

# C.O.R.E. Newsletter

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## From the Camptonville Academy Board



My name is Lizabeth Lundberg; I am a Camptonville Academy Community Board Member. A community board member designation means this board member is a person from the local community that has enough interest in the school to commit time and effort to be on the school board. I not only have the interest in CORE but I believe in the quality of education, dedicated teachers and staff, wise leadership and partnership of the parents working as a team to offer every student the opportunity to graduate ready to take on the world. Each year every board member is asked to champion a cause for the school and the cause I have chosen is Improvement. There are lots of directions to be taken for improvement, but there are also many people working on specific areas on a regular basis. We work as a team to improve each student's education, with each team member concentrating on certain aspects. So, I too have chosen one area of improvement for our school, I work toward providing opportunities that are new to our students. The Washington D.C. trip was the first improvement endeavor that I took on. I have been on this trip with students and wanted CORE students to have the learning opportunity that is provided with this trip. I made contact with the travel group and then tried to enlist a representative from the school to facilitate the trip. We were fortunate to have Neil Bledsoe come on staff with all his skills and enthusiasm for his job, he also stepped up and took on the Washington D.C. trip. The students that went had a wonderful educational experience and Neil already has another trip in the works. I hope all of you will take the time to inquire regarding the trip. It is a very worthwhile experience. All three of my children have gone on this trip and I have gone with other schools as a chaperon. I can tell you, aside from being an extremely educational trip, your children are safe and well cared for while they are traveling. Now I've taken on improving our school by having an all school fund raiser. The fundraiser would be in support of the Personalized Learning Foundation. The Personalized Learning Foundation is a non profit group that works to support our school and funds raised would continue to offer improvement to CORE. I am looking for a volunteer to head up a fundraiser and get it off the ground as an annual event. I am not looking to be in charge of the fundraiser but rather find a leader. If you have any thoughts I would be interested. I know that Yuba Sutter Disposal will donate food and help with a spaghetti dinner. Is anyone interested in pursuing that idea? The fundraiser would not take place until next school year so that would offer enough time for planning. The funds raised from the event would come back to the school to offer more opportunities for your children. As we rush into the holiday season, I send each of you a greeting, be happy, safe and well.

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Reg-to-Go Orientation Participants**

Reg-to-Go allows current seniors, considering attending Butte college in the Fall, to complete the components required to register during the Spring of their senior year. This program greatly benefits our students, as it affords them early registration priority. There are three parts to the program: **4/28/09**-Orientation @ main Butte College Campus; **5/5/09**-Assessment Test; **5/7/09**-Register with a Butte College Counselor.

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### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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**Camptonville  
Academy  
Board Meeting  
December 4  
Nevada City Admin  
Office  
848 Gold Flat Rd. #3  
Nevada City  
January 8  
Location TBA**

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**CORE BUTTE  
Board Meeting  
Dec. 5  
Core Butte Center  
260 A Cohasset,  
Chico**

## Counseling

### Seniors and Early Graduating Juniors (graduating mid-year next year )

Apply for Financial Aid, regardless of your plans

January and February are the months to prepare for your future. All Seniors and early graduating Juniors should be applying for aid, regardless of your family's financial situation. For many, the cost of college is the #1 factor in applying for and attending college and, unless you know all of the financial aid guidelines forward and backward, you do not know what you will qualify for until you apply. So just do it!

Just follow these three steps:

1. Before January 2, 2009: Both you and your parents get a PIN (personal identification number) at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) that you will use for the FAFSA.. This takes minutes to apply for and a few days to get it emailed back to you, so do it right away!

2. Fill out the FAFSA – This is a more lengthy process that involves mainly the parent/guardian. The FAFSA is an online application that asks for information based on your (parent/guardian's) 2008 tax return. If you have not yet completed this, that is ok, though it is easier if you complete your tax return first. Otherwise you simply estimate based on 2008. Visit [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for more information and the form.

