

# CHEP Newsletter

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## A Note from the Principal: From the desk of Jane Doney

Welcome to the 2014-2015 school year! Summer is flying by and we are very excited about the coming year. There have been changes over the past few months- two site moves, farewell to beloved CHEP teachers, and the addition of new teachers in our program.

The CHEP South site has closed its doors, and is in the midst of merging with CHEP Central. A new classroom was created upstairs at Central, as well as a study area and a spot designated for hands-on science exploration. We are excited to have increased our capacity for classes and student learning and hope that families will take advantage of them.

Because of the build-out at CHEP Central, our administrative office has moved to Cypress, just two doors away from CHEP West. While administration's physical address has changed, please note that our phone numbers and email addresses have stayed the same.

We also said good-bye to four CHEP teachers since the end of last year. Marilyn Lagosz retired in June, after many years as a beloved CHEP teacher, and Julie Ames, Cindy Dimmit, and Patti Allen have moved to work at other sites in the ACCESS program. We will miss them all very much and the giftedness that they each brought to CHEP.

We also welcome three new teachers: Brian Hightower and Salena Burke will join the CHEP North staff, and Sylvana Kaliterna will be teaching at CHEP West. All three come from other ACCESS programs and bring a wealth of experience that will be beneficial to their families and our program.

Finally, an update on our math adoption. We have purchased Kindergarten – 5<sup>th</sup> grade *Go Math* for the 2014-15 school year. We will purchase the 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade *Go Math* program in the 2015-16 school year. In the meantime, ALEKs math will be made available as a course option (at no cost) to students in 6<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> grade for this year, in addition to the math text we have previously used. ALEKs has implemented the new standards, and we are pleased to offer this interim option for our middle school students, if you are interested.

Whew ~ what a summer! It has been replete with change, growth and a lot of collaborative work. It is going to be a wonderful year and we are so thankful that you have chosen to be a part of our CHEP community! Don't forget to check us out on our Pinterest board (CHEP Ideas) and to share any ideas you may have for engaging your students, deepening their learning, and making homeschool fun! Hope to see you soon~ Jane

# Program News

## CHEP Broadway Drama Club Casting Call for 6th-8th graders



**Hollywood on Broadway** is a musical revue of scenes and songs from your favorite movies adapted to the stage, including *Aladdin*, *Shrek*, *Bring It On*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Little Mermaid*, *9 to 5*, *Lion King*, and more.

**Friday, October 31....12:30-2:30pm @ CHEP Central**

*Directed by Barry Koff and Tisi Whitko*

- Come prepared to sing a 1-minute song of your choice.
- You may bring **instrumental only** music to accompany you.
- Email Judy Zeller at [jzeller@ocde.us](mailto:jzeller@ocde.us) to receive an **assigned time** to arrive. Appointments are scheduled every 15 minutes. No drop-ins please.
- All parents/young actors will be emailed a participation agreement. Please print, read, sign, and return the agreement at the casting call.
- Rehearsals are at CHEP Central on Fridays from 12:30-2:30pm beginning November 7 (**No classes 11/28, 12/19, 12/26 & 1/2**). Attendance is required every Friday unless notified.  
**Please Note: A mandatory parent meeting will take place the first 15 minutes of class on November 7.**

Matinee and evening performances/dress rehearsals are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 19-21, 2015 at Pacific Coast High School in Tustin.

## CHEP Family Beach Day

When: September 4

Where: Balboa Beach, to the left of Balboa Pier in Newport Beach.

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Bring your sunscreen, lunch, and sand toys and join us for some fun in the sun! This beach has a playground in the sand. Restrooms are available on the beach and there is also a Ruby's diner on the pier if you want to buy lunch.

Parking on the street is free. Parking in the lot/or meters is \$1.50 hour.

Call Liz Curtis at [\(707\) 319-5406](tel:7073195406) with any questions.

# CHEP Central

## Signing Up for Classes at Central

Beginning Tuesday, August 12, sign-ups are available at the site.

