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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE . . .



As the 2017-18 school year comes to a close, I can smile as I consider the many activities and events that have helped to shape this year. I have a heart full of thank yous that go out to the dedicated and capable staff members of Creekside Middle School, the awesome students and the dedicated parents. Creekside continues to be successful due to the efforts of this amazing community. Thank you to those who have donated so much of their time and talent this school year. We have benefited greatly from your efforts, and I sincerely appreciate your commitment and overwhelming generosity throughout the year.

There are many activities as we finish up the school year. Be sure to take a look at our Calendar of Events by logging onto our website. **Eighth grade parents**, you should have received a separate letter via email describing the end-of-year events and important information regarding the advancement ceremony on Wednesday, June 6th, at 2pm.

Summer is a time to rejuvenate and reconnect. Remember to also keep your students' brains active to avoid, "summer brain drain." No matter what your student's summer may look like, summer camps, vacations, or just time at home, it can include learning.

To our eighth grade families moving on, we wish you the very best for a successful high school experience. The Creekside staff looks forward to seeing our sixth and seventh graders and their parents in the fall.

Have a safe and enjoyable Summer Break!

Jaliza Eagles
 Principal

MEASURE G

Stay informed about Measure G by reading regular updates posted on the CVUSD website:
<http://bit.ly/cvUSD-measureg>.



STUDENT CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Each year the Castro Valley Chamber of Commerce recognizes exemplary student citizens through their "Student Citizen of the Year" program. Each school in Castro Valley recognizes one student. The selection process is quite vigorous and it is very difficult to select only one honoree. This year's nominees from Creekside are: Leo Chu, Wandii Muinde, Travis Orem, Addy Sprague, and Ethan To. We are pleased to announce that Wandii Muinde was chosen as the 2018 Creekside Student Citizen of the Year. Congratulations to all of our remarkable nominees. The entire Creekside community takes pride in every accomplishment of our most valuable assets, our students.

IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT YOU RECEIVE EMAILS FROM CREEKSIDE, PLEASE BE SURE TO ADD THE SCHOOL SECRETARY'S EMAIL ADDRESS (lhalloran.cv.k12.ca.us) TO YOUR CONTACTS LIST. ALSO, PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES. THANK YOU.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The 2017-18 commencement ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 6, at 2:00 on the blacktop in front of the gymnasium. We will be able to accommodate seating for approximately 800 family members. **To ensure that there is enough seating for family members, we ask that you only bring 4 guests.** 8th grade parents will receive information regarding the end of the year activities via email or for those who don't have email, we will use the U.S. mail.

CVUSD is committed to providing equal opportunity for all individuals in education. District programs, activities, and practices shall be free from discrimination, intimidation, harassment and bullying based on race, color, ancestry, national origin, ethnic group identification, age, religion, marital or parental status, physical or mental disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or expression, or genetic information; the perception of one or more of such characteristics; or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Violations of this policy should be reported immediately to the site administrator(s) at District Schools. Inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Director of Student Services, 4400 Alma Avenue, Castro Valley CA 94546, 510-537-3000 x 1257

6TH & 7TH GRADE STUDENTS -- ARE YOU RETURNING TO CREEKSIDE NEXT YEAR? IF NOT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE MAIN OFFICE THAT YOU WILL NOT BE RETURNING.

Dates to Remember

May

- 01 Staff Meeting – 3:15
- 04 8th Grade Panoramic Picture @ 2:00
- 07-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 08 PTC Meeting – Library – 7:00 pm
- 08 Day of the Teacher
- 10 Board Meeting, District Office, 7:00 pm
- 10 Progress Reports Mailed
- 12 Rowell Rodeo Parade
- 18 Staff Appreciation Lunch**
- 21-25 Classified Employees Week
- 14 Band Concert @ CFA 7:00 pm
- 24 Academic Awards Night–Gym – 7:00 pm – by invitation
- 17 Sports Awards night in M/P @ 6:30
- 22 Washington D.C. Trip Mtg. @ Canyon @ 6:30 Rm. D-11
- 29 Spring Choral Concert @ CFA @ 7:00
- 23 Board Meeting – D.O. – 7:00 pm
- 28 Holiday – No School – Memorial Day**
- 30 6th Grade Cull Canyon Trip**
- 31 7th Grade Cull Canyon Trip**

