

CORE Newsletter February 2010

Ask not what your school can do for you, ask what you can do for your school?

This may seem like an unlikely title for a newsletter article, however reports that the California school funding budget is strained for all public schools should not be a surprise to anyone. Our schools, like all others in CA, are feeling the stress of reduced per student allocations. This year we operate our schools on levels that are equal to 2004/05 funding. The latest news from the capitol is that at best we will receive a relatively minor per student increase next year (approximately \$6 per student) at worst we will see a funding cut of up to \$250 per student, putting our per student allocations at the 2001/2002 funding level.

It is our greatest goal to maintain the finest program for our students that we are able. To that end our staffs and leadership team are involved in regular discussions about where we are able to make cuts with the least impact on our students educational options. In our brainstorming discussions we decided that we must rally our entire school community in an expanded effort to solve this CORE Schools challenge. Some of the ideas that were put forward to share with the school community are:

- Get the word out that we have openings for new enrollment
- Reduce Administrative Staff
- Step up our fund raising efforts
- Community meetings to brainstorm ideas
- Seek student, parental and teacher advice on cuts that will make the least impact
- Establish a volunteer program
- Look for Seniors who are willing to participate in providing volunteer services, etc.
- Seek further Grant opportunities
- Talk to vendors about reducing fees until the budget crisis is resolved
- Send the newsletter out quarterly instead of monthly (We'll have two more this year, March and June)

Please let your local School Director know if you are willing to participate in an effort to maintain our programs through any of the ideas presented above or let him/her know of other ideas you may have. I am certain that with the combined effort of all our smarts and energy we will weather this storm together. Thank you for your continued support of the CORE Charters.

Jan Jablecki, Executive Director
Jonelle Pena, School Director, CORE Butte
Chris Mahurin, School Director, CORE @ The Camptonville Academy
Sandy Shea, School Director, CORE Placer

Governance Board Meetings

- ♦ **CORE @ TCA– February 11, Administrative Office**
- ♦ **CORE Placer– March 10, Colfax Center**
- ♦ **CORE Butte– March 12, Chico Center**



High School Counselor's Page

A Dancer's Mosaic – Jan 29th @ 6:30 pm – A fabulous and entertaining dance show. Several students from CORE dance with this team. Cost: \$10, Location: Marysville High School Auditorium: 1919 "B" Street.

Bay Area Trip – Feb 18th & 19th – Sign up is full. If you are already on the list details TBA soon.

Reach For the Future – March 4th – 6th – Sign up sheet is full. Details TBA as date approaches.

California High School Exit Exam Testing - February 2nd/3rd – 10th /11th/12th graders who have not both sections, should test. * 11th graders have the option to take the test in Feb. but can only take it twice during the year.

Financial Aid – Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) online now!

Families with graduating seniors should complete the FAFSA and Cal Grant GPA Verification Forms now. The FAFSA is a required form in financial aid application packets whether you want to attend a four-year college/university, community college, vocational or technical school. It is helpful to have your 2009 Federal income tax return filled out, but if you have not done so yet, you can estimate using your W-2 Forms or any records of earned income. For more information go to: <http://www.calgrants.org/> or contact your local learning center's High School Counselor

Submit your FAFSA + a verified Cal Grant GPA and You Could CASH IN ON an Extra \$1,000 Scholarship

Financial Aid Resources:

FAFSA on the Web Video - Watch the free video aimed at helping students complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and GPA Verification form.

<http://www.calgrants.org/index.cfm?navId=169>

Questions to ask on college visit:

<http://www.makingitcount.com/educators/article/view.asp?articleID=191>

<http://www.actstudent.org/college/visit.html>

Scholarship Opportunities: BEST BUY Scholarship - Best Buy Scholarship application will be open from 12/28/09 through 2/15/10. Finalists will be notified mid-March with winners getting notification by mail in May. Best Buy will be awarding 1,000 scholarships of \$1,000 each. The scholarship application is available online at

<http://www.bestbuy.com/Scholarships> or www.at15.com <http://www.at15.com/> . Only online applications accepted. Recipients selected based on achievement, volunteerism efforts or work experience.

