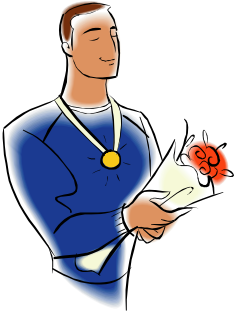


Chico Nursery School



**May Theme:
The Olympics**

Director's Report

Dear Parents:

Let's PLAY! This month's theme includes activities related to a variety of indoor and outdoor games, sports, and the upcoming Summer Olympic Games. We will also be talking about physical fitness and promoting a healthy lifestyle while the children have fun. There will be many opportunities to learn about other countries that will be participating in the Olympic Games held in Beijing, China, and activities that promote teamwork/sportsmanship.

If you have a Family Game Night, please consider bringing in your favorite game to play with the children. They love to learn new games with a few simple rules that they can follow. Sharing your interest in a favorite sport or teaching the children new skills associated with a sport/game will be an opportunity you don't want to miss. Dust off your soccer cleats, mitt, track shoes, ... and have some FUN!

On May 30th, during our potluck we will be having our very own Chico Nursery School Summer Olympic Games; the children will participate in Opening Ceremonies, individual and team sports, and medal ceremonies.

Thanks, *Miss Jessi*

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May 2008

**Parent Education/
General Meeting**

Thursday,

May 8th

7:00 pm

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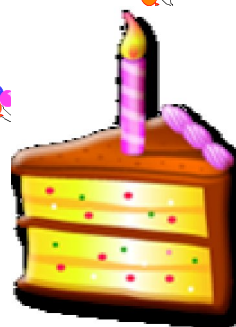
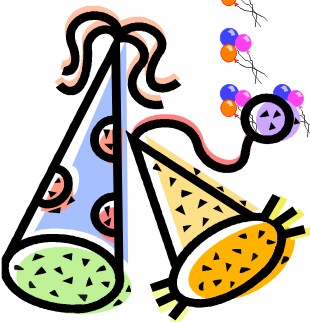
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Birthdays

Maya Klein - May 6, 2005

Ryan Smith - May 28, 2003

Claire Lawson - May 29, 2004



President's Report

I am constantly amazed at how time goes by so quickly. This year is no exception. Although the year has had its ups and downs, none of my worst fears have been realized (no, I won't share them with you!). The benefits, however, have been tremendous. Working with Miss Jessi has been wonderful. She has been so supportive and helpful every step of the way.

I have also had the good fortune of working with a very productive and supportive Board of Directors. I have enjoyed our times together and I would like to thank you for all of your hard work. Being on the board is often a thankless position with little to no recognition. You have all served the school and our children well. Thank you for making my job easier.

In fact, thank you to all the families that have put so much time and love into making CNS a fun and nurturing environment for our children. This school takes a tremendous amount of time and energy, but we all know it is well worth it.

Finally some loose ends:

- There will be a joint meeting with outgoing and incoming board members on May 29nd at La Hacienda at 6:30. Come prepared to eat, laugh, and talk about next year!
- We would appreciate it if all graduating families could turn over their Parent Handbook as we will be updating and passing them on to new CNS families this fall.
- We also do have one last meeting this month: May 8th at 7:00.
- Also, anyone willing to lend a hand with the Board regarding the 5K race please contact me 899-8213 as I will be distributing sponsor letters later this month.

Enjoy this last month here at school and I hope to see you this Summer at the park play dates.

Jenny Maiorano

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899-8213

Curriculum Report

This month's theme is the Olympics! Our focus will be on sports and the international community. We will be having some guest speakers come to our school and talk about different sports! Be sure to check the white board for dates and times.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone on the curriculum committee for all of their hard work!!

Adriane Westerdahl



Participation Report

As head of the Nominating Committee, I would like to welcome and congratulate the 2008-2009 Board of Directors:

President	Jenny Maiorano
VP/Maintenance	Bruce Meyer
Treasurer	Ben Irons
Secretary	Wynona Parry
Fundraising	Sheena Hobbs
Curriculum	Shelly Santi
Communications	Carrie Asosi
Participation	Adriane Westerdahl
Nutrition	Tom Angel
Membership	Joy Harthcock

There is one more Parent Education Meeting on Thursday, May 8 (NOT May 15, as shown in the PIB) at 7pm. I hope everyone can make it. Remember that each family can miss two meetings (one meeting if you started after January) before there is a \$25 fee. Please contact me if you're not sure how many meetings you've missed.

The Early Arrival calendar is located on the bulletin board next to the office door. Since May tuition has already been paid, please remember to pay \$3 for each Early Arrival BEFORE the end of the school year. Don't forget to write a memo with the payment. Thanks for your cooperation!

Julia Sides, our only substitute, will not be available next school year. It's a long process finding a qualified substitute because the Live Scan fingerprint clearance can take up to two months. Please, if you know anyone who may be interested in becoming a substitute (especially if they already have a Live Scan record) let the new Participation Chair, Adriane Westerdahl, know as soon as possible so she can start the process.

Well, my stint as Participation Chair will be coming to an end soon. I wish I could have rounded up another substitute, but it just wasn't in the cards. Thanks to everyone for keeping me informed and up to date on trades and subs!

[Jeanne Greene](#)—Participation Chair

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Membership Report

Congratulations to CNS!! Joy Harthcock has decided to take the Membership Chair position *again!* She has been and will continue to be a wonderful, positive member of the board. Thanks, Joy!

