

From the very beginning of his education, the child should experience the joy of discovery.

Alfred North Whitehead
(1861-1947)
British mathematician
and philosopher.

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Juniors!

The PSAT, or Preliminary SAT (also sometimes known as the "practice" SAT), will be offered at your local comprehensive high school in mid-October. Contact them or the Counseling Team for more information. Other grade levels may also take the exam, not just 11th graders. counseling@coretca.org or (530) 478-9458 xt. 207.



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Greetings! Welcome to the 2006-2007 School Year

There are many exciting educational experiences planned for your students this year such as the dance workshops described below.. We have added foreign language on-line studies for your elementary students. The experiential high school program, Passages, will be planned and conducted by Dave Peterson, one of our high school counselors. We now have 2 more high school counselors in an effort to increase availability for you and your student for vital information. Then of course there are many new and interesting classes at our four educational resource centers. Please be in touch with your teacher and center coordinator to find out more about the options that are available to you. As always I love to hear from our parents. So feel free to contact me at our administration office any time.

Lori Belilove & Company Brings Isadora Duncan to CORE



Sierra Dance Institute—Grass Valley Monday, November 20

K-4 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.
5th-8th-10:00 –11:30a.m.
Lunch Break
High School—1:30-3:00 p.m.

Isadora Duncan Dance Foundation workshops will be an introduction for students from K-12 to extend their knowledge of the inspiring life and joyous movement/dance of Isadora Duncan. Instructors from Lori Belilove & Company, the premier ambassadors and interpreters of the Duncan legacy will conduct these

workshops. The classes will introduce the beauty and physicality of Duncan movement in a way that motivates courageous self-expression. Students are coached in Duncan's timeless technique, drawing upon the body's organic physicality to find an aesthetic expression conveying emotions, and inspiration. A surprise mythological story and dance will be introduced. Open to all students who want to have fun!

Camptonville parents, students, and teachers:

A number of awards are currently being offered to Camptonville Academy students. Students must be nominated by their teachers, their names being submitted to the school contact person according to provided criteria. Please read the criteria for each award carefully to be certain the student is appropriate prior to nomination. Deadlines are a bit flexible but please try to honor them.

The awards are:

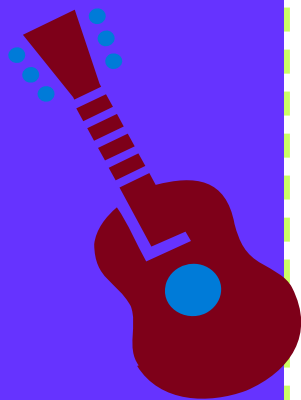
- The President's Volunteer Service Award
- The President's Award for Educational Excellence
- The President's Award for Educational Achievement
- The American Citizenship Award
- Principal's Leadership Award
- President's Environmental Youth Award

It is an honor to receive these awards and they are very helpful when applying for college acceptance and scholarships. **See criteria on page 4.**

Colfax Center



WELCOME
BACK!



BIG NEWS:

It is that time of the year again, and the staff here at the Colfax Resource Center is excited to get the school year started. The 2006/7 school year has brought some exciting changes.

I'd like to first introduce myself. I am Sandy Shea, the new administrator at the Colfax Resource Center. I have just moved to Nevada City from San Francisco where, for the past several years, I have been teaching and directing special education programs. I am energized and ready to guide, support and enhance our Personalized Learning Program here in Colfax while working side by side with students, parents and teachers. Please come in and say hello.

I would also like to welcome two new teachers to our learning community, Tom Wernigg and Kathleen Medley. Tom comes to us with experience in teaching History and Social Studies in alternative and mainstream education. When he is not teaching, he is busy with his wife and two kids, writing songs and playing string instruments. Tom will be teaching guitar classes at the center, and is excited to get to know his students in a more personal setting.

Kathleen has had a variety of experiences in the educational field as well, and is very enthusiastic about teaching with Camptonville Academy.

From teaching elementary to adult education, she has also been an educational tour guide in Sacramento. When Katherine is not teaching, she enjoys kayaking, traveling and swimming with her husband. Kathleen will be teaching social studies, writing and computers.

