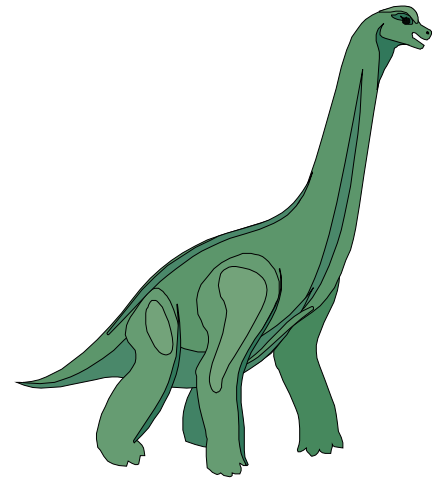


Chico Nursery School A Cooperative



January 2008 Newsletter

JANUARY'S THEME:



DINOSAURS

Director's Report - Jessi Wood

Happy New Year Everyone! I would like to take this opportunity to say again how much I appreciate all the wonderful crafts you provided, the delicious baked goods (I sampled many of them), and all the extra effort that you put in to make sure our Shopping Day was a success! We would not have been able to pull it off without the extra help of grandparents, family, many people working double shifts, and general willingness to do what needs to be done (including a special thanks to Santa, you rock, and those who stayed late to set-up/watch kids on Thurs. night and clean-up late into Friday night). Shopping Day succeeded as a fundraiser for CNS and as a community service for the many children that were able to purchase gifts for their loved ones at our "store". You could see on many of their faces the joy and pride they felt while shopping for just the right gift, not to mention the anticipation of being able to give it!

Hopefully everyone enjoyed the Holiday Season, is well rested and ready to get this year started off right. First we will be traveling to Laxson Auditorium to witness the amazing Peking Acrobats! (more information in curriculum report) Sure to be followed by novice attempts at performing some of the tricks :) We shall provide many opportunities for tumbling, balancing, and any other developmentally appropriate way to imitate what we saw.

The Dinosaur theme this month is sure to provide many engaging as well as entertaining activities for you to enjoy with your children. There is also an opportunity for you to help make some "eggs" for the students to explore (directions to follow in curriculum report). As usual, I would encourage you to approach me with any and all concerns, comments, questions, and especially ideas about issues related to curriculum activities, weekly participation, specific needs related to child/adult, management of CNS/fundraisers... I know that I speak for the dedicated Board of Directors when I extend this invitation. We believe that we are better together and know a co-op is only as strong and effective as the families that are in it! Your opinions matter and your ideas help make us the best place possible for all our children to grow.

Thanks for all your support,
Jessi

**Parent Ed / General
Meeting
Thursday,
January 15, 2009,
7:00pm**

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## **President's Report - Jenny Maiorano**

Happy New Year and welcome back to Chico Nursery School! I hope everyone had a restful and joyous holiday with family and friends. I know that the children will be ready to play again at school; it is nice to know that they miss our wonderful cooperative so much.

Thanks again to everyone for participating in our annual Children's Shopping Day. That event truly captures the spirit of what the co-op is all about! I would like to thank Sheena Hobbs for her hard work prior to the event. Erika Lee and the members of the Fundraising Committee – Cameo Mead, Mary Kathryn Hendrix, for all their hard work behind the scenes that insured the success of the event. I would also like to thank everyone that volunteered to work additional shifts when needed on Friday – your extra effort made a HUGE impact. For those of you that offered to stay and help with the clean up on Friday night where amazing and made my job much easier – it is true that many hands make light work. Lastly, I need to thank Carrie Asosi and Devanie Angel for their shared accomplishment in the wonderful advertising for our fundraising event. If I have forgotten to mention you, please know that your help was/is appreciated.

For those families with children entering Kindergarten in the fall, the Kindergarten registration period is during the first week in February. Please try to visit the schools that you are interested in during this month so that you can make well-informed choices next month. All schools will accommodate your visits; simply call the school to make arrangements.

This month's General Meeting (January 15th) will also be a time to hear about two Board of Director positions (Membership and VP/Maintenance). If you are interested in either position please contact the current board members and ask them about their job.

