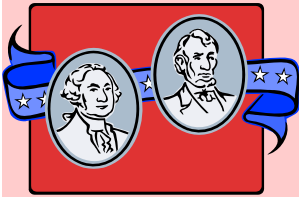


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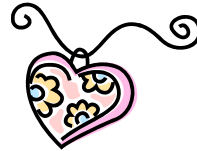
C.O.R.E. Newsletter

Quote of the Month

What else is love but understanding and rejoicing in the fact that another person lives, acts, and experiences otherwise than we do?

Friedrich Nietzsche
German philopopher 1844-1900

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY



Happy New Year to all our Students, Parents and Teachers,

It is with pleasure that I welcome you all back after our Christmas break and I am hopeful that you were able to enjoy this precious time with family and friends.

Pennies for Peace Fund Raiser

The school has joined forces with other Personalized Learning schools from the APLUS and the Personalized Learning Foundation to raise funds for "Pennies for Peace." In the book "Three Cups of Tea" by Greg Mortensen, Greg describes his efforts to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan promoting "Peace...One School at a Time." Please ask your teacher about our efforts and for further information read his amazing book.

Second Semester Increase in EUs

It is the goal of the school that the discretionary Educational Units budget allows greater flexibility for our students to pursue their unique passions and interests promoting greater individual selection of classes. It has simultaneously been the goal of the Leadership Team to increase the EU budget when the School's overall budget can support an increase. I am happy to let you know that the budget will allow for a two hundred EU increase this semester. One hundred may be applied to enrichment classes and the other hundred is for academic tutoring. This said I must also advise you all that there are some unknowns at this time about our school's funding for this year as the Governor works towards reducing the State's deficits. The additional funds are there to address our students' needs but I request that you keep these unknown factors in mind as you plan for your students 2nd semester and work with your Personalized Learning Teacher to plan an excellent PL program for your child.

Parent Teacher Student Survey

It will soon be time for you to give us your opinion about the schools' programs and how they are working. The annual survey will be mailed to you with a self-addressed envelop for your ease of response. Please watch the mail and make out the survey. We rely on your opinions to shape our schools' direction.

Other Items of Interest

Each of our areas faces their own unique challenges and goals. Placer County staff and parents will be petitioning anew this year for a local sponsor, Yuba County has begun a facility search to increase the size of their center and Butte County continues to work their way through their first year start up issues in a new location. Please feel free to talk to your PL teacher and Area Coordinator Education about their goals and challenges and see how you can participate in making these dreams come true.

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Executive Director
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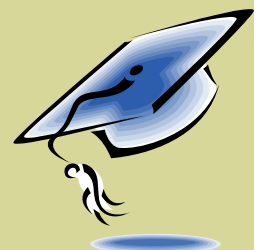
Attention potential graduates

You will have until April 1st to order cap, gown and tassels through the school. Someone will be assigned at each center to be responsible for collecting orders and fees.

You may order other things through Herff Jones directly. Order forms will be mailed directly to potential graduates and they will be available at each center. Deadline for direct orders is May 1.

If you have any questions concerning ordering, fees, deadlines, etc. please contact Jean Plunkett at the administration office.

530-478-9458 ex. 203 or jplunkett@coretca.org



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Marysville Center

Advanced Drama Class is busily preparing their winter performance of Secret Garden. They have received loans of beautiful costumes from The Acting Company in Yuba City and properties from antique estate sales in historic Marysville. This play, set in Victorian England, promises to be visually convincing! Performances will be January 31, and Feb. 1st and 2nd. Tickets will be on sale now: \$7.00 for a single ticket and \$12.00 for a family ticket of 2-4.

Treasure Island Assembly was very entertaining. Students met Long John Silver and his marauding pirates and traveled across the seven seas and back again. Students also learned the danger of greed and the importance of helping those around them.

Yearbooks Are On Sale....

You can purchase a yearbook at your local center for \$30.00.

Boxtops and Campbell's Soup Labels for Education....

You can help your school by collecting and turning in your labels at the center. The Schuder family has made a nice collection box for you to drop them into. This is an easy and inexpensive fundraiser that everyone can participate in.

