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A Note from the Principal: From the Desk of Jane Donev

I have received some very exciting news from across CHEP this past week, and wanted to take the opportunity to share some of our students' accomplishments with all of our CHEP families. We are so proud of our students for many reasons~ and these particular accomplishments really demonstrate the philanthropy, creativity, and hard work that is so much a part of what our children do and who they are.

Halli Brainard, one of our very industrious CHEP North 3rd graders, adopted the Interfaith Food Center (IFC) as the focus of her community-service project this year. Through hard work and creativity, working with classmates, friends and facebook, Halli collected donations to buy over \$2,600 worth of food for the center! Halli and her parents delivered about 1,200 pounds of food to IFC last week, which will go a long way in supporting needy families within her community! Well done, Halli!

We are also proud to announce that Mariam Rahmatullah, Iman Smadi, and Caleb Stupin will be honored at the Richard Nixon Library Geography Program Awards Ceremony on April 16th for having earned a perfect score on the 7th Grade Geography Challenge test. Students who will be receiving honorable mention certificates for high test scores include Becky Speth, Kelton Munch, Neda Ibrahim, Owais Ali, and Noor Naji. The class participants studied over 300 locations around the globe, and then were tested in March by docents from the Nixon Library using a blank world map on which they had to identify 35 random geographical locations. Bravo!!

And.....Nine of our 6th through 8th grade CHEP North students participated in the 63rd Annual Los Angeles County Science and Engineering Fair. The fair was held March 21 through March 23 at the Pasadena Convention Center. Congratulations to the following CHEP students who were honored at the awards ceremony:

Recognition Medal Recipients

Esmah Ascha (Plant Biology)
Hamza Jukaku (General Physics)
Iman Shaikh (Applied Chemistry)

Sama Khan (Applied Chemistry)
Shaheer Saif (Engineering Applications)

Honorable Mention Medal Recipients:

Noor Naji (General Chemistry)

Abdullah Khan (Plant Biology)

2nd Place Medal Recipients: These winners will continue on to the California State Science Fair mid-April, and they have also been nominated to enter the Broadcom MASTERS, a national science competition.

Maryam Khan (Engineering Research)

Maryam Bharucha (Pharmacology)

Special Cash Prize and Award Recipients

Maryam Khan (Engineering Research) Awarded by Professional Engineers in California Government (CalTrans)

Abdullah Khan (Plant Biology) Awarded by Southern California Horticultural Society

If you have a Superstar CHEP story to share, please pass it on to your teacher! We love to share the good work and wonderful accomplishments of our students!

Program News

Transitional Kindergarten

Will your child or a child you know turn 5 between October 2 and December 2, 2013? Or, are you considering waiting another year before enrolling your child in kindergarten? Our Transitional Kindergarten (TK) program may be the right fit for your child. TK is a program designed to prepare young kindergarteners for success in school by giving them the gift of time to grow and develop.

TK is a wonderful way to introduce children to learning by providing enriching, fun, and developmentally appropriate activities to engage in with your child.

Parent Information meeting will be held at all of our CHEP sites:

Central- Friday, June 7 at 10:00 a.m.
North- May 21 and June 18 at 1:00 p.m.
West- Tuesday, May 21 at 3:00 p.m.
South- Tuesday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Come and learn more about this hands-on thematic program! Call to reserve your spot today!

Jump Sky High

Sky High Sports
The Wall-to-Wall Trampoline Complex
Come Join the Fun

Wednesday, May 15
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
2970 Airway Ave, Costa Mesa, CA 92626
Cost: \$12 per jumper

Pay at the door. No charge for admission if you are not jumping. Any questions please contact CHEP Central Mom, Liz Curtis at 707-319-5406.

Eighth Grade Promotion



8th graders and families

Thursday, June 6
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Students arrive by 3:00
Plummer Auditorium
Fullerton



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 graders. All families of eighth graders will receive a letter of invitation this month with the necessary details. Celebrate this exciting milestone!

Please note that the Plummer Auditorium does NOT allow balloons inside the building.

EXPO Winners

What a wonderful assortment of projects and egg crash cars we had. Each one was so unique.

Our three grand champion project winners were **Audrey Lawrence**, K; **Jodi Frazier**, 6; and **Natalie Penn**, 7.

We had some far-reaching egg racers. Our K-4 contestants were: 1st place: **Ezekiel Nishio**, 2nd place: **Lily Hernandez**; 3rd place: **Julian Mendez**. Upper grade winners were: 1st place: **Owen Pearce** (with an amazing 81'6"!); 2nd place: **Christeny Monzello**; 3rd place: **Jude Goodman**.

Our t-shirt contest was won by **Daniel John Yates**. We look forward to wearing these soon.

Congratulations one and all.