This month you will receive a Cal Grant information letter in the mail. Return the Cal Grant GPA Verification form ASAP Once we have your Social Security # on file, we will automatically electronically send your GPA verification to Cal Grant. This will make you eligible for up to \$9,700 per year for college.

Visit [www.calgrant.org](http://www.calgrant.org) for more info. Contact the counseling office with questions. (530) 478-9458 xt.207 or [corecounselingteam@yahoo.com](mailto:corecounselingteam@yahoo.com)

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 As of this writing, 10 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. Parents are welcome too! Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity. Call your counselor (478-9458) for additional details. Counselors are now emailing to you using **Naviance**. Are you Registered and checking your **Naviance** Account?

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. Juniors and Seniors register online to take the SAT at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) **Take the practice tests to prepare.**

Continuing Yuba College students have already begun to register for Spring 2009 semester classes. However, there are steps in the enrollment process that need to be taken before new college and concurrently enrolled high school students can actually register (claim their seat) for classes. These include:

**Apply for Admissions:** go to the college website at [www.yccd.edu/yuba](http://www.yccd.edu/yuba), click on Apply Now and follow the instructions to complete the online application.

**Contact Financial Aid.** (for new college students only, NOT concurrently enrolled students) at 741-6781 to get help in completing the financial aid and enrollment fee waiver applications.

**Complete the Placement Exam.** Do this either at the college or when scheduled at the high school in March. Take the sample tests by going to [www.yccd.edu/yuba](http://www.yccd.edu/yuba), and click on Students; then on Assessment and Testing Center; then, on Placement Exam; and then, on Sample Tests.

**Complete Orientation.** You can take the online Orientation by going to [www.yccd.edu/yuba](http://www.yccd.edu/yuba) and clicking on Students. Then, click on Orientation under Admissions and follow instructions.

**Register and Pay Fees.** New students register on December 1<sup>st</sup> and concurrently enrolled students can register starting December 3<sup>rd</sup>. New students can register through WebAdvisor on the Yuba College web site. Concurrently enrolled high school students must personally bring the completed and signed Recommendations Form to the college Registration Dept.

**Counseling Follow-Up.** Schedule a follow-up appointment with a Yuba College counselor who will help you develop a Student Education Plan to ensure a timely graduation/transfer.



## Colfax Center Highlights



Sami Ybarrondo, Kaylee, Becky & Willie Battenfeld model their tie dye shirts made in NC center arts & crafts class and mom to be- Sandy Shea at her baby shower can't wait for her baby to wear the cute outfit they made.



Kathleen Medley, Becky, Sami, Willie & Kaylee show off their apple dolls made in Michelle Krause's NC center arts & crafts class. First they soaked apples in lemon juice, then dehydrated them. Retired teacher Linda Johnson taught them how to create clothes for the dolls and then let them use their imaginations to do the rest.

### Student reviews FROM CHRIS JOHNSEN'S ENGLISH CLASS

#### THE CASK OF AMONTILLADO

Reviewed by **Sawyer Schweyer**

THE CASK OF AMONTILLADO by Edgar Allen Poe is a great story. It is very suspenseful, and you never know what will happen next. The story was inspired by a monument that Poe had seen while he was in the army. The event that occurred was just like the one in the story.

In the story, Montresor had been insulted by another man named Fortunato. Montresor decided to get revenge, and the way he did so is very harsh and shocking.

I recommend this story to other readers who enjoy horror stories with surprise endings. I liked the story because it has a small creep factor to it, as well as an explosive ending.

#### THE SNIPER

Reviewed by **Brian Best**

In Dublin there is a sniper who is sitting on a roof. He is fighting in a war between the Republicans and the Freestaters. He is in crossfire with a sniper on a roof across the street from him. The Republican sniper becomes a target to the Freestater by striking a match. The Freestater sniper sees the flare of the match.

This story will keep you on the edge of your seat throughout. It is a must-read for anybody interested the history of Ireland.