Thank you, Brandi Shintaku, for organizing the **Community Toy Drive**.

Have you lost something at school and still can't find it??? Come to the front desk and inquire we just might have your lost item in our **lost and found**. We have started quite a collection.

Coming Soon....

Ski dates are now scheduled: February 20th, and March 3rd. Registration forms are available at the center. If you have any questions, you can call Beth Ward at 741-8404 or Angela at 742-2786. The paper work for the February 20th trip is **due by February 8th**; and the paper work for the March 3rd trip is **due by February 22nd**.

Academic Talent Search test will be held on January 23, 2008 starting at 9:30 at the Marysville Resource. Students sixth through ninth grade who are willing to meet an exciting challenge are candidates for ATS, which provides an opportunity to take a summer class at Sacramento State College. A variety of classes are available to attend such as Art, Computer Science, Engineering, English, Math, Law, Veterinary Medicine, Forensic Science, and much more. A sign up sheet is now available at the front desk if you are interested.

Light, Camera, Action Assembly was held on January 25th.

9:00-9:50 (K-6 assembly)

10:00-10:50 (7th-12th assembly)

11:00-12:00 (9th-12th Workshop)

All groups were exposed to a demonstration of a digital, state of the art television studio and how it works. A few students from each group were filmed performing "non verbal exercises" such as jogging down the street, water skiing, or flying like Superman. The high school workshop helped edit the recordings and put together a video of Camptonville's very own Newscast.



California High School Exit Exam – February 5th-6th

All 10th grade students plus all 11th and 12th grade students who have not passed the exam will need to attend. The English-Language Arts portion will be held on February 5th at 8:30 am, and the Math portion will be held on February 6th at 8:30 am.

IMPORTANT!!!!

All classes will be **cancelled** on Tuesday, February 5th due to the CAHSEE. Only **the 11:00 classes** are **cancelled** on Wednesday, February 6th due to the CAHSEE.

The Center will be closed February 11th through February 15th in observance of President's Day.

The High School Leadership Workshop will be held at the center on February 19th from 2:30 – 4:00. A sign up sheet is now available at the front desk.

The Art Show ---- February 21st from 4:00-6:00

Don't miss the upcoming 4th annual art show at the Marysville Resource Center. We look forward to another fantastic display of student artwork. Students may choose any media (paint, wire, clay, photography, etc...) for their entry in our family friendly gallery. Entry forms are now available at the front desk, and each piece of artwork must be submitted between February 4th and February 18th.

Our 2nd annual **Spelling Bee** for 4th through 9th grade will be held at the Marysville Center on February 22, 2008 at 10:00am. Sign ups and word lists are now available at the front desk. More details are soon to come.

High School Dance for all centers: Thursday, February 28 8-11p.m. Friday Night Live Building, Marysville.

4th / 7th Writing Test will be held **off site** on March 4th at 730 D Street in Marysville beginning at 8:30am.

Gray Lodge Field Trip by Serene Turner

The Gray Lodge Field trip sponsored by the Flying Wild Leadership class in Marysville was enjoyed by all who attended. We had a group of approximately 25, consisting of students of all ages, younger siblings, parents, two docents and myself.

We all managed to arrive on time at the meeting spot on a beautiful day in Nov. which was perfect for enjoying the beauty of the wildlife refuge. The walking tour gave ample opportunities to view animals and birds, as well as get acquainted with other families in our learning community. There were thousands of Snow Geese, Ross Geese, Tundra Swans as well as other migratory waterfowl, and even an otter. We toured the museum and learned about many native plants. One of particular interest to me, was Hemlock, because of it's notorious reputation. All of the children were very attentive to the docent, and she commented to me as we were leaving, on how pleasant it was to guide our group because they had that "home-schooled" ease.

A most spectacular sight was after we left the refuge and were driving through the fields we spotted some Sandhill Cranes. We turned the car around and went back to see them. There were about 25 of them that we could see, and as we crept up closer to get a better look, we startled them into the air and birds that were lying low in the grain fields suddenly appeared and about 50 or more Sandhill Cranes took flight. Sandhill Cranes are huge birds and it was a magnificent thing to see.

