

CREEKSIDE CURRENTS

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE . . .

Each year, Creekside students, families, and staff work to support our local families in need. Over 1000 cans of food were collected and distributed to families for Thanksgiving. As a school, we "adopt" families and raise money to purchase gifts for the December holidays. Thank you to everyone who contributed to these worthy causes. We are fortunate to have so many people who are willing and able to support our community.

Please help me in congratulating Carina Fuentes, Creekside's CLMS (California League of Middle Schools) Educator of the Year. Carina is our 6th and 7th grade school counselor. She was honored at the end of November at the CLMS dinner. Carina has been a part of the Creekside staff for over 11 years. She is a huge asset to students and staff. We are so thankful for her many years of service.

Our Choral and Instrumental Concert, directed by Julie Boehler and Keita Hasagawa, are coming up quickly. Please support our Creekside musicians and attend these wonderful events.

Our beloved LuAnne Halloran will be retiring as the Creekside School Secretary. Her last day is December 7th. LuAnne has been the only secretary that Creekside has known. Her dedication, knowledge, and willingness to go above and beyond will not be forgotten and she will be sorely missed! Please wish her well as she moves on to this next stage in her life.

Welcome Krista Richey, former Proctor Secretary. Krista has joined the Creekside Team as our School Secretary. Her first day was December 3rd. We are so happy to have her as our newest Wildcat!

As 2018 comes to a close, I would like to wish everyone a joyous and safe Holiday Season and a prosperous New Year!

Jaliza Eagles
 Principal



JANUARY 17TH AND 18TH

ARE MINIMUM DAYS.

STUDENTS WILL BE RELEASED AT 12:35
 (SEE BELL SCHEDULE AT END OF NEWSLETTER)

NEW WEBSITE

We have a new website. You can now view the Creekside's webpage at <http://creekside.cv.k12.ca.us/>

Dates to Remember

December

- 04 8th Grade Field Trip
- 04 Choral Winter Concert @ CFA @ 7:00pm
- 05 PIQE Parent Graduation @ Canyon @ 6:30pm
- 06 Progress Reports Mailed
- 06 Board Meeting, @ D.O. 7:00 pm
- 07 Instrumental Concert in M/P Room @ 7
- 11 Anti-Bullying Assembly
- 14 7th & 8th Grade Winter Dance, M/P @ 7:00 – 9:00 pm
- 17 & 18 8th Gr. Vision Screening
- 17 Instrumental Music Concert @ CFA @ 7:00pm
- 21 Winter Assembly
- 24 - 1/4/19 – No School, Winter Break

January

- 07 School resumes
- 07 – 8th Grade Hearing Screening
- 08 PTC Meeting in Library @ 7:00
- 10 District Board Meeting @ District Office @ 7:00pm
- 16 Outdoor School Parent Info Mtg. in M/P Room @ 6:00 pm
- 17 & 18 Minimum Days – 12:35 pm Dismissal
- 18 First Semester Ends
- 21 No School – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- 24 Report Cards Mailed
- 24 District Board Meeting @ District Office @ 7:00pm

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HOLIDAY GREETINGS FROM ACTIVITIES AND LEADERSHIP

Holiday Greetings from Activities and Leadership! Creekside ASB is very busy during the holiday season. We helped Castro Valley Outreach feed many hungry families for Thanksgiving. There was some stiff competition between advisory classes. The top 3 classes with the most cans won a prize! Thank you to all who participated in the food drive. We will also be helping families in need during the December holiday season through the Adopt-A-Family program. Some grade levels hold an auction to raise money for the families while other groups may accept donations only. Auction items may include gift items, prizes, and/or more! Leadership students are also excited to celebrate the season with a dance on December 14th and the Winter Assembly on December 21nd.

NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Please add Creekside Middle School to your contacts in your cell phones. Many times we are trying to reach you from the Health Office only to have our call unanswered or rejected. This is very stressful to your child not being able to contact you when they are not feeling well. Our number is 510-247-0665.