OTHER BIG NEWS:

Our center will be open **Monday through Friday from 8:30 am – 3:00p.m.** As this will give more time for parents and students to come in for meetings and to look through curriculum, we will also be offering assemblies/events at least once a month. **Parents and Students: Contact Sandy Shea at the Center if you are interested in being on a planning committee for these events .**

IMPORTANT DATES:

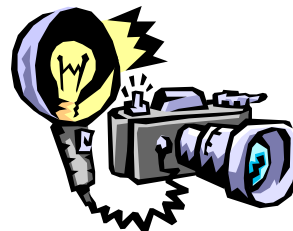
August 28th – First Week of School- start class assignments

September 4th – Labor Day Holiday

September 11th – First week of classes at the Colfax Resource Center

October 3rd/4th – An opportunity to take the High School Exit Exam for any student who has taken the test and has not passed one or more sections.

Every high school student in California must pass the



CAHSEE to graduate. **KEEP YOUR EYES OUT FOR OUT PICTURE DAY COMING SOON!**

CLASS SIGN UPS: You can still sign up for fun classes! Biology, Earth Science Lab, 7th Grade Life Science, 4th+7thGrade Writing Prep, 4th-6th Social Studies, HS Yearbook, CAHSEE math prep, and more!! Please call Sheri at the Center or your teacher if you would like to sign up for any more classes.

REMINDER:

As you are making schedules for your kids, please remember that the center is only open for classes or appointments with teachers. If students are not in a class or in an appointment, they are not allowed in the center. Students may join us for lunch from 12-12:30. Please plan schedules/carpools accordingly. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST AND FOUND: Please look through the pile of jackets, lunchboxes, etc. and find your lost items from last year before the end of September.

We will be donating any items not



Marysville Center

hope that all of our Camptonville families are ready for another great year in their educational journey. Please remember that the Marysville Resource Center is here to support you. We have many books, games, videos, science kits, and other teaching resources available for check-out. Also, our subscription to Butte County Office of Education Audiovisual Program gives our families access to thousands of educational resources for delivery to the center. (Be sure to ask about it!) Finally, the resource center is a wonderful place to learn about special events, opportunities, and in general is a place to share good ideas about teaching. We look forward to seeing you!

THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all the people who came out to help during our Work Day! The Marysville Resource Center is looking great, with many improvements. THANK YOU!

Our Camptonville Family Grows in Marysville!

We are very fortunate to have three new Personalized Learning Teachers in Marysville. Please welcome: Joan Norton, Sally Byrtusova-Mower, and Mathew White! Look for their biographies in our next newsletter.

Marysville Resource Center Hours:

Monday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Wednesday	11 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Classes at the MRC

This year we are proud to offer the most classes ever at the Marysville Resource Center! **Classes will begin on Monday, Sept. 11.** Sign-ups are still available for many classes including:

Elementary PE (K-4)

A variety of exercises, games and craft activities will be used to promote small and large motor skills.

Instructor: **Susan Fleming – Wed. 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.**

Yearbook (High School) 2.5 Credits Yearbook staff will be completing page layouts, design, special projects, and advertisements. Prospective students need to complete an application packet.

Instructor: **Megan Chase (Herf Jones Rep.) – Wed. 11 a.m to 12:30 p.m.**

Drama (5-12)

Students will learn the backstage and onstage conventions of theatre while applying them in actual rehearsals. A full-length play will be presented as a final project.

Instructor: **Ellie Palmer – Mon. & Wed. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

Line Dancing (9-12)

Students will learn basic steps and be introduced to multiple styles of line dancing.

Instructor: **Kathy Kunde – Mon. 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

Biology (High School)

Students in this class will explore the basic concepts of biological science. Topics include cellular structure, structure and function of plants and animals, genetics, and more. (The biology lab should be taken concurrently for additional support.)

Instructor: **Ellie Palmer – Thur. 9:00 to 10:30 a.m.**

Sociology (High School)

Students will study social relations, organizations, beliefs and values, and the processes governing social phenomena. They will be encouraged to challenge common assumptions as they answer critical-thinking questions. This is a college-prep class.

