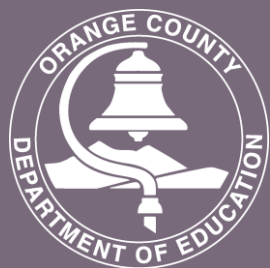


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A Note from the Principal: From the desk of Jane Doney

Dear CHEP Families,

As we wrap up the 2014-15 school year, I want to give a special "shout out" to our 8th grade graduates as they transition from middle to high school. We are so proud of their accomplishments over the years and I hope they will reflect on their time at CHEP as one that provided deep and meaningful learning, special friendships, fun opportunities, and precious quality time with their family.

I love the saying, "Shoot for the Stars" which really came to light when I heard about a special surprise guest some of our youngest students met at their CHEP North class in March. Wendy Lawrence, astronaut and great-aunt of CHEP North students, Nathan and Audrey Lawrence, came to visit! It was an exciting day for the students as Wendy shared her childhood dream of becoming an astronaut. That dream came to fruition with the following missions:

Endeavor SIS-67 (1995), Atlantis STS-86 (1997), and Discovery STS-91 (1998), and STS-114 (2005.)

What a wonderful surprise for our students! Thank you, Wendy, for taking the time to inspire our youngest CHEP students and remind us all where our dreams and goals can take us if we work hard and follow our passions.

Thank you all so much for a great year! CHEP is a community and each one of you is an important part of our family. I hope you have a wonderful, restful and fun summer break. We look forward to seeing you back next year!

Warmly,
Jane



Program News

Eighth Grade Promotion

8th grade students and families

Wednesday, June 3

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Students arrive by 3:00

Plummer Auditorium, Fullerton

Please note that the Plummer does NOT allow balloons inside the auditorium.

Students will have an opportunity to have their photographs taken by Lifetouch Photography. We use Lifetouch for our annual school pictures, and parents are consistently pleased. **Please note that Lifetouch does not accept credit cards; please bring a check or cash for payment.** If your child would like to be photographed, please plan on arriving early but not before **2:30 p.m.**

Prices for picture packets begin at \$14.00.

Mark your calendars now for this special ceremony in honor of our eighth graders. All families of eighth graders will receive a letter of invitation this month with the necessary details. Celebrate this exciting milestone!

End of School Year Celebration

PARTY AT BOOMERS!

Monday, June 1

Park opens 11:00 a.m.

3405 Michelson Drive, Irvine

Corner of Michelson and Harvard

All day unlimited rides and games, \$16.95 at the door. Enjoy Go Karts, Bumper Boats, Rockwall, Miniature Golf, Sidewinder, Flamethrower, Lil' Thunder Road, King Arthur's Carnival (for younger kids,) and unlimited games in the game room!(Except for games that award tickets.)

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

EXPO Extravaganza, Variety Show and Engineering Contest

Tuesday, March 31

4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

MOUSETRAP CAR CONTEST

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

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

EXPO Presenters Wanted- Students with projects entered who would like to orally present to family and friends may sign up for our presenter's corner. Please contact CHEP West at 714-245-6480 to be given a 10 minute time slot.

Let's Go Ice Skating

Wednesday, June 3

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

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



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

MOMMY AND ME/AMY'S FARM

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!

Amy's Farm sign-ups 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

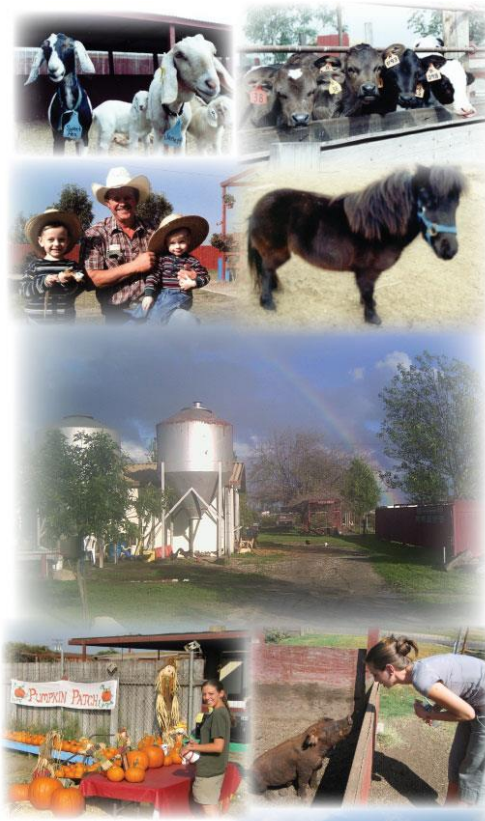
1:30 p.m.

Field trip on Wednesday, April 8

10:30 a.m. - approx. noon

Amy's Farm, Ontario

Cost: \$8.00 per person



CHEP Central

Signing Up for Classes at Central

For sign-ups, please call the front desk (714) 327-1010 or Email ljzeller@ocde.us or cwilliams@ocde.us

Spanish Classes

Wednesday, April 8

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



April Art Classes

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

Tuesday, April 7

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, April 9

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.

