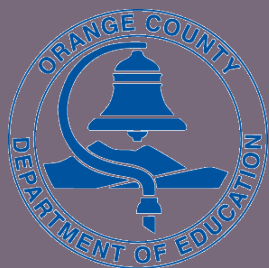


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CHEP EXPO Extravaganza and Variety Show

Tuesday, March 31, 2015

4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Orange County Department of Education
Building D, 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa

Bring your friends and family and enjoy the marvelous showcase of our homeschoolers' creative and educational projects! Come be entertained by the unique performances and amazed by demonstrations and astonished by this year's "Marvelous Mousetrap Car Competition" put on by our students. Even if you don't enter a project or the variety show, plan on being part of this event!

All types of projects are welcome and should reflect the student's learning from this year. Remember that projects can be:

- Social studies/multicultural projects
- Science exhibits and demonstrations
- Arts and crafts, collections, and other creative projects

Check out Discovery Education's helpful Science Fair link. Ask your CHEP teacher for log on information.

Expo packets which contain entry forms for projects and the Marvelous Mousetrap Car competition will be available at your sites and on the CHEP website

http://www.ocde.us/CHEP/Pages/EXPO_Extravaganza.aspx. Entry forms are due to your CHEP teacher by March 20, 2015. If you choose to have your project judged, it must be accompanied by a separate written report, preferably typed. A rubric for the displays and reports are in the EXPO packet.

You won't want to miss our talented students showcased at the annual Variety Show. For audition information see the article on page 3. In addition, our Mousetrap Car Competition will be an exciting experience. See the article on page 3 for all the information you need on how to get your Mousetrap Car ready to roll.

Projects need to be delivered to OCDE, Building D, on Monday, March 30, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. if you wish them to be judged. Deliver all non-judged projects on Monday, March 30, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. OR Tuesday, March 31, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Remember, the cut-off time for delivering judged projects is Monday, March 31, 2:00 p.m.

Come hungry, as food will be sold at EXPO. Watch for details in upcoming newsletters. Cookies and lemonade will also be available at no charge!

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

As the song says, "It's the most wonderful time of the year"! I hope you are all doing well and enjoying this special season. It's always fun to be with friends and family- hopefully you are able to be with those you love, making special memories!

It's also time for first semester parent/teacher conferences, so be sure to schedule an appointment with your CHEP teacher to discuss your student's progress and review his/her report card. The beginning of the new semester is a great time to evaluate how things are going and set new learning goals, so that your student ends the year well.

There are a lot of exciting things ahead that we hope you will take advantage of! This newsletter is filled with wonderful class opportunities for your children to make new friends and deepen their learning. Also, our CHEP EXPO is coming up on March 31, 2015. EXPO is one of the highlights of the year, because we all come together to share student projects and watch amazing student performances. The site PTOs sell scrumptious food, there is a Mousetrap Car competition that always thrills, and it is one of the best places for parent teachers to get new ideas for future assignments and projects. Please mark your calendar now, invite your friends and families, and begin planning your child's project for display. If you need any ideas, please look at the brochure available at your site with great web sites, talk to your CHEP teacher, or follow us ("CHEP Ideas") on Pinterest! For more information on the event itself, please see page 1 this newsletter.

Finally, if you know of families who would be great additions to our CHEP community, please help spread the word! One great group is those with little ones who are just now turning 5 years old. Enrolling at CHEP second semester in our Transitional Kindergarten program is a wonderful way for children to develop important skills that will help them be successful in kindergarten next year. It's also a fun way for moms and dads to "try on" homeschooling with CHEP. You are our very best marketers because you know what makes CHEP special and can articulate that in very real and personal ways with your friends and families, so please spread the news!

Happy Holidays to you and yours,

Jane

Program News



Variety Show Auditions



TK-8th graders
CHEP –Central's Large Classroom
Monday, February 2

Appointments are between 10:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Please call Judy or Cindy at CHEP Central (714) 327-1010 to sign up for a time slot

All of our talented CHEP students will have the opportunity to showcase their abilities at EXPO! If you have a talent that you would like to share, we would love to have you participate in the Annual CHEP Variety Show at EXPO on Tuesday, March 31 between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. **All participants must audition in order to be part of the show. Auditions will only be held on Monday, February 2 from 10:00 a.m. till 2:30 p.m.** The show's categories are: dance, comedy, poetry, instrumental, or singing. **Please note that no lip-syncing will be allowed.** If you are interested in being a part of the show, be sure to sign-up for an audition time. Also, see flyers at your CHEP site for more information.

EXPO Engineering Contest

On your mark, get set...build a car. This year's EXPO brings back the popular Mousetrap Car competition. We will be racing home-made mousetrap cars for distance. There will be two competitive groups - Mousetrap Cars made from kits* and Mousetrap Cars made from scratch at each grade group (K-4 or 5-8). The car must be powered by a single standard sized mousetrap (no rat traps.) It cannot have any additional energy sources beyond the mousetrap spring. Vehicles must be self-starting and self-steering. Distance will be measured from the starting line to the car's ending spot (back tire.) Parents may help with tools, etc. and supervision is important as the mousetrap can snap with force. All vehicles will be snapped using a yardstick on the contest day. Parents should "set the trap" for all younger contestants. Mousetrap cars made from scratch should all be based on student-generated designs. This is a great project to explore and write about concepts such as Newton's 3 laws, friction, simple machines, energy transfer, force, etc. Additional questions may be directed to Cris Hatfield (714) 245-6462 (North site).

