

# Chico Nursery School A Cooperative



## November 2008 Newsletter



November's Theme:  
Fall Harvest/  
Thanksgiving



### Director's Report - Jessi Wood

Dear Parents:

October was an eventful month with the amazing kick-off of our annual fundraiser "The Monster Dash" and our first school field trip to "Miracle Ranch" pumpkin patch. Thanks to all families for their participation in these events! I am so proud to be a part of Chico Nursery School.

This month promises to go by fast and bring lots of joy and fond memories for all of us here at CNS. The theme is appropriately seasonal and will include Fall and Thanksgiving. There will be a walking field trip around our block to enjoy what beauty nature has to offer us this time of year, fun activities to encourage growth socially, emotionally, creativity and cognitively, along with a wonderful Thanksgiving meal that the children will help prepare.

There will also be an opportunity for you and your child to donate to the Harvest Food Drive benefiting the Jesus Center here in Chico (totally optional). A bin will be available at CNS from November 10-14 to accept all donations. Chace and I will be going to our neighbors' prior to this and soliciting canned items and I can make available a flyer to anyone interested which lists the items most needed. Since my children have been old enough to ask about the people holding cardboard signs on the corner, this has become the way our family actively cares for the hungry in our community.

I am thankful for you all and look forward to the beginning of this Holiday Season with excitement, anticipation, and a desire to make all our experiences here at CNS ones that encourage growth, foster relationships, educate, and are meaningful. Again, I cannot do all these things alone. Together we are better!

Sincerely,  
Miss Jessi

Parent Education /  
General Meeting  
Thursday,  
November 20, 2008  
7:00 pm



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## President's Report - Jenny Maiorano

As we enter the holiday season I am savoring the moments with my family and friends, I marvel at the gorgeous colors fall has brought and am mesmerized by the trees in this beautiful town we call home. This time of year is filled with much excitement both in our homes and at school. I often find myself thinking of the CNS families and how fortunate I am to be a part of an incredible community of families. I love the nurturing environment. I love the dedication. I love the laughter. Thanks to all of you for being a huge part of my family's life and for all the support you offer. I can't tell you how overjoyed I am to have a full, strong, and positive Board of Directors. You make my job as Board President enjoyable as well as rewarding.

I am very pleased to say that The Monster Dash was a huge success with 99 registered participants. At this month's meeting, our Treasurer, Ben Irons, will have the final results from the fundraiser. I would like to thank the entire membership for it is your dedication that helped make this event a worthwhile event that will soon become a Chico tradition. Thanks to all of you that participated. The race results will be posted on our website and also at Fleet Feet. Also, we have some extra t-shirts from The Monster Dash and we are selling them for \$10 for youth sizes and \$15 for adult. The shirts are in the office. Simply place your payment in the marked envelope that is in my mailbox.

We have an exciting month ahead. I hope we have a great turn out for craft night. Thank you to the Fundraising Committee for organizing this very helpful event. Lastly I would like to wish everyone a very happy fall.

### Upcoming Events:

**Craft Night** November 6<sup>th</sup> (6:00 to 9:00 P.M.)

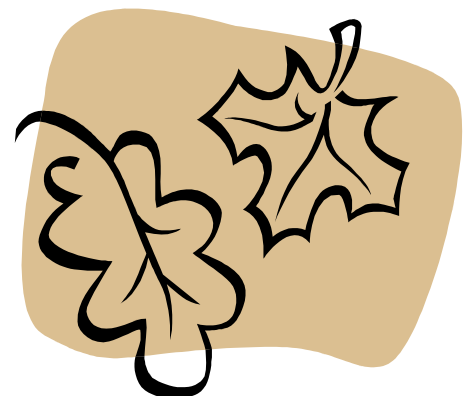
**Silpada Jewelry Event** November 13<sup>th</sup> (7:00 to 9:00 P.M.) come shop and CNS gets 20%

**General Meeting** November 20<sup>th</sup> (7:00 P.M.)

**Thanksgiving Break** November 24-28 - NO SCHOOL

**Crafts Due for Children's Shopping Day** December 1<sup>st</sup>

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## Communications Report - Carrie Asosi

Hi Friends:

Before we ever became a CNS family, we would come to the CNS Shopping Days event each year. My kids absolutely LOVE that they get to come and pick items for Mommy, Daddy, Grandpa, etc. with their own personal shopper. On Christmas Day, they are so excited to see us open the present that they themselves picked out for us. Let's face it, one of the very best things about Christmas is giving, not just getting. ☺ If you haven't had the Shopping Days experience, you are in for a treat. So try not to think of it as just one more thing you have to do for CNS, but rather something you can enjoy together with your own family and your family at CNS.

While I have your attention, I want to send out a big THANK YOU to our illustrious, beautiful, sweet Miss Jessi and her family for coordinating and decorating the truck and trailer for the Parade of Lights. It was so much fun!

Also, I would be remiss if I didn't also send out some MONSTER SIZED appreciation to Jenny Maiorano and Sheena Hobbs for doing such a great job on the Monster Dash. We couldn't have done it without you. Ladies, you rock!

Happy Fall!!!

Carrie Asosi

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## Fundraising Report - Sheena Hobbs

Hello friends,

First, I would like to send a gigantic thank you to all membership for making the Monster Dash a huge success. Overall we had 99 people register and the race, if I might say so myself, went fantastically well. I truly appreciate all the hard work everyone put into making this fundraiser a success. For anyone who has suggestions for next year's race, please feel free to leave comments in my box.

