



# Cherrywood Charger Newsletter

## May 2012 & June 2012

Please call the district hotline

Chinese: 923-1901

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Vietnamese: 923-1903

Somebody will get in touch with you to deliver the essence of the document.

如果您需要更進一步的幫助，以便了解學校發回家的信件。

請撥打學區中文熱線電話 923-1901

有人會與您取得聯繫，為您解說文件上的重要內容。

Si desea ayuda adicional, por favor llame al teléfono de asistencia en español al **923-1902** y alguien se pondrá en contacto para darle la información esencial del documento.

Nếu quý vị cần sự giúp đỡ Để hiểu rõ hơn về những văn kiện đã được gửi về nhà Xin gọi số hotline của học khu tại 923-1903 sẽ có người giúp quý vị hiểu những điều cốt yếu của văn kiện.



**School Will Be Closed**

Monday, May 28, 2012

In Honor of Memorial Day

**Nhà Trường Sẽ Đóng Cửa**  
Thứ Hai, Ngày 28 Tháng 5, 2012  
Ngày Lễ Memorial

**La escuela estará cerrada**  
El lunes 28 de mayo, 2012  
En memoria de los caídos (Memorial Day)

學校不上課 2012年5月  
28日星期一 國殤日

**Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 7, 2012



**Ngày Học Cuối của Học Sinh**  
Thứ Năm, Ngày 7 Tháng 6, 2012

**El último día de clases es**  
Jueves 7 de junio, 2012

最後一天上課  
2012年6月7日星期四

## CHERRYWOOD CRITICAL POINTS FOR MAY 2012

1. STAR Testing is scheduled from **April 30 to May 11, 2012** for our second to fifth grade students. Please have your student on time for school and do not schedule appointments during these dates.
2. Berryessa Art & Wine Festival. Please join us on Saturday, **May 12** at the Berryessa Community Center on Berryessa Road. Proceeds from the Festival will go to the Berryessa Boosters which support our district music program. Be sure to stop by the Cherrywood Strawberry Short Cake Booth proceeds support our Safety Patrol and Science Camp Funds.
3. The 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Chess Tournament will be held at Cherrywood School on **May 19, 2012**. All students will play **5** games. Trophies will be awarded. Registration forms are attached.

## PUNTOS IMPORTANTES DEL BOLETIN DE CHERRYWOOD DE MAYO 2012

1. El examen STAR será del 30 de abril al 11 de mayo, 2012 este examen es para todos los estudiantes de 2do a 5o grados. Por favor asegúrense de que su estudiante llegue a tiempo a la escuela y que no tenga citas durante estas fechas.
2. Berryessa Art & Wine Festival. Por favor venga el 12 de mayo al centro comunitario Berryessa Community Center en Berryessa Road. Berryessa Boosters usará las ganancias de este evento para apoyar el programa de música del distrito. Asegúrese de parar en el puesto de Cherrywood para comprar un pastel con fresas. Las ganancias se usarán para apoyar nuestra patrulla de tráfico y para el fondo para el campamento de ciencias.
3. El 11<sup>o</sup> Torneo de Ajedrez será el 19 de mayo, 2012 en la escuela Cherrywood. Todos los estudiantes jugarán 5 juegos. Daremos trofeos. Adjuntamos la forma de inscripción.

## Cherrywood 2012年5月份校訊重點

1. 加州標準測試 (STAR Testing) 日期從4月30日至5月11日，二至五年級學生都必須接受這項考試。這段期間請務必讓您的孩子準時到校並請不要安排任何的預約。
2. Berryessa藝術與葡萄酒節 - 將於5月12日星期六在 Berryessa社區中心 (Berryessa Community Center, Berryessa Road) 舉辦。請大家來共襄盛舉。所得款項將用來支持學區的音樂課程。請務必惠顧 Cherrywood的草莓蛋糕攤位，收入將贊助交通安全巡邏和科學營基金。
3. 第11屆的西洋棋比賽將於2012年5月19日在 Cherrywood小學舉辦。每位學生都將進行5場的比賽。優勝者將頒發獎杯給予獎勵。參加登記表格附後。