On a lighter note, the second half of the school year is packed full of exciting curriculum themes, field trips, and activities. Let's enjoy the journey! I am so thankful to have the opportunity to work with all of you. The pre-school years' are so demanding and full; it is so helpful to have the support of caring families.

Sincerely,  
Jenny Maiorano (Harper's Mom)

## **Nutrition Report - Tom Angel**

Thanks to everybody for helping out with the shopping days bake sale! It was a great success.  
Tom Angel

## **Communications Report - Carrie Asosi**

I hope you and your family had a wonderful, relaxing, holiday season.

I just wanted to say thanks to all the parents and my wonderful committee for getting the Shopping Day fliers out. Great job! And thank you so much for all of the feedback!!! I especially want to thank Devanie Angel and Matt Ray for their help with the news media advertising! Everyone seemed to go above and beyond on getting the word out about this wonderful community event...THANK YOU!

Starting in February, Laura Ray from my committee has volunteered to take over writing and distributing the Newsletters and Calendars each month. Thank you so much Laura!!!

Also, come the New Year, our committee will be more active in updating the communications board in the hallway at school with information about resources in our community that relate to children and parenting. Should you have any suggestions about content that would be helpful or information resources we could use to build content, please send them my way. Thanks! Hope you have a happy and healthy 2009.

Carrie Asosi (Communications Chair and James' Mommy)  
asosifamily@yahoo.com

## Curriculum Report - Shelly Santi

Hello, I hope you all enjoyed the season's holidays and had a wonderful break! This month's theme is "Dinosaurs" 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 the Dinosaur 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.

A fun craft idea that you can do with your children over the break is making dinosaur eggs. I have included the recipe, they look like a rock when they are dry, and they break open easily with a rock or hammer. This is a fun activity, plus then you can hide them in the yard and they can find them, break them open to discover baby dinosaurs inside. We would appreciate it if some families could make/save a few eggs and bring them in for the children experience together.

What you will need:

2 ½ cups of flour

2 ½ cups of used coffee grounds

1 ½ cups of salt

1 cup of sand

Up to 1 cup of water

Mix flour, coffee grounds, sand and salt. Gradually stir in water until mixture holds together. Use as little water as possible to speed drying time. Hide small dinosaurs inside and shape like an egg. Allow up to a week to air dry.

This month we have a field trip scheduled to see the Peking Acrobats. This field trip is scheduled for one day only, Wednesday January 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

I want to say "Thank You!" to the Curriculum Committee for being so committed and making the school look great! Your hard work and dedication make our school a better place. The Monthly Curriculum Meeting is **Friday – January 30th** at 12:00noon.

Wish List for the Sensory Table:

1 Large Bag of Bird Seed

Shelly Santi

( Madison 's Mom)

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FIFTY MILLION YEARS AGO  
YOU WALKED UPON THE PLANET SO,  
LORD OF ALL THAT YOU COULD SEE  
JUST A LITTLE BIT LIKE ME,

WALKING IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS,  
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--"WALKING IN YOUR FOOTSTEPS"

BY THE POLICE



## Membership Report – Joy Harthcock

Hello All, I hope you all had a wonderful Holiday Season. Family and friends and good food, what isn't to like? Aidan and our family had a great Christmas and now we are excited about the New Year!

With the New Year come changes. One of those changes is the change of a few Board Positions. Membership happens to be one of those positions. With some of the work happening during the summer, enrolling new families, this position is only for half of the school year, January to January. Please let me tell you what a great Board position it is! Not only do you get to be a part of an amazing group of parents on the Board but you get to know all the families in the whole school. This is my second year doing membership and I have enjoyed every second of it. If you love CNS and enjoy working on your own (most work is done at home on your own time), then this is the job for you! I also will still be here at the school to help with any questions you may have and to work right along side the new Membership Head. Because Membership goes from now until next year you need to be a parent that will be here next year. So if you are a two-day parent and are interested in Membership please, please give me a call, e-mail me or stop me in the hall. I would love to talk to you about Membership and all the benefits it has to offer! Remember we are a Co-Op and we are better together. I know I can count on you !!! Thanks and Happy New Year.