I also saw 3 Great Blue Herons during the course of the day. It was endearing to see the little ones, together with the older students, all



so interested and engaged in looking through their binoculars and enjoying nature. I hope anyone that went this year will join us again next year and spread the word about birds being a readily available vehicle for learning about, and communing with nature.



Students Hard at Work

Students in the College Prep English Class were encouraged to write an editorial and submit it to a local paper. Emily Sims worked very hard on this letter which appeared in the Appeal Democrat:

Recently there have been many articles in the local newspaper regarding housing construction in the Sutter Buttes. I believe that construction in the Sutter Buttes will not take away from its beauty. If people want to build houses there, I would say, "Go ahead, but do not obstruct the view."

Do not get me wrong, I love the Buttes and they are beautiful, but their beauty is not protected like Yosemite National Park of California. Surprisingly, 99 percent of the Sutter Buttes are privately owned by local farmers and ranchers. Therefore, inaccessible without permission, most (of the land) will remain unchanged.

Limits should be set for how high developers can build houses. Both construction companies and those who want to protect the Buttes will get their wants met. That way, everyone will still enjoy a relaxing and peaceful drive around the Sutter Buttes.



Marysville's Josh
Bronson's Eagle
Totem Shines in Craft

Signs of Winter

Signs of winter,
near far?

Signs of winter
aren't very far.

The skies are cloudy.

The air is cold.

The leaves are red,
and brown and gold.

And one last thing
I'll say so kind,

Two Paths

Two paths stretch out, oh so far,

Where does each one lead?

Two voices, then, call out to you,

Which one should you heed?

The first road is narrow,

The second one so broad.

Both of them look well-used,

And both of them well-trod.

The first voice says,

"Come follow me, I'll take you to above."

The second says,

"Come follow you, you'll be your only love."

On the narrow you can see,

People, far away.

On the other hand, there's people, too,

On the broad, other way.

Now's the time, and you know,

Just what you're going to do.

You need to call on someone who's

Bigger and stronger than you.

You kneel down and clasp your hands,

Then you start to pray.

Asking God to please,

CORE Butte Charter School is participating in Butte College's Reg-to-Go Program.

This program is for all graduating seniors.

What is Reg-to-Go?

Reg-to-Go is a Butte College sponsored program that allows you, upon completion of the program, to register for courses before all of the new and new transfer students, making it more likely that you will get the classes that you want at the time that you want them!

For Whom is Reg-to-Go Designed?

1. High School seniors who may have never considered themselves as "college material".
2. High School seniors who know they want to attend Butte College.
3. High School seniors who are still weighing their options.

If I participate what will I be expected to do?

Reg-to-Go consists of three separate activities which are completed in this order:

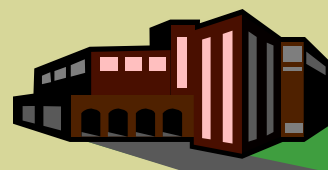
1. April 22, 2008 Orientation/Campus Tour: Along with other Seniors from your high school (and possibly other high schools), you will be bussed (or driven) to Butte College and spend the day meeting current student-leaders, hearing a faculty member discuss classroom expectations, touring the campus and hearing about career and transfer programs offered at Butte College.

2. April 24, 2008 Basic Skills Assessment (BSA): This assessment, not test, is administered on your high school campus. It lasts for approximately 2 ½ hours and assesses your skills in English, Reading and Math. The results will help you pick classes in which you are most apt to be successful.

3. May 1, 2008 Counseling and Registration: With a small group of your peers, you will meet for two hours with a Butte College counselor. This meeting takes place on your high school campus as well. During this time, the counselor will explain your BSA results and assist you in putting together a schedule of classes. Once your schedule is complete, you will register for these classes by computer or over the phone. A counselor remains close by to assist with any schedule conflicts or changes.

How do I sign up?