You will be surprised by the twist at the story's end.

#### WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST

Reviewed by **Shane Elizarraraz**

WOMEN AND CHILDREN FIRST describes what happened to people who settled Plymouth Colony. In this story we learn of the hardships they endured between their landing at Plymouth Rock and the first Thanksgiving. How did they survive? That is something you will find out when the read the story.

#### SIR GAWAIN AND THE GREEN KNIGHT

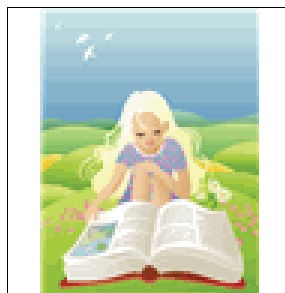
Reviewed by **Bree Stein**

Sir Gawain and the Green Knight lived in the Middle Ages.

If you like stories about King Arthur and what he did, you will like this story.

The story is about a man who gets a sash with special powers to protect whoever has it.

Sir Gawain gets the sash and tries to use the sash to defeat the Green Knight, but the Green Knight knows that Sir Gawain has the sash.



#### THE EXAMINATION OF SARAH GOOD

Reviewed by **Zack Miller**

Back in the year of 1682 people were being killed. They were being killed because of the fear that they were witches.

Sarah Good is being accused of being a witch even though she's not. This story is enticing because there are even people claiming to be tortured by her.

Sarah knows that she is innocent, but the townspeople do not agree with her because they want to find a witch.

This story includes the exciting trial of Sarah Good and the outcome of the trial.

When you read the story you will be surprised to learn who voices opinions about Sarah. Will she be charged as a witch or not?

## Marysville Center Highlights

### FARMS Leadership Program

C.O.R.E. Camptonville Academy has a team of 7 students participating in the Northstate FARMS Leadership Program. Students in the program learn about the agriculture industry, resource management, environmental science, and career options. In October, students visited Bishops Pumpkin Patch. Students learned about the history and operations of this innovative local farm. This month, the team will be visiting the Chico State University Farm.



Marysville Center is thankful for parents like Sherry King, who gives so much of her time to our center and is always smiling. Here she is in front of the 14 boxes of food raised for Yuba-Sutter Salvation Army. Thank-You!



Students at Bishops Farm- Hope Smith, James Edwards, Ashley King, Kaitlyn McCaul, Chris Mahurin, Chad Brusseau, Tristan Faubel, Henry Finlon

Sherry King, We appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of our school!



Congratulations sixth graders for turning in the most Box Tops. Thanks to all students who have participated. We earned \$159.00 toward new outdoor equipment. Special thanks to Julie Schuder for heading up the Box Top Drive. Keep on collecting, we are well into November's competition.

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



The Age of Sail field trip to the tall ship, Balclutha, anchored in San Francisco was a trip to remember. Students spent 20 hours aboard ship learning sailing skills as part of this living history event. In-costume ship's captain and crew led "green hands" through such skills as cooking dinner and breakfast on a wood cook stove (delicious) and raising a bo'sun chair, lifting students high into the sails. Deck hands, bo'sun crews kept the ship clean and lines running smoothly, kept bell time and stood night watch, enjoying the nearly full moon setting over the Golden Gate. Personal confidence was the most lasting skill this group will carry back to land.



John Ferre, Grace Denny, Weston Andrew swabbing the deck



David Thorwaldson in a bo'sun chair & Matt Lubetkin, Kyle Ewen running lines



Pictured at the main Butte College Campus on April 22, 2008  
Jessica McGuire, Sarah Dutra, Scott Wolf, Curtis Eiler, Steven Gray, Christina Jeffries, Danielle Snelson



The CORE Butte Home Ec class has been busy sewing pillowcases for two hospitals in Sacramento. The project focuses on helping those in need. Pictured left to right are: Deming Tilton, Gina Chandler, Shannon Whiteley, Moryah German, Malea Hadidian, Brooklyn Keene and Janae Keables. Not pictured Trish Nelson and Brook Weinreber,



