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BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Middle School Competition



Ann Lynn Parker signs the question.



THE BLACK DRAGONS
ponder the answer to their question.



The **SUPER NERDS**
try to reach a consensus on their answer.



David Eberwein (*judge*) asks a tiebreaker question
as Doralynn Folsé (*judge*) and
Tara Lynn Lanning (*timer*) watch.



Battle of the Books - Middle School Student Comments

My team worked hard for a month. We were determined to win. We got 2nd place!

—*Karly Knopf*

I thought reading was boring. Then, I had to read four books in four weeks. On the day of the competition, I had so much fun. Now I love reading!

—*Alexandria Brinkley*

It was fun to talk about the books. The best part was answering all the questions!

—*Mayra Rios*

At first, I was nervous because it was my first time. Our team worked hard discussing the answers to the questions. We actually won! Yay! I can't wait to do it again next year.

—*Andrew Cho*

I was motivated and excited to read the books. The battle was fun. I want to be a good reader, and this competition helped me.

—*Rebecca Patron-Carreon*

It was SUPER FUN competing against other kids in the middle school!

—*Jacinda Baldwin-Gomez*

It couldn't be any funner! It was so fun... honest! I learned a lot from my teammates. I enjoyed it very much.

—*Christina Call*

It was shocking when my team (Green 4) won the championship round because we thought we would lose the first few games. The other teams looked so intimidating!

—*Nia Lazarus*

It was fantastic and fun. I betcha someone was inspired to keep reading books!

—*Michael Foust*



I never really liked to read until the Battle of the Books. I now like to read!

—*Leeza Williams*

It was fun and it motivated me. I also learned some new words.

—*Ka Youa Xiong*

It was fun to read and battle against my friends. I got more education out of it, too!

—*Ronnie Hurne*

I am happy that the teachers set up the Battle of the Books. At first, I didn't want to do it, but I had so much fun on competition day!

—*Natalie Lizarraga*

I liked reading the books. I want to do the Battle of the Books again.

—*Alivia Alberigi-Speicher*

I felt like I learned a lot. I enjoyed the experience.

—*Joshua Moore*

Growing up, I hated reading but the Battle of the Books made it enjoyable. I liked the competition and the books.

—*Craig Long, Jr.*

Battle of the Books was an absolutely great experience for us. We learned to do our work, be responsible, and be motivated. I definitely want to do it again next year.

—*LiAn Jackson*





The *SUPER KIDS* and *IT'S ALL GOOD* await their next question.



Francis Haramount, team captain, scores for *THE HYPERS* in the championship round.

Middle School Staff Comments

Last May, CSD middle school's team of six students emerged victorious in the first Battle of the Books competition against deaf schools from New Mexico, Texas, and Minnesota.

Inspired by how much those students enjoyed the competition, I wanted all the CSD middle school students to have the same experience. So, I decided to organize a CSD middle school competition. On December 20, we held our CSD Middle School Battle of the Books event, which lasted all day.

Four weeks before, students separated into teams. Each team had five students from different grades (6th, 7th, and 8th). The students were given four books to read and discuss during 'X' block for four weeks.

The students loved interacting with other students they don't normally have classes with. They discussed the books and quizzed each other. They developed a strong bond and a desire to work together as a team in order to win.

The students had so much fun competing against each other on game day. It was inspiring to see all of them actively engaged and having fun. Several students actually said that this event helped them enjoy reading more.

This event, of course, could not have been done without the enthusiastic involvement of all the

CSD middle school staff, other CSD staff who volunteered, six high school students who volunteered, and some outside volunteers, as well. We look forward to doing this competition again next year!

Soon, we will be selecting CSD middle school teams to compete against the other schools for the deaf. The second Battle of the Books against NMSD, TSD, and MDS will occur in May. Go CSD!

—Beth Ticehurst,
Lead Reading Teacher

The Battle of the Books competition was an inspirational event for a number of reasons:

- ALL of the students were reading and discussing books. (This pretty much describes nirvana for a literacy coach.)
- Student teams bonded, took ownership of their learning, and became invested in the process.
- Students had definite opinions about the books they read and the process of the competition. They definitely let us know what we could do better next time.
- The process of "The Battle" expanded (for some – opened) the world of literature to our students. What more could we ask?

—Janice Orton,
Literacy Coach



As team captain of *GREEN FOUR*, Nia confidently answers during the championship round.



Emily Hessenauer, team captain, of *EAGLE READERS*, battles on during the championship round.



The *SUSPICIOUS EAGLES* watch to see if they answered correctly.



Cheryl Yoshitake discusses a question with judges Veronica Kenny-Goulet and Joey Baer.



Time is up. Your answer please!



THE ACES intently watch as the question is being asked.



Parents (Doreen Baldwin, Jeanne Dike, and Katalin Farr) cheer on their children during the preliminaries.