Beginning Tuesday, August 19, you may call the front desk for sign-ups at (714) 327-1010

## Grade Level Block Classes

Students have the opportunity to attend grade level block classes at CHEP Central. Students may choose to attend one or all classes. Block classes meet 3 weeks each month and do not meet during turn-in week, the first week of each attendance month. Other classes, including Art and Spanish, will meet during turn-in week. Please see class schedules below for the different grades, days, and times. **Class calendars will be handed out at parent orientation.**

## Middle School Academy Tuesdays

Tuesdays, beginning September 16  
2Xs a month: Short Stories, Writing, Math, and Technology  
1X a month: STEAM

Grade 7  
Short Stories and Writing  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Math and Technology  
Teacher: Kerrie Schulze  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grade 8  
Math and Technology  
Teacher: Kerry Schulze  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Short Stories and Writing  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grades 7 and 8  
STEAM  
Teachers: Alyne Cronin and Julie Neiswonger  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Wednesdays

Wednesdays, beginning September 17  
2Xs a month: Literature, Writing, Math and Technology  
1X a month: STEAM

Grade 5  
Literature and Writing  
Teacher: Celia Endsley  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Math and Technology  
Teacher: Kerrie Schulze  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grade 6  
Math and Technology  
Teacher: Kerrie Schulze  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Literature and Writing  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grades 5 and 6  
STEAM  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teachers: Alyne Cronin and Julie Neiswonger

## Third and Fourth Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, beginning September 18  
2Xs a month: Literature, Writing, Math and Science  
1X a month: STEAM

Literature and Writing  
Teacher: Peg Broyles  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Math and Science  
Teacher: Jaycie Cerbin  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

STEAM  
Teacher: Cathy Marshall  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Second Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, beginning September 18  
3Xs a month: Literature, Writing, Math and Science

Math and Science  
Teacher: Jaycie Cerbin  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.

Literature and Writing  
Teacher: Celia Endsley  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

## Kindergarten and First Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, beginning September 18  
3Xs a month: Language Arts, Math, Science, Art, and Music

Calendar Time with Miss Judy  
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Language Arts, Math, Science, Art, and Music  
Teacher: Robin Roberson  
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Pancakes and Storybooks

GET ACQUAINTED BREAKFAST & BOOK FAIR  
CHEP Central Castle  
Thursday, September 4  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
1 plate – \$3.00 or 2 plates – \$5.00

Celebrate! Dress up as your favorite book character for our storybook fair and pancake breakfast. Visit with the CHEP families you know and make new CHEP family friends – CHEP Central and CHEP South, now merged! We will also be greeting our brand new CHEP families! This will be a great time for families, new and old, to meet all the CHEP teachers and staff and to learn more about this new school year's home school adventure. The Pancake Breakfast will raise money for new materials for our school site. Please sign up at the site or by phone.

## Orientations and August Art Classes

### GRADE LEVEL PARENT ORIENTATIONS AND AUGUST STUDENT ART CLASSES

Find out about your child's curriculum and the grade level classes being offered this Year! Parent orientations will cover grade level class content and specifics, and classroom teachers will be available to answer questions. While parents attend the orientation upstairs, students may attend the art class downstairs.

GRADES 7-8  
Tuesday, August 26  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GRADES 5-6  
Wednesday, August 27  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GRADES 3-4  
Thursday, August 28  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

GRADES K-2  
Thursday, August 28  
11:00 a.m. – noon

## Band at Central

Fridays  
TBD

## Choir at Central

Fridays  
Grades K-3:  
9:45a.m.-10:45a.m.  
Grades 4-8:  
11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Instructor: Harrison Zierer

## Picture Day

Monday, September 15  
9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

# CHEP Central

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## September Art Classes

Tuesday, September 23 & Thursday, September 25  
Instructor: Vanessa Householder  
Choose one class a month.  
Contact the Front Desk to sign up.

Tuesday, September 23  
Grades 6-8  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Grades K-2  
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Grades 3-5  
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 25  
Grades 3-5  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Grades 6-8  
11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.  
Grades K-2  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Theatre Workshop

GRADES: 6-8  
Fridays: Beginning September 26 through October 24  
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Instructors: CHEP & PCHS drama coach Barry Koff and CHEP Central teacher Tisi Whitko

This 6 week class is for beginners through experienced drama students interested in gaining or advancing their skills in the fundamentals of acting and theater production. Weekly exercises include developing an actor's tools in creating a character through improvisation, monologues, and duo or group scene work. The class will include the viewing and study of classic scenes involving great acting performances in television, film, and theater. This class is highly recommended for those students interested in participating in the upcoming spring semester CHEP Broadway musical production of *Hollywood on Broadway*.

