

CHEP Newsletter

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A Note from the Principal: From the Desk of Pat Novak

As I write this, CHEP is on spring break, and hopefully, you are having a relaxing time enjoying your family and this glorious season of year. We will come back to STAR testing for all our second through eighth graders, roll into the end-of-the-year conferences, graduate our eighth graders, and finish up another great year by the first week in June!

We are planning something new to support your children and you this summer. Each site will be open one-to-two days a week throughout July and August (months one and two by our attendance calendar). This is an opportunity to do hands-on and focused activities at a reduced pace for the joy of learning! Your CHEP teacher has ideas to share with you, and you will be able to participate as much or as little as you like. See the opportunities available at each site in the site sections of this newsletter. The classes being offered at each of our four locations are for students who are enrolled in CHEP for the summer, so if your neighbor wants to "try on homeschooling," this is a great opportunity for them. There will also be a couple of field trips planned, so be watching for more on those!

We want to congratulate Gayle Haugh, CHEP West teacher, for being selected by her colleagues as the CHEP Teacher of the Year. Also recognized by the staff as deserving of praise is Celia Endsley, CHEP Central teacher, who was chosen to receive the Crystal Bell Award. A perpetual plaque will hang outside each of their offices for the next year to remind them of how highly they are appreciated and esteemed by their peers. They were recognized at our most recent teachers' meeting by Nina Boyd, Assistant Superintendent of Alternative Education and Rick Martin, Director of Curriculum, Learning, Accountability, and Student Services (CLASS) for ACCESS.



Gayle Haugh, Teacher of the Year



Celia Endsley, Crystal Bell Recipient

Program News



Eighth Grade Graduation

8th grade graduates and families
Tuesday, June 7
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Graduates arrive by 3:00
Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton, CA

Please note that the Plummer does NOT allow balloons inside the auditorium.

Graduating students will have an opportunity to have their photographs taken by Lifetouch Photography. We use Lifetouch for our annual school pictures, and parents are consistently pleased. **Please note that Lifetouch does not accept credit cards; please bring a check or cash for payment.** If your child would like to be photographed, please plan on arriving early but not before **2:30 p.m.** Prices for picture packets begin at \$14.00.

Mark your calendars now for this special ceremony in honor of our eighth grade graduates. All eighth grade students will receive a letter of invitation in May with the maps from the Graduation Committee. Make sure your calendars are marked now for this special ceremony in honor of our eighth grade graduates. We are looking forward to celebrating this exciting milestone!

Magnificent Mousetrap Cars

We had a whole new group of mousetrap racers competing at EXPO on April 5. Congratulations to our winners:

K-3 Division: Lilianna Hernandez - 1st place
Jude Goodman - 2nd place
Natalie Newman - 3rd place

4-8 Division: Ryan Chew - 1st place
(with an amazing 71'1"!)
Nicolas Newman - 2nd place
Malik Aryan - 3rd place



7th Grade Geography Challenge

We are proud to announce that Heather Spencer and Osamah Hassan were honored at the Richard Nixon Library Geography Program awards ceremony on April 12 for earning a perfect score on the 7th Grade Geography Challenge test. We congratulate all of the 7th grade students who participated in the program this year. They studied over 300 locations around the globe and then were tested in March using a blank world map by representatives from the Richard Nixon Library and Birthplace. Bravo!

Parker and Harry Irving at
the Mousetrap Car
Competition at EXPO.