Contact your high school counselor Marlene Brenden at: 518-6809 or e-mail her at marbrenden@comcast.net. Make sure and send your name, teacher name, contact information including phone and an e-mail address (it could even be your teacher's if you don't have one).



CORE Butte Charter School

CORE Butte Charter School Sock Drive

Every **S.T.E.P.** Counts (Socks To Every Person) Please **donate** NEW or CLEAN socks to the Chico or Paradise center during the next few months to be donated to people in need. There are decorated bins at each center. Please help us. For more information contact Mr. Williams, 894-3952 or flamichael@yahoo.com



It's time to get ready for the **Snowsport field trips**. The cost of the trip depends on the package you choose. The paperwork is ready, get a copy from your teacher or the front desk. Don't hesitate to call if you have questions! Contact person – Geri Clements 894-3952. If you would like to attend, your paperwork needs to be turned in to the Chico or Paradise center by 2:00 P.M. on the following dates:

Friday, February 8, 2008 for the trip Wed, Feb 20

Friday, February 22, 2008 for the trip Mon, Mar 3

The CAHSEE will be held in Chico and Paradise on February 5th for the English exam and February 6th for math. All 10th graders MUST TEST both days. 11th and 12th graders who haven't passed also test on these dates. Arrive for the test at 8:45 A.M. with identification.

Magic of Science Assembly Friday, Feb. 8th at 1:00 P.M.

Youth Leadership Workshop Chico center Thursday, Feb. 21st 2:30 – 6:30 P.M.

4th and 7th Grade Writing Test on Tuesday, March 4th Chico and Paradise

EAP test for 11th graders on Tuesday, March 4th Chico and Paradise

Spring Craft Party: Paradise center March 12, 12:00-2:00

Talent Show: Wednesday, March 12th, 7:00 – 8:00 P.M.

Sutter's Fort: March 27th

Curriculum Fair: Chico center, Friday March 14, 9:00 – 2:00.

Parent Training in computer lab at the Chico center during the curriculum fair.

Reach for the Future high school conference March 6th – 8th

Recipe and Food Exchange at the Chico center is Wed., April 2nd 2:30 – 5:00.

CORE Butte Charter School **Science Fair** set up in the hallways and lobby, Wed. April 2nd Viewing for the science fair: Thursday, April 3 from 12 – 4.

Chico Science Fair is the week of April 7th for students residing in Chico.

Family Math Night at the Chico center Monday, April 14th 6:00–8:00 P.M.



Two Outstanding Students at CORE Butte

By Debra Moon

This month, two students at CORE Butte have received special invitations due to their academic merit. Megan Yamada-Bryant, senior at the Chico Center was accepted at California State University, Chico for next fall. Her application showed such a stellar academic record and such high grades that she was immediately invited to apply for a President's scholarship. This is a \$12,000 scholarship given to students on the basis of the academic achievement, rather than financial need. The invitation to apply is an honor itself. Megan will study art at CSU Chico.

Jordan Cottrell, 11th grade student at CORE Butte Chico Center, received an invitation to apply for a special 6-week summer program sponsored by Telluride University. The program is offered only to top students who can work in teams to learn and accomplish goals. Jordan is most interested in the session which will be offered at Cornell University, titled, "Human Rights, Cultural Rights and Economic Rights: Views from the 'Global South.'" Jordan was invited based on her score on the PSAT, recently taken at the Chico Center. Jordan is an outstanding student who is academically at the top rank of the current junior class at CORE.

Leadership Workshops

February is the month for Leadership Workshops at CORE. This will be the fourth year the workshop has been held in Chico, and a new first, a workshop will also be held at the Marysville Center. The workshops teach leadership and team-building skills: Communication, Collaboration, Trust and Responsibility. These skills are applicable to school, work, family situations and friendships. It is even helpful, for teachers to incorporate the activities into their classrooms. It is a wonderful opportunity for 7th through 12th grade students at CORE to learn vital life skills and to have a ton of fun doing it. Workshops are led by Dave Campbell and an experienced crew of youth workers. The Marysville Leadership Workshop will be held at the Marysville Center on Tuesday February 19th from 2:30 until 6 pm. The Chico Leadership Workshop will be held at the Chico Center on Thursday February 21st from 2:30 until 6 pm. Dinner and snacks are provided at both workshops. The cost of the workshop is 30 EUs. Please contact Debra Moon, 343-9204, debramoon@comcast.net if you are interested. Teachers or parents may come free if a student is attending, but please notify Debra of your attendance. Join us for learning and fun!



