

Thoughts from our CORE Butte School Board Member, Lori Hansen.....

The universe is wider than our views of it. - Henry David Thoreau

I can hardly believe another school year is underway. This is my family's ninth year of homeschooling, and I just don't know where the time has gone. As my children get older, it seems the years are passing by more quickly, which, I suppose, is what has gotten me ruminating on how to make the most of every minute. This thought, that has been weighing heavy on my heart, leads me to share a story of my summer with you that has given me new insight on how I would like to spend the rest of this adventure we call homeschool.

I was lucky enough to have the opportunity to spend three weeks this summer traveling the east coast with my family. We saw so many beautiful and awe-inspiring places, but one stands out for me more than the rest: Gettysburg. There was something very magical about seeing my kids running with utter abandon through the battlefields. They wanted to stand on every piece of earth where the soldiers had stood; they wanted to touch every rock and tree that may have witnessed the epic battles. In the few short hours of our visit to Gettysburg, I learned a whole lot more than I expected, and not just about the Civil War. My family walked away from that park with an experience that will be with us forever, and that is something no book, much as I love them, can ever match. If a picture is worth a thousand words, what is an experience worth?



Lori's boys watching the sun set over the fields of Gettysburg.

It took a trip across the continent to cement in my mind the importance of experience to education, but there are so many experiences right around the corner and in our back yards that we can take advantage of. We are so fortunate to live in a place where we can reach all kinds of amazing places within a few hours; beaches and mountains, big cities and family farms, waterfalls and wetlands, museums and monasteries, lighthouses and volcanoes. What an amazing world we live in, and how lucky are we to be educating our children in a system that encourages them to get out there and touch it all. I would like to encourage all of you to take full advantage of the unique benefits of homeschooling and to get out there and experience the world with your children. They are amazing tour guides!



~~Board Meetings~~

CORE TCA: Admin. Office, Oct 8th at 1pm

CORE Butte: Chico Center, Oct 9th at 10am

CORE Placer: Colfax Center, Oct 21st at 5pm

◆ Seeking Board Member for CORE Placer. If you are an interested parent or community member please call Sandy Shea at 346-8340 and find out how to become involved.

News from our School Guidance Counselors

College Testing Information: All High School students are encouraged to take the PSAT and SAT or ACT even if your plans do not include a 4-year college right out of high school. Many scholarships require an SAT or ACT score as part of their applications so~~Be Prepared!!

PSAT Test–

Saturday, October 17th 9:00 – 12:00 (Chico)

Wednesday, October 14th 9:00 – 12:00 (Marysville/Colfax)

Who: All 10th/11th graders are encouraged to take the test.

Where: PSAT will be given at your local center: Chico/ Marysville/Colfax

Cost: 15.00 – may use EU's

Contact your local center to sign up.

You will receive a study guide after signing up. For help with the writing portion (SAT/PSAT) College Board has a free online program at:

www.collegeboard.com/scorewrite



-ALL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE U.S. ACCEPT EITHER THE SAT OR ACT FOR ADMISSION PURPOSES~

ACT Test

The ACT test is given six times per year. The cost of the ACT test is \$46.00-with writing and \$31.00-no writing. Registration is completed online only. Get ACT Test dates and registration at www.act.org.

Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) and SAT subject tests:

The SAT test is given seven times per year. The cost for the SAT test is \$43.00. The SAT subject test is \$20.00 for registration and \$8.00 - \$20.00 per test depending on the subject. Get SAT Test dates and registration at

www.collegeboard.com

SHADY CREEK ENVIRONMENTAL Camp – High School Counselors Needed (11th-12th grade)

March 14th – 19th - May earn 5 high school credits. LOOKS GOOD ON A RESUME!

Request an application from Marlene at: marbrenden@corebutte.org

CHARACTERISTICS OF A GREAT SHADY CREEK COUNSELOR

They like children! They enjoy nature and the outdoors. They are enthusiastic and energetic. They have a sense of humor. They are good role models in behavior and appearance. They are firm, fair, and friendly in dealing with children. They ask for help when needed.