**We Wish Our School Community a Peaceful  
and  
Joyous Holiday Season**



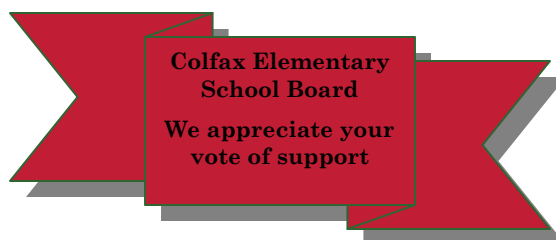
## **Thank you Colfax Elementary Board of Directors**

Dear Teachers and Families,

The Colfax Elementary School Board voted unanimously at their public board meeting on November 18th to sponsor the C.O.R.E. Placer Charter School. Their action is the culmination of a 3-year effort on the part of the parents, students, teachers and other charter employees in Placer and Nevada Counties to protect the academic integrity of the Personalized Learning model and preserve our Educational Resource Centers. We celebrate this accomplishment, along with the hard work and collaboration that has taken place with the representatives of the Colfax Elementary School District.

Now we can look forward to the next steps, which begin with continued collaboration with the Colfax Superintendent, as we develop this charter as an independent Personalized Learning charter, member of the CORE Schools' family and a new school within the Colfax community. Thank you all for all your enduring support, hard work and good intentions as we continue to provide an outstanding choice to our students

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

## Student Spotlight



Congratulations to Colfax Student Joseph Harmon who won the championship for Jr. dragsters at Sacramento raceway this year. He has been racing for 5 years. Way to go Joseph!

## Mark Your Calendar

**Marysville**  
**Dec 5**-Petaluma fieldtrip- Mrs. Grossman's Sticker Factory & Petaluma Adobe 10:45-3 pm  
**Dec 12**-Assembly World of Light  
**Dec 17**- Center closed - classes cancelled  
**Dec 18**-Ski trip--  
**Dec 4th**-deadline to sign up  
 Beth Ward -741-8404 / Angela -742-2786  
**Dec 22-Jan 2**- Winter Break  
**Jan 9,16,23,30**-CAHSEE Prep Class-9-12  
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 Drama Performance held at Lee Burrows Center for Arts 630 E Street, Marysville. These are the dates:  
**Jan 15, 16, 17**-7-8:30 pm  
**Jan 18**-2 pm-3:30 pm  
**Jan.19**-Center closed  
**Jan.21**-Academic Talent Search -9-10:30

**Core Butte**  
 Snow Board field trips & Paperwork due dates:  
 Geri Clements can receive paperwork at the Chico Center 9- 2 on the following dates:  
**Due Dec 4** for ski trip **Dec18**  
**Due Jan 5th**- ski trip **Jan.14th**  
**Due Jan15** -ski trips **Jan.29, 30**  
**Due Feb 5**-ski trips-**Feb.23, 24**  
**Due Feb 26**-ski trips **Mar.11, 12**  
**Dec 10, 12**-2 pm Paradise Center Holiday Party  
 Call for details- 872-8294  
**Dec.10**- 7:00pm- CORE Butte Talent Show  
 Come share your family audience talent  
 Contact info:  
 Michelle Steele 342-5858  
 steelemichele@sbcglobal.net or  
 Kathy Severin-893-3816  
 kathyseverin@sbcglobal.net  
**Dec 17**-Center closed- classes cancelled

**Colfax**  
**Dec 5** Petaluma Field Trip; Sticker Factory and Petaluma Adobe. Coordinated by Marysville Center. Details and permission forms available on line (check All School calendar @ www.coretca.org) or stop by the Colfax Office.  
**Dec 12** World of Light Assembly. Coordinated by Marysville Center.  
**Dec 16** Winter Concert at Sierra Vista Center – Note time change to 6:30pm  
**Dec 17** Center Closed - classes cancelled  
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