Students at the Chico Center cross "hot burning lava beds" as a team, led by youth worker, Dave Campbell at last year's Leadership Workshop.

Spring Thing High School Dance on Friday, April 18th

STAR Testing for grades 2nd through 11th grades, April 28 – May 1st

12th Grade Reg to Go at Chico center on 5/1 in the computer lab from 2 – 4:00.

PE Test on Friday, May 2nd Chico 9 – 11 and Paradise 1:00 – 3:00 for all 5th, 7th and 9th graders.

CAHSEE in Chico only on May 6th for the English exam and May 7th for the math exam for 11th and 12th graders who have not passed, and 10th graders who missed either test in February must also test. Arrive for the test at 8:45 A.M. with identification. Passing both tests is required for graduation.

Colfax Center

Important Spring Dates for Colfax/Nevada City Centers

February 5	ALL 10 th GRADERS California High School Exit Exam, English Language Arts
February 6	ALL 10 th GRADERS California High School Exit Exam, Math
February 11-15	Winter Holiday Week
February 20	Camptonville Academy Snow Trip #4
February 21	High School College Visits in Bay Area
February 22	Preliminary Spelling Bee in Marysville 4-9 th graders (for Colfax and NC students)
February 28	All center High School Dance, Marysville Friday Night Live building 8-11p.m.
February 29	Middle School Dance
March 4	STAR Writing Test for 4 th and 7 th Grade
March 6-8	Reach for the Future Youth Conference
March 17-24	Spring Break
March 27	Sutter's Fort
April 13-18	Woodleaf "Science Camp"
April 18	Spring Thing High School Dance in Marysville
April 28-May 2	STAR Testing Week Elementary and High School – dates tentative
May 6	California High School Exit Exam, English Language Arts (for 11 th /12 th graders who need to re-take the exam)
May 7	California High School Exit Exam, Math (for 11 th /12 th graders who need to re-take the exam)
May 9	Coloma/Mountain Man Field Trip -10:30 AM in Coloma for Grades 2nd-8th.
May 15	CSUS Aquatic Center Field Trip
May 17	Drama Performance
May 26	Memorial Day Holiday
May 27	Last Week of Classes
June 6	Last Day of School

PRIDE ON AND OFF THE ICE

Photo and Story By Tiffany Brown, reprinted with permission from the Las Vegas Sun

Chloe Sluis, mother of **CORE at Camptonville 7th Grade student, Amber Sluis**, fights back the tears as her coach, Amber Turner, left, and fellow Roseville Skate Town skaters Savannah Shoup, 10, and Donna Moore, right, rush to congratulate her. Sluis had just finished her first solo skating competition during the 2007 ISI Adult Championships at Fiesta Rancho's SoBe Ice Arena last Sunday. But her mind was halfway around the world in Iraq, where her two sons are serving in the Army. Skating "helps keep your mind off of it and it helps keep you creative," Sluis said.



The 49-year-old keeps busy raising her youngest child, Amber, 13. She home schools her in Nevada City, Calif., and drives her to Roseville, 70 miles one way, three times a week for skating lessons.

Looking for a way to take her mind off her boys in Iraq, Sluis picked up a pair of skates herself two years ago. On Sunday, dressed in a shimmering red, white and blue paneled dress falling just below her knees, Sluis floated across the ice to Nichole Nordeman's "Brave." She circled a handmade poster displaying a map of Iraq flanked by pictures of her sons, Spec. Josh Sluis, 20, and Sgt. Gabe Sluis, 22. In her handwriting, it read, "Proud Army Mom of Two."

At the end of her program she skated to the poster and saluted before bowing to the judges.