Instructor: **Dr. Samuel Krouse – Thur. 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

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Important Dates:

August 28th – First Week of School- start class assignments

September 4th – Labor Day Holiday

September 11th – First week of classes at the Marysville Resource Center

Fri. Sept. 22—4:00-6:00p.m. MRC Parent Club Back to School Ice Cream

Bash. Come and meet teachers and other families. Learn about classes, online learning resources, and curriculum. Also, find out how you can be a part of our great school.

October 3rd and 4th– (CAHSEE) An opportunity to take the High School Exit Exam for any 11th or 12th grader who has not yet passed. Every high school student in California must pass the CAHSEE to graduate. Oct. 3rd students will be tested in English Language Arts & Oct. 4th students will be tested in Math.

Assemblies at the MRC

The Science of Food ~ Friday, September 15th

K-3rd 9:00-10:30

4th-6th 11:00-12:00

Students will find out how food is grown, processed, and prepared through a Hands-On-Science Assembly with Marci Morgan. Students will be making peanut butter, bread, ice cream, popcorn, and butter, and will then get to eat them! Students will also discover and taste other multicultural foods. Students must sign up at the front desk.

More Hands-on Science with Marci Morgan!:

The Grossology of Slimy, Mushy, Oozy Gross Things **Fri- day, October 6th**

The Grossology of Crusty of Crusty, Scaley Gross Things **Fri- day, November 3rd**

The Grossology of Stinky, Smelly Gross Things

Friday, December 1st

Pressure! – **Friday, January 12th**

Gravity in Motion – **Friday, February 2nd**

Chemical Reactions – **Friday, March 2nd**

Kids First Aid – **Friday, May 4th**

****Sign-up at the Front Desk!**

Animals Sensing Their World

Friday, December 22nd

9:00 am

All ages

Students will view many live reptiles and various small animals as they learn how these animals use all their senses.

Adventures in Bug-Eating Assembly

Friday, February 9th @ 12:30 All ages

Chef David George Gordon invites you to join in this exotic feast. This show explores entomophagy (bug-eating), and offers practical advice on obtaining and preparing crickets, mealworms, bee larvae and other bug

President's Volunteer Service Award

Purpose: To recognize service activities in the areas of youth achievement, parks and open spaces, healthy communities, and public safety and emergency response.

Youth Achievement: volunteer activities such as mentoring, coaching, tutoring, improving literacy, and keeping young people engaged academically in education.

Parks and Open Spaces: volunteer efforts to conserve and protect our parklands and gardens, neighborhood cleanups, creating safe playgrounds, and creating outdoor activities for individuals to enjoy the environment and our natural resources.

Healthy Communities: volunteer efforts to help the elderly, disabled, diseased, hungry or homeless, and to improve the economic health of the community. Could include health and nutrition education services, immunization campaigns, resume building, career training, disease screenings, hospital support, blood drives, veterans outreach, and business development.

Public Safety and Emergency Response: volunteer efforts to make homes and communities safer from the threats of crime, terrorism, and disasters. Could include preparedness training, volunteer firefighters, and programs like Citizen Corps, Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps and Volunteers in Police Service.

Students may earn bronze, silver, or gold awards including a certificate, letter from the President, and letter from the President of the Council on Service and Civic Participation.

Bronze:	14 years and under, 50-74 hours
	15 years and older, 100-174
Silver:	14 years and under, 75-99 hours
	15 years and older, 175-249 hours
Gold:	14 years and under, 100 hours or more
	15 years and older, 250 hours or more

Criteria:

K-12 Camptonville Student

Completion of volunteer hours in any of the above areas.

Hours, activity, and category logged throughout the year.

Activities must be unpaid and may not include court-ordered community service.

Record of hours should be submitted monthly to personalized learning teacher who will submit end of year totals to school contact person by April 20th.

Students who performed volunteer services during the summer are welcome to submit those hours to their teacher now for inclusion in the year's totals.

President's Award for Educational Excellence

Purpose: To recognize academic success in the classroom.

