

Chico Nursery School A Cooperative



February 2008 Newsletter

February's Theme: Community Helpers



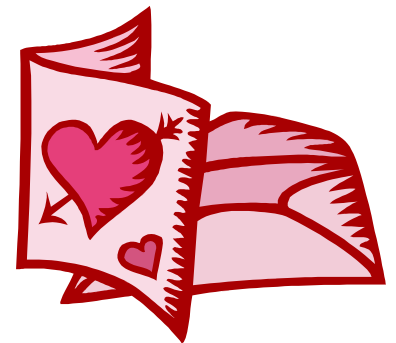
Director's Report - Jessi Wood

Parents;

This month's theme "Community Helpers" will allow our children to become familiar with places and people in our community through many engaging activities, field trip, and guest speakers (thanks to Shelli Santi Madison's Mom for arranging these wonderful events; be sure to check out her curriculum report). It will also give you a wonderful opportunity to share with our children what you do in service to our community. If you don't think that you contribute much, just remember that being a part of Chico Nursery School provides an immediate service to not only our children but to the community at large. There is no other place in the greater Chico area that provides this type of quality early childhood education at a price that everyone can afford.

Your efforts do and will make a difference for future generations of participating families at Chico Nursery School Co-Op. Your involvement now will in fact make it at all possible for CNS to continue to exist. I am proud to be a part of this non-profit parent organization that has such an admirable philosophy and goals. We are stronger together and are making CNS better and better! Thank you for all things big and small, they matter and so do you.

Jessi



**No Parent Meeting
This Month
Board Meeting February
19th
5:00pm**

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## President's Report - Jenny Maiorano

The start of the New Year at CNS has been so prehistoric and fun! I would like to welcome the Deroski and Dyer families to the 2-day program. We are happy to have you here at the co-op; there is no place like it! The late winter and early spring months are action packed for our school. Keep your calendars handy as different field trips and curriculum themes will occur.

The theme for February is Community Helpers! To kick off the month we have a field trip planned to the Post Office (Vallombrosa) on Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> for the 3-day Thursday, and the 5<sup>th</sup> for the 2-day. We will be making Valentines the week prior our field trip so we can watch them get processed while we are at the Post Office. Please know that siblings and/or family members are welcome to attend.

I do want to thank each and every one of you for doing such great work at school, on your committees, and maintenance workdays. When everyone puts in a little extra effort, the school functions so nicely. I would also like to welcome our new board members -Chad Schaffer will be taking over for Bruce Meyer as Vice President/Maintenance Chair and Erika Lee will be taking over for Joy Harthcock as Membership Chair. To both Bruce and Joy it has been a pleasure being on the board with you both and I truly thank you for all of your hard work dedication to CNS.

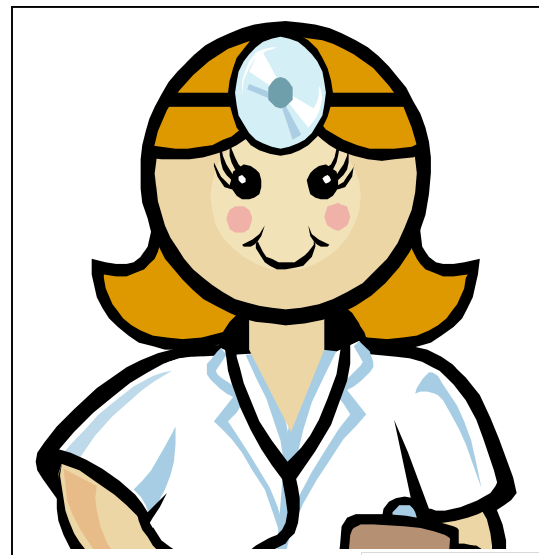
I would also like to thank Tom Angel for his dedication and time spent as the Kitchen Chair; regrettably, he is no longer able to be on the board. If anyone is interested in taking on his position, please call or e-mail me, as I will be appointing a replacement prior to this month's board meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

The personnel committee of the BOD will be distributing the annual director evaluations during this month's Morning Round-up. This anonymous evaluation is critical for our planning, goal setting, and budget guidelines. Please take the time to complete them. If you happened to miss last month's meeting we completed the program evaluation during that time; however, you can still submit your comments. Please see Wynona Parry for details.

Please communicate any concerns, ideas, or just small talk with any board member any time you want. We are here for you and would love to help with anything.

Sincerely,

Jenny Maiorano (Harper's Mom)  
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## Curriculum Report - Shelly Santi

This month's theme is "Community Helpers" we will have lots of exciting activities based on our monthly theme.

If you have books at home that you would like to use at school for this month's 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.

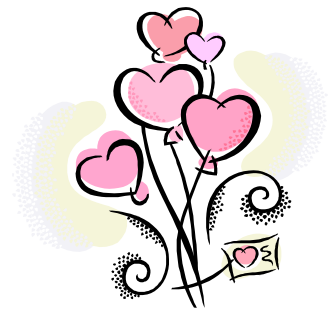
This month we have a field trip scheduled to go to the Vallombrosa Post Office. We will be making Valentines during the week at school before our field trip so we can watch them get processed at the post office. Postage Stamp donations greatly appreciated for our valentines. Our field trip is scheduled for the 3-day class Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> and for the 2-day class Thursday the 5<sup>th</sup>. We will arrive to school as we normally do and will need to leave the school at 9:45am; our field trip is scheduled to start at 10:00am. We will need volunteer parent drivers for this event, please see the sign-up sheet on the office door.

