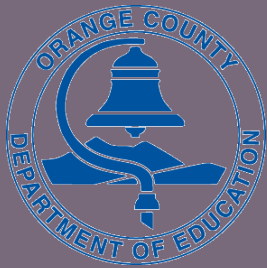


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## A Note from the Principal: From the desk of Jane Doney

Dear CHEP Families~

I hope you are all doing well and settling into the new school year. Every year, time seems to fly by faster and faster! Hopefully, you are able to relax and enjoy the special opportunity you have to be with your children, as you educate them at CHEP.

Please be sure to look through the newsletter carefully to see the breadth of classes and activities that are available to students at CHEP. We strive to find a balance between core subjects and fun themes that will engage your children and provide them with opportunities to make friends and help them feel a part of the CHEP community.

I am pleased to announce that we have a new band instructor for the year. Uy Vu has joined CHEP and will be teaching Band classes at our West and Central sites this year. More information will be coming- including the first class date and other details. We hope you will consider this wonderful opportunity for your child to be involved in music education.

I'm looking forward to a wonderful year and am grateful that we can partner with you in the education of your children at CHEP. I look forward to seeing you at the sites.

Happy Autumn!

Jane

PS Don't forget to follow "CHEP Ideas" on Pinterest!

# 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 p.m.-2:30 p.m. @ **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 p.m. -2:30 p.m. 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.

# Field Trips

## Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI)

Grades 7-8

Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22, 2015

Cost \$260.00, deposit of \$60 upon sign up

Spaces are limited to 30 students

Contact CHEP Central Teacher, Kerrie Schulze to sign-up.

Email: [kschulze@ocde.us](mailto:kschulze@ocde.us)

Phone: 714-327-1011

\*Orientation Meeting for more information and sign-up

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1:00 p.m. CHEP Central

CHEP students in grades 7 and 8 have an outstanding opportunity this year to participate in CIMI's outdoor science camp on Catalina Island at Fox Landing for 3 days, two nights, May 20-22, 2015.

CIMI offers an exciting program of marine biology and island ecology through hands-on experiential science activities in a beautiful natural setting. Expert instructors provide students with activities that will increase science literacy and promote an excitement about science.

A variety of experiential marine science labs focus on fish, sharks and rays, invertebrates, marine mammals, plankton, algae, and island ecology. Fun field activities include snorkeling, kayaking, an island ecology hike, and a night snorkel, among other program events.

For a more in-depth description of CIMI activities and information, visit their website at

[www.guidediscoveries.org/cimifoxlanding.html](http://www.guidediscoveries.org/cimifoxlanding.html)

## Washington DC Travel Group Class

Parents and Students

Wednesday, September 16, 2014, 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 25, 2014, 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, October 9, 2014, 9:30 a.m.

All students and parents will want to attend classes in preparation for our DC trip. More information about the content of each of these classes will be provided at the September 16<sup>th</sup> gathering. No sign-ups will be taken since we know you all will be coming. September 16 class will have Greg, our traveling host with us to answer questions. Information will be given out on this day regarding what to bring and how to be prepared.

Each family should bring to the class one website that you have found that will be helpful and enjoyable to other students in preparation for the trip. Please bring copies of the link ready for distribution in class.

Watch for all trip highlights coming to your email box entitled "Under the Cheri Tree."

## Mommy and Me

Each month we focus on a thematic topic, and creative teaching ideas are shared at our meeting prior to the corresponding field trip. The teaching ideas are geared for K-3<sup>rd</sup> graders. Students of all ages are welcome to attend Mommy and Me field trips. This month's thematic unit will be on **Oceanography** at the **Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific**. Stay the rest of the day to explore the aquarium on your own!

Long Beach Aquarium sign-ups begin now, and will close on Wednesday, October 15. Field trips are pre-paid and non-refundable. Please contact Dianna Chen at CHEP North (714)245-6457 for more information.

LONG BEACH AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Grades K-2

Grades 3-5 (and older students welcome)

Pre-trip meeting at CHEP-North

Wednesday, October 1, 1:30 p.m.

Field trip: Wednesday, October 29, 11:30 a.m.

Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific Coast: \$9.00 per person

The "Sharky's Adventure" program is geared for K-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. Join Sharky as he goes on an adventure to learn what sharks eat, how they find their food and what their skin feels like in this exciting class. As Sharky explores the world of sharks, students will gain a better appreciation for these magnificent predators.

-OR- If your student is a 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grader (or older), join us in the "Predator" program as we discover the fascinating world of sharks, sea stars, and octopuses! Students will go into a frenzy touching a real shark as they dispel some of the myths of this world-famous predator.