The small crowd of mostly adult skaters standing around the rink cheered and clapped as Sluis fought back tears exiting the ice.

"I wanted to do good on this one, to honor them and so they would be proud," she said. "It wasn't about me skating, it was about honoring them for being brave."

As almost an afterthought, Sluis won her event as well.

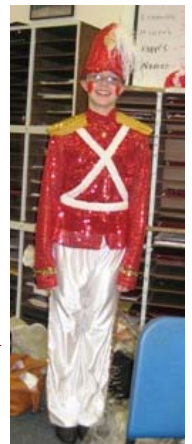
Colfax 6th Grade Student Heidi Harmon dances in the Nutcracker Ballet

Heidi Harmon loves the Nutcracker Ballet. Heidi also loves Soccer. Last fall she faced the difficult decision of choosing between her beloved soccer and a chance to dance in the Nutcracker Ballet. Heidi has always dreamed of dancing in the Nutcracker and chose to audition for the ballet. She had initially hoped to be chosen as one of the party girls but was delighted to be soldier as they were on stage with Clara and the Nutcracker.



An extra part became available when one of the other dancers was unavailable so Heidi joyfully accepted the opportunity to dance both roles.

The event was a success and Heidi's performances went very well. So well in fact that she now talks about her future with the Nutcracker.



From the tutoring center

The children really had a lot of fun building their volcanoes and then exploding them.



Picture name: **FOUR SEASONS** by Beth Burch, Colfax - Style: Animé

Haiku #1

I love to draw
It makes me feel happy
Anime's my life

Haiku #2

I just draw free hand
I'm proud to be an artist
Please like my hard work

Beth's story:

I just draw what I have in my head, I don't do the hard stuff, like circling the head or drawing a stick figure. I get my talent from my mother's side; my grandmother is an artist too and very skilled at it. I'm very proud of my artwork and I hope you enjoy it.



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Join us for Governance Meetings

**Camptonville Academy
February 14, 1:00 pm, Nevada City**

**Core Butte Charter:
March 14, 9:00 a.m. Chico Center**

**SUTTER'S FORT REGISTRATION
DEADLINE : FEB. 29, 2008**

Step back in time and experience life as a real pioneer.

**Sutter's Fort Registration Packets available at
Chico, Colfax, or Marysville Centers
or from your Teacher.**

**Seniors and Early Graduating Juniors*
Apply for Financial Aid, regardless of your plans**

January and February are the months prepare for your future. **All Seniors and early graduating Juniors should be applying for aid, regardless of your family's financial situation. For many, the cost of college is the #1 factor in applying and attending college or not, and, unless you know all of the financial aid guidelines forward and backward, you do not know what you will qualify for until you apply. So just do it!**

Just follow these three steps.

1. After January 2, 2008 : Get a PIN – Go to www.pin.ed.gov and register for a 4-digit pin (like an ATM code) that you will use for the FAFSA. This takes but a few minutes to apply for, but it takes a few days to get it emailed back to you, so do it right away!
2. Fill out the FAFSA – This is a more lengthy process that involves mainly the parent/guardian. The FAFSA is an online application that asks for information based on your (parent/guardian's) 2007 tax return. If you have not yet completed this, that is ok, though it is easier if you complete your tax return first. Otherwise you simply estimate based on 2006. Visit www.fafsa.ed.gov for more information and the form.

3. Fill out and send the Cal Grant GPA Verification form by March 2nd – If we do not have your Social Security # on file, we will not be able to automatically electronically send your GPA verification to Cal Grant. If that is the case, you should be receiving a form filled out by your counselor, the second side to be completed by you and sent in. Or you may call the administrative office 530-478-9458 to include your Social Security # on the list. The Cal Grant is a California state grant that is based on the FAFSA and your GPA. The GPA is specially calculated by us (counselors), so do not count yourself out if your GPA is lower than you think it should be. It will be a different GPA for the Cal Grant.

Visit www.calgrant.org for more info.

Contact the counseling office with questions. (530) 478-9458 xt.207 or counseling@coretca.org.

*(Juniors graduating mid-year next year)