# CHEP North

## CHEP/PCHS Transition Class

Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Wednesday, August 27  
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Teacher: Brigette Brink

This is an overview of the CHEP/PCHS transition classes: Computer Skills, English/Language Arts, World History, U.S. History, Physical Science, Short Stories. We will also go over the ALEKS Math program. All classes are conducted 100% online. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Graded Report Card 101

Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
Wednesday, August 27  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Teacher: Brigette Brink

This is an overview of the graded report card. If you are considering using this option, or if your future high school requires grades, this is the class for you. We will go over each subject's requirements and how to record grades. Contact paraeducators to sign up.



## Pearson English Language Arts Curriculum Training

### K – 1

Wednesday, August 27  
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Grade 2

Wednesday, September 3  
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

### Grade 3 – 5

Wednesday, September 3  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

### Grade 6 – 8

Wednesday, September 3  
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

These parent seminars are strongly recommended. They will help you in understanding how to implement the important aspects of this outstanding curriculum. We hope you will join us. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Art Classes

Friday, September 5

K – 8  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or  
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. or  
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Friday, September 26 OR October 3

K – 8  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or  
10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. or  
12:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Kinder Kamp & First Grade Follies

Tuesday, September 2

Kinder: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Ancient Civilizations

Grade 6

Thursdays, September 4, October 23  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Cris Hatfield

From Sumeria to Rome, this class will cover major civilizations with a variety of class activities designed to enhance the social studies curriculum. The class will also include guidelines for completing an ancient country report and a literature unit on *The Bronze Bow* by Elizabeth Speare. Parents, please attend the first 10 minutes of our first class for an overview and complete dates. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Welcome Back to School Celebration

SAVE THE DATE!

All CHEP North families  
Friday, September 12

New families welcome: 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
All Families Chic-Fil-A lunch truck: 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Oceanography presentations: 12:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Picture Day

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.  
Show up when you can, no appointment is needed.



## Math

Wednesday, September 24

General: 9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Algebra Concepts: 10:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.  
Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Salt Marsh Ecosystems Class & Sea & Sage Audubon Field Trip

Grades 4-6

Thursdays, September 18 and October 2

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Field Trip: Tuesday, October 14

9:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Teacher: Cris Hatfield

Cost: \$ 5.00 per student, payable at field trip. This visit to the Audubon Center at the San Joaquin Wildlife Sanctuary in Irvine includes a bird walk to view common wetland birds and a pond study to look at the ecology of the wetland area. Students will have the opportunity to use binoculars and microscopes during the day's study. Preparation by attending the classes is required for this trip. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## 2/3 Club

Tuesdays, September 23, October 14 and 28

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Teachers: Brigette Brink, Kathi Hirsch, and Deborah McIntire

Calling all 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!! We will be reading and responding to literature, using the California Young Reader medal nominated books, learning and reviewing grammar and math skills, experimenting in science, playing games, and participating in writing activities.

Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Washington DC Travel Group Prep Class

Thursdays, September 25 and October 9

9:30 a.m.

All families are encouraged to attend for instruction and information about our Fall Washington D.C. trip.

## Spanish

Mondays, Starting September 29

Grades TK - 4

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

Grades 5 - 8

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

Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## Choir

Mondays, Starting September 29

Grades 5-8

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

Grades TK-4

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

Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## TK-K-1-2 University

Tuesday, September 30

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come and engage with other TKO2nd grade parents for a jump start to your child's learning. Conversation and craft included. Don't miss it! No child care. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

## California Club

Grade 4

Wednesdays, October 8 and 22

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Teacher: Kathi Hirsch

Come and spend time with other 4<sup>th</sup> graders each month studying California history and doing hands-on activities. We include historical literature, plus opportunities for group work and sharing. A field trip to Knott's Berry Farm, "The Westward Movement," is being planned for spring. Parents please come to last half hour of first class for important information. Contact paraeducators to sign up.