## Những Điểm Quan Trọng Của Tháng Năm, 2012 Tại Trường Cherrywood

1. Cuộc kiểm tra STAR (của tiểu bang) được lên kế hoạch vào ngày 30 tháng 4 đến ngày 11 tháng 5, 2012 cho các học sinh từ lớp hai đến lớp năm. Vui lòng cho con em học sinh đến trường đúng giờ và đừng lên lịch trình các cuộc hẹn trong những ngày trên.
2. Lễ hội nghệ thuật và rượu nho tại Berryessa (Berryessa Art & Wine Festival). Vui lòng đến tham dự cùng chúng tôi vào ngày Thứ Bảy, ngày 12 tháng 5 tại trung tâm cộng đồng Berryessa (Berryessa Community Center). Tiền thu được từ những gian hàng lễ hội (Berryessa Boosters) này sẽ được đem vào ủy hỗ trợ chương trình âm nhạc trong khu vực của con em chúng ta. Đồng thời nhớ ghé qua gian hàng bánh bông lan dâu (strawberry short cake) của Cherrywood, tiền thu được từ gian hàng này sẽ được hỗ trợ cho tuần tra an toàn (safety patrol) và ủy cắm trại khoa học (science camp).
3. Đánh dấu thứ 11 hàng năm của cuộc đánh cờ (chess tournament) sẽ được tổ chức tại trường Cherrywood vào ngày 19 tháng 5, 2012. Tất cả học sinh sẽ được chơi 6 trò chơi. Giải thưởng sẽ được trao tặng. Đơn ghi danh đăng ký được đính kèm.



### **JUST A REMINDER:**

Our next PTA/Home and School Club meeting will be held on May 9, 2012-7:00 pm. If you would like to attend and need an interpreter please call (408) 923-1915.

Nuestra próxima junta del PTA/ y Club Escolar se llevará acabo el May 9, 2012-7:00 pm. Si usted desea atender y necesita interprete por favor llame al (408) 923-1915.

Buổi họp kế tiếp cho PTA/Home and School Club sẽ là vào ngày May 9, 2012-7:00 pm. Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần người thông dịch, xin gọi (408) 923-1915.

我們的家長會/家庭與學校社團下一次的開會日期是May 9, 2012-7:00 pm。如果您要參加並且需要翻譯服務，請打電話(408) 923-1915。

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The next School Site Council meeting will be held on May 9, 2012 - 6:30 pm. If you would like to attend and need an interpreter, please call (408) 923-1915.

Nuestra próxima junta del Concilio Escolar llevará acabo el May 9, 2012- 6:30 pm. Si usted desea atender y necesita interprete por favor llame al (408) 923-1915,

Buổi họp kế tiếp cho Hội Đồng Nhà Trường sẽ là vào ngày May 9, 2012- 6:30 pm. Nếu quý vị muốn tham dự và cần người thông dịch, xin gọi (408) 923-1915

學校管理委員會下一次的開會日期是 May 9, 2012- 6:30 pm.  
如果您要參加並且需要翻譯服務，請打電話 (408) 923-1915。

- **In January 2012, President Obama signed a law requiring new nutrition standards for meals served under the National School Lunch Program. These standards will go into effect starting July 2012.**
- **These standards include:**
  - No more than 1/3 of school lunch calories can come from fat; less than 10% calories can come from saturated fat; no trans fat
  - School meals must meet strict calorie limits
  - A gradual reduction of sodium levels in school meals
  - Children are *required* to take at least one serving of vegetables or fruit with every school lunch
  - Cafeterias must offer larger servings of vegetables, including at least a weekly serving of dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes
  - Milk must be fat-free or 1% (flavored milk must be fat-free)
  - Within two years, all grains offered must be whole-grain rich
- **In the Berryessa Union School District, we have already made progress toward meeting these new nutrition standards. For example,**
  - Our lunches average less than 1/3 calories from fat and 10% calories from saturated fat. None of the food we serve or sell contains trans fat or is fried.
  - Menus include more *low fat, whole grain, and reduced sodium* items.
  - Weekly salad offerings include dark green and red/orange vegetables and legumes. Many of our fresh produce choices come from *local* farms. Traditional French fries and tater tots have been replaced by baked oven fries, roasted potatoes, baked sweet potato fries, whole grain breaded green beans, and hot corn.
  - Milk choices are limited to 1% or fat-free, and are *hormone-free*.
- **Over the next few months, we will be building on the progress we have made and planning our menus for next school year to meet the new nutrition guidelines.**
- **We will continue our commitment to serving only foods that are *high in quality* and have been stored and/or cooked according to food safety guidelines. All Cafeteria staff receives training in *food safety* on a regular basis. Our kitchens receive unannounced inspections by our local health department at least twice each year.**

For questions or concerns, please contact:

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## **Cherrywood Charger News**

LaKeisha Blackshire, Principal

May 1, 2012

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Dear Cherrywood Families,

I can't believe it is May already!! We have been some busy bees here at Cherrywood. We have been preparing for so many things as this school year nears its' end. We will begin our STAR testing for grades 2 through 5 on Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will conclude on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please be sure that your child has a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast, and above all else, encourage them to do their best.

Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup> will be the Berryessa Arts and Wine Festival at the Berryessa Community Center. Please come out and enjoy great food, incredible vendor booths, music and arts created by students and fun activities for the kids. Our very own Cherrywood will be there selling some delicious strawberry shortcake that will support our Safety Patrol program. The proceeds from the Art and Wine Festival help to support our music program and keep music alive and thriving in our schools.