STUDENTS! PARENTS! DO YOU WANT TO GET INTO SHAPE?

We are now offering Nextfit! **STUDENTS:** Listen to your own personal trainer through your head-phones. You may use your EU's & receive credit while benefiting your own health! For more info ask your School Director or Personalized Learning Teacher. **PARENTS:** You can purchase Nextfit through the school and help fundraise for your school as you get fit.

Career Information

www.bls.gov/oco/

Career search tips and occupational listings in alphabetical order (click A-Z)

www.californiacareers.info

Occupational videos, California career planning, labor market information

www.acinet.org

Occupational information, videos, resumé, job search resources

www.caljobs.ca.gov California job search site

www.careercruising.com Career planning information

www.mapping-your-future.org/planning Career planning information

www.jobstar.org Job search and career planning

www.schoolfinder.com

Career information with interest inventory; includes college search and scholarship information (Canadian site)

www.collegebound.net

Students can do career assessments by game playing/contest formats

www.militarycareers.com Military career guide

www.entrepreneurU.org Career planning information

WORK PERMITS

If you are under 18 and working you need a work permit. If you are working you could be getting credit through Work Experience (talk to your teacher). To get a work permit you must submit a "Statement of Intent to Employ" which is completed by your employer, student and parent. Visit your school's website at:



www.corebutte.org www.coretca.org
www.coreplacer.org

~Under the High School Advising Tab click on Vocational Education and then Work Permit to download a "Statement of Intent to Employ". Submit this form to your local counselor. **Forms also available at your local centers.**

CORE Butte Corner

Counseling-Parent/Teacher/Student Presentations

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

October 6th– 9th/10th grades

October 13th– 7th/8th grades

Times: 1:30-3:30 or 6:00-8:00 pm

Location: Chico Center Computer Lab

Topics: Topics will vary for each grade level. Counseling overview will be given. Topics may include: CAHSEE, Naviance, Beyond High School Handbooks, PSAT/SAT/ACT, graduation requirements, a-g requirements, Passages field trips, Reg-to-Go with Butte College, Work Experience, CORE website, and an option for individual appointments on Thursdays. Additional meetings will be scheduled throughout the year to discuss specific topics in more depth.

Butte College Family Day ~ October 17th– 9am-12pm

Butte College will be hosting its 6th annual Butte College Family Day in the New Arts Building on their main campus. The purpose of this event is to inform high school students and their families about the opportunities available at Butte College.

- Free Scholarship and other prizes.
- Free financial aid workshop.
- Free lunch and football game.

To reserve your spot go to: www.butte.edu or call 895-2511

PSAT– October 17th form 9am — 12pm at the Chico Center

Who: All 10th and 11th graders are encouraged to take the test

Cost: \$15– may use EU's



CORE Butte has a new look!
Thank you Patti Russell for your hard work!



CORE @ TCA

Stuart Simpson, a 3rd grader at MRC, calls himself "engeneeric". You might interpret that to mean - creative. Stuart designed an airplane. First he wrote about its production by listing supplies and ordering steps. Then, with scraps of cardboard, he built his plane. He was thrilled to see a package on his kitchen table, not for the contents of the package, but for the box itself. Boxes mean more construction!



The Camptonville Coyote's are off and running. They have started their season of Volleyball and have played Nuestro school. With one win and one loss the girls are showing great improvement and gaining self confidence. We play every Monday and Wednesday through October. Look for a game list posted in the front office!!



Chess & Checkers Club

If you are interested in learning how to play chess, teaching another student, or improving your game; sign up!! Come join the Camptonville Academy Chess Club. We are meeting Fridays at the center.



