



Our Highest Stake in Education

What is at stake in education? At stake is the greatest prize of all, our children and grandchildren.

We must return to education in both mind and morals. The French historian, Francois Guizot once said, "How long will the American Republic endure?" The reply, "As long as the ideas of the men who founded it endure." A return to the organic origins of the founding fathers is a must if we are to re-capture the quality of education that educated such great men as Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and James Madison. Theodore Roosevelt said, "To educate in mind and not morals is to educate a menace to society."

In the book *A Thomas Jefferson Education* by Oliver DeMille he outlines a path to success to educate our minds and morals by using:

1. **Classics** - Teach your children with classics. Classics usually have two characteristics. They show insight into human nature and morality, bringing us face to face with questions and actions of humanity. Classics allow us to experience first-hand the greatest mistakes and successes in human history. Second, a classic is worth studying over and over. Whether the characteristics in classics are real or fictional we can be inspired by the greatest minds which are the first step to becoming great ourselves. At each stage of our life we will find new messages to address new concerns. Classics can give us the personal wisdom to be better as an individual and as a citizen in a free nation. Ultimately it is an education for freedom. Classics should therefore be emphasized over text books.
2. **Mentors** – Our communities are teeming with retired business professionals, teachers, entrepreneurs, and government leaders. Under the tutelage of such mentors your child can get a superior education. These are not professors. Their role is to inspire and not require. This means a good mentor will inspire passion in the student to self motivated learning.
3. **Providence** – The founders felt that each person had unique talents and a mission to complete in life under inspiration from a higher power.
4. **Simulations** – The "hypothetical" can train to find the "ideal" which leads to the practical. The student is then ready for real world application and experience.
5. **You**, as a parent or mentor should also be reading and sharing the principles of the classics your children are reading. Suddenly dinner becomes a time to share great ideas.

Individualized learning is a great opportunity to return to the roots of America. Abraham Lincoln said, "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next." The stakes have never been higher for families, communities and government in educating our children.

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≈Governance Board Meetings≈

CORE @ TCA~ Nov 12, 1pm, Marysville

CORE Placer~Dec 9 , 5pm, Colfax

CORE Butte~Dec 11, 10am, Chico



ANNOUNCEMENTS!!!

Come ice skating with your CORE friends at **Skatetown** in Roseville.

We will also have an "Education on Ice" demonstration included with all the great exercise.

1009 Orlando Avenue, Roseville

December 4

9am - noon

Deadline to sign up: Nov. 16 (maximum 100 people)

12 EU's / student other participants \$8

Call Susan Fleming for more information: 692-2898

OR -- e-mail to SusanDPF@netzero.net

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DVD's of last years 2009 CORE Schools graduation are still available. Contact 530-478-9458 ext 208 to purchase a copy for your family.

Students! Parents! Do you want to get into shape? We are now offering Nextfit! Listen to your own personal trainer through your headphones. Students may use their EU's & receive credit while benefiting your health; contact your PL Teacher. Parents can purchase Nextfit through the school and help fundraise for your school as you get fit!

CORE GUIDANCE COUNSELOR CORNER

Washington DC trip in May - Eighth grade students who attended a WorldStrides trip scored 34.5% higher on a U.S. History questionnaire than those who had classroom instruction alone. If you want to encourage learning to rise above and beyond the classroom walls pick up a registration packet at the front desk of your local resource center and register online today. The first meeting of interested travelers was Oct. 20th in Chico. The next meeting is TBA and will be held in Marysville.

Bay Area Passages Trip for High School Students - February 18 & 19 High School Students will visit the King Tut exhibit at the de Young Museum, the California Maritime Academy, Expressions College for Digital Arts, and the California Culinary Academy. We will overnight at the San Francisco Fisherman's Wharf Hostel at Fort Mason.

Space is limited: Students will need to sign up prior to November 5th
Cost is \$45. Parents are welcome.

CAHSEE test will be administered November 3rd and 4th for 11th and 12th graders at your local center. Any student in these grades who has not yet passed one or both portions of the CAHSEE should sign up at the front desk to take the test.

High School Dance - CORE @ the Camptonville Academy will be holding a winter dance on December 17th. Marysville students are collaborating with CORE Placer students on the theme. Details will be posted soon in the Lobby of MRC and Colfax centers.

Seniors who plan to attend a CSU next year - You need to get your applications in ASAP. Many schools have an application deadline of Nov 30th. Go to www.csumentor.com to apply online. The official source for college and career planning in California is CaliforniaColleges.edu.

SHADY CREEK CAMP-HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNSLORS NEEDED

11th and 12th graders preferred

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 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

Check out Shady Creeks website at www.shadycreek.org

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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



Exciting News from 4th grader Roah McCloud.....

