



Chico Nursery School A Cooperative



December 2008 Newsletter

December's Theme: Kids Celebrate Around the World



Director's Report - Jessi Wood

Happy Holidays!

Hold on to your hats... here we go into one of the busiest Seasons of the year! Remember to take a breath, take a break, take some pictures, take time for yourself, and make fun family memories! Here at CNS we will be incorporating holiday traditions from around the world into our activities and would love it if you have something special you would like to contribute; just let me know at Round-Up.

Thank you for all your donations to the Food Drive and our Stone Soup celebration! Both were successful events that help teach our children compassion for others and of the joy that sharing brings. I am genuinely thankful to have Chace here and feel grateful for the opportunity to continue my participation, as director, long after he is in elementary school. No matter what is happening in our lives we have the opportunity everyday to focus on the positive, forget or change the negative, impact the lives around us and live a happier richer life for it!

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays

Miss Jessi

There is no
Parent Education /
General Meeting
in December. The
next meeting will be
January 15, 2009.



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"GRATITUDE UNLOCKS THE
FULLNESS OF LIFE."

- AUTHOR UNKNOWN

President's Report - Jenny Maiorano

Wow! The holiday season is here. Doesn't it feel like we just started school? I know this time can be busy in our lives and school. Yet, taking time to watch and play with our children during this magical season makes the wild ride seem sweet.

The first week of the month is crunch time for our annual Children's Shopping Day here are just a few reminders – make sure to sign up to work a shift on Thursday (setup), Friday or Saturday (cleanup). In addition each family is responsible for contributing to our bake sale (see the Nutrition Report for more details).

In terms of business, we **do not** have a Board of Directors or Parent Education Meeting this month. The next meeting will be on January 15th with our General Meeting beginning at 7:00 P.M. That night we will also be holding elections for two board positions: Vice President/Maintenance as well as Membership. These are two vital roles to our school. If anyone is interested, please contact Bruce or Joy for more information regarding their positions. I would also like to welcome Bob Dever as our new Treasure, and thank Ben Irons for his dedication and time spent on this year's BOD.

I would like to thank Jessi for all the effort she puts into the school, giving all of herself to the children while trying to manage 30 adults (in my opinion an even greater challenge). I would also like to thank the Fundraising, Nutrition, and Communication Committees for all the time and energy they have dedicated to making Shopping Days a successful event.

I appreciate how hard all of you work to make our school fly. Please remember that each of us needs to participate in meetings, committees, and on our workdays so that our cooperative work is equally shared. The Board of Directors works for and with you; please feel free to contact any of us with questions or concerns.

I wish you all a warm and special holiday season and I am looking forward to seeing you all soon.

Jenny Maiorano

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Fundraising Report - Sheena Hobbs

Well Seasons Greetings CNS Families!

With the holidays fast approaching and the temperature dropping I hope you all are in good health and merry spirits. I know I am; this is my favorite time of the year. I love curling up on the couch with the family and a nice cup of hot apple cider listening to some festive holiday music :) I hope you all enjoyed the Thanksgiving break and had some down time with the family.

Now that school is back in session we are focused on our next fundraiser, Children's Shopping Day!! The shift sign-up is posted on the office door along with a sign-up for the bake sale. All Crafts and silent auction items (if you have them) are due Dec 1st- Jenny Maiorano will be at the school to organize them from 8:45am till 12 noon. Please bring them during this time :)

We are asking if everyone in membership would be willing to donate a roll or two of wrapping paper to use for the shopping day decorations. If you would like to donate, please bring this on the 1st as well.

Since I am out of town, please direct any questions or comments about Shopping Day to Erika Lee.

Thanks for your dedication to Chico Nursery School, your child and mine appreciate it greatly :)

~Sheena Hobbs
(Leila's mama)

Participation Report – Adriane Westerdahl

Hello CNS Families.

Just a friendly reminder to CALL me if you have a last minute trade or sub. It is NOT okay to email me the night before. If you know several days or weeks in advance that you will be trading or subbing, you may email me or put a note in my box (Westerdahl). Otherwise you can call me before 9:30pm the night before or after 6:30am the morning of.

I would also like to remind all participating parents and/or grandparents to come to school by 8:45 on your participation day. We need all parents to come on time and be prepared to work in order to create a calm and secure atmosphere for our children to learn.