# CHEP Central

## Signing Up for Classes at Central

For sign-ups, please email the front desk at [jzeller@ocde.us](mailto:jzeller@ocde.us) or [cwilliams@ocde.us](mailto:cwilliams@ocde.us)

## 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

Tuesday, October 7

Grades 7-8: Cooking with STEAM  
(Science, technology, engineering, art, and math)  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teachers: Alyne Cronin and Julie Neiswonger

Tuesdays, October 14 and 28

Grade 7: Short Stories and Writing  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor

Grade 7: Math and Technology  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Kerrie Schultz

Grade 8: Math and Technology  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Kerry Schultz

Grade 8: Short Stories and Writing  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Wednesdays

Wednesdays, October 1, 15 and 29

Grade 5: Math and Technology  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Kerrie Schultz

Grade 5: History and Language Arts  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Celia Endsley

Grade 6: *Summer of the Monkeys* and Writing  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor

Grade 6: Math and Technology  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Kerrie Schultz

## Second, Third and Fourth Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16 and 30

Grades 2 and 3: Math and Science /Whiz Kids  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Jaycie Cerbin /Cathy Marshall

Grades 2 and \*3: Medal Readers  
Teacher: Celia Endsley  
11:05 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grades \*3 and 4: Step Up to Writing  
9:30 a.m. – 10:55 a.m.  
Teacher: Peg Broyles

Grades 3 and 4: Math and Science / Whiz Kids  
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Teacher: Jaycie Cerbin / Cathy Marshall

\*Students in grade 3 may sign up for either 2-3 Medal Readers block day or 3-4 Step Up to Writing block day.

## Kindergarten and First Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16 and 30

Calendar Time with Miss Judy  
12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Language Arts, Math, Science, Art, and Music  
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Teacher: Robin Roberson

## Creative Writing

Grades 3-8  
Wednesdays, October 8, 15 and 29  
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Parent Instructors: Brit Swingler and Sandra Bilcor

Explore your creativity! This class offers fun ways to write, the tools you need, and individual help. Class limited to 15 students. Please commit to regular attendance through semester 1.

## Choir at Central

Fridays  
Grades K-4:  
9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.  
Grades 5-8:  
11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Instructor: Harrison Zierer

## Band at Central

Fridays, Starting October 3

Grades 4-8  
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.-Beginning Band  
9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.-Advanced Band  
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.-Violin Class  
Instructor: Uy Vu

## October Spanish Classes

Wednesday October 22

Grades TK – 4  
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.  
Grades 4 – 8  
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## Presenters' Club

Grades K-8  
Wednesday, October 22  
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  
Parent Facilitators: Brit Swingler and Sandra Bilcor

Don't miss this once a month opportunity for your student to experience public speaking! Our easy-going atmosphere makes it comfortable for students to share a summer trip, a book they have read, a school project, or a Lego creation. Come for a visit, whether or not your student plans to present. Questions: [britton@swinglerfamily.com](mailto:britton@swinglerfamily.com)



# CHEP Central

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## October Art Classes

Instructor: Vanessa Householder  
Choose one class a month.  
Contact the front desk to sign up.

Tuesday, October 21

Grades 6-8

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades K-2

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.

Grades 3-5

12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 23

Grades 3-5

9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Grades 6-8

11:15 a.m. – 12:45 a.m.

Grades K-2

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Theatre Workshop

Grades 6-8

Fridays, September 26, October 3, 10, 17, and 24  
12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Instructors: CHEP & PCHS drama coach Barry Koff  
and CHEP Central teacher Tisi Whitko

This 5 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

## Art Classes

Friday, October 17 Or October 31 (Same project)  
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.

## Picture Make Up Day

Wednesday, October 29

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Show up when you can; no appointment is needed.



## Terrific Kids/Kinder Kamp

Tuesdays, October 7, November 4  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Join other transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students in a fun-packed year of adventures and learning experiences. Please email your sign-up information to [smartin2@ocde.us](mailto:smartin2@ocde.us) including parent name, child's name, teacher, and phone number.

## First Grade Follies

Tuesday, October 7, November 4  
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Please email your sign-up information to [smartin2@ocde.us](mailto:smartin2@ocde.us) including parent name, child's name, teacher, and phone number.

## TK-K-1-2 Parent University

Tuesday, September 30, 2014  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Meet with other parents several times throughout the year to share resources, hear outside speakers, make hands-on activities for your student, and enjoy refreshments. No child care is provided. Sign-up at the Terrific Kids/Kinder Kamp or First Grade Follies class. If for some reason you miss class, email [smartin2@ocde.us](mailto:smartin2@ocde.us).

## Choir

Mondays  
Grades 5–8  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Grades TK– 4  
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

## California Club

Grade 4  
Wednesdays, October 8 and 22  
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.  
Teacher: Kathi Hirsh

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 the last half-hour of the October 8 class.

## Walk Through

Grades 4 – 8  
Required Pre-program meeting:  
Thursday, October 16  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Program: Friday, October 24  
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 noon  
Cost: \$10.00 per student  
Contact Brigette Brink at (714) 245-6456 to register and receive a part.

This is a presentation designed to allow students to actively participate in a lively retelling of history. Through the use of games, music and storytelling, history will come alive! Students will receive short parts to memorize and enact. Costuming according to the era is strongly encouraged. Invite friends and family to attend the program.