Other Community Helpers I am trying to schedule as guest speakers for this month's theme are the police dept., fire dept. and EMT to attend school to share their knowledge with the children.

I want to say "Thank You!" to the Curriculum Committee for your hard work the school looks great!  
The Monthly Curriculum Meeting is **Friday - February 27<sup>th</sup>** at 12:00noon.

Wish List for the Sensory Table:  
Large Bag Bird Seed

Shelly Santi  
(Madison's Mom)  
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## Communications Report - Carrie Asosi

Hi Everyone:

Our last big fundraiser of the year, our Rummage Sale, and our Open House event coincide with each other at the end of April. That means, you guessed it, more fliers! Woohoo! I'm just giving you an early heads up of what's to come in the next couple months.

I'm going to be asking my committee to take all of the feedback that we received from the Monster Dash and Shopping Day events and compile them into a lean, mean (ok not so mean) list of places that are happy and willing to post our fliers. We won't be posting Open House fliers at other pre-schools for obvious reasons. If anyone has any suggestions for making the posting of fliers more efficient, please, I'm begging you, email me at [asosifamily@yahoo.com](mailto:asosifamily@yahoo.com) and tell me about any ideas or advice you have. Thanks.

We are currently working on updating the Communications Board in the hallway and I wanted to ask around and see if any of the parents had any requests for the types of information they would like to see posted there (parent workshops, play dates, events...). I would love to hear from you!

Thanks and happy February!  
Carrie Asosi (James' Mommy)  
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345-7135

## Participation Report - Joy Harthcock

Hello All,

I am so excited to be writing this as the "Participation Chair". I enjoyed doing Membership but now it is time to be in with the new and out with the old. I do want to give a big Congratulations as well as a Thank You to Erika Lee, Spencer's mom. She will do such a wonderful job as our new Membership Chair. So if you have any questions or know someone that is interested in Chico Nursery School just head them towards the wonderfully talented Erika!

As far as Participation in concerned you all seem to be doing great. I love how this school works together like a well oiled machine. Everyone either subbing or trading with one another, it is a sight to behold.

So remember if you are not able to attend school on your participation day, please call me or e-mail me as soon as you know. I keep track of all subs and trades. Please call me between 7am and 7pm for all your sub and trade needs. Also, remember I do keep track of all of those who attend our monthly meetings. It is very important that you always sign-in to all of our meetings. I will also have the early arrival sign-ups on the parent board in the hallway for anyone needing early arrival.

Thank you  
Joy Harthcock  
Participation and Aidan's mom  
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## Membership Report - Erika Lee

Hi Everyone,

My name is Erika Lee and I am Spencer's mom from the 3 day class. Thanks for voting me into this position and I am looking forward to being your membership chair. We LOVE this school! We are in transition, so I'll be getting all the paper work from Joy and will update everyone on the new families in March :).

We have an open house coming up in April, but more to follow on that in March's newsletter as well. I also wanted to mention that if you know anyone who may be interested in CNS, please feel free to give them my contact info and I'll be happy to answer any questions and give them a tour. Also, please feel free to let me know if you have any ideas/suggestions for how we can increase our membership... thanks so much!

Happy Valentine's Day!

Erika Lee  
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## Secretary's Report - Wynona Parry

Hello, CNS families.

Thank you to all of you who filled out Program Evaluations during our last Membership meeting. If you missed the meeting, but would like to contribute your thoughts and ideas, please contact me for an evaluation form. Our Director Evaluations are tentatively planned for February's Morning Round Up, and we will hopefully have your responses compiled shortly thereafter for review.

Once again, we are back in the swing of things for Scholastic Book Orders. Remember that you can order online or via the traditional catalog. Either way, just submit the order by the first of each month, and I will distribute your books when they arrive (generally the third week of the month).

Thank you,  
Wynona Parry  
Secretary

## Fundraising Report - Sheena Hobbs

Happy February Everyone!

We have crossed the bridge of multiple intense fundraisers and are now embarking on the path of easy and fun ways to bring in extra funds to CNS. Our next fundraiser, Vino 100 wine tasting, will take place in the late Spring (keep your eyes open for the actual dates to be posted by next month) and is not mandatory.

The annual Rummage Sale (our last large mandatory fundraiser) will take place April 25th from 8am til noon. Please start saving and soliciting friends and family for donations of any kind (clothing, toys, electronics, typical yard sale stuff). Smaller fundraisers will be available but not necessary towards the end of the school year :)

As always, I appreciate all the hard work everyone puts into our school and our children. I am honored to be a part of such a wonderful school and membership community.