Now on to Silpada Jewelry Event... This fundraiser will be held at the school on November 13th at 7pm. We will receive 20% of all sales during this event. This is not a mandatory fundraiser, but should be a fun girl's night out. The more the merrier, so please invite your families and friends to join us :)

Last but not least, November 6th is craft night from 6-9pm at the school. We will have sorority girls from Chico State here to help assemble crafts so please just bring supplies and your smiling faces!

Thanks again for being the best darn school in Chico!!

We LOVE it here, if I haven't told you that already (hahaha)!!!

~Sheena Hobbs  
(Leila's Mom)

## Secretary's Report - Wynona Parry

Hello CNS families! I want to begin by thanking all of you for your tremendous effort in putting on the Monster Dash - a raving success, I dare say. The event was so much fun and truly made me proud to be a CNS family. Thank you all. I am already looking forward to next year!

If you've been working in our preschool's kitchen lately, you have probably appreciated the terrific addition of a new dishwasher. For this generous donation I would like to thank the Winter family. I would also like to thank Jenny Johnston for independently raising \$91 for the school by selling donated Halloween costumes through Ebay. So many people have contributed to the school this year in unique ways (like Chad Shaffer skateboarding a CNS table home on top of his stroller in order to repaint it), that I surely do not know of everything - so thank you all!

Okay, on to business: School Pictures went well, and our picture packets will be distributed as soon as they arrive at the school. Our Scholastic Book Order for October went fabulously. Thank you to all who ordered. We raised 1698 Bonus Points, which is approximately equivalent to \$85 in free books for the school. Wow! Each month we will follow the same book-ordering process; thus orders for the catalogs you have now will be due Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, and orders should be returned by our Thanksgiving break. And here's a little secret that you might already know - books make great (and easy) holiday gifts!! Have a wonderful month!

Wynona Parry



## Participation Report - Adriane Westerdahl

Keep up the good work notifying me of any trades or subs! It's impressive how great all the families have been with this.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the Monster Dash a smashing success! And thank you to our esteemed president for having such vision!!

Adriane Westerdahl  
Markus and Nina's mom  
Participation Chair



## Curriculum Report - Shelly Santi

This month's theme is "Fall Harvest/Thanksgiving" and we will have lots of exciting activities based on our monthly theme. We will have our Thanksgiving celebration for the 2-day class on Thursday the 20th and the 3-day class on Friday the 21st at 11:15. Family and siblings are invited. The children will be preparing "Stone Soup" and muffins at school for the celebration. There will be a voluntary sign-up to provide juice, cups, and other small items that may be needed.

This month we will have a walking field trip around CNS, to observe seasonal changes and to collect items such as leaves and nuts. The walking field trip for the 3-day class is Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> and the 2-day class is on Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

The Monthly Curriculum Meeting is **Friday - November 21** at 12:00pm.

Wish List for the Fall Harvest/Thanksgiving Theme, for the sensory table:

- 2 bags of split peas
- 2 bags of white beans
- 2 bags of kidney beans
- 2 bags of black beans

Shelly Santi  
(Madison's Mom)  
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## Membership Report - Joy Harthcock

Hello all CNS families,

So you have all heard it takes a village to raise a child. What a village we have! Aidan and I are so lucky to know such wonderful families. I am so impressed with all our hard work and dedication every day and the Monster Dash just proves my point. I love that we all put our minds to something and made it a reality, especially something that benefits our children. So thank you to everyone. I especially want to thank Miss Jessi, our President, Jenny and the head of Fundraising, Sheena. You all went above and beyond and made the Monster Dash such a great success!! Thank You!

I want to welcome our new CNS family, Jobeth, Dan and their son Evan. They are in the two day class. If you haven't already, please give them a big Hello. Also Evan had a Birthday on October 19th so make sure you give him a birthday smile! Welcome Evan!

Please remember we have room for new families in both classes. Please tell your friends that have little ones that they can come check out the school any time or they can always call me and I can answer any questions they may have. Thanks so much.

Joy Harthcock Membership and Aidan's mom  
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## Nutrition Report - Tom Angel

Thanks to everyone for bringing such great snacks for the kids!

Please remember to sign up to bring something for Muffin Sunday, which takes place Nov. 2. It's Chico Nursery School's way of thanking and acknowledging the congregation of the Congregational Church, our neighbors and owners of the school building. You can bring muffins, pastries, juice or pretty much anything tasty. Drop it off at the school on Friday, Oct. 31, or, if it would spoil, bring it by Sunday morning before 10:30 a.m.

Also, great news: Trader Joe's has adopted Chico Nursery School and will donate \$50 per month toward anything in the store!

I wanted to mention that although I call parents with a reminder the weekend before it's their week to bring nutrition, I don't remind people they've signed up to bring something to the parent education meeting. So, please make a note of it yourself because we grownups get snacky, too. Also, feel free to bring in snacks to keep in the kitchen for parents to nosh on on their participation day.

Thanks again.

Tom

## Treasurer's Report - Ben Irons

Just a reminder that tuition is due on the first, and that the now ravenous wolverines will be loosed on the tenth upon those who have failed to pay. Thanks to everyone last month for being prompt with payments. A big shout out to the Johnstons for raising \$91+change by selling old costumes on EBay.

Ben



## BELATED OCTOBER BIRTHDAY

### 2-Day Class

Evan - October 19th

## NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS!

### 2-Day Class

Nina Westerdahl - November 10, three years old

### 3-Day Class

Brynn Meyer - November 13, four years old

Nia Ferguson - November 18, four years old

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