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Executive Director's Message

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers and Friends,

Welcome to the 2008/09 school year. This is a very auspicious year for us all as October 2008 marks our 10th year anniversary of the opening of Camptonville Academy Charter School. After 10 years we have two charters and are eagerly working towards a third in Placer County.

Other News:

Board Members Needed

The CORE Inc. (Butte Charter School) and The Camptonville Academy, Inc. boards are both seeking new board members. We are also seeking to appoint board members to our CORE Placer Board to assist in the start up of our new charter school in Placer County. If you are interested in participating in our schools' governance process and contributing to the continued development of our personalized learning programs, please call Janis Jablecki or Sharon Chester at 530-478-9458 X 206 for the details.

WASC Accreditation

This is the year that we begin the Focus on Learning process for continued WASC Accreditation. We will be conducting focus groups at each center in order to determine the most critical areas for improvement for our schools. We welcome and need student, parent and teacher participation in these groups. Please let your local Area Coordinator know if you are ready, willing and able to participate.

School Motto

The C.O.R.E. schools will be reviewing and possibly rewriting the school motto this year. Our current motto, "Great Schools Happen When Communities Work Together" was decided upon 8 years ago. The school leadership team, with Neil Bledsoe in his role as C.O.R.E. Inc. Board president in the lead, has begun the process. At the all staff training in August, teachers and other staff members came up with some great ideas. Here are the top six picks from the teachers:

- An education personalized for your child's success*
- Building a learning community one student at a time*
- Great schools happen when communities work together*
- Many paths to a better future*
- Personalized Learning for personal success*
- Personalized Learning education tailored to fit*

The High School Counselors will be working with our students to continue the writing process. By the end of the 1st semester we should be able to narrow the choices to our top three. We will then conduct a "My Favorite Motto" election with participation from the entire school community. Sounds like fun!

It's Time for Learning to Get Personal

The above is the motto of The Personalized Learning Foundation. Our mission is to support students and parents who choose one of the PL schools for their children's education. Please read the enclosed brochure and send in a donation to help support our common goals.

Lastly, I wish you all a tremendously successful and rewarding year. Please call anytime, even if it is just to say hello.

Jan Jablecki, Executive Director of the C.O.R.E. Schools

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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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- *Nov. 4 - Cahsee ELA
- *Nov. 5 - Cahsee Math
Grades 11 & 12 only

Please contact your center for times and locations

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CAMPTONVILLE ACADEMY

- ***Board Meeting**
September 11, 1:00pm
Admin Office -
848 Gold Flat Rd. St.3
Nevada City
- ***Charter Council Meeting**
September 26, 10am
Marysville Center
922 G Street, Marysville

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CORE BUTTE

- ***Board Meeting**
September 11, 9:00am
Core Butte Center
260 A Cohasset, Chico
- ***Charter Council Meeting**
September 15 12:30pm
Meeting - Chico Center
260 A Cohasset, Chico

Counseling

The **CORE School Counselors** welcome students and parents to the 2008/2009 school year. We are looking forward to assisting and supporting students and families as they navigate High School and prepare for the next step. In addition to our traditional guidance program this year, each student and parent will have access to a "Virtual Advisor" through a web-based computer program called Naviance. This powerful program will allow students to interactively discover their personal learning styles, help develop 4-year course plans, explore career interests, narrow college choices, secure financial aid, and much more, while communicating directly via email with counselors and teachers. In the coming weeks, we will be assisting students and parents in activating their individual Naviance accounts.

We will again be leading several experiential education (**Passages**) field trips to college and vocational school campuses. Please let us know if there are schools or programs in particular that you would like to visit. Last Spring, 20 high school students attended the highly successful youth leadership Reach For The Future conference in Chico. We would like to see twice that many students avail themselves to this very valuable experience this year.

The Washington D.C. Worldstrides trip May 24-28, 2009 is being planned now. Students discover U.S. History and government by visiting the Capitol, White House, Smithsonian, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Vietnam Memorial, Mount Vernon, Williamsburg and Jamestown and more. The first ten students to sign up will receive a 10% discounted fare (\$1,850 vs. \$2,060). Don't let the price scare you off as we have numerous creative and lucrative fund raising ideas for this "Don't Miss Out" on trip. We can take as many 6th to 12th grade students as are able to go.