For all parents who stay for lunch bunch, Jessi will be locking the door to the preschool once school has ended. It has become a problem with keeping the preschool clean and tidy after school as well as a safety issue. Families are still welcome to stay in the play yard, of course, but the bathrooms will no longer be available once the doors are locked.

Thank you,
Adriane Westerdahl
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Curriculum Report – Shelly Santi

This month's theme is "Kids Celebrate around the World". We will have lots of exciting activities based on our monthly theme.

If your family has Holiday Traditions, Activities, Crafts, Special Food (healthy), let Miss Jessi know and you can arrange to share with the children during circle time or have a specific area saved for your participation day.

We will have our Holiday Production for the 2-day class on Tuesday the 16th and the 3-day class on Wednesday the 17th at 11:30 family & siblings are invited.

If you have books at home that you would like to use at school for the Kids Celebrate around the World theme, bring them in. We will make sure your names are in the books and they are returned to you at the end of the month.

In January we have a field trip scheduled to see the Peking Acrobats. This field trip is scheduled for one day only, Wednesday January 21st. Since the tickets had to be purchased in advance (May 2008) and we could not anticipate how many students would attend, mainly due to enrollment at the time and the need to avoid over spending school funds; we have enough tickets for all the 3 day children and the participating parents for that day, there is approximately an additional 25 tickets for the 2 day children and some additional parents. The cost to purchase these tickets from the school for the event is \$3.00 per ticket and will need to be paid when you sign up (during Miss Jessi's Morning Round-up). Seating is limited and if there is an interest we can look into purchasing more event tickets.

The Monthly Curriculum Meeting is **Friday – December 19** at 12:00 noon.

Wish List for the Sensory Table and Seasonal Theme:

1 Large Bag of Bird Seed
Garland/Holiday Decorations

Wish List for school Activities:

Small Spray Bottles
Squeegees
Assorted Felt Pieces/Colors
Cooking Extracts
Cooking Spices

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Membership Report - Joy Harthcock

Hello and Tis the Season, how fun the Holiday's are and what fun we have at CNS. The kids are so excited about the Holiday Season as well as the grown-ups. What a fun time it is!

We still have many spaces available in both the two-day and three-day classes. The New Year is a wonderful time for new families to start so please spread the word. I do have many families that are interested in starting so thank you to all of you that share information about CNS to new families.

Aidan and I are excited to see Santa this year, and we count all of our Chico Nursery School friends as true blessings, thank you!

Joy Harthcock, Membership and Aidan's mom

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Nutrition Report - Tom Angel

Hi, and thanks for all the great nutrition (snacks) you all have been bringing for the kids!

As you know, Shopping Day is coming up on Dec. 5. If you haven't signed up to bring something already, please do. Remember, you need to bring two dozen cookies, cupcakes or muffins, or two pies or cakes, or four loaves of bread. (Or drinks.) You can drop the food off early if it won't spoil; otherwise bring it by Friday morning so we can set up for the event, which starts at noon.

We are getting some generous donations from Trader Joe's as well as other local merchants. Thanks for your help in helping round those up.

Tom



IMPORTANT REMINDERS...

- December's Morning Round Up with Miss Jessi is during your first week back from Thanksgiving holiday – the week of December 1st. Please be sure to come promptly at 8:45.
- There will be no school on Friday, December 5th due to Children's Shopping Day.
- Arriving on time at 8:45 on your participation day is very important so that you have enough time to get your area ready by 9:30 when kids begin arriving. It is essential to making sure we are providing the most positive, stimulating environment for all of our children. If you know you are going to be late, please call and ask someone to start helping you prepare your area.
- If you have art or yellow play, make sure you get your second activity ready during circle time so that it is done before you sit down for nutrition. It needs to be ready for kids to enjoy right after snack.
- Please don't drop off your child until 9:30 if you are not signed up for early arrival. Doing so can be disruptive for parents getting ready.
- Lunch bunch needs to supervise their children if they come inside to use the restroom. School is closed at noon and they are not to be playing inside. If they do get things out, please clean up area and put items away.
- Please don't leave the school on your participation day until all is cleaned up and put away properly.

Thank you for all that you do to make CNS possible!

