

CCE News – July-August 2015

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DJUSD will offer intermediate grade students the following music classes for 2015–2016:

- Beginning **string** lessons for 4th, 5th, and 6th graders.
- Beginning **band** lessons for 5th and 6th graders.
- Continuing string lessons for all 4th, 5th, and 6th graders who have already had 1 year of private or school lessons and meet the standards for second-year students. Continuing band lessons are offered to 5th and 6th graders who meet the same criteria.

To enroll your child in a beginning class, you **and** your child must first go to **one** of these meetings:

Band Meetings at: *Davis High School 315 W. 14th Street.*

Sept. 8 @ 7:30 p.m. for all schools

Sept. 9 @ 7:30 p.m. for all schools

Strings Meetings at:

PATWIN Elementary, 2222 Shasta Dr

Sept. 3 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 8 @ 7:30 p.m., Chavez Elementary families are designated to attend this night (9/8/14) for strings. If you cannot attend this meeting, then please attend one of the other scheduled meetings

Sept. 9 @ 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 10 @ 7:30 p.m.

Please contact a music teacher if you have further questions at this time:

Band & Strings: Sherie Wall swall@djUSD.k12.ca.us 530- 848-7176

Strings: Kim Cole kicole@djUSD.k12.ca.us 757-5300, ext. 271

Información sobre el programa de música de la escuela primaria se puede encontrar aquí:
<http://www.djUSD.net/file/1368364174405/1365835136341/7963884941537734336.pdf>

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Welcome back to school CCE Families! We are kicking off another exciting and fun-filled year of biking, walking, bussing and carpooling to campus.

For those of you who are new to the CCE community, the WBBC Program promotes active transportation to our campus. We offer a number of fun activities throughout the school year aimed at getting kids to ride or walk to school. In addition, we promote the use of public transportation and carpools to decrease the high traffic flow in front of our school during the peak drop-off and pick up times.

Active4Me is our scanning program that allows your kids to track their miles and trips logged as they ride/walk/bus/carpool to campus. Parents can get an email or text letting them know kids have arrived and kids can earn "monkey money", a virtual incentive system, that they can spend during the year.

If your child is interested in participating, please download and complete the attached permission slip and turn this into the office. When we begin scanning the first week of September, we will issue a bar code tag that parent volunteers will scan in the mornings as kids arrive at school.

Questions??..... please send these to beckergolde@comcast.net

In addition, the WBBC Program is your resource for a lot of the great programs that the City of Davis is promoting. As an example, here are a few of the things that the City's Street Smart Program is working on. The notifications below were sent out this week by the Street Smart Coordinator:

****Car-Free Month****

During the month of October the City of Davis will be celebrating Car-Free Month through a number of fun activities including Music on Buses, free Unitrans Day, UCD Bike Auction, and more. The Safe Routes to School program will sponsor a month-long School Bike & Walk Challenge. The goal is to see which school can make the most walking, biking and transit trips to school during October...and obviously beyond!

All schools participating in the scanning program will be eligible to compete for one of two prestigious honors (and fun prizes TBD):

- 1) the school who has registered the most new users since the start of school (starting in August the week before school starts to include paper parades).
- 2) the school with the highest percentage of scans during the month of October.

****Walk to School Day/Crossing Guard Appreciation Day****

October 7th will be the official day to acknowledge the important work that our crossing guards do every day by encouraging students to make them cards and/or bring them treats or tokens of appreciation that day. More resources for Walk to School day can be found here: <http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>

****Elementary School Poster Contest****

Celebrate Pollution Solutions! Have Fun. Be Safe. Help the Planet.

Back by popular demand...Aspiring artists can contribute to the City of Davis Street Smarts Poster Contest. Elementary school students are invited to create original artwork illustrating the fun, safe, and important role of transportation without pollution. All artwork will be included in an art show at the Davis Arts Center from December 11th-19th, with awards being presented by our own Mayor Dan Wolk. Students should receive a flier at school in September, and entries are due in late October. For more information: <http://street-smarts.cityofdavis.org>

****Books on Bikes****

The City will be providing FREE books to all elementary school libraries in both Davis and Woodland through a program designed to celebrate bicycling, bike culture, and bike safety, and provide positive images and stories about the use of bicycles for elementary school children. Students, and their parents, are exposed to many forms of media that promote driving (like car advertisements on TV, and popular films like the animated Cars movie) but rarely are bicycles promoted to children in this same way. By incorporating these stories into school library collections we hope to normalize the idea of biking to children and their families; encouraging them to choose biking as an everyday form of transportation to school, work, or other recreational destinations. Funded by a grant from the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District.

