



Ah...Autumn!

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The Personalized Learning Approach shows Academic Success on STAR Results
By Jablecki and Rice

Quote of the Month
"Blessed are the flexible for they shall not be bent out of shape"
—Unknown

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Congratulations to all CORE @ Camptonville Academy Students on the increase in the academy's Academic Performance Index (API) for the 2004/05 school year. The recently released results of the STAR spring test indicate that the overall API for the charter school went from 676 in the 2003/04 spring testing to 721 last spring demonstrating an increase of 45 points. The state average growth for schools was 20 points, we topped it by more than double! Additionally, the academy has met the criteria of the federal No Child Left Behind act by meeting all 14 indicators for the Annual Yearly Progress (AYP).

The news was also excellent for the majority of the Personalized Learning schools within the APLUS+ consortium. Even with the many challenges that Personalized Learning schools face with API as an accurate measure of their total academic success, the percentage of APLUS+ member schools that met their API growth targets increased dramatically for the 2004-2005 school year as compared to network results from 2003-2004. Of the 22 APLUS+ member schools that had at least two consecutive years of API results through 2004-2005, 16 met their growth targets. This represents a total of 73% of APLUS+ schools that met their 2004-2005 growth targets. This dramatic increase reflects an impressive 92% improvement over the 38% of APLUS+ members that met their growth targets in 2003-2004.

While our 73% network total is slightly below the statewide average of 81% of other public schools that met their overall growth target, our percentage improvement of 92% over last year is significantly higher than the 68% overall improvement in other public schools over last year.



Why Use Tobacco?
by Courtney Tilton, 10th grade

Why use tobacco?
It makes you look wacko.
You'll get yellow teeth
And a reeking breath.
Why use tobacco if it causes death?

You'll look real bad,
And it'll drive you mad
With strong, painful cravings.

Your fingers change colors,
Your food you can't taste,
And your lungs laid waste!

You'll spend a tithe of your money
buying some stuff
That makes you smell funny.

Most people get sick,
Get cancer, they say,
Chew it or smoke it,
It will kill you some day.

So, why use it at all,
If you smell everyday?
Why even bother
When it eats you away?

Colfax Resource Center

Phew! Our first month of school is over and what a busy time it has been. Class sizes are booming with students having fun and working hard. Please note that students should only be at the Center for classes. In those cases where there is a break between classes, students must sit quietly and work on homework. Our lunch break from 12:00-12:30 is the only time during the day where students may spend time chatting with their friends. During the rest of the day, students are expected to either be in class or working independently on their school work.

Since our Center is so busy this year, we have created a way for parents and teachers to sign up for certain rooms in advance. Most of our classrooms are in use during the day, but the Back Room and the Engine Room are generally available. Please ask Sheri Stover for the sign-up binder if you are interested in reserving a room.

Picture day is October 19th from 2:00-4:00 pm. Appointments should be made in advance by calling the Center, 346-8340. All students are encouraged to have their picture taken for yearbook and student ID card purposes. Students may of course also choose to purchase one of the various photos packets offered by Herff Jones.


Happy Autumn to you all!

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE YEARBOOK COVER

This year we have yearbook classes at all 4 centers and the 2004-2005 yearbook will be the best quality Camptonville Academy has had yet. The yearbook will be designed entirely by our students and printed by Herff Jones, who have taken our school pictures for the last 5 years.

Each class has designed a cover and we want the entire student body to vote for their favorite. Through the end of October you can go to your local learning center to view the choices and make your vote.

We are pre-selling yearbooks for \$25 until November 1st and then \$30 after that date. We are also selling ad space starting at \$30 for a business card (1/8 page) and student ad space starting at \$50 for a 1/4 page. We are making student ads available to all students this year. Contact a yearbook staff member or your PLT if you are interested. **REMEMBER:** Even if you do not want to buy school pictures be sure to make it for picture day so that we have all students represented in our yearbook.



Families are invited to Placer Nature Center's annual "Wings of the Night" program on Friday, October 7 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

If you've been to "Bat Night" before you know what a fun and educational evening it is. If you've never been, come see what you've been missing!

Dharma Webber of the California Native Bat Conservancy will introduce you to some of her live bats and present a fascinating slide show that dispels the myths and superstitions about these often-misunderstood creatures.

Cost is \$5.00 per person. Reservations are required and may be made by calling 530-878-6053 or via e-mail at Linda@placernaturecenter.org



Ski Trips

Four snowsport field trips are scheduled for Camptonville students and families. Once again our destination is the Northstar at Tahoe world class snowsport resort. Mark your 2006 calendars with the following dates: January 17th, February 1st, February 16th, and March 3rd. Northstar continues to fine tune the group sales process, and has added an early-bird registration feature that will shorten "wait time" significantly next season.

Ticket prices and registration forms will be available at your local resource centers by December 1st.