Students receive a certificate signed by the President, the U.S. Secretary of Education, and the school principal along with a congratulatory letter from the President.

Criteria:

students graduating from 12th grade,

cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better through the fall semester (GPA from fall and spring semester of 9th, 10th, 11th grades and first semester of 12th grade) and

achievement in the 85th percentile or higher in Standardized Achievement

Test from the previous year in math or language arts, or SAT

Names must be submitted by teachers to the school contact person by April 20th.

President's Award for Educational Achievement

Purpose: To recognize students who show outstanding educational growth, improvement, and commitment, or intellectual development in their academic subjects. It is meant to encourage and reward students who work hard and give their best effort in school, often in the face of special obstacles to their learning.

Students receive a certificate signed by the President, the U.S. Secretary of Education, and the school principal along with a congratulatory letter from the President.

Criteria:

K-12 student, not eligible for President's Award for Educational Excellence, and one of the following:

more than one year's growth in an academic area

exceptional commitment to their education

special achievements in an area of interest

Examples: exceptional commitment to learning despite various obstacles, consistent attendance in weekly tutoring for challenging academic area, good academic work in spite of illness or personal crisis, unusual achievement in the arts such as music or theater.

Names must be submitted by teachers to school contact person by April 20th.

American Citizenship Award

Purpose: to honor students who have demonstrated they possess the qualities and characteristics of a good citizen. It recognizes America's youth for making a positive contribution to the school or community.

Students receive a gold and blue lapel pin.

Criteria:

Students eligible for this award meet all of the following descriptions:

unusually helpful of other students and/or staff
demonstrated consistent respect and compassion for all people
participated in school and/or community service
demonstrated the courage to do what was right
demonstrated leadership in school activities

Names to be submitted to school contact by April 20th.

President's Environmental Youth Award

Purpose: to recognize young Americans for protecting our nation's air, water, land, and ecology, and to honor environmental projects to promote environmental awareness.

Students receive a regional certificate signed by the President honoring efforts to protect human health and the environment. One student per region will be selected to receive a presidential plaque and to attend an award ceremony. This program is free of cost and is completed without teacher involvement unless they are the supervising adult for the student project. Parents may complete this process independently but we would like them to let us know so we can appropriately recognize the student effort.

Project ideas:

building nature trails
reversing the decline of endangered species
starting recycling programs
restoring natural habitats
creating schoolyard habitats
develop cleanup efforts in your community
protect watersheds
protect children from exposure to mercury
assist in wilderness brush removal to create firebreaks



Criteria:

K-12 student and US citizen (or lawfully admitted for permanent residency)
project sponsored by at least 1 adult

complete application including a summary of project and submit to regional coordinator: Sharon Jang and Bruce Sivils, U.S. EPA, 75 Hawthorne Street (PPA-1), San Francisco CA 94105

Deadline: for certificate there is no deadline, for competition, application must be submitted by October 31st.

For additional information including competition judging criteria, please see web-site at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/awards.html>. Then click on application in right hand menu.

Principal's Leadership Award

Purpose: to recognize a student leader by nominating him or her for a national scholarship.

Criteria:

12th grade student,
in the top 20% of the graduating class
demonstrated exceptional leadership skills

One senior per school may be nominated for this award. From the nominations, 100 scholarships of \$1,000 will be awarded.

Procedure:

Personalized learning teachers identify 12th grade students they believe to be good candidates for this award. Email Jan Jablecki a statement indicating why you believe your student to be the best candidate for this honor. The more information you provide, the easier selection will be. Candidate names must be received by **October 30th**.

School principal, Jan Jablecki, will discuss candidates with the school leadership team to determine the final nomination choice.

Chosen candidate will complete the Award Nomination Form and submit to Nevada City office by **November 17th**.

Nomination form and an official copy of the student's transcript, and \$6.00 processing fee will be mailed by Nevada City to **Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc., Principal's Leadership Award, P.O. Box 24605, Nashville, TN 37202-4605**, postmarked by **December 1, 2006**.