****Carpool Pilot Program****

We will be piloting a carpool program at Pioneer in the Fall, in cooperation with the Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District. This will be a trial project, which will hopefully lead to resources to be used at all DJUSD schools and beyond. We are excited to be working with the Air District and Pioneer principal Matt Duffy on this exciting new community model!

****SRTS Program Coordinator position!!****

We are excited to announce that we are posting a job announcement for the SRTS Program Coordinator position. This will be a half time position (at least initially), with very flexible hours. This person will help coordinate all of our school-based programming including rodeos, assemblies, curriculum pilot projects, etc. This job should be posted early next week. This will be a great opportunity for someone who is a super go-getter to help build our Safe Routes to School programming.

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The 1st Grade Lunch Parent volunteer program is looking for both lunchtime volunteers and a coordinator for the 2015-16 school year. This program assists in maintaining a healthy school climate and directly benefits CCE's first graders. 1st Grade Lunch Parents provide supervision and assistance to first graders as they learn to navigate the lunch tables, playground and blacktop, and sharing their play space with 2nd and 3rd graders. Could you volunteer one or two shifts a month to help at lunch or would you be interested in coordinating the program?

If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information please contact Anastasia Panagakos at panagaa@crc.losrios.edu or look for our table at Paper Parade on August 20th!

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A packet of back-to-school information will be mailed out later this week, to arrive before Paper Parade on Thursday, August 20. Paper Parade is organized by SIPAT and depends on 30 parent volunteers to run smoothly. (Note: Paper parade and K-1 Back-to-School Night are NOT on the same evening this year.)

Can you work a 2-hr shift at Paper Parade? Link below to sign up:
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c054aaaad2fa7fd0-20151>

Also, SIPAT is still seeking some key volunteers for this year's events and programs, including:

- Progressive Dinner Coordinator
- First Grade Lunch Volunteer Coordinator
- Dia de los Muertos Organizer
- Garden Program Coordinators
- Playworks Coordinator(s)

Read more about each of these roles on the [SIPAT web site](#) and in the mailed packet, and please call me directly if you are interested. We're looking forward to seeing everyone back to school soon!

Jenna Makus
SIPAT President 2015-2016
(530) 574-0850

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We are emailing you to invite you to the Blue Barrel Rainwater Harvesting Workshop at Cesar Chavez Elementary on September 12th. This is an exciting opportunity to become proactive with solutions to the drought and to help bring this awareness to CCE. Please forward this email to anyone you know who may be interested.

What is the workshop? We will be building a rainwater catchment system for the CCE gardens and learning about harvesting rainwater for use in our own vegetable gardens and landscaping at home.

When: September 12th

Cost: \$40 donation (This will help cover the cost of the materials and the workshop fee.)

How to sign up: The workshop is limited to 25 adult participants. Please RSVP soon to reserve your spot! Email Paul Havemann at havemannp@gmail.com or call 530-742-6193.

Blue Barrel Systems will provide participants with extensive knowledge regarding rainwater harvesting and how to install this low-cost option for collecting and using rainwater at home. Jessie Froehlich, owner of Blue Barrel Systems, will follow-up the installation with an educational component for all students at CCE. This is a wonderful opportunity for CCE students to get involved in a positive solution to the drought and to learn the science behind planning a rainwater catchment system. Students will benefit, both in the classroom and in the school garden, using harvested rainwater to grow vegetables and fruits.

For more information about Blue Barrel Systems, please visit their website at <http://www.bluebarrelsystems.com/>

We need someone with a truck and trailer to help collect 10 x 55 gallon barrels by September 10th. Please contact Paul if you can help with this.

The Back Story: It has been an eventful summer with regards the de/re-construction of the north campus classrooms and vegetable gardens and the well-organized chaos that you may have noticed in passing. During all of this there has been much positive talk between CCE garden coordinators, interested parents, interested professionals, and the School District around integrated utilization of water on campus, and importantly, how these developments can be used to benefit the education of our CCE students.

Upcoming plans include a forum to discuss the environmental needs of the campus as a whole. We will be holding a meeting with the larger CCE community to share current projects and future plans. We really need to tap into (pun intend) that great resource of minds, hands, and enthusiasm out there!

We look forward to seeing you at he workshop and in the garden at CCE!

Paul and Alisa Haller

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Just to clarify, the annual CCE Paper Parade is still ON, planned for August 20!

You may have heard about DJUSD moving to online re-enrollment...this replaces what was Station 1 of our paper parade last year. All CCE paperwork (directory form, SIPAT forms, etc.) that was collected at Stations 2-5 will still be handled at the paper parade. Teacher assignments will be distributed at the paper parade after all stations have been completed. Look for the August mailing for more information.