Program News

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CHEP Pictures



CHEP Central:
Bryan Davis presentation
on recycling



CHEP West:
Club 3-4 working on
Biography reports



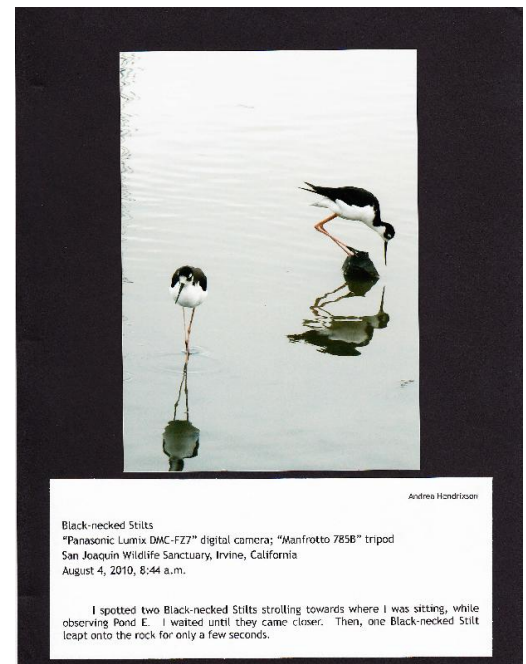
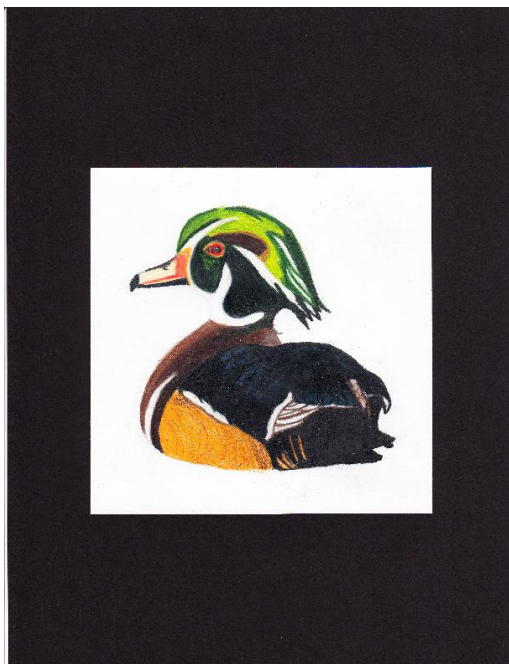
CHEP West:
EXPO performers



CHEP Central:
4/5 Adventure Class with
Bryan Davis



Honda Center
Field Trip



Black-necked Stilts
"Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ7" digital camera; "Manfrotto 785B" tripod
San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary, Irvine, California
August 4, 2010, 8:44 a.m.

I spotted two Black-necked Stilts strolling towards where I was sitting, while observing Pond E. I waited until they came closer. Then, one Black-necked Stilt leapt onto the rock for only a few seconds.

Andrea Hendrixson

Andrea Hendrixson, CHEP Central 8th grader, placed 1st place in Illustration and 2nd place in Photography in the American Birding Association's Young Birder of the Year Contest. Congrats, Andrea!

Field Trips

Coca-Cola Bottling Company

K-8 Grades (Sorry, no exceptions)
Wednesday, May 18
9:45 a.m.
Coca-Cola Bottling Company
8729 Cleto Street
Downey, CA 90241



Owen Sorenson at Coca Cola

As you learn about how soda is made, see the bottling process in action. Robots will be working hard to mass produce packages and cans. Tour the largest Coca-Cola production company in the world. Coca-Cola is the distributor of products of Coke, Powerade, Minutemaid, and Dasani. Wear comfortable, rubber-sole shoes as there will be lots of walking and standing. To register for this field trip, please go to <http://chep.ocde.us> and select field trips, then Coca-Cola, carefully read the flyer noting grade level, select Reservation form, complete, save to your computer, and create email to CHEP_Field_Trips@access.k12.ca.us and attach Reservation form. Reservation is not confirmed until a confirmation is received. If you have any other questions, please call Cheri Evans at 714-245-6461.

Stanley Ranch Museum Pictures



Site Workshops

Central

Due to limited space, many classes fill up. If more students wish to attend a particular class than there are spots for, we will start a waiting list in case of cancellations. If you have signed up for a class and are unable to attend, we appreciate knowing in advance so we may invite students who are on our waiting lists to attend in your child's place. **Also, parents are required to escort their children inside the site at the beginning of a class and pick them up inside the building at its conclusion.**

Year Book Photo Round-Up Parent Sponsored

The year has been flying by and rapidly coming to a close. It's time to dig through the photos that have been taken and share your homeschooling memories of the 2010-2011 school year with friends and family. Without contributions from the CHEP families, a yearbook would not be possible. Therefore, please take a few moments to copy photos you would like to share, put them on a disk, and leave them in the photo box in reception. You can also send directly to D.K.'s E-mail address: dkpeeters@gmail.com so that the yearbook for CHEP Central can be put together.

CHEP Central P.E. at the Park Parent Sponsored

Tuesdays
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Shiffer Park
Costa Mesa

Join us weekly at Shiffer Park in Costa Mesa for basketball, soccer, softball, or kickball. Weather permitting we will be in the park on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 having fun. Wear your tennis shoes and bring water. Come join us for some fun, friendly competition. Moms, Dads and siblings all welcome.



Welcome Back
Baby Shower for
Mrs. Tisi

Given By: 4/5
Adventure Class

Mr. Blackie Science Lab

Wednesdays
3:30p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 4	7th/8th
Wednesday, May 11	3rd/4th
Wednesday, May 18	5th/6th
Wednesday, May 25	7th/8th

Important: Each student needs to be signed up each month for the lab.

Please call the paraeducators at 714-327-1010 to sign up.