Winners and their principals will be notified by mail. Winners will be announced during **National Student Leadership Week, April 15-21, 2007**, and listed on the Internet-- <http://www.nhs.us>

The provided Certificate of Merit should be presented to the school nominee.

Butte County

Michael Spann, a Chico center 8th grader, received a letter on United States Senate stationery from Barbara Boxer, one of our two California Senators. It was a letter congratulating Michael on being included in the 2006 edition of "*Who's Who Among Outstanding Middle School Students.*" Barbara Boxer applauded Michael's commitment to his education, expressed her pride in his accomplishments and sent her best wishes for his future endeavors.

School begins **August 28th**. We hope you had a great summer.

Center classes begin Monday, **September 11** at the Paradise and Chico Centers. Continue to sign up for Chico classes by calling the Chico center, 894-3952. Continue to sign up for Paradise classes by calling 872-8294. Remember to **sign in and out** of each center every time you visit us.

We received a wonderful grant through the Enhancing Education Through Technology program. This grant provided us with funds to purchase **laptop computers for classroom use**. We also received funds to support our technology program, which will include tracking student progress through computerized assessment. Our goal is for 100% of our students to take the pre-test during the first two weeks of school. You can make arrangements to take this short 20 minute assessment with your Personalized Learning Teacher, or sign up to take it in the computer lab during one of your visits here. We will have a special **EETT Tech Grant Parent Training** at the Chico Center on Wednesday, Nov. 15th.

The Butte County Back to School Night **Potluck** will be held Monday, September 11, from 5:00-6:30 at the Chico Center. All of our teachers will be there to meet you. Please bring your own dinnerware, drinks and a **potluck item** of your choice.

The Chico resource center will be open Monday - Friday beginning August 14 from 9:00 - 4:00. The Paradise center will be open beginning Aug. 28, 9:00 - 3:00 Mon.-Thurs, 9:00 - 12:00 on Friday's.

IRC pick up/delivery will be Wednesday morning in Paradise and Friday morning in Chico.

The **United States Constitution** was signed on September 17. We will celebrate during the week of September 17th - 23rd. Check your local center for activities.

Yellow Ribbon Suicide Prevention Week will be the week of September 17th - 23rd.

The **CAHSEE** test (California High School Exit Exam), will be given on Tuesday, October 3rd (English portion) and Wednesday, October 4th (Math portion) at 9:00 A.M. at the Chico and Paradise Centers. This October test session is for students in Grades 11 and 12 who have not passed one or both sections (English and/ or Math). You must pass to graduate!

Future Calendar Items

The first opportunity for 10th grade students to take the CAHSEE will be February 6th and 7th. The last test will be May 8th and 9th.

Picture Day will be on Tuesday, October 10 in the morning at the Chico center and the afternoon at the Paradise center. We will give you more details soon.

David Peterson will be working with our new Butte County high school counselor, Marlene Brenden, who will be scheduling time to meet with students/parents in Chico and Paradise.

Vision, Hearing and Scoliosis Screening is Wed., Oct. 18th. We'll be scheduling appointments in 10 min. increments. More info to come in the Sep. newsletter. Chico Center will begin at 9:00 and go until 12:00. Paradise Center will begin at 1:00 and go until 4:00. K, 1st, 2nd, 5th, 7th and 10th graders will have priority for hearing/vision tests. If space is available other grades will be scheduled. Students in the 5th grade or older have priority for the Scoliosis testing. Girls are encouraged to wear a bathing suit under their clothing for easy assessment of the spine.

Red Ribbon Drug Awareness Week is October 23 - 31.

Butte County Spelling Bee will be at the Chico Center on Wednesday, November 15th.

Our **National Geographic Geography Bee** will be in early November at the Chico center.

Our Art Showcase is planned for November 16th at the Chico center.

The Chico **Center Winter Craft Party** is on Friday, December 15th.

The Paradise center **Winter Craft Party** will be held on Friday, December 15th.

Our **Butte County Talent Show** at the Paradise Center will be on Thursday, January 18th.

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

Sutter's Fort will be scheduled soon. Fourth graders will have priority for this event.

