



# Back to School!!

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Dear Students, Parents, and Returning Teachers and New Teachers, Welcome Back to School!

It is with great pleasure, energy and enthusiasm that I welcome you all back for the 2005/06 school year! The 05/06 school year marks the 8th year that our charter has been operating and we have seen many improvements with each new year. This year will be no different as we strive to offer an excellent educational option to our students and parents. As you read the pages of this newsletter you'll hear about the many activities that will take place at the four resource centers as well as information from Dave Peterson about a new program, "Passages", that he is developing for high school students.

Jeff Rice, from the Association of Personalized Learning Charter Schools has also contributed an update on the consortium of Personalized Learning Charters. I invite you all to call or email me ([jjablecki@coretca.org](mailto:jjablecki@coretca.org)) with any ideas you may have to help us improve what we do to educate our students. My door is always open and my ear to the ground.

God Bless,

Jan Jablecki - School Director

### Quote of the Month:

Love is the force that ignites the spirit and binds teams together.

Phil Jackson, Sacred Hoops

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### Inside this issue

### Have Some Goals – I Dare You

It has been said (that if you aim at nothing, you will hit it every time. To a certain extent, this old adage rings true for your high school education and the future. Granted, there is and should be some room for freedom, day-dreaming, and allowing the future to unfold in front of you. At the same time, there are many things that 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (particularly the latter) can do to, at the very least, keep some options open. Here are a few highlights for planning, though there is much more to be considered. For a great high school planner, visit [www.collegeboard.com/?student](http://www.collegeboard.com/?student).

#### Freshmen

Take college prep courses. Does this mean Calculus, Honors Journalism and Physics AP? Not necessarily. Take regular, challenging courses such as English 9, Algebra, etc. Take the honors, AP and high level classes if you like and are ready, but the typical high school plan is great. Is it necessary to know what you would like to do for the rest of your life at 14 years old? Difficult question, but it never hurts to be self-aware and know what you really like, dislike, and **do more of the things you like**.

#### Sophomores

Things get a bit more serious here. This is the year that begins to count for many college applications, financial aid, etc. Your good grades are, quite literally, money in the bank and potentially your ticket into many schools and/or opportunities. Continue the challenging coursework, the self-awareness, and even consider looking at a college or two.

#### Juniors

Time to begin some college entrance testing. The PSAT is usually offered at your local comprehensive high school whose cost is minimal and is a great way to practice for the real thing, the SAT. You may take the SAT as well, as many times as you like to improve your score. Visit [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com) for test dates, registration, cost, sample questions, etc. Many people prepare for the SAT – many do not. Either way, chances are that you need to take the SAT (or ACT) if you plan to attend a **four-year school** right out of high school.

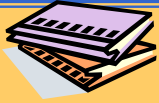
#### Seniors

This is it. You will apply for some schools this fall (Oct-Nov). You will take the SAT this fall as well. Different schools will take the final SAT on different dates. For CSU-Chico, the last SAT that will count towards next fall is the December 3<sup>rd</sup> sitting. Now, also, different schools will require only the SAT 1 while others require this and a few SAT 2's. Consult the schools of your choice to learn what they want. You will apply for financial aid (including the Cal Grant) in Jan-Feb, and you may apply some schools in the spring, since not all colleges/universities have a strict deadline in the fall. "Senior slump" is a thing of the past; continue to challenge yourself and do well in your work, which will have a result of good grades. Graduate in June and continue the journey of being a life-long learner and a resource to your world.

**As always, utilize your school counselor, Dave Peterson, as a resource, whether it be for general information about high school graduation and college admission, or specific information like schools' scholarship programs, deadlines, fees, etc.**

**He can be reached at (530) 478-9458 xt.207 or by email at [dpeterson@coretca.org](mailto:dpeterson@coretca.org).**

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# Back to School August 2005 Butte County Newsletter