With Appreciation

The middle school department is fortunate to have Hawk Relay sponsor our Battle of the Books event. Because we have a choice of which company we use for relay services, the teaching staff wants you to be aware of the generous support Hawk Relay has provided for us to put on this contest.

www.hawkrelay.com

On December 20, Mr. Samuel Hawk, president of Hawk Relay, greeted students and wished them luck through a videophone call from Philadelphia, PA. During his 10-minute call, he told the students about how he got into the phone business. He encouraged them by sharing that any one of them could run a business; he was told that he could not run a business because he was deaf, and went on to become president of his company.

He also emphasized the importance of reading in conjunction with American Sign Language and English development.

Please join us in thanking Hawk Relay for their generous support toward this exciting reading initiative for the next two years.

—With appreciation,
Clark R. Brooke
Middle School Principal



Special thanks to Katalin Farr for all of her help with this issue.

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to the CHAMPION TEAMS

SUPER KIDS

Coach: Mrs. Jackerson

Luis Hernandez

Phillys Brown

Yordi Morales

Alexis Madayag

Shenicqua Malave

GREEN 4

Coach: Ms. Lummer

Christina Call

Rafael Menjivar

Conrad Baer

Nia Lazarus

SUSPICIOUS EAGLES

Coach: Mrs. Call

Matthew Jones

Priscilla Castaneda

Benjamin Ngov

Ronnie Hurne

Andrew Cho

THE HYPERS

Coach: Ms. Griebel

Sara Wnek

Marilee Williams

Emily Livermore

Francis Harmount

Donna Melena

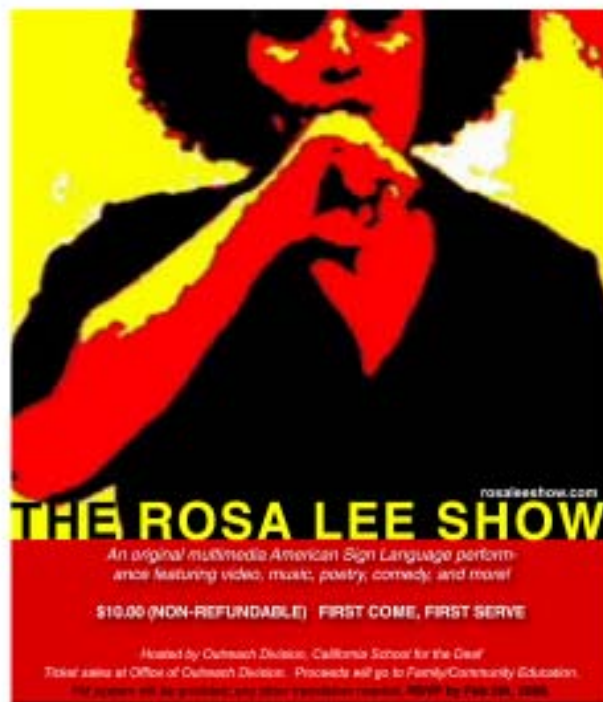
ALUMNI GAMES

Girls' & boys' basketball and the wrestling team spent three days on campus over the winter holiday practicing their art. They held three practices a day to help the players prepare for the upcoming Clerc Tournament, league play, and WSBC. As a culmination of the three days of practice, Director of Athletics Kevin Kovacs organized alumni basketball games for the women and men.

'06 graduate Ashley Griffith (featured in the photo with current player Shayla Griffith) returned to play in this annual event. Diana Miller (another CSD grad) was also featured in the picture playing against daughter and current player Alexa Miller.



Oskar Schugg was bound by former players so that he could not help his current team. However, the '07-'08 Eagles prevailed, winning in the final seconds by 2 points.



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<p>show time 02.09.08 Saturday 7:00 PM</p>	<p>location Little Theatre CALIFORNIA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF 30350 GALLAUDET DRIVE, FREMONT, CA 94538</p>	<p>contact info Cheryl L. Boyd cboyd@csls-cde.ca.gov 910.794.3611 (V/F) 910.794.3107 (voice/TTY) www.csls.edu 817.08.95</p>
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UPCOMING EVENT

CSD will host a Saturday workshop for
Families with Deaf African American Children

February 9, 2008

This workshop is a great opportunity for African American families to gather in a culturally comfortable atmosphere and discuss and learn about issues pertaining to their Deaf children.



We are very fortunate to have **Dr. William Ellerbee** as our keynote speaker. Dr. Ellerbee is the Deputy Superintendent of California's Department of Education's (CDE) School and District Operations Branch. He is the recipient of numerous awards and recognitions for his leadership, dedication, and commitment to education and the community. He also accompanied Dr. Klopping, Dee Kennedy, and other school leaders on their recent trip to Sweden.



We also have an amazing evening performance by **Rosa Lee Gallimore**. Rosa Lee is a performance artist who has been involved with a variety of theatre arts projects and has performed in front of thousands of hearing and Deaf onlookers all over the country to rave reviews. Rosa Lee incorporates all aspects of her artistic talents and her experiences as a Deaf woman from a Deaf family into her shows, which include music, video, and performance art. This show will be open to the community.