* Kits are available at Kelly's Hobby in Tustin (714) 832-0035 or online.

Visit www.mousetrap-vehicles.com <<http://www.mousetrap-vehicles.com/>> for kits, ideas, pictures, etc.



Field Trips

Catalina Island Marine Institute (CIMI)

Grades 7-8

Wednesday, May 20 – Friday, May 22, 2015

Cost \$260.00

Deposit \$60 upon sign-up

Full, Wait List Being Taken

Contact CHEP Teacher, Kerrie Schulze,

CHEP Central, to sign-up.

Email: kschulze@ocde.us

Phone: 714-327-1011

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 three days and 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.

www.guidediscoveries.org/cimifoxlanding.html



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-3rd graders. Students of all ages are welcome to attend Mommy and Me field trips.

SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER

January's thematic unit will be on **Habitats**. Join us at the **Shipley Nature Center** as we attend a class about habitats. Students will delve into the world of skins, skulls, scat, and tracks as they walk through the nature center on the lookout for animal evidence.

Shipley Nature Center sign-ups begin now, and will close on Wednesday, January 21. Field trips are pre-paid and non-refundable. Please contact Dianna Chen at CHEP North (714)245-6457 for more information.

SHIPLEY NATURE CENTER

K-3rd graders (students of all ages welcome)

Pre-trip meeting at CHEP-North

Wednesday, January 7, 1:30 p.m.

Field trip Wednesday, January 28

11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Shipley Nature Center, Huntington Beach

Cost: \$7.00 per student and home-baked "thank you" goodies for the Shipley staff.

WHALE WATCHING

February's thematic unit will be on **Whales**. Join us at the **Orange County Marine Institute** in Dana Point as we go whale watching! The Institute utilizes a variety of scientific equipment and marine mammal artifact collections to convey an understanding of dolphins, whales, seals, and sea lions.

Whale watching sign-ups begin now, and will close on Friday, February 13. Field trips are pre-paid and non-refundable. Please contact Dianna Chen at CHEP North (714)245-6457 for more information.

WHALE WATCHING

K-3rd graders (students of all ages welcome)

Meeting at CHEP North

Wednesday, February 4, 1:30 p.m.

Field trip Thursday, March 5

12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.

Orange County Marine Institute, Dana Point

Cost: \$24.00 per person

CHEP Central

Signing Up for Classes at Central

For sign-ups, please call the front desk (714) 327-1010 or Email izeller@ocde.us or 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 are available at the site.

Middle School Academy Tuesdays

Tuesdays, January 13 and 27

Grade 7 Medieval Novels 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 Medieval Novels and Writing
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Teacher: Cheryl Taylor

Medieval Times Field Trip

Grades: 6-8 and Families
Thursday, February 5
10:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Cost: \$25.50

Fifth and Sixth Grade Wednesdays

Wednesdays, January 14 and 28

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 Medieval Novels 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, January 15 and 29

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

Grades 2 and *3 Biography Bonanza
Teacher: Celia Endsley
11:05 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Grades *3 and 4 Language Arts & 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 will sign-up for either 2-3 Biography bonanza block day or 3-4 Language Arts and Writing Block Day.

Kindergarten and First Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, January 15 and 29
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, January 14 and 28
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Parent Instructors: Britton Swingler and Sanda Bilcar

Choir at Central

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

January Art Classes

Instructor: Vanessa Householder
Please choose one class only. Contact the front desk to sign-up.

Tuesday, January 20
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, January 22
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.

Spanish Classes

Wednesday, January 21
Grades TK – 4
9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.
Grades 4 – 8
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Instructor: Senora Blades

Presenters' Club

Grades K–8
Wednesday, January 21
12:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Parent Facilitators: Britton Swingler and Sanda Bilcar

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@swindlerfamily.com

Let's Go Skating

Wednesday, February 4
Fountain Valley Skating Center
9105 Recreation Cir, Fountain Valley
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
\$5.50 per skater for entrance and skates
Save these dates for more skating: Wednesdays, April 15, and June 3. Contact Liz Curtis, Parent, with questions (707) 319-5406

Band and Strings at Central

Fridays
Beginning Band
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Advanced Band
9:35 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
Strings
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.
Instructor: Mr. Uy Vu

CHEP North

Art Classes

Friday, January 23 or 30 (project 5)
Friday, February 20 or 27 (project 6)
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.

Spanish

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

Choir

Mondays
Grades TK– 4
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Grades 5–8
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Computer Lab

Grades K –8
Mondays
9:00 a.m. – 10 a.m. or 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. or 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
Paraeducators: Shaun and Sandy

Practice typing skills, strengthen math facts with Reflex Math, complete online class work, or work on other academic skills.

