

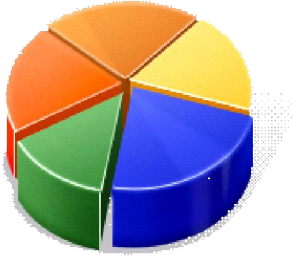


# Chico Nursery School A Cooperative



## October 2008 Newsletter

September's Theme:  
A Rainbow of Colors  
(and Shapes)



### Director's Report - Jessi Wood

Color is magical, powerful, and everywhere we look! Whether it's a bright shiny red wagon, a yellow school bus, the perfect green of a Granny Smith, or the glistening blue of a darting fish in its bowl, color is exciting. Rainbow of Colors is this month's theme and will provide many learning and discovery opportunities for our children. We will have special "Color Days", play games that will reinforce color concepts, engage in science experiments that explore how colors are made, dictate our own color stories, stimulate artistic creativity in each child, and much more! Concepts include: colors are everywhere we look (in food, animals, plants, cars, people...), colors have names, color is a word used to describe objects, colors can be made by mixing other colors and some can not. We will integrate these concepts in all activity areas in order to make learning meaningful and fun! Alfred Mercier said it best, "What we learn with pleasure we never forget."

None of us could accomplish all this on our own. Together we are better! It has been my great joy to work side by side with you this last month and benefit from your dedication to your children and CNS. I am encouraged by your desire to be involved and inspired by your motivation to get things done. I look forward to our first "Round Up" and the opportunities that presents for us to discuss individual goals for our children/ourselves, planning strategies for individualization, and some practical tips for talking with the children, managing activity centers, transitions, and attention grabbers! I can't wait, so don't be late. :)

Thanks,  
Miss Jessie

p.s. Child of the Week starts this month; check posted schedule on parent board at school.

Parent Education /  
General Meeting  
Thursday,  
October 16, 2008  
7:00 pm

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## President's Report – Jenny Maiorano

I hope that everyone is beginning to feel at home when they arrive to participate here at Chico Nursery School. I admit that it takes a few weeks to get back in the swing of things after the break of summer. It seems as the weather begins to cool, the more active the co-op becomes. We have many things going on this month to keep everyone busy.

We have school pictures on the 8<sup>th</sup> for the 3-day and 9<sup>th</sup> for the 2-day class – this is always a fun day for both the students and the parents. We will also be participating in the Parade of Lights on the 11<sup>th</sup>, which will be an excellent way to promote our inaugural fall fundraiser - The Monster Dash 5K Fun Run/Walk the following weekend. To cap off this busy month we will also be planning a field trip to the pumpkin patch, as well as our Halloween parade at the end of the month.

Thanks to all those who attended our first parent education meeting last month. For those of you who missed it (myself included), I hope to see you on October 16<sup>th</sup> for our General Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

I would also like to thank Erika Lee and Sheena Hobbs for helping me pass out information during the Thursday Night Farmer's Market on September 25. Not only did we hand out a lot of registration forms, we had fun doing it.

I would like to extend a big thank you to Zack and Sheena Hobbs for their generous donation of our new Yellow Room rug, not only does it look great, but the children love it too. I would also like to thank my fellow Board members and Miss Jessi for your help in making our school run smoothly – I appreciate all that you do. And lastly, thanks to all the families that make Chico Nursery School the best preschool in town. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Upcoming Events:

**School Pictures** October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>

**Annie B's Celebration of Community** October 11<sup>th</sup> @ Chico City Plaza (11:00 - 2:00)

**Parade of Lights** October 11<sup>th</sup> Downtown Chico (see board for more details)

**The Monster Dash** October 18<sup>th</sup> @ One Mile Recreation Area (9:00 -12:00) make sure you sign up to participate!

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## Communication Report – Carrie Asosi

October is one of my favorite months (and not just because of my birthday ☺). This is the month when things start to cool off a little and the whispers of Fall can be heard. The kids get excited about picking a costume, going to the pumpkin patch to pick their own pumpkin, and carving it. Then there's Halloween itself - the excitement is palpable. We missed the field trip to the pumpkin patch, the Parade of Lights and the CNS Halloween Parade last year so we are looking forward to those as well. There is just so much fun stuff to do this month!