CHEP Central Summer Session

CAMP Central
Grade: K-8
July 11 – 15
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

This summer Central will have its first ever CAMP Central! This camp will be held the week of July 11 through 15, and ALL grades, K-8 enrolled in summer session are welcome. This camp will incorporate the academics with a variety of engaging activities. So bring a lunch and come enjoy a week at camp with your CHEP friends. Please make sure to call Judy at 714-327-1010 to reserve a spot, as space is limited and sign up is mandatory!

Summer Hours at Central

CHEP Central will be open during months 1 and 2 on Wednesdays, July 20, 27, August 3 and 10 from 8:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. Classes will be offered, including Art with Ms. Catherine. Teachers will be on site and available for support. The study area, including computers, will be open for students to come and use for school-related work. Also, library and resource materials are available for checkout. Please look for more information at the site or call Judy if you would like to be added to our summer email list for class specifics of what will be offered on the Wednesdays CHEP is open.

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Cyber-Bullying Seminar

7th/8th grade students and their parents
Wednesday, May 18
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Presenter: Tina Rocha, Crisis Response Specialist

We encourage all middle-school students and their parents to attend this informative seminar. Cyber-bullying occurs through the internet, cell phones, blogging and chat sites, popular networking websites, and online gaming systems. CHEP teachers attended this seminar and found it to be timely and appropriate for today's middle-school students. To sign-up, please contact paraeducators at (714) 245-6480.



Summer Math Tutoring

Grade: All CHEP students enrolled in summer session.
Wednesdays at CHEP West
By appointment only. Contact Kerrie Schulze at 714-245-6475.

Kindergarten Club

Fridays
May 13, 20, and 27
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, June 1
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

REMINDER:

Our year is winding down, so please start looking in all those nooks and crannies and return any items checked out from the library that you have finished using. There will be a list of items you have checked out in your file outside your teacher's office after the STAR Testing week. Any questions, please see Nan. Thanks!



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Summer Classes

Fun with Fractions

Grade: 5-7

Wednesdays, July 20, 27, August 3 and 10

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

This class will use interactive, hands-on lessons, art, and technology to teach fractions. Turn frustration into fun with this fraction review.

BEGINNING SIGN LANGUAGE

Grade: 2-6

Wednesdays, July 13, 20, and 27

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Instructor: Char Alfaro



Learn sign language vocabulary through music. We will explore basic vocabulary, numbers one to ten, and finger spelling the alphabet. Call 714-245-6480 to sign up. Leave a message if calling after June 15.

Making Math Come Alive

Grade: 3-5

Wednesdays, July 20, 27, August 3 and 10

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Using *Times Tables the Fun Way*, *Mountain Math*, and math games, this class will cover math fundamentals. Students can move at their own pace as they progress.

ART CLASSES

Grade: 3 - 6

Wednesdays July 6, 13, 27, and August 10

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza

SUMMER STARS

Grade: K-1

Wednesdays, July 6 and 13, August 3 and 10

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Come join us this summer as we play fun math games, enjoy wonderful books, and create awesome works of art!

AMERICAN GIRLS

Wednesdays, July 6 - August 10

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Girls in grades 3 - 6, please join us for this fun class where we will learn about **Kaya**, an *American Girl* growing up in 1764, and **Kit** another *American Girl* living during the Great Depression in 1937. You will participate in story discussions, explore the history of the time period, write several short essays, and create craft projects related to the books. Come to the first class **having read, Meet Kaya**. Call (714) 245-6480 to sign up. Please leave a message if calling after June 15.

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Kindergarten Graduation Preparation Class

Tuesday, May 17
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

All students participating in Kindergarten Graduation will learn about their part in our special ceremony being held on Tuesday, June 1 at 10:00 a.m. Invitations will be given out at this class as well as student posters for each participating child. The student's role in graduation will be presented.

Please contact paraeducators at 714-245-6460 to sign up.

Kindergarten Graduation Practice Class

Tuesday, May 24
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

All students participating in graduation come for practice. Parents should accompany their child.

Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, June 1
10:00 a.m.

Following graduation, parents and extended families and friends are invited to join us for the culminating ceremony of your child's foundational year of education.



Jude with
CHOC
dogs

Online Support Lab

Grade: 7-8
Thursdays, May 19
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

This class provides teacher support to 7th and 8th graders taking an online course or ALEKS math.

Science

Engineering, Part 2
Thursday, May 19
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Remember to bring your egg nest and building supplies.

Art History Classes Around the World

TESSELLATIONS (Arabic Tile Patterns)

Grade: 2-4
Wednesday, May 18
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
OR 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Grade: 5-8
Thursday, May 19
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
OR 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
No \$ donation needed this month.

Teacher: Lisa Rinaldo

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Summer Session Classes

CHEP North will be open Thursdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, and 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

DRAWING ANIMALS

Grade: 3-8

Thursday, July 7

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Teacher: Cris Hatfield

Please contact paraeducators at 714-245-6460 to sign up.

