criteria. Talk with your teacher about nominating your student.

Pick up your flyer at the Paradise center for the rules of the **Americanism Essay Contest** now. This essay contest is open to Paradise students, prizes vary from receiving a trophy to different amounts of cash prizes to an educational grant of \$2,500.

Our Spelling Bee has been postponed until Jan. 19th. We will have an oral bee at 10:00 for 4th – 6th graders and a written bee at 12:30 for 7th – 9th graders at the Chico Center. Spelling lists are available, get a copy from your teacher. Winners will be participating in the Big Spelling Bee on Thursday, March 1 at the Elks Lodge.

Our Butte County **Talent Show** at the Paradise Center will be on Thursday, January 25th. Be thinking about how you would like to participate and join us for a night of fun.

Yellow Ribbon Safe Schools Week will be during the week of January 22nd – 26th.

The high school **Leadership Workshop** is scheduled for February 22nd from 2-6 in Chico. More information to come.

All 10th grade students will be required to take the **CAHSEE** (California High School Exit Exam) on Tuesday, **February 6th**, for the English portion and Wednesday, **February 7th** for the Math portion. Both tests begin at 9:00 A.M. at the Chico and Paradise Centers. Students in grades 11 and 12 who have not passed one or both sections will also have the opportunity to attend. You must pass to graduate! **All morning classes at the Chico center will be canceled** that day to allow space to give the test. **Classes at the Paradise center will be held** because the test will be given in the assembly room. The last CAHSEE test of the year will be May 8th for the English and May 9th for the math portion at the Chico center only.

On February 14th we are having a **Spring Craft Party** at the Paradise center from 12:00 – 2:00.

On February 15th we are planning a **junior high and high school clothing exchange** at 3:30 at the Chico center. Debra will be giving us more details in future newsletters.

The **Science Fair** at the Chico center will be on Tuesday, February 27th. Be thinking about your project now so you'll be ready for our Camptonville science fair. Categories are I. experiments, II. models, III. collections. There will be workshops on how to get projects ready for a science fair. Jan. 18th from 7:00 - 8:30 at Chico Junior High School Feb. 3rd from 1:00 - 2:30 (k-5) and 3:00 -4:30 (6-8) at CSUC.



Ron the Reptile Man visited the Chico Center on November 8. Students were able to touch and hold many of the amazing animals."

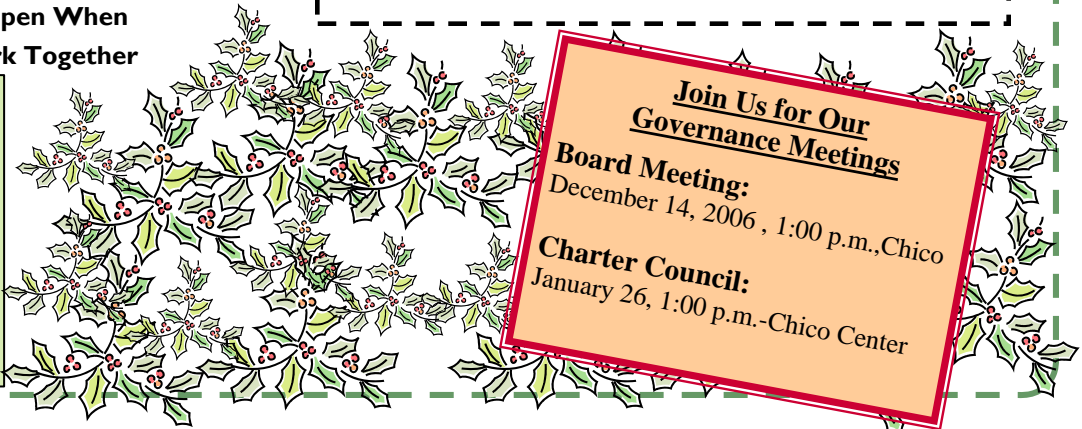




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**Great Schools Happen When
 Communities Work Together**



**Join Us for Our
 Governance Meetings**
Board Meeting:
 December 14, 2006, 1:00 p.m., Chico
Charter Council:
 January 26, 1:00 p.m. - Chico Center

**Paradise Center's Jeremy Heckman-
 Super Achiever!**

Twelfth grader earns widespread honors.

As he neared his sixteenth birthday, Jeremy, a member of Troop 316 in Paradise, earned his Eagle rank and reports he still has more that he wants to achieve. His first four years have been very busy and action packed as he completed 39 merit badges and served six months as his troop's Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and then twenty-four months as the Senior Patrol Leader.



Jeremy was also selected to represent the California Grange Youth for 2007 and will compete in the National Grange Horizon Leadership Program by representing California at the National Grange Convention in Reno, Nevada



At the California State Grange session in Bakersfield, The Perpetual Youth Trophy for having the most youth in attendance at the session was awarded by California State Grange President Randall Lewis to the California State Grange Youth Committee. Accepting are l. to r. Morgana Bevins, Jeremy Heckman, Joseph Stefanoni and



For his Eagle project Jeremy chose to build a Community Youth Garden for the Paradise Grange that will be available to local schools, youth organizations, Grange Youth and Junior Grangers, to learn hands-on agriculture through the Paradise Grange Partnership in Education Program.

Sutter's Fort

Will be held on April 17th and 18th. More info will come in future newsletters. Fourth graders will have priority for this event.

Northstar SnowSport Field Trips! Trip coordinator: *Beth Ward*
 January 19th, February 8th, February 26th, and March 14th.

All forms are available at your local resource center. Forms must be complete (with \$ or purchase order) and turned in by the deadline.

Need new tires?
Register with eScrip (5 minutes), get your tires at Big O (a participating retailer) and our school gets 10%!
Need food? Use that same card at Safeway, Raley's or Albertson's and our school gets 5%. Its that easy. Register at www.exscrip.com



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