Until then, Everybody Think Snow! Questions? Contact Beth Ward (741-8404; marysvillebethward@sbcglobal.net).

Marysville Resource Center

Camptonville Ski Trips

Yes! The Camptonville Ski Trips will continue this year. Beth Ward will again be organizing these popular excursions.

See dates on Page 2.

Marysville Center Hours

Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Wednesdays 11:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night was a great success! Thank you to everyone who participated in this event. Special thanks to Robert Choate, Leah and Dave Ewen, Ed Flinn, Nancy Socha, Suzi Geiger, Daphnee and Melodie Peters, and Trish and Alan Veal. To those that were not listed, your help is greatly appreciated as well.

Serene Turner

Camptonville Academy is pleased to introduce Serene Turner. Serene will be working as a personalized learning teacher in Marysville, as well as assisting Dave Peterson (High School Counselor) at the main office.

"Experience with different types of educational settings; private and public schools; independent home-schooling; district sponsored personalized learning programs; and charter schools, gives me a broad perspective on education. The fortune of my life has been the opportunity to go through all these experiences with my own children. Now that they are grown, I am honored to serve others that have a desire to meet the educational needs of their families. There is nothing that I would rather be doing."

Upcoming Events:

Parent Club Meeting	Oct. 3 rd
Picture Day	Oct. 19 th
Please call 742-2786 to make an appointment.	
Book Fair	Nov. 14-18 th
Technological Music Production with Brent Daniels	Nov. 18 th
This assembly is for all ages.	

The Readers' Theater

There is still room for a few more students in The Readers' Theater class that meets on Wednesdays at 11:00. Anyone from grades 2 - 6 is welcome to join us. The first class was met with enthusiasm from all students, even those who preferred Star Wars to poetry. We will be starting with Tall Tales on Wed., Sept 28th. Call Serene @ 274-1895 or e-mail sereneturner@yahoo.com for more information or to enroll.

U.S. History / Drama (K - 5th)

It is not too late to join this unique and fun class! Students are learning about history as they prepare their musical production "The Thirteen Colonies."

Class meets every Wednesday from 3:00 - 4:30. Call Beth Ward at 741-8404, or email at marysvillebethward@sbcglobal.net, for more information.

Teen Crafts Club

Teen Crafts Club president, Daphanne Peters, and her mom Melodie Peters are having fun teaching our Marysville teens how to complete some beautiful projects. Several of these will be on sale at their Christmas Bazaar when money will be raised to continue the club in the spring. The next Teen Craft project will be to complete a beautiful big "Turkey" bin for our front lobby. They will use this in collaboration with local radio station KCRA to collect food for the local hungry.

Pre-Algebra

Last Monday we laid out a large x and y axis and had a coordinate walk. Students were given coordinates and had to physically graph where the two points intersect. We have also been learning about fractions, positive and negative integers, measures of central tendency, finding area, and graphing points on an xy-coordinate grid.

Ancient Cultures

Don't miss out on the "digs", ceremonies, and discoveries going on in Ancient Cultures with Kathy Kunde. We will be experiencing the wonders of the Fertile Crescent, Egypt, India, China, Greece, and Rome. Although we'd rather go to these places in person, we'll settle for learning through a variety of modes such as hands-on projects, games, music, movies, literature and a bit of drama. This class covers the social studies standards for 6th grade. Meet us in the Desert room at 3:00 on Wednesday afternoons.

Hard Math Café Jr.

Come check out the new Hard Math Café Jr. every Wednesday from 2-3 p.m. This is an extension of the regular Hard Math Café, but on a day that is more convenient for some of the middle school students. Enjoy some delicious snacks while you work on your hard math homework!

FARMS Leadership

It's not too late to join an exciting season of FARMS Leadership. Camptonville Academy will have a team of 6 high school students who will learn about agriculture and the environment by visiting local farms and universities. Please contact Willena Brooks at wbrooks55@yahoo.com if you are interested.





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Join Us for Our
Governance Meetings

Council Meeting:

January 5, 2006 1:00 p.m. Chico Center

Board Meeting:

October 13, 2005 1:00 p.m. Chico Center

Technological Music Production With Brent Daniels

Friday, November 18th at the Marysville Center

As Featured in:

"Flight of the Phoenix"

"Scary Movie 2"

"Ripley's - Believe It Or Not"

"Charlie's Angels"

"Road Rules and the Real World" - MTV

"Le Femme Nikita" - USA Network TV Series

With a strong emphasis on the importance of education in ALL subjects, Brent Daniels teaches children how music is produced in the entertainment industry today through computers and technology. Brent's music has been featured in many *Play Station Two* and video games, movie and television sound-tracks, commercials, and video sound tracks. Kids REALLY get into this program. They do many exciting things, including an "on-the-spot" sound recording with the help of several audience participants.

Education Meets Fun when Brent Daniels brings his *Technological Production* to your school!!