CORE Placer Highlights

Summer is over
I went swimming all of the time
Summer is no more
—Scott Smith

Brr! Its freezing cold
My arms about to fall off
Someone build me a fire!
—Brandon Barker

A four stroke engine
Four wheels upon the ground
My quad is freedom
—Joe Goulet

I want more winter
I want more fun and less work
I love the winter
—Rachel Uchison

It is a rainbow
Purple, red, orange, green, blue
So many colors
—Amber Sluis

I love the ocean
I always surf if I'm there
The ocean is great
—Matt Shannon

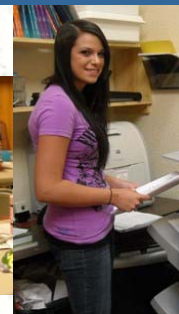
Summer is over
I have so much work to do
I can't leave my room
—Alexis Nagy

Fall is so awesome!
Leaves are constantly falling
The trees are bright red
—Ashton Simpson

Thank you to the following.....

Jeannie Uchison for donating school supplies and being a volunteer driver this year! **Woman of Worth** for donating school supplies! **Starbuck's** for donating gift cards and **Regal Auburn Stadium 17** for donating movie tickets for our STAR drawing!

Colfax Learning Center Students.....



PARENTS : GET INVOLVED IN CORE PLACER!!!

WASC VISIT: This is an important year for our new school as CORE PLACER. We will be undergoing our WASC review, which helps schools identify and implement school improvement needs and supports accountability, as well as allowing us to earn an accreditation term by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. All public schools undergo this process.

We need parents to meet twice: Tuesday, November 10th 10-12 to prepare for our WASC visit and Monday, November 16th 10-12 to meet with the WASC team to share your views of our school and answer any questions that you may have.

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Return Service Requested

CORE Placer would like to welcome our new students in the Galt area to our school!. CORE has just begun working with a new vendor in the Sacramento area, Nueva Vision, who will work together with us to support students to be successful in our personalized learning setting. We are very excited to expand our community!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

CORE Placer

- Oct. 2** Pumpkin Patch at Bierwagen's Family Farm 9:45am– 12pm
- Oct. 3** CSU Sacramento Preview Day
- Oct. 6** Picture Day Colfax Center 10am
- Oct. 7** Picture Day Nevada City Center 10am
- Oct. 14** PSAT Test
- Oct. 16** Math Magic Assembly at Colfax Elementary
- Cross Country Team**– Boys and Girls grades 4-8. If you are interested in joining the Colfax Elementary team please contact Coach Dan Hicks at 530-401-2741 or dhicks50@gmail.com
- Congratulations Evan Berns** for winning the STAR Mania Drawing for CORE Placer. For improving his STAR test scores, Evan was the lucky grand prize winner of an iPod nano! Many other students won prizes too.

CORE @ TCA

- High School Workshops Earn 1-3 credits** depending on how many workshops students attend. These workshops will address preparations for the future. **Schedule as follows**.....
- Oct.2** 10:30am—1:30pm
- Nov.6** 10:30am—1:30pm
- Dec.4** 10:30am—1:30pm
- Feb.5** 10:30am—1:30pm
- Oct. 2** Pumpkin Patch at Bierwagen's Family Farm 9:45am– 12pm
- Oct. 5-9** MRC Book Fair
- Oct. 12** Canned Food Drive Begins
- Oct. 14** PSAT
- Oct. 23** Bidwell Mansion Field Trip
- Oct. 28** Health Screening 11:00am-3:00pm: Hearing, Vision, & Scoliosis
- Oct. 30** Make up Picture Day 8am – 12pm

CORE Butte

- Oct. 3** CSU Sacramento, ask your PLT
- Oct. 6** High School Counseling Presentation 1:30-3:30 or 6-8pm Chico Center
- Oct. 12** All School Carnival 4pm-7pm
Volunteers needed: Contact LaMichael Williams at tlamichael@yahoo.com
- Oct. 13** Meet High School Counselor, Marlene Brenden
- Oct. 17** Butte College Family Day 9am-12pm
- Oct. 17** PSAT from 9am –12pm for all 10th and 11th graders at the Chico Center
- Oct. 20** 6pm-7pm Informational meeting at the Chico Computer Lab regarding the Washington DC trip May 23rd-27th 2010
- Oct. 23** Bidwell Mansion Field Trip in Chico
Call Susan Fleming 692-2898
- Nov. 5** Make up day for pictures in Chico from 9am-12pm