Terrific Kids TK

Tuesdays, January 6 & February 3
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Kinder Kamp & First Grade Follies

Tuesdays, January 6 & February 3
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

TK-K-1-2 University for Parents

Tuesday, January 13
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 sdymek@ocde.us

2/3 Club

Tuesdays, January 13, 27, February 10 & 24
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

California Club

Grade 4
Wednesdays, January 7, 21 & February 25
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Teacher: Kathi Hirsh

US Kids

Grade 5
Thursdays, January 15, 29, February 12 & 26
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ancient Civilizations

Grade 6
Thursday, February 19
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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Geography Class

Grade 7 ONLY
Thursdays, January 22, February 5 & 19
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Volcanos & Earthquakes

Grades 4-6
Thursday, February 5
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Teacher: Cris Hatfield
Sign-up with Paraeducators

Learn how Earth's plates move and create earthquake and volcano disasters.

Beyond the Solar System

Grades 4-8
Thursday, January 8
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. OR
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Teacher: Cris Hatfield
Contact paraeducators to sign-up

We'll leave the solar system behind to learn about stars, constellations and galaxies. Students will make their own star finders.

Upper Grade Math

Wednesdays
Grades: 5-7 General
9:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.
Grades: 6-8 Algebra Concepts
10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

CHEP West

TK/K Club

Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26
NOTE: No class on Jan. 19
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Teacher: Sandra Lewis
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

January Themes: Penguins - Jan. 5; Martin Luther King's Birthday - Jan. 12;
Animals in Winter - Jan. 26
All TK and K students are welcome to come join in the fun!

First and Second Grade Class

Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26
NOTE: No class Jan. 19
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, January 8, 15, 22, and 29
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Science
January 8, and 15
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Social Studies/Writing
January 22 and 29
Teacher: Sandra Lewis
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, and 29
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Science
January 8 and 15
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi
Native American Class
January 22 and 29
Teacher: Alison Wilson
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Come learn about the people who Christopher Columbus mistakenly referred to as Indians. We will explore Native American Tribes through arts and crafts, literature, games, and technology.

Let's Stretch

Grades 5-6
Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26
NOTE: No class Jan. 19
1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Teacher: Sylvana Kaliterna
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Join us as we get fit through stretching and basic exercises. Included will be practice of specific exercises required for 5th graders in the Physical Education testing next spring. Come have fun getting fit!

American Girls

Grades 3-6
January 15 and 29
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Teachers: Gayle Haugh and Dyanna Espinoza
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

These are the two last classes for Josefiná. Please bring a \$5.00 donation to class to help with the cost of our fabulous crafts for Josefiná. Our next American Girls study will begin in February. Please read *Meet Molly* in preparation for our February 19 meeting where we will begin a study of the World War II era. Bring your book and remember, your *American Girl* dolls are always welcome!

Stock Market Game Class

Grades 5-8
Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Teacher: MJ Roberts
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Seventh and Eighth Grade Block Classes

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 28
NOTE: No classes on January 21
Computer Lab – open for middle school

Middle School Math Projects

Wednesdays, January 7, 14 and 28
8:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.
Teacher: Kristy Kazmark
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.
Topic: Chess

Middle School Art

Wednesday, January 7 and 14
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Short Stuff

Wednesday, January 28
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!

Yearbook Class

Grades 6 – 8
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 28
11:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Parent Facilitator: 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. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer McDuffie at 714-307-1606 or

Band Classes

Grades 4 – 8
Fridays, January 9, 16, and 23
**NOTE: No class on Jan. 30 **
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.
Beginning Level
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Instructor: Uy Vu

Art Classes

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

Mondays, January 5, 12, and 26

NOTE: No class Jan. 19

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.

Spanish Classes

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27

Grades TK – 4

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Grades 5 – 8

10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Instructor: Senora Blades

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

Music Classes

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27

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 noon

Instructor: Harrison Zierer

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

Valentine's Party

Grades TK-8
Wednesday, February 11
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Join the fun as we celebrate Valentine's Day with food, crafts, and cookie decorating. Don't forget to bring your Valentine's cards to share with friends. A sign-up sheet will be at the front desk to donate goodies for the party.

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

Boxtop Contest

Let's try to reach \$600.00 this year! Keep saving those Boxtops for a chance 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 drop it in the container at the front desk. Ready, Set . . . SAVE!!

Medieval Times Field trip

Grades TK-8
Friday, February 20
11:30 a.m.

Cost: \$31.00 per person (includes meal, group photo, flag, and other commemorative items)
7662 Beach Blvd.

Buena Park, CA 90620

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

A grand time is to be had at the 'Castle' as you enjoy a medieval banquet and thrilling competition between the Knights. Will your Knight win the competition??

For cash payment, please pay at CHEP West.

For credit card payment please call: Patricia Robbins at 714-315-6905

If you have questions, please contact Jennifer McDuffie at 714-307-1606 or

faerymcduffie@msn.com