Field Trips

San Diego Zoo

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – Meet at the main gate and check in with Cheri Evans. (Look for the Dr. Seuss Hat)
2920 Zoo Drive, San Diego, CA 92101

Option A:

\$10 per person (Grades TK – 12 and Adults) No babies, toddlers or preschoolers.

This zoo experience includes entrance to the zoo, a two hour docent-led tour, a bus ride around the zoo, and two behind the scenes opportunities. This option is not available for any toddlers, babies, or preschoolers. Please see option B if one parent is going to attend the zoo with children younger than 5.

Option B:

\$7 per person

This option is for parents with preschoolers who want to attend the zoo, but are not able to go on the two hour tour offered. This price does not include the bus tour. This option is very strict with ratios and cannot exceed more than one adult per one child. Children 2 and under are free.

To register or if you have any questions, please call Nan at CHEP West at 714-245-6485. You will receive a confirmation to guarantee your spot.

Make checks payable to OCDE and mail to:
Community Home Education Program
Attn: Nan
11085 Knott Ave., Suite A, Cypress, CA 90630

LAST DAY TO REGISTER: THURSDAY JUNE 13

Oasis Camel Dairy

Monday, July 1

Grades K – 8

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

26757 Old Julian Highway, Ramona, CA 92065

760-787-0983

www.cameldairy.com

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Get ready for a humorous, intimate time with the camels of Julian at the Oasis Camel Dairy. Enjoy learning about the life of a camel, the facilities where they live, and experience an actual ride on a camel. (200 lb limit) Sit back in a comfortable chair while the tour comes to you. The camels will come up close to meet you and give you great opportunities to pet them.

At the conclusion of your camel trip, you may want to visit the famous Dudley's Bakery to enjoy their wares and savor the aroma and taste of a wonderful Julian apple pie.

Plan to stay overnight somewhere nearby on your own and join the CHEP family field trip to the San Diego Zoo on July 2, 2013.

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Field Trips

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Brass Rubbing Medieval Art

Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Grades 2-8

10:00 a.m.

CHEP North

1250 N. Lakeview, Anaheim, CA 92807

\$10 per student

Come and experience the drama and imagery of the Middle Ages through the simple hands-on craft of Brass Rubbing. During the 2012-2013 school year, we had a scheduled field trip for this wonderful art opportunity. Many of our families were disappointed they missed out so this opportunity is being offered onsite to respond to the request of many of our parents. For parents who may be interested in participating, we will notify you closer to the date if we have the space to accommodate you. Cost will be the same if that is arranged.

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Griffith Park Observatory

Saturday, August 17, 2013

2:00p.m. – 9:00p.m.

2800 East Observatory Rd. Los Angeles, CA 90027

213-473-0800

Cost: See below

www.griffithobs.org

Visit three levels of exhibits in the museum and experience the kid friendly level's Solar System, Weigh on Each Planet, see a meteorite, understand how a seismograph works, and many others. Amateur astronomers will focus their telescopes on a variety of sky life for you to enjoy. Bring your picnic dinner and share a time of visiting during dinner with other CHEP families on the green outside the museum.

There is no admission charge to enter the Observatory building and parking is free. Shows are available throughout the day and include: Planetarium show, Water is Life, Centered in the Universe, Light of the Balkyries, and Time's Up. We are not taking reservations for any shows. Tickets may be purchased at the Observatory when you arrive. Please go to the website for specific times tickets go on sale, times of shows, prices and directions to the Observatory.

To register call Nan at CHEP WEST at 714-245-6485. You will receive a confirmation to guarantee your spot.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER IS MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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.

Art Days with Miss Vanessa

Grades 7 – 8
Tuesday, May 14
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Grades 4 – 6
Thursday, May 16
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grades 2 – 3
Wednesday, May 15
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Grades K – 1
Wednesday, May 15
10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Site Workshops

North

Summer Art Session

For 2013 summer school participants, enrollment for these classes begins May 13.
Please contact CHEP North to enroll.

Session 1A and 1B teach the same Art concepts

Session 1A

Wednesdays July 10, 17, and 24
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Session 1B

Thursdays July 11, 18, and 25
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Session 2A and 2B teach the same Art concepts

Session 2A

Wednesdays August 14, and 21
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Session 2B

Thursdays August 15, and 22
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Site Workshops

South

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.

Kindergarten Promotion Celebration

Thursday, May 23

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Location: Alicia Park on Via Linda/Madero, Mission Viejo

RSVP: Cindy at 949-425-2100

Please join us to celebrate the culmination of your Kindergarten year! Enjoy a story, group activity, and receive your graduation certificate. Invite your family and friends! Afterward, plan to stay and play with your fellow graduates and friends if you would like. Don't forget your camera! Cake and water will be provided.

Science Classes at South

Tuesday, May 14

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Grade 6
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Grade 5
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Grade 4
12:00 noon – 1:00 p.m.	Grades 2-3
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	Grades K-1

Wednesday, May 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.	Grade 7
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Grade 8

Please sign up at the front desk or call Cindy to sign up at 949-425-2100.