University of California COSMOS Program – Math and Science opportunity

The California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science will soon be accepting applications for its 2010 program.

<http://cosmos.ucdavis.edu/resources/2010/COSMOSFlyer2010.pdf>

Four-week summer residential program for high achieving high school students interested in math, science, technology, and engineering. **Application period:** February 1 - March 15, 2010

Web: www.cosmos.ucdavis.edu (local) or www.ucop.edu/cosmos (statewide office) Email: cosmos@ucdavis.edu

COLLEGE INFORMATION:

DON'T BE A STEALTH APPLICANT: LET COLLEGES KNOW YOU ARE INTERESTED

Visit CTCL (**Colleges That Change Lives**) for more information about the college search process

(<http://www.ctcl.org/news/college-search>)

Writing Your Personal Statement for College Admissions/Learn How to Pay for UC

UC has premiered a new video on writing the personal statement which has been added to the financial aid series. View at:

<http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/admissions/videos>.

UCTV Series College Bound - Intended for middle school and high school students (and their parents), College Bound provides practical and timely information for students so they can compete effectively for college admission.

<http://www.uctv.tv/series/index.aspx?show=show&seriesnumber=138>

Check the website (<http://www.uctv.tv/education>) for additional programs.

TESTS: SAT TEST DATES: Go to: www.collegeboard.com/testing/ to register. All students are encouraged to take SAT even if a 4-year college is not in the plan directly after high school. Many scholarships ask for an SAT score.

Shady Creek (previously Woodleaf) OUTDOOR SCHOOL

DATE OF TRIP: March 15-19, 2010

COST: 210.00 (INCLUDES ECOQUEST BOOK AND DAILY SNACKS)
(E.U.'s accepted)

FOR MORE INFO ON SHADY CREEK GO TO: <http://www.shadycreek.org/>

Shady Creek Outdoor School is located in the mountains of Nevada County, Open to 5th, 6th and 7th graders. 6TH GRADERS HAVE PRIORITY as well as those who have **not** attended before.

Marlene Brenden – CORE Butte Teacher/Counselor will chaperone students at the camp for the entire week.

Nancy Socha –CORE TCA teacher will also attend.

E-mail your information to:

Marlene Brenden – marbrenden@corebutte.org 894-3952

Please include the following: 1. Student name 2. Teacher 3. Grade 4. Parent Name 5. Phone Number 6. E-mail address (make every effort to have an e-mail contact as this is my main form of communication)

DO NOT REQUEST A P.O. UNTIL NOTIFIED

Participant list will be finalized February You will be notified if you are on the list & a request for a PO will be sent at that time.



CORE PLACER

HUNGRY FOR A GOOD BOOK?

The student's enrolled in CORE Plus Language Arts for Grades 3-5 are willing to share their delicious sandwich book reports with YOU! The cover bread page shows the title of the book, author, and student's name. The mayonnaise page indicates the main characters, while the tomato slice describes the setting of the story. The ham slice gives readers the summary of the book. Lettuce reveals a favorite scene description, while the cheese and second piece of bread illustrate the characters and a favorite scene. Kathryn Uchison, Caden Hollingsworth, Alex Dutcher, Corbin Hartle, Alex Glau, Luke Reed, and James Sharpe are the talented sandwich makers in Carol Turner's class. After presenting their sandwich stories orally in class, they are now available on a bulletin board for you to enjoy reading. Bon appetit!