I want to first send out a huge thank you to all of the parents for doing such an incredible job of posting fliers last month and also for returning your stats on who let you post, etc. Those will be very helpful in the future when we have to do a similar distribution for Shopping Day (November) and the Open House/Rummage Sale next Spring. GREAT JOB!!! It's so amazing what we can do when we work together!

Secondly, I want to send out a special "THANK YOU" to the following individuals who went **above and beyond** to help with the promotion (TV/Radio/print/posters and fliers) of the Monster Dash Fun Walk/Run:

- Devanie Angel (Alec's mommy)
- Erika Lee (Spencer's mommy)
- Laura & Matt Ray (Hannah's mommy & daddy)
- Erin Deniz (Brian's mommy)
- Sheena Hobbs (Leila's mommy)
- Jenny Maiorano (Harper's mommy)

Thanks so much for your willingness to jump in and give so much of your time and energy for our school!

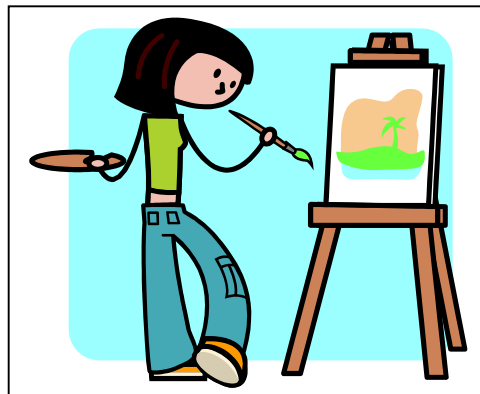
**Field Trip T-shirts:** We will have the Poppy Orange Chico Nursery Field Trip T-shirts (the ones included with your registration fee) to you before the pumpkin patch field trip.

**Family T-shirt orders:** We will have your custom ordered shirts to you by the second week of October (also before the field trip in case you want to wear yours too!).

Carrie Asosi (James' mommy)  
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## Treasurer's Report – Ben Irons

From Da Treasurer - Just a friendly reminder that tuition is due for October. Late fees apply on the 10th. Tuition for 3-day is \$120.00, 2-day is \$89.00. Don't make me release the wolverines, I haven't fed them for a while 🍌.



## Secretary's Report – Wynona Parry

Hello CNS Families! School is off to a great start, and Solar and I have enjoyed meeting so many wonderful new families and reconnecting with all returning families.

Monster dash: As the Monster Dash approaches, I would like to thank everyone involved in the production of this incredible event. Thank you to our Board President Jenny for her original vision and her persistent spearheading of this event for the past nine months; thank you to Jenny, Fundraising Chair Sheena, Communications Chair Carrie, and our amazing Director Miss Jessi for all their additional hard work; thank you to the Board for meeting throughout the summer to coordinate and solicit sponsors; and thank you to the many families that have invested time in promoting the run. I am excited to be part of this new CNS event!

School Pictures: Avalon Portraits, a local company based here in Chico, will be conducting student portraits at CNS October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Avalon will set up before school begins, and children's photos will be taken just after you arrive in the morning (while they are still clean!). Unenrolled siblings can be photographed, too, if you like; I will make additional order forms available in the Secretary's mailbox in the office.

Scholastic Book Order: Our order will be submitted at the start of October, and I will return your items as soon as they arrive. For anyone who submitted an order online, I hope the process was fun and easy!

Thank you,

Wynona Parry

## Participation Report – Adriane Westerdahl

Happy October! We made it through the first month of school! I just want to say thank you to all you hard-working parents. You've done a wonderful job of finding subs and trading and keeping me informed. Keep up the great work!

Starting this month we have "early arrival" available. Space may be available each day for children to arrive early (at 8:45) on days that their parent does not participate at school. The fee for this is \$3.00 per day.

An Early Arrival calendar will be located on the bulletin board near the front door. Parents must sign up their child in advance. In the interest of fairness, it is requested that parents sign up for no more than 2 spaces on the calendar during the first week of each month. After the first week, if spaces are still available, then they can be filled by anyone on a first come first serve basis.

The fees for Early Arrival may be paid with your monthly tuition or by separate payment. Be sure to note "EA" and the dates for which you are paying on the check, or to an attached piece of paper. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Adriane Westerdahl) at 891-4483.

Thanks again for all your hard work!!

