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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. In addition, our Mousetrap Car Competition will be an exciting experience. See the article on page 2 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 year continues to fly by, I want to be sure you all know about the great opportunities and events that are coming up! Mr. Koff and Ms. Tisi have been doing a wonderful job preparing students for our upcoming school play, the EXPO and Variety Show will be happening on March 31st, our spring music concert is on April 2, and, of course, we have 8th Grade Promotion on June 3! In between, we will be administering state standardized tests to 3rd – 8th grade students in English-Language Arts and Mathematics, as well as Science for students in grades 5 and 8. More information on the testing schedule and information will be coming to you soon.

I hope you have had a wonderful year so far and that you will take advantage of all the special events planned for the remainder of the year.

Jane

Program News

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.

Let's Go Ice Skating

Monday, March 16
The Rinks at Westminster Ice
13071 Springdale St., Westminster 92683
10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
\$5.00 per skater for entrance, skates, and lesson!

Contact parent, Liz Curtis (707) 319-5406, with any questions

Program News

Eighth Grade Promotion

8th grade students and families

Letters from the Promotion Committee were mailed in February to all 8th Grade Graduates. Be sure to mark your calendars now for this special celebration!

Interviews/Auditions
Thursday, April 9
Beginning at 10:00 a.m., by appointment only
OCDE Main Office- 200 Kalmus Dr., Costa Mesa
D1009

On Thursday, April 9, we will be holding interviews/auditions at the OCDE main office for students who are interested in speaking or performing at promotion. Auditions will be held, by appointment, beginning at 10:00 a.m., in Room D1009. The CHEP eighth grade promotion program is a big undertaking that requires a substantial commitment from all students selected to participate in the program. The promotion program is similar to a theatrical production, and selected students must work as a team to pull the production together. Eighth grade students are selected to M.C. the program, be keynote speakers at the program, and highlight a few of the talents of the class of 2015. The interview and audition process assists the promotion committee in selecting students to represent the class of 2015. Many factors are involved in designing the promotion program. Representation from the three CHEP sites, the inclusion of a variety of talent, and students' level of commitment are a few factors considered in the selection process. The promotion committee reserves the right to edit, shorten, or alter selected student speeches and performances to ensure appropriateness and balance of the entire promotion program. The theme will be centered around the "5 C's" of 21st Century Skills- Collaboration, Creativity, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Character. Consider including how CHEP has helped you grow and develop one or more of the "5 C's" with the speech or talent piece you are auditioning with. The OCDE main office is located at 200 Kalmus Drive, Costa Mesa. To schedule an interview/audition appointment, or if you need additional information, please contact Dianna Chen at the CHEP-North office, (714) 245-6457.

Photographs are due Friday, March 27at your CHEP site

Please bring in 2–3 photos of your student for our promotion video presentation. Some ideas for photos include baby/toddler moments, home school projects/memories, sports and hobby activities, or field trips. We hope to receive 3 pictures per student: one baby/toddler, one current, and one family picture. If you prefer to send in your pictures on disk, please make sure the files are in .jpg format with a minimum 200pixel/inch resolution. We will make every effort possible to return all pictures to you. However, please be cautious about sending your only copy of a prized photo. In order to recognize all of the eighth graders in the video presentation, please send these photos in soon! Label the photos with the student's name and CHEP teacher's name.

Promotion Ceremony Wednesday, June 3 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Plummer Auditorium Fullerton

Field Trip

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.

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 nonrefundable. 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

MOMMY AND ME/JURUPA CULTURAL CENTER

Jurupa Cultural Center trip sign-ups begin now, and will close on Monday, March 9. Field trips are pre-paid and non-refundable. Please contact Dianna Chen at CHEP North (714)245-6457 for more information.

JURUPA CULTURAL CENTER K-3rd graders (students of all ages welcome) Pre-trip meeting at CHEP North Wednesday, March 4, 1:30 p.m.

Field trip on Thursday, March 26 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Jurupa Cultural Center, Riverside Cost: \$8.50 per person

March's thematic unit will be on **Dinosaurs**. Join us at the Jurupa Cultural Center in Riverside as we experience the wonder of dinosaurs! We'll attend a class all about rocks, minerals, and fossils. Then we'll go on a 1/2 mile hike and see some life-sized dinosaurs. We'll get the opportunity to do some searching of our own for rocks and fossils andyou'll be able to TAKE HOME WHAT YOU FIND! (Bring lunch if you'd like to stay and have a picnic at the tables.)

MOMMY AND ME/AMY'S FARM

Amy's Farm sign-ups begin now, and will close on Friday, March 20. Field trips are pre-paid and non-refundable. Please contact Dianna Chen at CHEP North (714) 245-6457 for more information. K-3rd graders (students of all ages welcome)

Meeting at CHEP North Wednesday, March 11 1:30 p.m. Field trip on Wednesday, April 8 10:30 a.m. - approx. noon Amy's Farm, Ontario Cost: \$8.00 per person

April's thematic unit will be on Farms. Join us at the Amy's Farm in Ontario as we experience farm plants and animals "up close and personal!" Amy's Farm is a real, working polyculture farm. In an age when our country is filled with large monoculture farms, it is important for our students to see and learn about a polyculture farm. On Amy's polyculture farm, students will see a wide variety of plant and animal species living a symbiotic life. This farm system closely mimics nature where all species depend on each other. Students can see first-hand the importance of the circle of life. Most importantly, students will learn where their food comes from. This tour is a very valuable learning experience for all who visit. Come and see for yourself!