June

- 01 Yearbook Distribution
- 01 8th Gr. Locker Clean Out & Yearbook Party
- 01 8th Grade Dance – M/P Room - 7 – 9:00 pm
- 04 8th Grade Great America Field Trip
- 05 Minimum Day – 12:35 Dismissal**
- 06 8th Gr. Breakfast & Adv. Practice – 11:00 Dismissal**
- 06 6th & 7th Grade Minimum Day – 12:35 Dismissal**
- 06 8th Grade Advancement Ceremony, 2:00 pm**
- 07 Last Day of School – 12:35 Dismissal**
- 14 Report Cards Mailed
- 14 District Board Meeting @ District Office 7:00 pm
- 28 District Board Meeting @ District Office 7:00 pm

AAREA HONOREES!

Congratulations to the following students who were recognized at the Fourteenth Annual African American Regional Education Alliance Student Achievement and Excellence Awards. These awards honor our African American students in the following categories: Visual/Graphic Performing Arts, Cultural Leadership and Civic Involvement, Resilience/Spiritual Consciousness, Academic Potential and Success, Academic Excellence, and senior Recognition Awards. We can all be very proud of our students' accomplishments. The following students were recognized at the AAREA 14th Annual African American student Achievement and Excellence Awards on Saturday, April 22nd, at Chabot College: Amaya Davis, Emaline D'Antonio, Samuel D'Antonio, C'yonna Gibson-Henry*, Trey Knights, Alexis Krzyzanowski, Wandii Muinde, Rachel Popoff, Reyna Sims*, Scarlett Sims*, DeAri Taylor, and Anna Wolde *Student is being recognized for their participation in the STEM STEPs for Success Program

END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

Our **Academics Award Night** will be held on **Thursday, May 24th from 6:30-8:00pm**. This evening is dedicated to honoring some of our most accomplished students. Invitations will be sent home to students receiving an award.

Class Field Trips will be held:

6th grade: On Wednesday, May 30th, 6th grade students will enjoy a swim party at Cull Canyon.

7th grade: On Thursday, May 31st, 7th graders will attend Cull Canyon

8th grade: On, Monday, June 4th, 8th graders will ride the wild rides at Great America.

INFORMATION CHANGES

In our busy lives we know that phone numbers, contact people, cell phone numbers, etc. often change. If any of the information you may have given us earlier in the year has changed, please contact the school office so we can update your emergency card information. It is very important that we have the most up-to-date information should we need to contact you. Thank you for your cooperation.

PARTICIPATION IN YEAR-END EVENTS

In order to participate in year-end activities, including the yearbook signing activity, 8th grade dance, and field trips, students must maintain good behavior records.

Administrators have spoken with all students to reinforce behavior and academic expectations for the last two months of school. Students signed a Behavior Contract that was to be brought home for your signature and returned. It is our desire that all students participate in the year-end activities and are not excluded due to academic or behavior issues.

Students remain eligible to participate in all activities based on the following criteria:

- Disciplinary referrals
- Outstanding financial obligations
- Absent the day of the event
- Grade Point Average

A full explanation for each eligibility requirement is on the Behavior Contract. Year-end activities may be withheld at the **discretion of the administration.**

Please reinforce with your student the importance of finishing strong and following all school guidelines.

Summer Vacation

YOU MUST HAVE A PARENT PORTAL ACCOUNT SET UP TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD IN AUGUST

In order to register your child(ren) for school beginning in August of 2018, we require all parents to have access to the Parent Portal. The Parent Portal is a website that can access your child's attendance and academic information. Once you have an account you will be able to access the information throughout your child's school career.



THANK YOU!