We will be celebrating our teachers and staff during the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> for Staff Appreciation week. Please take the time to let your teachers, office staff and support staff how much they are appreciated for all of the hard work they do in helping to support our children.

Lastly, I wanted to tell you that I am so happy that so many of have come out to our Family Fun Nights. One of our goals this year was to increase parent/ teacher involvement and interactions and we have had such a fun time doing this. We have had kids and parents make paper, play math games, play Pictionary, make Fraction Bunnies, find out how much fat and sugar is in our favorite foods using and converting fractions... Make sure that you don't miss our next Family Fun Night on May 24. Details will follow soon. Once again, thank you for coming out and I hope you enjoy this lovely month of May.

Sincerely,

La Keisha Blackshire

## Dates to Remember

### **MAY**

- Apr 30-May 11 **STAR Testing Grades 2-5**
- May 1 Giorgio's Family Night 4:00-9:30 PM Bring Flyer
- May 3 BDAC Meeting at District

- Office at 7:00 PM
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 9 Field Trip to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo for Kinder classes
- May 9 Home & School Meeting and School Site Council 6:30 pm In Office
- May 11 Spirit Assembly 11:05 am In Multipurpose Room
- May 11 Student Council Mtg Rm 5 at 2:35-3:05 pm
- May 12 Berryessa Art & Wine Festival
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 14-17 STAFF Appreciation Week Luncheon
- May 14 Band Concert 7:00 PM
- May 14 Field Trip to Fallon House Rocchi class
- May 15 Field Trip to Planetarium for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes
- May 15 5<sup>th</sup> graders to SMT for tour 8:15 AM
- May 15 Board of Trustees Meeting District Office 7:00 pm
- May 17 Field Trip to SJ Center for Performing Arts -5<sup>th</sup> grade
- May 17 Volunteer Tea 6:00 PM Open House & Science Fair 6:30 – 7:30pm
- May 18 Staff Appreciation Day/Luncheon
- May 19 Chess District Tournament at Cherrywood 9:00-3:30pm
- May 21 Field Trip to Fallon House Martin class
- May 21 Strings Concert – 7:00 pm
- May 24 Assembly – Spirit of the Rainforest – 11:00 AM
- May 24 Raging Water for Safety Patrol 8:45 AM-3:45 AM
- May 24 Family Parent Night 6:30-7:30
- May 25 Strings Concert 7:00 pm
- May 28 **NO SCHOOL**
- May 30 Olympics – 8:45AM-10:45AM Foot Race Events
- May 30 Kinder Tour at 11:00 am
- May 30 Band/String Concert 1:15 PM-2:15 PM
- May 31 Olympics - 9:45AM-10:45AM Field Events

## Dates to Remember

### **JUNE**

- June 1 Spirit Assembly 11:05 Lunch in the Park 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr.
- June 1 Kinder BBQ
- June 1 Student Council Mtg 2:35 PM - 3:05 PM
- June 4 Ms. Murphy's Play @10:15 & 11:00 AM in Multi

- June 5 Board of Trustees -7 PM
- June 6 Awards Assembly
- June 7 Last Day of School
- June 7 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 9:00 AM
- June 7 Kinder Promotion 11:00 AM For Seeley & Chan classes

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following students were honored at the Spirit Assembly on April 20- Justin Bustamante – Cho Rosalena Lira - Cho Diana Pham – Ramirez Quyen Do - Rocchi Thai Bui – Rubio Mary Jane Ramirez - Rubio Kaitlyn Fujimoto - Teehan Samantha Su'a – Treffkorn QuynhMy Nguyen - Treffkorn

**REMINDER**  
**MONDAY**  
**MAY 28, 2012**  
*IN*  
***CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY***  
**NO SCHOOL**

### **Kindergarten**



#### **Registration**

*Do you have a child starting kindergarten next year? Know*

*someone else who does?*

**Registration packets can be picked up** from the

Cherrywood office **NOW** from **9:00-4:00** and at the Berryessa District Office, 1376

Piedmont Road, 7:30-4:30. If you have a neighbor with a child who will attend

kindergarten next school year, please share this information.

Completed packets **may be**

**turned in only at the**

**Cherrywood office between.**

**9:00am -1:00 pm.**

Only parents and guardians can turn in completed packets

### Dress code – Common Dress

Several years ago, our School Site Council approved a Dress Code. Short shorts, bare midriffs, tank tops with large scooped armholes and sagging pants are some of the items not allowed at school.

Open-toed shoes are not safe for active play and PE. We ask that your child wear tennis shoes or other closed-toe shoes to school. We appreciate your support in establishing a school climate that is safe and conducive to learning.