# CHEP West

Note: All CHEP West classes, except Spanish and First & Second Grade Class, begin the week of September 15

## Pancake Breakfast & New Parent Welcome

All Families Welcome!

Monday, August 18

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast

9:30 a.m. – New Parent Welcome

Come join us for a yummy get-together and school start kick-off. Make new friends and see some old friends at our first annual pancake breakfast! Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## First and Second Grade Class

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, and 29

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Teacher: MJ Roberts

Come and have fun as we learn math, science, reading and more. Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## West Picture Day

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

All grades – siblings and families are welcome and no appointment is necessary.

## TK/K Club

Mondays, September 15, 22, and 29

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Teacher: Sandra Lewis

Themes: apples; owls; neighborhoods.  
Math Focus: sorting and patterning  
All TK and K students are welcome to come join in the fun! Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Writing Fundamentals for Parents

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Teacher: Sandra Lewis

Parents of first and second grade students are invited to attend this workshop while your children are in their class. We will focus on Narrative, Informative, and Opinion writing using the writing process. Strategies will also be given on how to incorporate writing with science and social studies texts. Please bring your Reading Street Teacher's Edition with you. Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Art Classes

CHEP West – See block schedule for middle school art classes at West.

Mondays, September 22, and 29

Grades TK – K

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Grades 1 – 2

10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Grades 3 – 4

9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Grades 5 – 6

1:45 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Ms. Vanessa

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Middle School Parent Orientation

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Parents, please plan on attending the first Middle School Block Class with your child on September 17 at 9:00 a.m. This orientation covers class content and expectations for parents and students, including grade logs for all middle school students and Algebra placement for high school. Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.



## Music Classes

Choir  
Tuesdays, September 16, 23, and 30  
Grades 5 – 8  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Grades 2 – 4  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
Grades TK – 1  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Harrison Zierer  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Third and Fourth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, September 18 and 25  
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.  
Science  
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, September 18 and 25  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Science  
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## American Girls

Thursday, September 25  
Grades 3-6  
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Teachers: Gayle Haugh and Dyanna Espinoza  
Come join us as we learn about the life and times of *Felicity*, *Josefina*, and *Molly* including important aspects of the historical and cultural period. Prior to the first class, please read *Meet Felicity* and bring your book to the first class meeting. *American Girl* dolls are welcome to come along! Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480.

## Seventh and Eighth Grade Block Classes

Wednesdays, September 17 and 24  
Computer Lab – open for middle school

## Middle School Art

Wednesday, September 17  
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Middle School STEAM Class/Cooking

Wednesday, September 24  
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.  
Teachers: Kristy Kazmark  
This project based math and science class will support topics in Pre-Algebra and Algebra.

### Cooking Class

8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
This class is taught in conjunction with the STEAM Class. We will be cooking various recipes approximately once a month using math and science concepts taught during STEAM class. At times, we will be working on math activities during cooking preparation down time. Students not regularly attending STEAM Class may not participate in cooking class. Cooking is a very popular class, so please sign up for the Middle School Block classes. Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Band

Fridays  
Details TBA

## Spanish Classes

Tuesday, September 30

Note: This is the first Spanish class

Grades TK – 4

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 5 – 8

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Instructor: Murney Blades

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Yearbook Class

Grades 6 – 8

11:45 p.m.–12:45 p.m.

Instructor: Jennifer McDuffie

Come get involved as we create our yearbook for 2014/2015. Students will help design pages for the many classes and activities throughout the year.

Any questions, please contact Jennifer McDuffie at 714-307-1606 or [faerymcduffie@msn.com](mailto:faerymcduffie@msn.com)

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Walk Through California

Thursdays, October 2 and 9

Grades 3-6

Thursday, October 2 – Mandatory Prep Class

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, October 9 – Presentation

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Fee: \$10.00 per student

This informative, fun and interactive class about California and its history is presented by California Weekly Explorer specialists. It is necessary to attend the prep class in order to be ready for the presentation class the following week. Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign up.

## Join the PTO!

Help support the CHEP WEST Mustangs by joining PTO. Our PTO was very active last year and provided the site with supplies for the teachers and school, as well as hosting holiday parties for the students. If you have any questions please contact us at: [CHEPwestpto@hotmail.com](mailto:CHEPwestpto@hotmail.com)

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