CLASSIFIED STAFF

The heart and soul of any school is the people in the building and this is especially true of our classified staff at Creekside. We are so very fortunate to work with many support staff who keep our school running smoothly with their professionalism and patience. Our classified staff members dedicate their time and talents in creating a safe, organized, and productive environment for our students. A huge thank you to our classified staff: Tim DeForest, Joseph Newell, LuAnne Halloran, Nadya Naranjo, Caroline Fong, Jeanine Disher, Lauretta Mazur, Teri Braxton-Semonsen, Carol Nalty, Sydney Wun, Ann Fitzgerald, Ann Christensen, Geraldine McHenry, Patrick Cheung, Mastora Hashimi, Ramona Davis, Sierra Weir, Javier Perez, Margo Howard, Debbie Glenn, Kinh Nguyen, and Mable Yan.

CERTIFICATED STAFF

We are also very fortunate to have such committed, competent, hard-working and caring professionals in the classroom with our students every day. Teachers spend countless hours preparing lessons that are rigorous, engaging and Common Core aligned, correcting papers, attending professional development trainings, and many other activities. Our extraordinary counselors are also an integral part of supporting the needs of our students. They go above and beyond to work with the social, emotional and academic needs of students. Even though our certificated staff are too many to name, each of them is a valued part of the Creekside team and I am thankful for their unwavering support of our students.

PARENT TEACHER CLUB

On behalf of the students and staff at Creekside, I want to thank the Parent Teacher Club for its tremendous support. A special thank you to our outstanding PTC board: Jean-Paul Popoff, Teresa Irby, and Ivanka Kyuchukova, whose hard-work, positive, support, and extremely capable members always gave so willingly of their time, talents, and energy whenever and wherever they were needed. The PTC's generous donations has allowed us to maintain our crossing guard! This was due to the many parents who donated their time, energy, and funds to support us. PTC funds also supported The Homework Clubs, school-wide field trips, campus beautification, the cost of Binder Reminders, and end-of-year events. They have provided meals for us at the Back-to-School Potluck, Parent/Teacher Conference Night, and Day of the Teacher. Many thanks for facilitating Registration and volunteering your time for activities and hundreds of other tasks. We sincerely appreciate all of your efforts, your commitment to our school community, and the many hours you devoted to assisting us in providing an exemplary learning environment for our children.

SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

A special thank you to Creekside's School Site Council members: Parents: Ivanka Kyuchokova, Kimberly Thompson, Kelly Mogilefsky; Students: Dianne Jin, Alexis Krzyzanowski, and

Dianna Goldenberg; Staff Members: Carol Nalty, Michelle Dube, Martina Foy, and Rick Doran. The SSC partnership allows ideas to be shared and discussed. SSC leadership and involvement helps us make important decisions, monitor budget allocations and improve our instructional program. Parents and students working alongside staff members are better able to meet the needs of each student.

BOOSTERS

Thank you also goes out to our Booster's Board members: Elaine Connolly, Patti Carr, Jennifer Chauvin, Emi Sarena, Jackie Vela, Kelley O'Hern, Linda Willits, Wina Burnama, and Michele Abe-Cerezo. Boosters is an organization that supports our school by coordinating events and raising funds for our athletes and Creekside as a whole. Because of their efforts this year, our parents, students and coaches have had the opportunity to participate in the Positive Coaching Alliance. This training emphasizes the importance of positivity in both inward and outward interactions which leads to a positive youth-sports culture here at Creekside Middle School. We appreciate your continued support of our athletic programs.

PICK UP AND DROP OFF

There have been recent complaints from Creekside neighbors about their driveways being blocked while parents wait to pick up students. Please do not block the driveways of homes in the area. If there is too much congestion in the school parking lot, you can always use the back of the school on Gem Avenue as an alternative pick up and drop off location. This area is located on the east side of Gem Avenue by our baseball fields. Please drop your student off on Gem Avenue.

We are continuing to receive complaints from businesses located in the Heyer Center, including Rumi's Cafe, regarding students loitering around their businesses. This is an unsupervised area. Some students in the past have left quite a bit of litter and been disruptive in this parking lot as well as inside the businesses. The businesses have also complained about parents using their parking lots to pick up their students which takes away parking for their customers. We encourage every parent to discuss this with your student to ensure a safe environment. We requested this in our October newsletter and are once again requesting that you not use neighborhood businesses as a drop-off and pick-up point for your students. Thank you for your continued cooperation.

