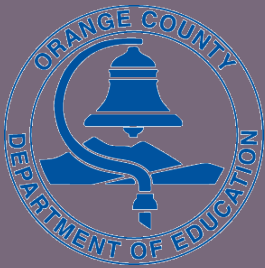


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## CHEP EXPO Extravaganza and Variety Show

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](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

Dear CHEP Families,

I was just looking through this newsletter and am amazed at the classes, field trips, and opportunities that we have going on! I sincerely hope that you take the time to read it carefully and participate in the many events and workshops that will enhance your child's education and provide ideas for you, as well.

If you haven't done so already, please consider how your child's work can be represented in our annual EXPO! It is a highlight of the year and our chance to come together as one school to share accomplishments and talents. Information on participating can be found in this newsletter as well as at your CHEP site. It's also a great chance to invite people to see what CHEP is all about- friends, family members, neighbors.....all are welcome! I also suggest that you bring your camera, as you will leave with many new and fun ideas for both this year and years to come!

Thank you for all you do on behalf of your children and in support of our school! We are very grateful for the partnership and collaboration we have with you in the education of our amazing young people! :)

Jane

# Field Trips

## 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.

### MOMMY AND ME/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. The children will also take part in a plankton dredge as a part of our whale watch experience!

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-3<sup>rd</sup> 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

# Program News



## Variety Show Auditions



TK-8<sup>th</sup> 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) <<http://www.mousetrap-vehicles.com/>> for kits, ideas, pictures, etc.



# CHEP Central

## Signing Up for Classes at Central

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

## Middle School Academy Tuesdays

Tuesday, February 3 or Wednesday, February 4  
Grades 7 and 8 Cooking with STEAM  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 10 and 24

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 to Cheryl Taylor

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Wednesdays

Tuesday, February 3 or Wednesday, February 4  
Grades 5 and 6 Cooking with STEAM  
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 11 and 25

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 Schulze

## Second, Third and Fourth Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, February 5, 12, and 26

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

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, February 5, 12, and 26  
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, February 4, 11, and 25  
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

## February Art Classes

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

Tuesday, February 17  
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, February 19  
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, February 18  
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, February 18  
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@swinglerfamily.com](mailto:britton@swinglerfamily.com)

## CA Physical Education Testing

Grades 5 and 7  
March 16  
9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  
East Bluff Park  
2627 Vista Del Oro, Newport Beach 92600  
Save this fun date! Practice your sit-ups, pushups and mile run. This is a required test for 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders; however, other grades are welcome to participate. Refer to the information you will receive by email regarding testing requirements and location, and get ready for a fun day.

## Band and Strings at Central

Fridays

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



# CHEP North

## Art Classes

Friday, February 20 or 27 (project 6)  
Friday, March 13 or 20 (project 7)  
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 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 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, February 3 and March 3  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

## Kinder Kamp & First Grade Follies

Tuesdays, February 3 and March 3  
11:00 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

## TK-K-1-2 University for Parents

Tuesday, March 10  
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](mailto:sdymek@ocde.us)

## 2/3 Club

Tuesdays, February 10, 24, March 10, and 24  
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

## California Club

Grade 4  
Wednesdays, February 18 and March 18  
10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Teacher: Kathi Hirsh

## US Kids

Grade 5  
Thursdays, February 12, 26, March 12 and 26  
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

## Ancient Civilizations

Grade 6  
Thursday, February 19 and March 26  
12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
Students will be sharing food and presenting their reports at our March class. Parents are welcome to attend.

# CHEP North

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## Geography Class

Grade 7 ONLY  
Thursdays, February 5, 19, March 5 and 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

## Simple Machines

Grades 5-8  
Thursday, March 5  
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

## Upper Grade Math

Wednesdays  
Grades: 5-7 General  
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
Grades: 6-8 Algebra Concepts  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Teacher: Brian Hightower

# CHEP West

## TK/K Club

Monday, February 2  
NOTE: No class on Feb. 9, 16, and 23  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.  
Teacher: Sandra Lewis  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

February Theme: Friendship  
All TK and K students are welcome to come join in the fun!

## First and Second Grade Class

Monday, February 2  
NOTE: No class on Feb. 9, 16, and 23  
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, February 5, 12, 19, and 26  
12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Science  
February 5 and 12  
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Social Studies/Writing  
February 19 and 26  
Teacher: Sandra Lewis  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

## Fifth and Sixth Grade Block Classes

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, and 26  
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Science  
February 5 and 12  
Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Native American Class  
February 19 and 26  
Teacher: Alison Wilson  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

## Let's Stretch

Grades 5-6  
Monday, February 2  
NOTE: No class Feb. 9, 16, and 23  
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 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the Physical Education testing next spring. Come have fun getting fit!

## American Girls

Grades 3-6  
February 19 and 26  
11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.  
Teachers: Gayle Haugh and Dyanna Espinoza  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

Please read *Meet Molly* in preparation for our 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, February 3, 10, 17, and 24  
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, February 4, 11, 18, and 25  
Computer Lab – open for middle school

## Middle School Math Projects

Wednesdays, February 4, 18, and 25  
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, February 11  
8:30 a.m. – 11:30 noon  
Reminder: This class is taught in conjunction with the Math Projects Class and only students signed up for Math Projects may participate in this cooking class.



## Middle School Art

Wednesday, February 4  
10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  
Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza  
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

## Short Stuff

Wednesdays, February 18 and 25  
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, February 4, 11, 18, and 25  
11:45 p.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 @714-307-1606 or [faerymcduffie@msn.com](mailto:faerymcduffie@msn.com)

## Band Classes

Grades 4 – 8  
Fridays, February 6, 13, 20, and 27  
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, February 2 and 23  
NOTE: No class Feb. 9 and 16

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, February 3, 10, 17, and 24

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, February 3, 10, 17, and 24

Grades 5 – 8  
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Grades TK – 4  
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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](mailto: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!!



3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade class



Earthquake in the classroom lab



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade class

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

## CHEP West PTO Facebook

Please join CHEP WEST PTO on Facebook to get special updates on parties, field trips, etc.  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/335171573190216/>