With the cold and flu season upon us, the Health Office is in need of boxes of tissue. Puffs are extremely popular for those students with sore noses. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

MESSAGE FROM THE SCHOOL SECRETARY

Some of you are aware that I will be retiring as of December 7th. When I was part of the team starting this school back in February, 1997, I was so excited to be back at a school that I had attended many, many years ago. I was also excited about opening a new school and having my son attend as the first Creekside 6th grade class. I have enjoyed my 22 years here and wanted to take the time to thank the staff, students, and parents for making my years here so enjoyable. I will now be able to do more gardening, take my RV out and visit this beautiful country that we live in, and take time with my granddaughter and future grandchildren. My wish is that each of our students live to their best potential and that you all have a wonderful future.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Earn cash for Creekside by clipping Boxtops for Education from sponsoring products. You or your child can deposit them in a box in the office, or you can turn them in at the PTC meeting.

LEGO CLUB DONATIONS

Do you have any used/new LEGOS that you would like to donate? We have many students who are interested in starting a LEGOS club, but we need lots and lots of LEGOS to make it happen. If you would like to make a donation, please drop LEGOS off in the main office. Thank you! Mrs. Fuentes

VISION & HEARING SCREENING

The 8th graders will have their eyes tested on December 17 and 18. Many students will find out for the first time that they need eye glasses or their current eye glasses/contact prescriptions needs to be updated. This is an age where their eyes change. Imagine not being able to read the board! Many kids can't!!! Our 8th graders also will have their hearing tested on January 7th.

Thanks to the wonderful parents who graciously agreed to give of their time to help with the testing. Your assistance keeps the testing running smoothly!

Thank you to the CVUSD Nurse Sandee Velasquez for getting this done at all of our schools!

MESSAGES & DELIVERIES

We need your help! We try to monitor the learning environment so that classroom interruptions are minimized. You can leave a voicemail message or email the teacher.

In keeping with this policy, **it is very difficult to deliver messages to students.** Arrangements for rides, appointments, and activities should be made before school. **Please do not call the school with messages for students unless it is an emergency.**

Please help us by having your students double check before they leave for school to be sure they have their lunches or lunch money, school work, bus tickets, jackets, P. E. clothes, or other needed belongings. If you do drop an item off in the main office, leave it on the bookcase which is to the right as you enter the main office. **It is your student's responsibility** to come to the main office and pick up the item. We do not have extra help to make deliveries. Thank you.



SIXTH GRADE NEWS OUTDOOR SCHOOL

Outdoor School Dates:

Panthers - Monday, March 18, 2019 – Friday, March 22, 2019
Cheetahs - Monday, March 25, 2019 – Friday, March 29, 2019

Payment Turn-In Dates:

The total cost is \$450 per student. The second installment is due Friday, December 14, 2018, and the third installment is due Thursday, February 28, 2019. Please make checks payable to Creekside Middle School and turn them in to your son/daughter's advisory teacher. There is an option to pay with a credit card on the Creekside websites. Look for "Webstore" under Quick Links, and you can pay online under the tab Outdoor School. Please make sure to put the student's name when submitting payment. If you are having financial hardships and need to arrange different payment plans, please contact your child's counselor or the school principal.



PTC NEWS

There is no PTC meeting in December. The next PTC meeting is on January 8th.

2019 YEARBOOK

The 2019 yearbook is off to a great start. Our marketing department has a "Yearbook Awareness" activity scheduled for January, which should encourage everyone who has not yet purchased their yearbook to do so. We have approximately 150 yearbooks still available at this time, and everyone should have his or her own copy to remember their 2018-19 year at Creekside. Why? Because you're in it!

You may drop off orders in the front office with a check, cash, or money order. Order forms are available in the front office, or you can see Mr. Chisholm in Room 24 to get one. Write the student's full name and their student ID# on the check. Your cleared check is your receipt. Remember: the cost of the yearbook increased to \$50 beginning in December 2018. For more information or questions, please email Mike Chisholm at mchisholm@cv.k12.ca.us.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND TEENS AS THEY MANAGE THE CHALLENGES & TEMPTATIONS OF TODAY'S WORLD

As parents, we have many good reasons to feel concerned and anxious about knowing what is best for our children. We are constantly warned about the risks that come with social media, the dangers of drugs and alcohol, and the power of peer pressure, but don't always know the best way to help our children confront and navigate these challenges. Join us for a three-night series in which we will explore current thinking about how to best support our children and teens so that they can successfully weather the challenges of growing up and develop the resilience they will need to make good choices.

Classes will be held 1/16, 1/23 & 1/30 from 7:00- 8:30 pm. Visit the CVACE website at www.cvadult.org to enroll or call the school at (510)886-1000. Information about the class is also in the school brochure that will reach Castro Valley homes in December. The class is free, but **limited to 35 participants** and you must be registered to attend.