- **School begins** August 29th, welcome back. We hope you had a great summer.
- **Center classes begin Monday September 12; Paradise and Chico Centers.**
- Check out our **new website**, we have made some wonderful changes. [www.coretca.org](http://www.coretca.org)
- The Chico resource center will be **open** Monday through Friday beginning August 29 from 9:00 - 4:00.
- The Paradise resource center will be **open** beginning August 29 from 9:00 - 2:00 Monday through Thursday and 9:00 - 12:00 on Fridays.
- Remember to **sign in** and out of each center every time you visit us.
- **The United States Constitution** was signed on September 17. We will celebrate during the week of September 12-16, including our **Butte County Back to School Night Potluck** on Wednesday, September 14, at 4:00, at the Chico Center. Please bring your own dinnerware, drinks and a **potluck item of your choice for 4-6 people**.
- The first California High School Exit Exam, **CAHSEE**, of the year will be given on Tuesday, September 13 (English portion) and Wednesday, September 14 (Math portion) at **9:00 AM in Chico**. The September test session is for students in **Grades 11 and 12 who have not passed** one or both sections (English and/or Math). The first opportunity for 10th grade students to take the CAHSEE will be February 7 and 8. More specific details will be available in the next newsletter.
- David Peterson, our **high school counselor**, will be scheduling his hours in the very near future to meet with students and their parents in Chico and Paradise.
- **Picture Day** will be on October 18th from 9:00 - 12:30 at the Chico center and 2:30 - 4:00 at the Paradise center. We will give you more details soon about how to sign up for an appointment.
- **IRC** pick up and delivery days will continue to be Wednesday morning in Paradise and Friday morning in Chico.
- 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.

**Details** for the following will all be available in future newsletters:

- Red Ribbon Week
- Yellow Ribbon Week
- Our Health Screening date
- The date for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade Writing Test
- The date for the 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grade PE test
- STAR testing
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> CAHSEE opportunities for students to pass the test
- Our Book Faire

Our Butte County spring break for Camptonville Academy will be during the week of April 10<sup>th</sup>. Classes will not be held during that week.

Enjoy the rest of your summer, and welcome back to school.

## Passages

Passages are a way to get from here to there. They are also new, previously unknown routes that we discover while exploring our world. In the same way, Camptonville Academy's high school students will have the opportunity this year to make new discoveries through Passages, a series of educational trips intended to initiate discovery both of ourselves and future/present opportunities.

On September 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup>, Dave Peterson will be visiting a class in each of Camptonville's four centers to explain further. He will also be sending out a postcard with short even descriptions, dates and registration deadlines. Call (530) 478-9458 xt.207 for details or email Dave at

## CAHSEE Testing Schedule

Sept. 13, 2005—English Language Arts~~Sept. 14, 2005—Math  
 Feb. 7, 2006—English Language Arts~~Feb. 8, 2006—Math  
 May 9, 2006—English Language Arts~~May 10, 2006—Math  
**Reminder: Beginning with 2006 graduates, all students are now required to pass CAHSEE.**

## STAR Test Window

Multiple choice = March 30-May 11

Writing Test = March 7 & 8

Your teacher will tell you the exact dates your students will test.

## Resource Center News

### Marysville Center News by Chris Mahurin

With new exterior paint and interior flooring we are ready to open the doors at the Marysville Resource Center for a new school year. However, the most positive additions to the center are two new outstanding teachers, Mark Yedinak and Willena Brooks.

Mark Yedinak is married with three children and two grandchildren. His wife is also an educator who works in Wheatland. Mark has lived in Yuba City for over 20 years. He is an experienced classroom and home-school instructor. He has specialized in teaching music and writing, and is passionate about both subjects. Mark enjoys working with students and parents. This fall, Mark will be teaching High School Composition and Digital Fun (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>). We are very fortunate to have him as part of the Camptonville Team.

Willena Brooks also lives in Yuba City and has been married for 27 years. She has home-schooled four daughters. Willena has a strong background in Science and Horticulture. She also holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. This fall, Willena will be teaching People, Places, Paint and Print (K/1<sup>st</sup>), Science (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>), and FARMS Leadership Program (High School). We are very excited to have her at our school.

We'd like to extend a special thanks to Mr. Davey for painting the many book shelves at the Marysville Resource Center. They look great! Also, thanks to the Christensen family for volunteering to help get the center clean, organized, and ready for the 2005/2006 school year.

#### Special Note:

All classes at the Marysville Resource Center will begin the week of September 12 - 16.

### Colfax Resource Center News by Donna Ann Dunlap

Welcome Back! Our Center will be open this year every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 8:30-3:30. The Center reopens this year on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, although classes won't begin until the day after Labor Day, September 6<sup>th</sup>.