## Spanish

Mondays, Starting October 6  
Grades TK– 4  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  
Grades 5–8  
10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

## 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.

## Oceanography

Grades 5-8

Friday, October 31

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

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

Teacher: Cris Hatfield

Enjoy learning about Ocean Life and Characteristics, and get inspired for our Ocean themed upcoming Art Fair too. Contact paraeducators to sign-up.

## 2/3 Club

2/3 CLUB

Tuesdays, October 14 and 28

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

## Geography

Grade 7 ONLY

Thursdays, October 23, and November 20,

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Teacher: Denise Smith

In affiliation with the Richard Nixon Library and Museum, we invite our students to prepare for the 7th Grade Geography Challenge test. Parents are encouraged to attend our first class to hear the program presentation by a library docent. Students with a perfect score on the final test will be honored at an award ceremony which will be held at the library in April.

## Upper Grade Math

Wednesdays

General

9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Algebra Concepts

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

## Ancient Civilizations

Grade 6

Thursdays, October 23, and November 6

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

## US Kids

Grade 5

Thursdays, starting November 6,

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Teacher: Denise Smith

Join us as we explore our 50 states! Our class will include ancestor interviews, state reports, and state floats as well as U.S. history and geography activities. Contact paraeducators to sign-up.



# CHEP West

## West Picture Make-Up Day

Monday, November 3

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

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

## TK/K Club

Mondays, October 6, 20, and 27

NOTE: No class on Oct. 13

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Teacher: Sandra Lewis

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

Weekly Themes: Fire Safety; Fossils; Dinosaurs

Math Focus: (Oct. 6): problem solving 0-10

Math Focus: (Oct. 20 and 27): comparing sets

All TK and K students are welcome to come join in the fun!

## First and Second Grade Class

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Teacher: MJ Roberts

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

Come and have fun as we learn math, science, reading and more.

## Third and Fourth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, October 16, 23, and 30

12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Science

October 16 and 23

Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Social Studies/Writing

October 30

Teacher: Sandra Lewis

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

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, October 16, 23, and 30

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Science

October 16 and 23

Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Journey through India

October 30

Teacher: Alison Wilson

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

Come learn about this unique subcontinent's geography by creating a 3D map.

## American Girls

Grades 3-6

Thursdays, October 16 and 30

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Teachers: Gayle Haugh and Dyanna Espinoza

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

Come join us as we learn about Revolutionary War life in America through our American Girl, Felicity. 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!

## Seventh and Eighth Grade Block Classes

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 29

NOTE: No classes on October 22

Computer Lab – open for middle school

## Stock Market Game Class

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28

11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Teacher: MJ Roberts

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

What would you do with \$50,000? \$100,000?

Could you make it grow into more? This class is set

up to teach investing in the stock market. Students

will work in teams of 3 or 4 to plan and make

trades of actual stocks in a virtual environment.

Schools all over the country are playing the game and

compete with each other to make the most money in

their portfolios. This class will continue throughout

the school year. More dates will be given at the first

class meeting.

## Middle School Math Projects

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, and 15

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Teacher: Kristy Kazmark

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

This project based math and science class will support topics in Pre-Algebra and Algebra.

### Cooking Class

Wednesday, October 29

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 noon

This class is taught in conjunction with the Math Projects Class. We will be cooking various recipes approximately once a month using math and science concepts taught during Math Projects class. Students not regularly attending Math Projects class may not participate in cooking class. Cooking is a very popular class, so please sign-up for the Middle School Block classes.

## Middle School Art

Wednesday, October 1

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

Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza

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

## Yearbook Class

Grades 6 - 8

Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15, and 29

11:45 p.m.-12:45 p.m.

Parent Instructor: Jennifer McDuffie

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

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 [faerymcduff@msn.com](mailto:faerymcduff@msn.com).

## Art Classes

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

Mondays, October 6, 13, 20, and 27

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.

## Short Stuff

Wednesday, October 8 and 15

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

Teacher: Gayle Haugh

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

In "Short Stuff" we will explore short but famous documents, short stories and the like. Come for the fun!

## Spanish Classes

Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28  
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.

## Music Classes

Choir  
Tuesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28  
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.

## Band Classes

Grades 4-8  
Fridays, October 3, 10, 17, 21 and 31  
Beginning Level: 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.  
New families, please attend the first meeting which will include a question and answer session and demonstration of the instruments.  
Instructor: Uy Vu  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

## PTO Meeting

Tuesday, October 7  
9:30 a.m.  
Staff Lounge

## Harvest Party

Grades TK-8  
Wednesday, October 29  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Don't miss out on the annual PTO Harvest Celebration. Enjoy food, fun games, and crafts! If you'd like to, wear a costume!

## Walk Through California

Reminder to those who have signed up:  
Thursdays, October 2 and 9  
Grades 3-6  
At CHEP West  
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

## Boxtop Contest

Let's try to reach \$600.00 this year! We were only \$2.00 short of our \$500.00 goal last year, which is fantastic. Thanks to all those who participated last year. Start saving those Boxtops again and try to win the GRAND PRIZE of \$50.00. Please put your Boxtops in a baggie or small envelope write your name on the outside and then drop it in the container at the front desk. Ready, Set . . . SAVE!!

## 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)