Art Classes at South

Friday, May 10

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.	Grades K-1
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Grades 2-3
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Grades 4-8

OR

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Grades 4-8
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OR

1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.	Grade 4-8
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Please sign up at the front desk or call Cindy to sign up at 949-425-2100 with your preferred time.

CHEP South Yearbook

Yearbook Photos are still being accepted in our CHEP South Shutterfly album. If you have pictures to upload, and we hope you do, please e-mail the yearbook staff at chepsouth@gmail.com. We will send you the instructions and password you will need. Stay tuned for more details on how to pre-purchase your yearbook and how to reserve special pages for your children. Yearbooks will be distributed at a summer park gathering (date to be determined).

Mini-Scholastic Book Fair

Friday through Wednesday, May 10-15

Want to conquer the "I'm bored" monster this summer? Come join us at South for our summer reading Mini-Scholastic Book Fair. There will be lots of fun books sure to ward off those "I'm bored blues."

Site Workshops

South_{cont'd...}

Summer Hours at South

CHEP South will be open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, and 13 for enrolled students during summer session (Month 1 & Month 2). Staff will be on-site and available for support if needed. Our library and resource materials are available for checkout.

Summer Session Art Classes

Instructor: Marsha Judd

Grades 1-8

Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, August 13 and 20

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Or

10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Or

12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Or

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, May 14 for those enrolled for summer session of the 2013-14 school year. Please sign up at the front desk or call Cindy to sign up at 949-425-2100 indicating your preferred dates and times.

Site Workshops

West

End of Year Party (All Sites)

Grades: K – 8

Wednesday, May 15

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: Adults; \$4.00, Kids; \$8.00

Fun City: 14545 Valley View Ave., Suite G, Santa Fe Springs

Are you ready to bounce around? CHEP WEST PTO is hosting an ALL SITE afternoon of fun and food at Fun City in Santa Fe Springs. They will have food and drinks available for sale so come and join us as we get a "bouncing" start to summer!! Call CHEP West to sign up at 714-245-6480.

CHEP Memories

On Sale Now!

We are now taking pre-orders for the 2012-2013 yearbooks.

Cost is \$25.00 per book. Please turn in your order form and payment at the front desk.

Let's go Skating

Wednesday, May 8, 2013

\$5.00 per person (includes skate rental); pay at the door

Fountain Valley Roller Skating Center

9105 Recreation Circle, Fountain Valley, CA 92708

Grab those skates again and join the fun for another skate day. All ages welcome! Any questions contact Liz Curtis @ 707-319-5406.

The Race is on!

The last day for the 2012/2013 BOXTOPS Contest will be Friday, May 17. So far this year we have collected \$147.00. Our winner for 2012-2013 will be contacted during the week of May 20. Please keep saving your BOXTOPS over the summer and get a head start for our contest next year. Thanks for participating!!

Site Workshops

West cont'd...

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.

Summer Fun at West

SESSION 1 – Wednesdays, July 10, 17, and 24

Grades K – 3

ART: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

FIBER: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Grades 4 – 8

FIBER: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ART: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

SESSION 2 – Wednesdays, July 31, August 7, and 14

Grades K – 3

FIBER: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

ART: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Grades 4–8

ART: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

FIBER: 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Contact paraeducators to sign up at 714-245-6480 beginning May 13. Sign up is limited to one session.

We will have fun together in two 3 week sessions. Classes will be divided into grade levels (K – 3 and 4 – 8). Offerings will include weekly creative and fun art projects and then a class in Fiber Arts, using interactive activities to explore fiber, knitting, and crocheting from the sheep to the final product. Mark your calendars and come make new friends or see old ones!

CLUB 2/3

Tuesday, May 14

1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

This will be our last class for this school year.

Algebra

Wednesday, May 8, 15, and 22

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The final chapter tests will be the last class.

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Seventh & Eighth Grade Dance

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

Wednesday, June 5

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Did you ever want to go to Paris? Come celebrate our graduating 8th Grade Students in the fabulous "City of Paris" with food, fun and dancing! Hope to see you there!

Kindergarten Club

Monday, May 20

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Topic– plants

Math Focus– Addition and Subtraction

Graduation Practice

Kindergarten Graduation

Wednesday, May 29

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Graduates please arrive at 9:45 a.m. and meet in classroom 2.

Save the date for this important milestone event! Contact Sandra Lewis at (714)245-6474 or slewis@ocde.us to let her know that your kindergarten student will be attending. Bring your cameras. You won't want to miss it!

Nooks & Crannies

The end of school is fast approaching so it is time to start returning items that have been checked out from the library, manipulative supplies and storage areas. Teachers will have lists for each family of any items checked out. PLEASE RETURN ONLY ITEMS THAT YOU ARE FINISHED USING! Otherwise, you can return items at the end of school with your curriculum books. THANK YOU!