Joy Harthcock Aidan's mom and Membership  
[jharthcock@yahoo.com](mailto:jharthcock@yahoo.com)

## Treasurer's Report – Bob Dever

CNS Family and Friends!!!,

I wasn't sure if Ben sent in any updates....Ben and I have talked a few times on the transition for the treasurer position and I received the QuickBooks laptop this past week. I will also connect with the previous treasurer to get a tutorial and guidance so I can maximize the efficiency of this role.

The big event this past month was, of course, Holiday shopping day!!! The total(s) were as follows:

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|------------|------------|
| Shopping:  | \$2,401.00 |
| Bake Sale: | \$ 383.51  |

This does not include the silent auction items which should be paid for within a couple of weeks netting our school more dollars!!

I'm hoping everyone had a healthy and happy holiday season and Santa stuffed your stockings with some extra cheer for monthly tuition!!!

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## Secretary's Report - Wynona Parry

Hello CNS families! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely holiday break.

Thank you to everyone for your November Scholastic Book Club orders. Our order was quite large and garnered the school over 2000 additional bonus points, which is roughly equivalent to \$100 in free books and products. Wow! Also, I would like to thank Jenny Johnston, who coordinated the donation of literally thousands of Scholastic Bonus Points from her mother who recently retired from teaching. So we should be seeing many new books in our library in the upcoming months!

For January, I will distribute Scholastic catalogs mid-month. You may order via these (just attach a check written out to Scholastic and place in the "Book Orders" cubby in the office), or you may order online in the usual fashion. Whatever method you choose, please complete orders by February 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!


Also, in the near future, the board will be conducting our annual program and director evaluations. This is an important tool we use for improving our school, and we really value your input. So start thinking now of what we do right and what we could do better. The more thoughtful and detailed your responses are, the more insightful and useful they will be for us. Thank you in advance for investing time in this!

Wynona Parry

## Fundraising Report - Sheena Hobbs

Hello All and Welcome to 2009!!!

First of all, Shopping Day was a huge success and made roughly the same as last year, even though it was two days long!! I am so grateful to be part of a school where our children's education is our top priority. Thank you so much for your commitment to our school and your dedication to making each fundraiser a huge success.

Your commitment to CNS does not go unnoticed and I think you will all be happy to know that we have until April before our next fundraiser!! 

~Sheena

### CNS WISH LIST

Miss Jessi would like to request a bigger cage for Clementine (new or used). If anyone has one that CNS could use, that would be wonderful! There will be sign ups to take Clementine home for weekends and during school breaks.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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### 2-Day Class

Ryan Doyle - January 21, 4 years old

Allison Johnston - January 30, 4 years old

### 3-Day Class

Spencer Lee - January 5, 4 years old

Camille Irons - January 22, 5 years old

### INTERESTING DINOSAUR FACTS...

Around 240 million years ago, long before people existed, a new group of animals appeared on Earth. They were the dinosaurs. They included some of the largest ever land animals and some of the deadliest predators. No one has ever seen a live dinosaur, as they all died out 65 million years ago.

Dinosaurs were reptiles. Like other reptiles, such as crocodiles and lizards, dinosaurs laid eggs and had scaly, waterproof skin. Most reptiles have legs that stick out sideways from their bodies, but dinosaurs' legs supported their bodies from underneath. This meant dinosaurs' legs were stronger than other reptiles'.

There were many different kinds, or species, of dinosaurs. Some were no bigger than a hen, while others grew to more than 10 times the size of an elephant.. There were meat-eaters (carnivores) and plant-eating dinosaurs (herbivores).

Dinosaurs lived in a time known as the Mesozoic era, which lasted from 250 to 65 million years ago. The Mesozoic era is divided into three periods: the Triassic (when the first dinosaurs appeared), the Jurassic and the Cretaceous. Each dinosaur species lived for a few million years and new species developed all the time. Dinosaurs dominated the Earth for 175 million years and were one of the most successful animal groups of all time.

--Quoted from "The Usborne World Atlas of Dinosaurs"