One day my mom told me about an online pet costume contest. Every time someone voted for you, one point is added to your score! The person with the most point wins! I was excited and anxious to start. So, for the first picture, I dressed my bearded dragon, Flare, up as a policeman and propped him against the door of a red Ferrari with a belt and handcuffs. I called it "Bearded Police-man." For the second picture, I wrapped Flare in a washcloth and propped him against a dollhouse kitchen counter, and gave him a cup of coffee. I called it "Coffee Time." For the third and final picture, I gave the lizard a red baseball cap and set him up on a dollhouse computer with his hands on the keys. He was having fun surfing the web for the few seconds it took me to take the picture! I called the picture, "How Do You Spell "Lizard"?" At the end of the contest, we went on the computer to look at the results. I won! I was electrified and was jumping around the room! As you can see, I was glad I won, and I think Flare was too.



CORE Placer

Colfax Student Spotlight –Garrett Konrad

Garrett Konrad is a Senior at CORE Placer. He sure had a busy summer! After a week’s vacation in Australia, Garrett and his family went to Fiji. The Fiji leg of their trip was coordinated by a group called Global Passion. Garrett became involved with Global Passion through his high school church group. They put together teams of people for projects in dozens of countries. The team that Garrett and his family were part of was the Building Team. (See photo of Garrett helping with a truss for the church they built). Garrett says he met many friends there and plans on returning next year. The Konrad family stayed on the second largest island; Vanua Levu. According to Garrett "It is VERY primitive. It had dirt roads that were really rough and thick vegetation. We wore Sulus (traditional wear for men) which are basically a belt with a fabric wrap". "The friends we made there were locals who helped us with the job site or let us sleep on their floors. They don't have much furniture in Fiji, so we slept on hardwood for a month. The house I stayed at had the best shower: 3 concrete block walls 5 feet tall on the porch of the house with a hose over the top... Freezing...." When asked what he would tell other kids who might be interested in a mission or community service in general, Garrett said "If I told other people anything, it would be that even through you're "roughing it" sleeping on the floor covered with bug repellent, with cold showers and spiders the size of your hand, it is so worth it to experience the beauty of the island, the beyond friendly people, and the really good food. My fav was breakfast and we had these deep fried donut holes. Global Passion does projects all over the world, so if you were interested, Google their site and get some more info. Also, if you go, get the Blitz ice cream bar from the company "Sunny" for 40 cents, and Orange Mango Schweppes, it's so bomb awesome." We think You are Awesome, Garrett!



Sunset in Fiji



Garrett building trusses.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Marysville

Nov 3 & 4 CAHSEE 11th & 12th graders. English & Language Arts will be on Nov 3rd & the Math portion will be on Nov 4th. All students who have not yet passed the California High School Exit Exam must attend.

Nov 6 High School Workshop #2 Earn 1-3 credits depending on how many workshops students attend 10:30am-1:30pm

Nov 11 Veterans Day No School

Nov 20 Sonoma & St. Helena 10am This is the closest mission to TCA. After lunch we will tour the Bale Grist Mill in the St. Helena area. Deadline to sign up is Nov 3rd
Nov 23-27 Center closed for Thanksgiving break, Happy Holidays!

Dec 4 Career and College Planning Workshop 10:30-1:30 For Seniors: Financial Aid and the FAFSA, College Applications, PIN for FAFSA. For all HS students: What is the Right College For Me? California Community College System, California State University System and the University of California System. Transferring from a CC to a 4-year college.

Chico/Paradise

Nov 5 Make up day for pictures in Chico 9am-12pm

Nov 5 7:00-8:30pm Science Fair Workshop at the Emma Wilson Multi-Purpose Room

Nov 10 Paradise Parent Meeting

Nov 11 Veterans Day No School

Nov 15-18 WASC Visiting Team

Nov 17 REG-TO-GO Classroom visit

Time: 11am-12pm at room 214 Chico
Who: all 2010 graduates, parents, teachers
REG-TO-GO is a Butte College sponsored program that allows our graduates to register for Butte College courses before graduating from CORE Butte.

Nov 23-27 Center closed for Thanksgiving break! Happy Holidays!

Dec 11 CORE Butte Board Meeting 10am

CORE Butte still has 2 Board Openings!! Interested parties should contact Jonelle Pena or fax resume to 530-566-9819. Deadline is December 1st.



Colfax/NC/Loomis

Nov 3&4 CAHSEE Testing 11th & 12th graders who have not yet passed the exam 9am Colfax

Nov 8 Deadline: Seniors interested in Aviation may be eligible for a \$2500 scholarship for Auburn Ground & Flight Training School. To apply contact HS Counselor Neil Bledsoe at neil_bledsoe@comcast.net

Middle School Cross Country Team & HS Basketball Open Gym/Team: Coach Dan Hicks encourages all interested students/parents to contact him for more info: 530-470-2741 or dhicks50@gmail.com

Cross Country Practices: Monday & Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30pm
Basketball Practices: Monday & Wednesdays from 4:30-6:00pm

Attention Artists!!! We need to spruce up our new Loomis Center. If you have some art or a school project you would like to display, please bring it to your Center.
A friendly reminder: Colfax Center Parents, please use the back parking lot if you are planning on being at the center for a while.