Stay tuned to more information on this event at:

www.csd.f.k12.ca.us/outreach/resources/

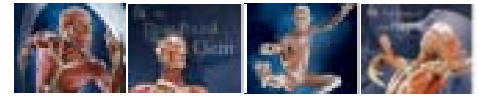
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Middle school students learn about health and anatomy at Body Worlds

Last month, the physical education department with middle school health classes went on a field trip to the famous **Body Worlds 2** exhibit in San Jose at The Tech Museum of Innovation. **Body Worlds** is the first anatomical exhibition of preserved human bodies. Nearly 25 million visitors have seen the mysteries that lie under the skin. It is a traveling exhibit that has gone all over Asia, North America, and Europe.

CSD middle school students were overwhelmed and enthralled with what they saw at the museum. Though it has been in existence for more than a decade, **Body Worlds** is still very, very popular.

The focus of the field trip was to learn about the human body: its functions, diseases, and physical changes. Many of the exhibits demonstrated widespread health problems such as obesity, smoking, heart problems, Alzheimer's disease, and their effects on the body. Also, students were able to see the complex and completely interconnected network of muscles, tendons, and blood vessels that make up our bodies.

It was a worthwhile trip for our middle school students! They talked about it over and over after the trip. PE staff and students discussed what they learned, debating about some of the health issues that may affect them as they grow older.

We were not allowed to take pictures inside the museum, so unfortunately we do not have photos to share. If you are interested in seeing the exhibit, it will be open through January 26. You can learn more about it on the internet: www.bodyworlds.com, or call them at 408.795.6307. Stay well!

—*Len Gonzales*
Physical Education /
Athletics Supervisor



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CSD's 150th Anniversary Update:

The Outreach Division and some alumni are working on CSD's 150th anniversary celebration, scheduled to be held April 30-May 2, 2010. We would like your input to help make our event a big success. If you have any remembrances, program books, or list of events from previous school celebrations or reunions, we would love to have them available for our use. If we use your items, we promise we will take good care of your things! Please email Barbara Morrison at bmorrison@c sdf-cde.ca.gov and let us know if you can help. Many thanks!

The ECE department would like to announce our 4th annual Trike-a-Thon:

Thursday, January 24, 10:00 AM
CSD Traffic Circle

Please join us to root for our cyclers as they ride to earn funds for our department's special events.

If you would like to sponsor our riders, please bring your donation that day, in an envelope with your name on it, OR drop it off in the ECE office anytime!

PE Students of the Month:

- 1st – Brianne Leiker (Ms Dike-Johnson)
- 2nd – Kaliska Sloan (Mr Hendrix)
- 3rd – Jax Pedersen (Ms Dike-Johnson)
- 4th – Chelsea Pedersen (Mr Dike-Johnson)
- 5th – Maribel Ibarra-Saucedo (Mr Ellis)
- 6th – Lian Jackson (Mr Hendrix)
- 7th – Emily Livermore (Ms Ayres)
- 8th – Antoine Nathaniel (Mr Ellis)
- 9th – Bryant Conti (Ms Ayres)
- 10th – Haley Lawrence (Mr Ellis)

HELP PROTECT OUR SCHOOL:

A group of parents and community members created a website to protect CSD from possible budget cuts:
www.fordeafkids.wordpress.com



“Listening to Your Child’s Difficult Feelings”

Presented by Elaine Culverwell
Marriage & Family Therapist

Thursday, February 7, 2008
6:30 – 8:30 pm
CSD Library

Helping Parents Help Their Kids

Every parent has experienced how difficult it can be helping our children deal with powerful emotions. While we are often sympathetic and caring, we can also feel helpless, frustrated, and irritated because we don't know how to support them in ways that allow our children to experience these strong feelings and then move through them.

Develop and practice new parenting skills:

- Participate in hands-on activities related to effective family communication
- Practice supportive listening skills
- Work with the subject of childhood bullying as a victim, bully, or bystander
- Gain various strategies to help our children work through their own feelings; support them to make positive changes at school; and examine our own triggers that come up around this sensitive topic.

Join us for an informative, interactive evening dedicated to helping parents become the kind of parents we've always wanted to be.

Elaine Culverwell Biography

Elaine Culverwell, MFT, has been working with the children and parents of Fremont for the last 25 years as a teacher and therapist. She taught social studies and psychology at Walters Jr. High and Mission San Jose High School for 18 years, and now has a private practice as a marriage and family therapist in Fremont. In addition, Elaine offers parenting workshops through the City of Fremont's Youth and Family Services, and teaches classes on stress and *The Enneagram*, an effective system of nine distinct personality types.

ASL/Spoken English interpreters will be available.
If you need a Spanish translator, please RSVP by February 4.
Call Virginia Foletta 510-794-3707 (VP/TTY/Voice)

If you have any questions,
please contact Cheryl Boyd at the Outreach Division:
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The ***SUPER DEAF STUDENTS*** demonstrate team spirit.