Pigs
I like them.
Ask me why.
Because they are cute
Because they eat things people do
Because they eat corn
Because they snort,
Because they are pink
Because they are brown and pink
Because they play in the mud
Because they have cute babies and like people
Because.
Because
Because. That's why
I like Pigs
by Delaney Anderson
Kindergarten Loomis Center

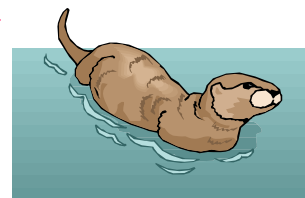


School
fun, exciting
counting, playing, thinking
reading is fun
learning

by Natalie Anderson
First Grade
Loomis Center



Sea Otters
I like them.
Ask me why.
Because they
can glide through the water
Because they float on their backs when they
eat food
Because they are sea animals
Because they eat clams
Because they use rocks for tools
Because they are playful
Because they are at aquariums
Because they are cute
Because
Because
Because. That's why
I like Sea Otters
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Emma Farabee is a 7th grader at CORE Placer Charter. She won the Nevada County's Top Talent in early 2009. She recently came back from Universal City where she won FIRST PLACE in voice as the Best New Talent for her age group. Emma then performed on stage at Universal Studios City Walk to a large excited crowd. What a great venue and experience. She is currently working in the studio on a demo CD after receiving some interest from various people in Los Angeles, including a well known songwriter. Recently Emma was hired for a corporate Christmas event in Nevada County where she took the stage and sang some jazz inspired Christmas songs. Emma just turned 13 and enjoys singing many genres, particularly Jazz and Blues. According to her mother, Emma absolutely loves the CORE group; which not only provides her the support and resources to excel in school, but also the flexibility to fulfill a once in a life time opportunity.

SNOW DAY?

If Colfax Elementary is closed, so are we. Call 346-2202 for their recording. You can also listen for school closures on KNCO radio 830 am.



LEGACY PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS.....

Mark Twain in THE AMERICAN WISDOM TOUR

The historic Nevada Theatre is located at 401 Broad Street in downtown Nevada City. Built in 1865, it has been the venue for such luminaries as Emma Nevada, Jack London, Lotta Crabtree, Edwin Booth and, most significantly, Mark Twain. Admission for the Wednesday evening performance, February 24th, is \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Doors open at six with a complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres. Champagne toast following the performance. Tickets are available at Harmony Books in Nevada City and The Book Seller in Grass Valley. For information and reservations call 530-268-5419.

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**CONTACT YOUR
CENTER FOR
MORE INFO ON
CALENDAR EVENTS!**



Check out our calendar on
our website www.coretca.org



Mark Your Calendar



CORE @ TCA

February 2 & 3 CAHSEE 8am-11:00
(est. time/this is an untimed test)

February 4 Love and Logic 9am-1pm
Center for the Arts in Grass Valley, Paul
Rosell is a world renowned expert on the
Love and Logic philosophy. Tickets can
be purchased at the Marysville Center
for \$10

February 5 Spelling Bee 9am, open to
all 4th thru 6th and 7th thru 9th graders.
Word lists are available at the front desk,
so students may practice.

February 5 Financial Aid Workshop
10:30am You will need to bring your par-
ents & their Financial documents.

February 12 & 15 Center Closed

February 16 Sutter's Fort

CORE PLACER

February 2 Last chance to sign up
for REACH for the Future Youth
Conference. Brochures and registra-
tion forms available at your center.

February 2 & 3 CAHSEE testing
9am All 10th grade students must
attend.

February 4 Teaching Parenting with
Love & Logic APLUS Regional Par-
ent & Teacher Training Workshop.
9am-1pm @ The Center for the Arts
Theater in Grass Valley. Cost will be
between \$10 and \$30 depending on
number of attendees. More informa-
tion is available by contacting Jeff
rice, Director, APLUS+,
jeffrice@jps.net 530-478-7726
February 12 & 15 Center closed

CORE BUTTE

February 2 & 3 CAHSEE testing 9am All
10th grade students must attend.

February 12 & 15 Center closed for
Presidents Day

February 19 Learning Period 5 ends

March 15-19 Shady Creek Outdoor
School, Cost 215, may use EU's for
more information contact Marlene
Brenden at marbrenden@corebutte.org
or 894-3952

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