CHEP Central

Signing Up for Classes at Central

For sign-ups, please call the front desk (714) 327-1010 or Email <u>izeller@ocde.us</u> or <u>cwilliams@ocde.us</u>

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

Tuesday, March 10

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

Tuesday, March 24 Grades 6–8 Medieval Faire at CHEP 9:30 – 12:30 Teachers: Cheryl Taylor and Kerrie Schultz

Fifth and Sixth Grade Wednesdays

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

Wednesday, March 11 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.–11:55 a.m. Teacher: Cheryl Taylor

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

Wednesday, March 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 6–8 Medieval Fair at CHEP Central Tuesday, March 24 9:30 a.m.–12:30 a.m. NO CLASSES March 25

Kindergarten and First Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, March 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

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Second, Third and Fourth Grade Thursdays

Thursdays, March 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 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Teacher: Celia Endsley

Grades *3 and 4 Language Arts and Writing 9:30 a.m. – 10:55a.m. Teacher: Peg Broyles

Grades 3 and 4 Math and Science / Whiz Kids 11:05 a.m. – 12:30 a.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.

Creative Writing

Grades 3–8 Wednesdays, March 4, 11, and 25 12:45 p.m. – 2:30 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

Spanish Classes

Wednesday, March 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, March 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 easygoing 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

March Art Classes

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

Tuesday, March 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, March 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.

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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 noon Instructor: Mr. Uy Vu

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 5th and 7th 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.

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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 until March 2
9:00 a.m. - 10 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays until March 4
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon
Paraeducators: Shaun and Sandy

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

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Terrific Kids TK

Tuesday, March 3 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Kinder Kamp & First Grade Follies

Tuesday, 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

2/3 Club

Tuesdays, February 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 26, March 12 and 26 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ancient Civilizations

Grade 6 Thursdays, 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.

Geography Class

Grade 7 ONLY Thursdays, February 19, March 5 and 19 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Science Jeopardy

Grades 4–6 Friday, March 20 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 noon 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 through March 11 Grades: 5-7 General 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Grades: 6-8 Algebra Concepts 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon Teacher: Brian Hightower

CHEP West

Note: Unless otherwise stated, CHEP West classes end in March

TK/K Club

Mondays, March 2*, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Note: March 2* - special class & time for Dr. Seuss'

Birthday (see below) 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Teacher: Sandra Lewis

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

March Themes:

March 2: Dr. Seuss' Birthday March 9: Oviparous Animals

March 16: Weather March 23: Magnets March 30: Plants

All TK and K students are welcome to come join in

the fun!

Dr. Seuss Birthday Pajama Party

DR. SEUSS BIRTHDAY PAJAMA PARTY

Monday, March 2 Grades TK - 2

9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Wear your pajamas or sweats to school and enjoy some fun books as we celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and "Read Across America Day"!

First and Second Grade Class

Mondays, March 2*, 9, 16, 23, and 30

Note: March 2* - special class & time for Dr. Seuss'

Birthday (see above) 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, March 5, 12, 19, and 26 12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Science

March 5 and 12

Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Social Studies/Writing March 19 and 26

Teacher: Sandra Lewis

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-

up.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Block Classes

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

Science

March 5 and 12

Teacher: Laura Terlizzi

Native American Class

March 19 and 26

Teacher: Alison Wilson

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-

up.

Let's Stretch

Grades 5-6

Monday, March 2, 9, 23, and 30

NOTE: No class March 16

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. Come have fun getting fit!

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American Girls

Grades 3-6 March 12 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.

Come join us as we continue our study of America during the World War 11 era through our American Girl, Molly. Please read *Happy Birthday, Molly* in preparation for our last two class meetings. *American Girl* dolls are welcome to join the fun!

Stock Market Game Class

Grades 5-8

Tuesdays, March 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, March 4 and 11 NOTE: No class Mar. 18 and 25 Computer Lab – open for middle school

Middle School Math Projects

Wednesdays, March 4 and 11 NOTE: No class Mar. 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.

Middle School Art

Wednesday, March 11 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Teacher: Dyanna Espinoza

Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-

up.

Short Stuff

Wednesdays, March 4 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, March 4, 11, 25, and April 1

NOTE: No class on March 18

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 faerymcduff@msn.com

Band Classes

Grades 4 - 8

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3 Contact paraeducators at 714–245–6480 to sign-

Beginning Level 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Instructor: Uy Vu

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Art Classes

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

Mondays, March 2*, 9, 16, 23, and 30 *Note: Special schedule on March 2nd. Grades TK-2: 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

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, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

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, March 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

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.

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!!

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/33517157319
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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