Learn to draw animals using basic shapes. Work will be done with oil pastels on black paper.

WATER: A CHEMICAL SOLUTION

Grade: 1-8, Kindergarten with parent in attendance

Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11

10 a.m. - 12:00 noon

Instructor: Catherine Milne

Please contact paraeducators at 714-245-6460 to sign up.

2011 is the International Year of Chemistry. There is also an ongoing global experiment focused upon water this year –“Water: A Chemical Solution.” Our summer camp will explore those themes through hands-on experimentation with water, acids & bases, crystals, detergents, and exo/endermic reactions.

SUPERVISED LUNCH BREAK

Thursdays, 12:00 noon - 12:30 pm

Students staying for both sessions need to bring lunch and a drink.

THE SCIENCE OF ART

Grade: 1-8, Kindergarten with parent in attendance

Thursdays, July 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11

12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Instructor: Catherine Milne

Please contact paraeducators at 714-245-6460 to sign up.

Each day of art camp will explore a different technique and medium and look at how science makes art work. We will start with a brief theory lesson, followed by the creation of a masterpiece. Topics are fresco, still life, mosaics, stained glass, and relief sculpture.

CANCELLATION:

In the event your student is unable to attend a session, please contact the instructor at least a day ahead at Catherine@catherinemilne.com so students on the waiting list can be contacted.

Site Workshops

South

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Class Sign-Ups

Please sign up on the clipboards up front for classes.

You may also call Cindy to sign up at 949-425-2100.

Kindergarten Graduation

Tuesday, May 24

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Alicia Park

Cost: \$2.00 paid at the South front desk for caps

Please join us to celebrate the culmination of your Kindergarten year! We will meet at Alicia Park and enjoy a story, a group activity, and receive graduation certificates. Bring a family lunch if you would like, and stay and play with your fellow graduates and friends. Don't forget your camera!

Call or sign up on the clipboard at CHEP South



Honk Jr!



Hands-On Science Classes

Grades 1-2

Thursday, May 19

9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

Explore the world of marine animals.

Students will learn about what these animals need to breathe and live in their environments.

Grades 3-4

Thursday, May 19

10:15a.m.-11:15a.m.

The Interaction of marine animals in the tide pools.

Students learn about what causes a tide pool and the kind of environment it is for marine animals.

Grades 5-6

Thursday, May 19

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Exploring the world of invertebrates living in the ocean

Students will examine the world of invertebrates living in the ocean by dissecting a squid.

Grades 7-8

Thursday, May 19

12:45 p.m.-2:15p.m.

Classifying marine organisms

Students will learn how to classify marine organisms by dissecting a mussel and a squid.



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South cont'd...

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South's Summer Sensation

SCIENCE AND ART CAMP

10:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grade: 1-8, Kindergarten with parent in attendance

Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, and 9 OR

Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, and 10

Instructor: Catherine Milne

Please sign up on the clipboard in the lobby or call to sign up at 949-425-2100.

Students will have a supervised lunch break between classes, 12:00 noon – 12:30 p.m., and will need to bring a lunch and drink. In the event you are unable to attend a class, please contact the instructor at Catherine@catherinemilne.com at least 24 hours ahead of time or leave a message at 949-425-2100 so we can offer the space to a student on the waiting list.

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Summer Hours at CHEP South

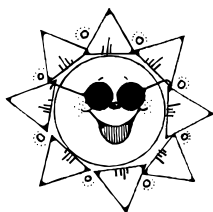
CHEP South will be open during months 1 and 2, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, and

Wednesdays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, and 10

Reader's Theater Performance





SUMMER 2011 OPPORTUNITIES

- Weekly classes at CHEP sites
- Keep current books in subjects needing to finish (no limit)
- Two subjects of next grade level to get a jump start
- Summer Packet to introduce new grade level
- Reflection Units for review of major concepts of grade just completed
- Key to Fractions (about 3rd through 6th grades)
- Key to Algebra (5th grade and up)
- ALEKS online math (3rd grade and up)
- Online Courses for 7th & 8th graders (see website for list)
- U.S. Constitution Packet for 8th graders
- 6th/7th/8th grade social studies standards packets (on STAR 8th grade test)
- Atelier Art Curriculum
- Educational resources at CHEP website <http://chep.ocde.us>
- Grammar Review
- Thematic Units
- State Report
- Country Report
- Family trips that involve educational opportunities
- Library programs and Reading Contests
- Reading programs through bookstores
- Museums and other field trips
- Community or private art, music, drama opportunities
- Summer camps
- Sports teams, camps, exercise programs (PE credit)
- Scouting Activities/Camps
- EXPO Project