On February 14th we are having a **Spring Craft Party** at the Paradise center.

The Science Fair at the Chico center will be on Tuesday, February 27th.

The 4th and 7th grade Writing Test will be March 6 with make-up's March 7th.

The Curriculum Faire will be at the Chico center on Friday, March 16 from 9:00 - 2:00. Come by the center to preview our curriculum for next year. Class sign ups for the following year will begin at 9:00 A.M. All of our teachers will be there to help answer your questions.

We are having a **Parent Training** during the curriculum faire from 12:00 - 2:00 on March 16th.

For the **Math-a-thon**, we have many opportunities planned during the week of March 19th. On Friday, March 23 we are having a **Spring Craft Party** at the Chico center.

Woodleaf is Feb. 25th - March 2nd. Priority will be given to 6th graders, limit of 25 students.

Our **spring break** will be **April 2nd - 9th**.

Butte County STAR testing will be the week of April 23rd.

Charter Schools Week and our Student Expo will be April 30th - May 4th.

PE testing for all 5th, 7th and 9th graders will be on Friday, May 4th

"Helping Hands."

Students, parents, staff and vendors, please add your handprint to the posters we will mount in Chico and Paradise. These posters will be a centerpiece and reminder that we are all part of a wonderful learning experience, preparing us to contribute to the world around us. We will announce several activities throughout the year, designed to give you the opportunity to lend your helping hands to our school, our neighborhoods, and around the world.

Thanks for helping!



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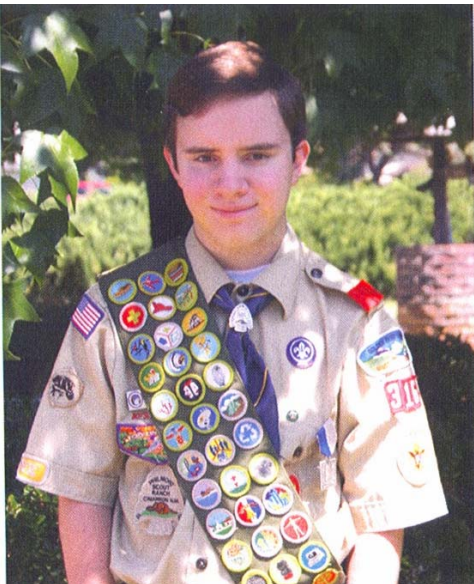
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**Join Us for Our
Governance Meetings**
Charter Council Meeting:
September 28, Marysville
Board Meeting:
Sept. 14 - Marysville 1:00p.m.

Jeremy Heckman's Eagle Project "Paradise Youth Garden"

A 3600 sq. ft. Outdoor Garden Classroom complete with 15 raised planter boxes, picnic tables and park benches, an outdoor sink, a composter, tool shed and an extensive drip mist system make up the Youth Garden which is used by local school kids and youth organizations to learn how to grow food and flowers.



Counseling/Guidance Update!

Counseling services at CORE has multiplied. Please welcome Serene Turner (Yuba/Sutter) and Marlene Brenden (Butte), who are joining Dave Peterson (Placer/Nevada) in the counseling department. They will be working together as well as maintaining presence in each of our centers. If you have questions, you may contact them at your center (look for availability), email at counseling@coretca.org or phone at (530) 478-9458 xt. 207.

Helping young people determine where they want to go, what they want to do and to help them get there.

Families: support your group by bringing used printer cartridges and cell phones to your center's recycle bin.

eScrip's

Recycling Tips

A few ideas to maximize your supporter participation and to increase your earnings:

Adopt a Business - check with your Chamber of Commerce for potential candidates.

Schedule a regular drop off time and location - don't forget to remind your supporters!

Create your own "recycling kit" - include promotional flyers and a collection bag to send home on a regular basis.

Use backpack mail - notify supporters of bin locations throughout the community. Run an ad in your local paper.

Encourage classroom competitions - award prizes to the winning classes!

Set a goal - create and place a thermometer-style poster next to your collection bin to track progress.

Spread the word - send eScrip your best ideas and we will share them with other fundraising coordinators.