For the safety of all students and our staff, we are asking that you please take extra caution when dropping your children off at school. An extra second or two of caution is well worth preventing an accident. Please remember that you are setting an example for all the children.

Also, please talk with your student(s) about carefully crossing the streets. We have received numerous calls regarding students almost getting hit by cars as they dart across their street on the way to and from school.

TDAP AND MMR IMMUNIZATION REMINDER FOR 6TH GRADE PARENTS

Whooping cough, also known as pertussis, continues to threaten students in California. To help stop its spread, all incoming 7th graders are required by law (SB 277) to have proof of a **whooping cough booster ('Tdap')** and **second MMR** shot in order to attend classes next year (2018-19 school year).

Personal belief exemptions on file for a child already attending school in California are no longer valid for the child entering 7th grade. Medical exemptions that are written by a licensed physician (MD or DO) are still permitted. For more information on this change, please see the Frequently Asked Questions at: www.shotsforschool.org/laws/sb277faq/.

If your child has already received these vaccines, please provide records to the school as soon as possible.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO ATTEND CLASSES WITHOUT AN UPDATED SHOT RECORD AND WILL NOT RECEIVE THEIR SCHEDULE IN AUGUST. THERE IS NO GRACE PERIOD.

Respectfully,

Sandee Velasquez RN, MN, FNP Credentialed School Nurse (510) 755-0103	Beth Erickson RN, MS District Nurse (510) 537-3000 x. 6137
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Reminder

May 14th - Spring Instrumental Concert
May 29th - Choral Concert

CONCERT ETIQUETTE

- Turn cell phones/Smart Pads OFF.
- Remain seated and quiet when the performance is in progress.
- If it is necessary to leave your seat before the concert is over, please do so between numbers.
- Please refrain from talking, or whispering while the music is being performed.
- Clapping is the appropriate way to show appreciation for the performance.
- Please no video recording during a concert, as the camera screen distracts the patrons behind you. If you must record your child's performance you must sit in the last row of the theater to set up your camera.

Thank you for supporting our school music program!



Have a Safe &
Fun Summer!

THE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Our recycling program does not need to end even though it is summer. We recycle cell phones and printer cartridges. You can still help our school earn money by simply having your student come to the front office to pick up a prepaid UPS label. You can then place the recyclable in any type of sturdy box and drop it off at any designated UPS shipping store. If you have any questions, please call Caroline Fong at 247-0665, ext 7003.

ACTIVITIES

The end of the year is approaching rapidly and there are many ways to get involved! During the month of May, students will be trying out for Creekside's Got Talent. Stay tuned to announcements for more information. We are proud to announce intramural sports and lunchtime activities for the whole month of May at Lunch on Fridays. Stay tuned for more information on Video Journalism announcements. Friday, June 1st is the 8th Grade dance from 7:00-9:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. The Leadership students are beginning to plan for this exciting event. Tickets will be sold before the dance for \$5.00 and \$6.00 at the door.

LIBRARY NEWS

And the Winners are...

The winners of the 2018 California Young Reader Medal were announced May 1. The winners are:

Intermediate: Pax, by Sara Pennypacker

Middle School: A Night Divided, by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Young Adult: Salt to the Sea, by Ruta Sepetys

Congratulations to the 40 Creekside students who participated in the CYRM contest and voted to help pick the winners!

Many, Many Thanks...

A heartfelt thank you to all of the parent volunteers who have worked tirelessly in the library this year, and thank you to all of our CJSF student Library Aides. Your help is greatly appreciated, and you are all wonderful! Also, thanks to our adult and student volunteers who worked at the book fair, and thank you to the families who donated books to classrooms and to the library. If you are interested in volunteering in the library, helping with textbook distribution in the fall, or working at the book fairs next year, please contact Carol Nalty at cnalty@cv.k12.ca.us, or 247-0665 x7312, or fill out a volunteer form at registration.