CHEP North

State Testing

Smarter Balance Testing
Grades 3 – 8
English–Language Arts and Math
Testing Window: March 10 through May 14

You will receive an email message with a link to sign up for the Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and the Performance Task (PT). You will also be able to sign-up with your teacher or at the site.

CST SCIENCE TEST
Grades 5 and 8 ONLY
Tuesday, April 28
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

This is an untimed paper and pencil assessment that covers science standards. Please arrive 15 minutes early.

CHEP North PE Testing

5th and 7th grade students
Wednesday, April 8
9:00 a.m.

Esperanza High School Track
1830 Kellogg Drive
Anaheim, CA 92807

State law requires schools to administer a physical fitness test for all 5th and 7th graders. Students are measured in six areas of fitness. Parents of 5th and 7th graders will be receiving a letter with more detailed information.

Sign-up with CHEP North paraeducators at 714-245-6460

Art Classes

Friday, May 22 or 29 (project 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.

Choir

Mondays, through March 30
Grades TK- 4
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Grades 5-8
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Spanish

Mondays, through March 30
Grades TK- 4
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Grades 5-8
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

TK-K-1-2 Parent University

Tuesday, May 5
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 will miss class, email smartin@ocde.us.

2/3 Club Field Trip

Monday, April 20
Natural History Museum of LA &
Butterfly Pavillion
Exposition Park
9:30 a.m.

If you didn't sign-up during our March classes, please call paraeducators @ 714-245-6460

California Club

Wednesday, April 22
Knott's Berry Farm
Westward Movement Tour
9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Reminder only-no new sign-ups.

ALL CHEP NORTH FAMILIES

Friday, September 11, 2015

SAVE THE DATE FOR BACK TO SCHOOL
GATHERING OF FUN

CHEP West

Kindergarten Graduation Information

Wednesday, May 27
10:00 a.m.
Practice – Monday, May 18, 11:00 a.m.

All students completing Kindergarten in May and heading on to first grade are invited to our CHEP West Kindergarten Graduation. Graduates need to arrive at 9:30 a.m. and will meet in classroom #2. Refreshments will be served courtesy of our wonderful PTO! Please make plans to join us! To RSVP for this momentous event, contact Sandra Lewis at (714) 245-6474 or slewis@ocde.us

First and Second Grade Class

Monday, May 11
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Teacher: MJ Roberts
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.

This will be our end-of-the-year celebration. We will play games and have some fun. Everyone should bring their favorite book to class and be ready to tell us all why it is your favorite.

Middle School Dance

Thursday, May 21
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

The yearbook staff is hosting the end-of-the-year Middle School Dance. There will be loads of food, fun games, dancing, and signing of the yearbooks!! All middle schools students are welcome to join this Hawaiian themed extravaganza! So put on your best Hawaiian garb and come to the party!!

Yearbook Club

Grades 6 – 8
Wednesday, April 1
*Please note time change for this class as follows
*12:15 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
Parent Facilitator: Jennifer McDuffie

Band Classes

Grades 4 – 8
Friday, April 3
Contact paraeducators at 714-245-6480 to sign-up.
Beginning Level
1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.
Instructor: Uy Vu

Boxtop Contest

Keep going – we are at \$400.00 so far! Please make sure your name is on your baggie or envelope and put box tops in the container near the snack table in the lobby. The person bringing in the most labels will win the \$50.00 prize.
NOTE: Last day for 2014-15 contest is Friday, May 8th. Keep saving over summer for next year!!

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/>

Yearbooks on Sale

Cost: \$45.00
Order forms for the 2014-2015 CHEP West yearbooks are located at the front desk.

State Testing

Grades 3 – 8

The window for Smarter Balanced State Testing for CHEP West students is March 19 – May 5. The test consists of:

(1) **Individual testing** – English and math tests done on the computer at CHEP West by appointment. You should have received an email message that included an invitation to sign up for appointment times for the individual testing. The email also gives you a code you'll need to access the sign-up sheet. If you don't have access to email, you may sign-up on one of the computers at CHEP and we will give you the code. Note that Grades 5 and 8 also need to take the CST in Science. That test date is May 4 (see below).

(2) **Performance Tasks** – classroom-based grade level English and math tests. The grade specific performance tasks will be on the following days:

Middle School

Wednesday, March 25 and April 1

Grade 7: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grade 8: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Grades 3 – 6

Thursday, April 2 and 9

Grade 3: 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Grade 4: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Grade 5: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Grade 6: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CST SCIENCE TESTS

Grades 5 and 8 only

Monday, May 4

Grade 8: 8:45 a.m. – 11:00 a. m.

Grade 5: 12:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Only 5th and 8th graders need to take this test which only covers science standards. This is the paper/pencil, multiple choice tests that students at this grade level have taken in the past. All tests are untimed so ending times above are approximate.