LOST AND FOUND ITEMS

Our lost and found containers are **OVERFLOWING!** We have almost a whole shelf of water bottles and a box of lunch bags. Please be sure to put your child's name legibly written on ALL water bottles, lunch bags, and ALL outdoor wear!!!

All lost and found items will be donated to a worthy cause over the winter break. Please make sure your student has checked the lost and found in the main office and either the boys' or the girls' locker room. Thank you.



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S AWARD

In order to promote our ROAR characteristics of Respect, Ownership, Acceptance, and Responsibility, the Assistant Principal's Award is given out each Friday over Video Journalism announcements to a student who has gone "above and beyond" or who has shown a vast improvement in their academic or social behavior for an extended period of time. This can be someone that a teacher or staff member nominates or it can be someone that the Administration wishes to recognize. The student's picture is taken and placed on the wall in the Counseling Office and the student also receives a certificate to bring home. Award recipients will also be mentioned each month in the newsletter.

We have recognized the following students:

Kyla Hollands	Bronson Burfield
Jace Brede	Julia Sayyid
Diego Banuelos	Zoe Lawrence
Naomi Chow	Catalina Baldwin

Congratulations to these outstanding students!

MIDDLE SCHOOL HISTORY-SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOK ADOPTION

The Middle School History-Social Studies Textbook Adoption Committee invites you to join the discussion in recommending a new Social Studies textbook to the CVUSD Board of Trustees. The piloted textbooks will be shared and reviewed during the Canyon's PTA and Creekside's PTC meetings listed below.

- Canyon: November 13, 2018, 6:30 pm in the Canyon library.
- Creekside: January 8, 2019, 7:00 pm in the Creekside library.

Additionally, teachers, parents, and community members will meet to discuss and review each textbook. The first meeting will take place after school at 3:30 on Thursday, December 6 in room B-6 at Canyon to review the second quarter pilot of Pearson curriculum.

We will meet again at 3:30 on Tuesday, February 19 in room 8 at Creekside to discuss the third quarter pilot of TCI (Teachers Curriculum Institute).

Please join us if you are interested in being a part of these conversations. The textbook materials for each of the History-Social Studies pilots will be available for public comment at the District Office in Educational Services from January 9 - February 19, 2019. If you have questions, please contact Denise Hohn, Director, Educational Services at dhohn@cv.k12.ca.us or 510 537-3000 x 1278.

RESPONSE TO INTERVENTION TUTORIAL

The Creekside mission is *“Cultivating academic excellence, equity, and responsibility.”* To this end, we implement Response to Intervention (RtI) Tutorial on Tuesdays and Thursdays, which began in October.

Our goal – Every Student, Every Standard. Students not meeting standards will receive extra time and support during the school day. These interventions will ensure that every student receives the assistance needed to be successful. There are three levels that make up the Response to Intervention Pyramid:

TIER 1 includes our CORE program of high quality classroom teaching, high expectations, assessments/data collection and analysis, and Open Tutorials.

TIER 2 becomes more targeted to specific student needs, such as: mandatory tutorials (Mandatorials), mandatory make up time, required homework help, C.O.S.T. referral, and/or conferences with counseling/administration/staff.

TIER 3 includes our English Language Development and Math Booster intervention classes

It is important to understand that being referred beyond Tier 1 is not a punishment! It is our way of making sure that ALL students get the support that they need to be academically successful. We are passionate about student success and want to do our best to offer our students the individualized support they need to be academically successful and prepared for the rigors of high school and career/college.

Referral Process:

When a student is referred to RtI, the following occurs:

Mandatorial: A teacher who is concerned with a student's progress or assessment results will stamp the student's Binder Reminder to attend a Mandatorial (mandatory tutorial). This is time dedicated to re-teaching and/or pre-teaching and re-testing of essential standards.

Make-Ups: Students who have classwork or homework that is either missing or needs to be redone may be stamped to attend mandatory make-ups to complete this work with a classroom teacher.

C.O.S.T. referrals: If a teacher or other staff member is concerned about a student's progress, that person will recommend that the student get additional help. This recommendation will generate a meeting with a counselor, administrator, and other support providers, who will conference and put together a plan of action to move toward academic, behavioral, and attendance success. Each additional time a student is referred for support, the conversation and plan of action becomes more specific to the student's individual needs, progressively moving through Tiers 1, 2, and 3.