Summer Reading

Don't forget to spend some time with a good book or two during the summer. Participate in the Summer Reading Game at the Castro Valley Library, or work as a student volunteer, and earn a \$10 gift certificate to the Creekside Fall Book Fair, August 27 - 31. Bring your certificate of participation to Mrs. Nalty during the book fair to get your prize.

PTC News

The next PTC meeting will be held on Tuesday, **May 8, 7:00pm** in the Creekside Library. We will be officially voting in our 2018-2019 PTC Executive Board.

Below are the Nominees. We will also be taking nominations from the floor as well prior to voting. We welcome ALL who would like to participate and there is lots of room for more volunteers in various capacities. Feel free to email us if you would like to be involved, we would love to have you.

Board Position 2018/2019 Nominations:

- President: Tresa Irby
- Vice President: OPEN
- Secretary: Erin Joelson
- Treasurer: Joanna Hevener
- Hospitality Chair: Cecilia Antinero
- Fundraising Chair: Jessica Pacheco
- IT Chair: Jonathan Simon

Please note that if there is a position that you are really interested in, please let us know. We are all flexible and fun to work with!

May 18 - Staff Appreciation Luncheon!

The PTC is still in need of parents interested in volunteering or contributing items for raffle gifts to show appreciation for what the Creekside staff does for our children throughout the year. Please email us and let us know what you're able to do to help with this event! We're sure our faculty would appreciate items such as gift cards (Amazon, Target, I-Tunes, Safeway, Home Depot, etc.), gift baskets, baseball tickets or whatever other special items you're moved to donate. Our wonderful coordinator for this

event is **Jessica Pacheco** and she can be contacted at jlalex1@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

2017-2018 PTC Board

We also honor those who are leaving the school and who have supported the Creekside PTC: Jean-Paul Popoff & Ivanka Kyuchukova – Thank you so very much for all you have done on behalf of our children and for helping us support our great school!

Our heartfelt thanks goes out to all of the parents who helped with the 2017-2018 registration, the eye and ear exams, chaperoning, volunteering at the book fair & library, school events as well as all of the other ways they helped to make this past school year a success.




Regards,

Tresa Irby, Interim PTC Pres. & the Creekside PTC Board

WASHINGTON DC TRIP PARENT MEETING

TUESDAY, MAY 22ND, 6:30-7:30 PM IN D-11 @ CANYON
I would like to invite families who are participating in this year's Washington DC Trip to our parent meeting on Tuesday, May 22. Students are also welcome to attend. We will review the finalized trip itinerary and flight information, as well as review packing tips, medication procedures, and transportation details. This will also, of course, be a great time to bring questions as both trip chaperones will be there. If you have any questions, please contact Jackie Stone, jstone@cv.k12.ca.us See you there! Please note this meeting will be in room D-11 at Canyon.

Remember all the ways you can earn money for Creekside!!

 <p>You shop. Amazon gives.</p>	<p>Use https://smile.amazon.com/ instead of Amazon.com and 0.5% of your purchases will go to the charity of your choice. You just need to designate Creekside Middle School PTC as your charity.</p>
  <p>LabelsForEducation.com</p>	<p>Clip your Boxtops and Labels for Education Turn them in to the front office. They are found on the following type of products Kleenex, Scott tissue, Betty Crocker, Ziploc, General Mills cereal, etc.</p>

Creekside Middle School

Minimum Day Schedule

6th-8th Grade

June 5 & 6, 2018

0 Period	7:30-8:20
1 st Period	8:30-9:04
2 nd Period	9:08-9:42
3 rd Period	9:46-10:20
4 th Period	10:24-10:58
<i>Nutrition</i>	<i>10:58-11:18</i>
5 th Period	11:22-11:56
6 th Period	12:00-12:35

Thursday, June 7, 2018

0 Period	7:30-8:20	Advisory	Gym Assembly	Field Game
1 st Block	8:30-9:42	8 th gr.	7 th gr.	6 th gr.
2 nd Block	9:46-10:58	6 th gr.	8 th gr.	7 th gr.
<i>Nutrition</i>	<i>10:58-11:18</i>			
3 rd Block	11:22-12:35	7 th gr.	6 th gr.	8 th gr.