Adriane Westerdahl (Markus and Nina's mom)

## Curriculum Report – Shelly Santi

This month's theme is "A Rainbow of Colors (and shapes)" and we will have lots of exciting activities based on our monthly theme. Your children will have access to Prisms, Flashlights, Kaleidoscopes, Color Wands and much more!

We will be having "Color Days". On these days the children will come to school dressed in the color and the activities will be themed as well.

October 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> "Rainbow Day"

October 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> "Blue Day"

October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> "Red Day"

October 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> "Purple Day"

October 27<sup>th</sup> & 28 "Yellow Day"

At the end of the month we will have a Halloween Parade. The Halloween Parade will be at 11:45am on October 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>. Your child may wear their costumes to school on these days or may borrow one of the schools many costumes for the Parade.

**Field Trip:** This year Book Family Farm is closed except for CDF day and TJ Farms is very busy as a result, therefore we will be going to the Miracle Ranch Pumpkin Patch, located in Biggs. Our field trips are scheduled for October 23<sup>rd</sup> for the Tues/Thur Class and October 24<sup>th</sup> for the Mon/Wed/Fri Class. The field trip will include a train ride to the pumpkin patch, a pumpkin to take home, a cup of food to feed the farm animals (not a petting zoo) and 3-4 Learning Activity Stations. The field trip will cost \$5.00/per child, Adults are free.

The pumpkin patch is the first fund raiser for Max's Miracle Foundation, which will run from September 27- October 31<sup>st</sup>. All proceeds benefit Max's Miracles (A non-profit organization serving children with heart defects and other life-threatening illnesses).

The Monthly Curriculum Meeting has been changed to **Thursday - October 30** at 12:00pm.

Shelly Santi

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## Membership Report – Joy Harthcock

Hello to all you Great CNS Families, thank you so much for getting all your paperwork to me. I appreciate all your hard work. I like to have all my T's crossed and I's dotted and now with most of the paperwork completed I can take time to relax. Aidan has enjoyed getting into the routine of coming to school and now that it is October we are into the swing of things. We look forward to Fall time and all the fun things it brings.

Remember we still have spots available at Chico Nursery School. So if you know of some great families that might be interested in CNS send them my way and I can give them a tour and answer any questions they may have.

Also remember to take a second and see who your Buddy Family is. The list is on the parent board in the hallway. It is so nice to have an experienced parent whom you can call if you have a question. That is what is so special about our school, the community feel.

Again thank you for returning all your paperwork to me. You Rock!!

Joy Harthcock, Aidan's mom  
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## Nutrition Report – Tom Angel

Hello, I just want to remind everybody to write down what was served at nutrition on the calendar posted on the fridge. It's nice to know what your kid had to eat that day and it can give you ideas for what to bring on your week. Along those lines, please pay attention to the sign up sheets on the office door. I'll call the weekend before your nutrition week, but not for the meetings, so heads up.

Also, a **big thanks** to the **Winters family** for the donation of the dishwasher. This will allow the kitchen person more time to be with the kids.

One last thing, maybe we can start a drawer for non-perishable parent snacks, a Z-bar or something like that would be a good thing to have around.

Thanks  
Tom



We all want to send out a big **THANK YOU** to the following parents:

- The Winter Family for donating a dishwasher!
- The Hobbs Family for getting a donation of new carpet and their hard work to seam it together!
- Chris Aicega (Caitlyn's dad) for giving the safety and first aid presentation he did at the September Parent Ed meeting!

## OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



### 2-Day Class

Lola Eden - October 6th - Three years old  
Solar Parry - October 9th - Three years old

### 3-Day Class

Alec Angel - October 11th - Four years old  
Sam Zwinger - October 19 - Four years old

## The Parade of Lights 2008

The Rancho Chico Days - Parade of Lights will be held Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> at approximately 7:00pm in downtown Chico. Chico Nursery School is going to have a float in the parade. The theme this year is "Monster Dash" (great idea Miss Jessi!). This will give us a prime opportunity to get the word out there about Chico Nursery School and about our upcoming fun run.

There will be many fun, family opportunities to ride/decorate CNS' float. More detailed information will be posted at school. Below is a wish list from Miss Jessi for items we will need for the float. If you could keep this list in mind in the next week or two and bring in any of these items, it would be a huge help! Thank you.

Wish List:

- hanging prisms
- flashlights
- egg cartons
- toilet paper and paper towel tubes
- small recyclable items (cereal boxes, canisters...)
- white carnations