~Sheena Hobbs  
(Leila's Mom)



## Treasurer's Report - Bob Dever

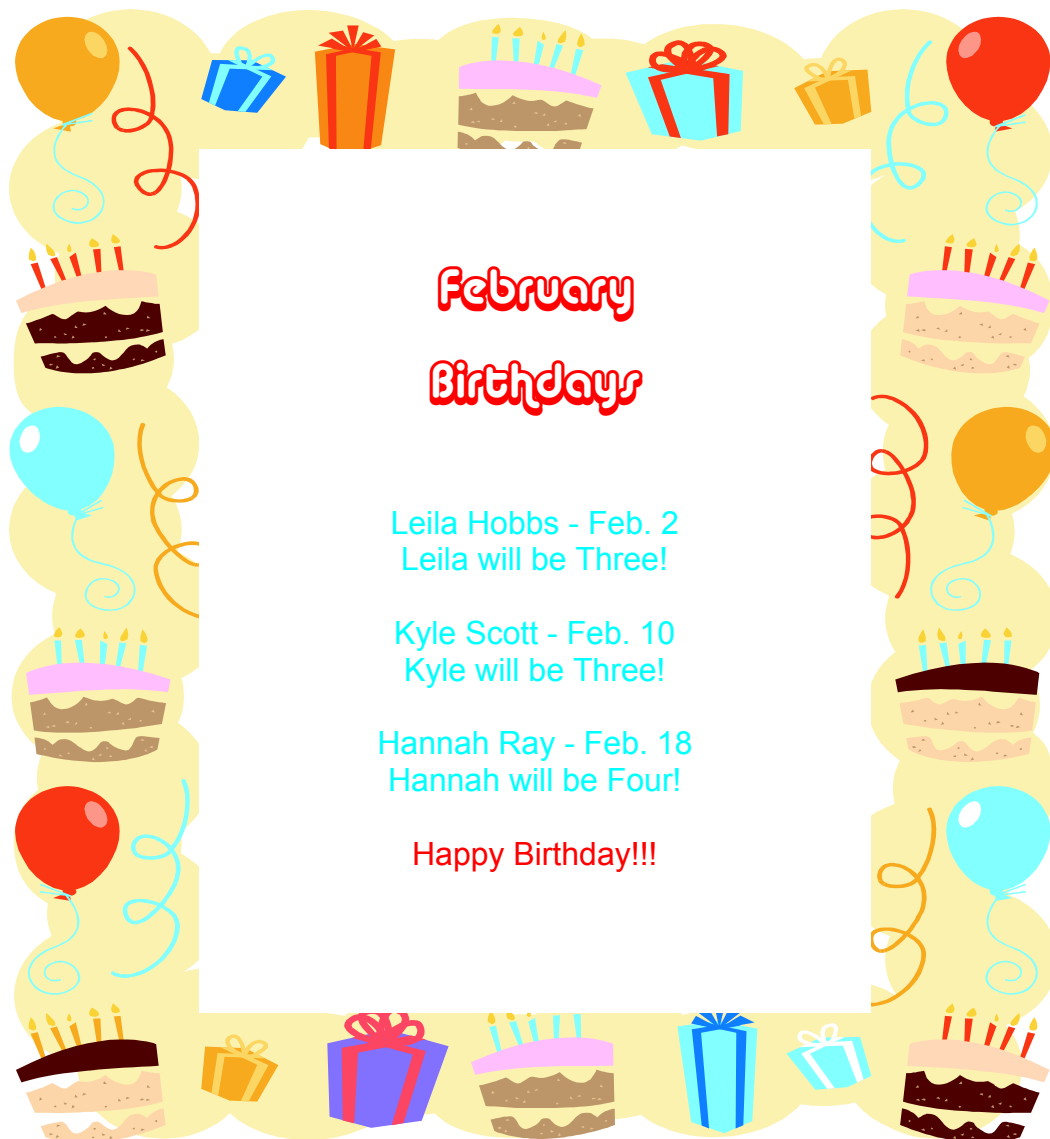
Hi All!!!

As was discussed at the P.E.M. we have \$10,378.16 in our Money Market Fund (MM). We have \$5,014.19 in our Playground Fund and approximately \$9,000 in our checking account. We were able to connect with our accountant and get the latest version of Quickbooks loaded (2007) and updates were made from our accountant. I need to follow up with taxes not with our accountant but our payroll people. I have updated the books with our MM and Playground and need to do a little "catch up" with balancing our Quickbooks and our actual checking account with checks written and reimbursements made.

Thanks go to all those who participated over the past 60 days in fundraisers, shopping days, side shows and tuitions to generate a healthier bank account for our program and school. A side note: Whomever made the decision to put the school's funds in a money market vs. a more aggressive approach of stocks made a wise choice. Our funds would surely be 40% less than we have today!!!! Kudos!!!

Bob Dever

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# kids speak...

## kid quotes from Miss Jessi...

"Olivia, if you were a dinosaur what would you eat?"  
"I'd be a TREAT-eater."

When discussing dinosaur extinction during Circle Time, Alexa exclaimed, "I know! So are skunks, they stink really bad." (Ex-STINK-tion)

When asked why the dinosaurs were all gone, Chace said, "Because they were bad."