For those of you with an internet connection, please check out our newly updated website, [www.coretca.org](http://www.coretca.org). There is a section just for the Colfax Center which will show you our monthly calendar, our class descriptions, a list of vendors who offer classes in our community, and a list of the Colfax Center Staff.

For 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> graders who still need to pass the California High School Exit Exam, the test will be administered on September 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> at the Center. Please let your teacher know if you plan to take this test in September.

For all K-6 science explorers, please join us for a field trip to the Imaginarium in Nevada City on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:00-1:30 pm. The Imaginarium is an interactive, hands-on science museum that is a lot of fun for students. This year they have a special exhibit on Dinosaurs. Cost is \$3.00 per student and \$5.00 per adult. Permission forms will be available at your Resource Center. Call Connie Maloney at 477-6069 to sign up for this fun field trip.

Finally, the 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Constitution Day Parade & Celebration will be held in Nevada City on September 10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>. Festivities include a "Duck Race" on Saturday from 11-3, Civil War Reenactments at Pioneer Park on Saturday at 1:00 & 4:00, and on Sunday at 11:00, a Civil War Fashion Show on Saturday at 2:30, and the Constitution Day Parade at 2:00 on Sunday on Broad Street. For more information, call the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce at 265-2692.

### eScrip

- ⇒ Earn 10% of your grocery purchases, from participating products, for the local school of your choice every time you shop at Safeway stores July 20 through September 6, 2005.
- ⇒ Its Easy! Look for participating products marked with the yellow school bus at the store. Be sure to use your store Club Card when you make your purchases.
- ⇒ If you are already registered with eScrip, your 10% contribution will be automatically donated to your school.
- ⇒ If you are not registered with eScrip, your 10% Back to Schools purchases will accrue with each store purchase. The next time you shop, beginning September 10th, you will receive a reward certificate with a redemption code and your total contribution amount.



**Celebrate Constitution Day**  
**September 12, 2005**

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894-3952

**Paradise**

5665 Scottwood Road, 872-8294

**Colfax**

225 South Railroad St., 346-8340

A heartfelt **welcome** to **Michele Steele** as the new **teacher member** and **Lori Hansen** as the new **parent member** to the Charter Council. Also thank you to the other members, **Sherry Fortner** and **Trish Veal**.

**Join Us for Our Governance Meetings**

**Council Meeting:**

September 22nd, 1p.m, Marysville

**Board Meeting:**

September 8, 1pm, Admin Office,  
Nevada City



**APLUS+ Personalized Learning Movement Growing Statewide**

Entering its fourth year as the representative voice for the Personalized Learning model and movement in California, APLUS+ has now united nearly 40 charter schools statewide that are dedicated to the Personalized Learning model of education. Collectively, APLUS+ members are serving more than 20,000 K-12 students, which represents more than 10% of the entire charter school population. We have come a long way since Camptonville Academy became the pioneering member of the APLUS+ network in September of 2002!

Through diligence, dedication, and hard work, APLUS+ members are earning the reputation in the education community as charter schools that not only embrace an innovative, more flexible and individualized approach to teaching and learning, but also to high standards of integrity and accountability.

All APLUS+ member schools have met the fiscal accountability requirements for 100% funding from the state, and nearly all APLUS+ members are either WASC accredited or have attained candidacy status toward accreditation.

As the APLUS+ network continues to grow and expand, having proven itself as an association of schools dedicated to high standards of accountability, more attention is now being directed by the education community and high stakes political decision-makers on the effectiveness of the Personalized Learning model itself as a vehicle that helps kids learn successfully.

Though our association is opposed to relying on state test scores as the sole indicator of academic success, we recognize that, as pioneers of one of the most promising models to evolve in public education in decades, our association is responsible for demonstrating the value of the Personalized Learning model. Our network's theme for the year is, "Demonstrating Our Commitment to Academic Excellence", and our goal is to show the many tangible ways in which our schools are committed to academic excellence through the unique characteristics of the Personalized Learning model itself, as well as through the numerous ways in which we assess and review each student's learning progress. We invite you to join us as pioneering partners in this exciting endeavor to usher in the Personalized Learning model to the future of public education in California.