Before the Open House, we have 10 kids registered for the 2-day class and 14 in the 3-day class. We have space for 24 in each class, so spread the word. Invite people to join us at the Summer Park Play Dates (see the flyer posted next to the sign in sheet) and learn about the great things that happen at CNS.

The membership approved two changes to the bylaws at the April Parent Meeting. First, the VP/Maintenance and Membership Chair positions will now be elected in January, instead of October. Second, a tuition increase of 4% every fall of even years was approved by the membership. Therefore, the tuition for the 2008-2009 school year will be \$89 for the 2-day class and \$120 for the 3-day class.

Here are a few deadlines for next school year.

- June 1: First month's tuition (\$89 for 2-day; \$120 for 3-day)
Materials fee (\$50 for 2-day; \$60 for 3-day)
- June 30: All completed forms (available at www.chiconursery.org) are due to Joy.
Returning students are only required to complete forms 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13.
- August Orientation:
Last month's tuition

RETURNING FAMILIES: If you pay your first month's tuition and materials fee at the May 8 Parent Education Meeting, you will get priority for your committee choice.

It has been a challenging and rewarding year as the Membership Chair. I'm thrilled I was able to be here at the beginning of the "Miss Jessi Era." I think she has been a fantastic addition to CNS, and I imagine she will continue making CNS a wonderful place for kids to grow and learn. I will miss Lunch Bunch!

[Jeanne Greene](#)—Membership Chair

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Fundraising Report

First off I would like to thank everyone, you have all been very helpful and generous with all of the fundraisers this year. Secondly I couldn't have done any of the fundraisers without my awesome committee, you were the best committee ever. Lastly, a huge thanks to Sheena Hobbs for taking on the Fundraising Chair position. ***Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!***

[Cathy Peloso](#), Fundraising

Nutrition Report

Hello All CNS Families,

I can't believe I am writing my last Newsletter article for the school year. The year seemed to have rushed by, but we have so many wonderful memories. Aidan has grown and learned so much through out this year, it is hard to believe he is going to be a big three-day kid next year. We have met so many wonderful families here at CNS. So if you are off to Kindergarten, staying here again for next year or whatever the case may be, my family has been truly blessed to have known you. CNS is so dear to me simply because of the community it invokes. I love that I have gotten to know some of the greatest parents as well as some really wonderful kids! So enough of the sentimental stuff and on to business.....

Thank you to all the parents that donated their time and their yummy treats to the Bake Sale. I so appreciate all that you did to make it a success.

Also, remember that we will be having a potluck at the end of May. A sign-up sheet will be posted to bring all those delicious dishes. Remember, a potluck is a wonderful time to bring that famous family recipe, try out that new recipe you have been wanting to make or even popping that frozen lasagna in the microwave. We except any and all food!! Yippee!!

I also want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Alec's dad Tom Angel for taking over Nutrition next year. He will do such a great job. Thanks Tom! Now just a few May reminders:

Nutrition sign-ups:

2-Day Class

April 29/May 1 Shannon Lawson

May 6/8 Tom Angel

May 13/15 Joy Harthcock

May 20/22 Open

May 27/29 Jessi Wood

3-Day Class

April 28/30/May 2 Nikki Randall

May 5/7/9 Wynona Parry

May 12/14/16 Adriane Westerdahl

May 19/21/23 Laura Choo

May 28/30 Kimberly Fellner

Thank you to everyone. It has been my pleasure serving you as the Nutrition Head.

Joy Harthcock jharthcock@yahoo.com

Communications Report

Dear Parents:

I wanted to tell everyone THANK YOU for working so hard to get all of those Open House and Rummage Sale fliers out around Chico. All of us are busy parents and I understand how hard it is to find time to do those kinds of things. We can do so much when we all work together! I also wanted to send out a huge THANKS to Devanie Angel for all her help with the advertising for the Open House and Rummage Sale. I'm new to this whole communications gig and she was absolutely key to our success!

Carrie Asosi (James' Mom) asosifamily@yahoo.com

Staying Connected Over the Summer

From Joy Harthcock: Remember to come join us this Summer for our Chico Nursery School Play Dates in the Park. Starting the first week in June, we will be meeting at a park every Wednesday from 10:00 to Noon. So bring your lunches, wear your CNS t-shirts, and come have some fun!!

June - Hooker Oak Park

July - Wildwood Park

August - Caper Acres

I would also love to plan a CNS BBQ this summer, and maybe a CNS Camp-out or swim party. I would love your input and ideas, let me know if anyone would be interested. Thanks.

Any questions e-mail Joy at jharthcock@yahoo.com or call 342-2178.

Potluck Etiquette

Did you ever ask yourself, hey, am I a bad potluck? Do I go to potlucks with my entire extended family (including myself, my husband, two kids, Uncle Don, Aunt Barb, Grandpa James, nephews John and Joe, the neighbors, and 2 family dogs) and stop to buy a box of Popsicles on the way as my contribution to the food table?

If this paints a picture of what you expect to do at our potluck on May 30th, please reconsider. Please bring enough food for everyone you are bringing plus a little more. This way, every one gets a good variety of choices and they don't have to stop and eat on the way home because all that was left when they got to the front of the line was...ummm...Popsicles.