Other notable dates are:

PSAT – sophomores and juniors - Wednesday October 15th
Chico and Colfax and Marysville Learning Centers

UC Davis Preview Day – Saturday, October 18th

CSU Chico Preview Day – Saturday, October 25th

Bay Area College and Career Trip – February TBA, 2009

Reach for the Future Youth Conference, Chico, Richardson Springs – March 12th-14th, 2009

School Dances - TBA

Please feel free to call or email your High School Counselor to help answer any questions and get your year off to a solid start.

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HONOR ROLL

**Two deserving students were omitted from the honor roll list last spring.
Please note :**

- ♦ **Anna Trimboli achieved the Executive Directors List**
- ♦ **Whitney Garcia achieved the Honor Roll B list**

Congratulations to both students!



Colfax Center Highlights

Coloma Field Trip

Enjoy the Mountain Man Presentation, make your own leather poke for gold, watch gold panning demonstrations and pan for gold. Marshall Gold Discovery park in Coloma. Contact Kathleen Medley at the Colfax Center

Pennies for Peace

Colfax and Nevada Centers will continue to participate in the Pennies for Peace drive that supports the Central Asia Institute.

Operation: MOM

Colfax and Nevada City Centers will also continue to work with Operation: MOM to help fill "Touch of Home" boxes for the men and women who are serving overseas. Items needed: beef jerky, socks, gum, powdered drink mix, disposable razors, snack food, word puzzles, protein bars, stationary, and personal hygiene items. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

Marysville Center Highlights

Yuba-Feather Museum Fieldtrip

September 26 9:30-2pm

Museum showcases mining and logging tools, photos, period clothing, toys, home furnishings, Maidu baskets & jewelry. Students are invited to dress in period clothing, write scripts, and bring video cameras to film their scripts in the old west village.

Health Screening

October 6, 2008

Sign up for our free health screening at the front desk. Students will be checked for hearing, vision, and scoliosis.

Old Sierra Historical Ranch Fieldtrip

October 24, 9-4pm

Cost 55 EUs/Students, \$20/Adult, \$15/3-5yrs., under 2yrs. free

Spend the day learning about the life of 1850's settlers. The unique experience begins with a nature/historical hike. You will learn about candle making, rope making, blacksmithing, butter making, animal care, and pioneer cooking with Dutch ovens.

Deadline to sign up: October 10.

C.O.R.E. Butte Highlights

CORE Butte Back to School Event: October 13

Fall Festival, Family Fun Carnival and Back to School Event from 3:30-6:30 at the Chico Center. ASB group will be raising funds for future events by selling popcorn and organizing games. Plan on meeting the teachers, vendors and visiting the center classrooms. All are welcome!

ASB

We have open appointed positions of Global Awareness Commissioner, Public Announcements Commissioner and Activities Commissioner. Elected positions for this year include Treasurer, Secretary, and class officers for Freshman, Sophomore, Junior and the Senior classes. Please let your Personalized Learning Teacher know if you are interested in any of these offices.

Parent Club Ready for Your Participation

Looking for a place to share ideas, volunteer for events, participate in the special activities at CORE? We are helping coordinate a parent group with **you** in mind. **The first meeting will be held at the Chico Center on Friday, September 19, at 1:00 pm.** Child care will be provided for this meeting.

CORE Butte Earns C.I.F. Membership

Thanks to teacher Frank Koons, CORE Butte is now a member of the California Interscholastic Federation. We are currently considering participation in cross-country, track, swimming, and wrestling. If you are interested in more information, please contact Frank Koons at frank_koons@hotmail.com

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Watch for Student Spotlight

Each month one student will be spotlighted in this space.

This year's Camptonville graduation DVD was captured, cut, and produced by a small team of students from the Marysville center. This group of three people included Cameron Torrez (who graduated in 2007), Shayla Choate, and Tristan Faubel, both of whom currently attend Camptonville. All three of these students had participated in the Film Design class at the Marysville center, giving the crew prior filming experience. The three were all happy to be able to contribute their skills and efforts to create a DVD memento of the 2008 graduation.

Mark Your Calendar

Core Butte

- ♦ September 19 - Parent Club Meeting
- ♦ September 22 - Picture Day
- ♦ October 13 - Back to School Event
- ♦ November 7 - Age of Sail

Marysville

- ♦ September 23 - Picture Day
- ♦ October 3 - Coloma Field Trip
- ♦ October 6-10 - Book Fair
- ♦ October 6 - Health Screening
- ♦ October 10 - Parent Training
- ♦ October 15 - PSAT

Colfax

- ♦ September 16 - Family Picnic - Lyon's Park
- ♦ September 23 - Colfax Picture Day
- ♦ October 3 - Coloma Field Trip
- ♦ November 4 - Nevada City Picture Day