As our most valuable team members, we are asking for every family's support. Teachers will be using student Binder Reminders to indicate where students should go during Tutorial. Please ensure that your student is in possession of his/her required Binder Reminder every day at school. Replacement Binder Reminders can be purchased for \$5 in the Counseling Office. Detentions will be assigned for students who fail to bring their Binder Reminders.

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Minimum Day Schedule

6th-8th Grade

Thursday, January 17, 2018

0 Period	7:30-8:20
1 st Period	8:30-9:42
3 rd Period	9:46-10:58
<i>Nutrition</i>	<i>10:58-11:18</i>
5 th Period	11:22-12:35

Friday, January 18, 2018

0 Period	7:30-8:20
2 nd Period	8:30-9:42
4 th Period	9:46-10:58
<i>Nutrition</i>	<i>10:58-11:18</i>
6 th Period	11:22-12:35

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CARPOOL

This CARPOOL information form and binder are available as a courtesy to Creekside Middle School families. Look through this book for carpool contact information.

These sheets are shredded at the end of each school year. Please complete a new form each school year.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CLOSEST TO YOU: _____

CROSS STREETS CLOSEST TO YOU: _____

Instructions:

1. Fill in this form (completely) and then file under the Elementary School which is located closest to your home.
2. Make a list of the names and phone numbers of those families listed in the same Elementary School locations as you.
3. Contact those families directly to arrange a carpool schedule.

Your name: _____

Your child's name: _____ Grade: _____

Email: _____ Phone number: _____

Check all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/> We are looking for before school carpool rides.	<input type="checkbox"/> We can provide before school carpool rides.
<input type="checkbox"/> We are looking for after school carpool rides.	<input type="checkbox"/> We can provide after school carpool rides.
For before school rides, my child arrives by _____ 7:25AM for 0 Period or _____ 8:25AM for 1 st Period.	

*This program is not sponsored by the Castro Valley Unified School District.
Approval to distribute flyers is a community service rather than an endorsement.*

DO YOU NEED HOLIDAY FOOD INFORMATION?



Call Alameda County Community Food Bank to find a distribution site near you!

1-800-870-3663 or 510-635-3663

Then Dial 1 for English, 2 for Food, 3 For Holiday Food

Call the Food Bank Helpline starting November 1st— 27th & December 1st—25th, enter your zip code and household size. You will be given the name and address of a site in your neighborhood that is holding a special holiday distribution on a first-come- first serve basis.

Only one per family per holiday.



想知道哪里有節日食品領取嗎？



致電阿拉米達社區食物銀行找到距離你家最近的派發地點！

1-800-870-3663 or 510-635-3663

按 4 之後有中文服務，再按 1 選擇緊急食物求助，然後按 1 講廣東話或者 2 講國語

於11月1日-11月27日及12月1日-12月25日期間致電食物求助熱線，告訴我們你的郵政編碼和家庭人口數量。你將會被告知在你居住的區域內派發節日食品的機構名稱和地址。先到先得。

每個家庭只能領取一次！



¿NECESITA INFORMACIÓN DE DONDE PUEDA RECIBIR COMIDA PARA LOS DÍAS FESTIVOS?



¡Llame al Banco de Comida para localizar un sitio cercano!

1-800-870-3663 o 510-635-3663

Después oprima 2 para Español, 2 para Comida, 2 Para los días festivos

Llame al Banco de Comida comenzando Noviembre 1^{ero}—27 y Diciembre 1^{ero}—25, oprima su código postal y el numero de personas en su hogar. Usted escuchara un sitio donde podrá recibir una bolsa de comida especial en su comunidad. Se distribuirá comida hasta que se acabe.

Solo una por hogar, por día festivo.



Negative Balances for Meals



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Negative balances on meal accounts for students attending the Castro Valley Unified School District are extremely high this year.

If you have not filled out an application please do so online on the district website under the parent section. Paper copies of applications are also available at your school site in English, Spanish and Chinese. Your family could qualify for a free or reduced meal for the remainder of the 2018-19 School Year!

Another option is to create an account on MySchoolBucks.com which is also on the district website under the parent section to put money on your child's account. Parents who wish to pay cash may do so by putting money in personalized white envelopes provided at the school office (elementary). If your student is in secondary school you may send cash with them to pay for their meals.

If you are experiencing financial difficulty please contact the Child Nutrition Office at 510 340-9117 to make payment arrangements.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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