**Don't forget our Common Dress Policy...If you have questions, please call 923-1915**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR

May 15                      June 5

All meetings are held at: 7:00pm  
Berryessa Union School District  
1376 Piedmont Road  
San Jose, CA 95132

### Berryessa Art and Wine Festival

**May 12, 2012**

**8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**  
at the

Berryessa Community Center  
Please join us for this festive day. There will be free entertainment, art and crafts for sale, and great food (including our famous **Cherrywood Strawberry Shortcake booth**). Help us support our district music programs which many of your children participate in.

### Sierramont Counselors

The counselors from Sierramont came to visit Cherrywood to support the transition of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders to middle school. The counselors introduced themselves to our students and reviewed the programs offered at Sierramont. The fifth grade students will visit Sierramont on May 15, 2012.

### Berryessa Art and Wine – Parent Volunteers



Cherrywood will have their traditional Strawberry Shortcake Booth at the festival. We are asking for parent volunteers to take a two hour shift to help cut strawberries and to serve. Please see the attached flyer. All proceeds are to support our Safety Patrol and Fifth Grade Science Camp.



### Giorgio's Family Night

Cherrywood's Family Night at Giorgio's Italian Restaurant on Calaveras near Milpitas Blvd will be May 1. Giorgio's will graciously donate 15% of all Cherrywood School sales both take-out and dine-in to support Cherrywood School. Giorgio's provided the delicious pasta dinner for the



Talent Show Night. Bring the Flyer that is attached and give one to your friends too!

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*Staff Appreciation Week  
Will be  
May 14 – May 18*



*Cherrywood School will be  
celebrating Staff  
Appreciation Day  
on May 18, 2012*

**During the month of  
May, surprise  
teachers and staff  
with a special card,  
drawing, treats,  
flowers, etc. Let our  
staff know that they  
are doing a great  
job of educating our  
students.**

### Moving?

If your student **will not** be attending school at Cherrywood for 2012-13, please contact the office immediately, 408) 923-1915



**Happy  
Mother's  
Day!!  
On May 13<sup>th</sup>**





**STANDARDIZED TESTS  
April 30 – May 11**

**Question:** *My children will be taking standardized tests soon. How can I help them prepare?*

**Answer:** *Standardized tests usually cover many different subject areas – and are often impossible to study for. Doing homework regularly is one of the best ways your children can prepare. Also, you can share these test-taking tips:*

- Pay careful attention to directions.
- Spend about the same amount of time on each question.
- Check the answer sheet and make sure the answers match the right questions

A good night's sleep the night before and a healthy breakfast on test day can help too!



**What do the test scores mean?**

Rather than pressure your child to get high test scores, keep your focus on learning. This means giving your child the message that you always expect him to do his best, and as long as he gives his best effort, that is "good enough." If it turns out he needs some help in understanding a concept, give him some help. Children are not expected to do things perfectly when they are learning something new. It takes time and practice to learn something and to do it well. That's why we call it "learning."

What does it mean to keep your focus on learning? It means asking your child about what she did in school that day. It means helping him to understand something when he's struggling. It does not mean having your child take practice tests so your child will get a good score on district or state assessments. Remember, the purpose of tests is not to have your child practice to get a good score, but to evaluate children's learning and provide instructional information to the teacher.

In today's climate, it's easy to worry about test scores. If your child is satisfactorily learning the skills and information being taught, s/he should be able to show this on the different tests that are given throughout the year. However, it is important to keep in mind that it is very easy for some children to take tests and score well, while it is very hard for others. For this reason, we look at several measures of how students are performing. District assessments in reading, writing and mathematics give us information about student learning and progress toward standards. Classroom tests give teachers information about student understanding of specific skills and concepts that have been taught. Daily class work and homework provide students with practice on new skills, and provide teachers with feedback about student learning and progress. Remember that in addition to academic learning, it is important for your child to have experiences that develop creativity and individual thinking. Be sure your child has opportunities for artistic, musical and athletic expression.

**What Class will my child be in for next year?**

Class lists for the 2012-13 school year will be posted on the main doors **after 5:00 pm on Friday, August 24, if possible.** Come in anytime over the weekend to check

for your student's new teacher. No changes will be made to classes. The first day of school will be Monday, August 27.

**Lunch in the Park is Coming!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



Lunch in the Park will be on June 1. Hot lunch will not be served on this day. Only pre-ordered bag lunches will be served. If you did not order a lunch, you must bring a bag lunch from home on that day. **\*\*Please avoid sending any and all food products containing peanuts. We have several students with severe peanut allergies, even to the SMELL.**

**Open House & Science Fair Night**

You are invited to come to our Open House and Science Fair Night on May 17, 2012 at 6:30-7:30 PM in your child's classroom.

**BERRYESSA DISTRICT CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS**



The 11th Annual Berryessa Chess Championships will be held at Cherrywood on Saturday, May 19, 2012 from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm. Students in Kindergarten to 8<sup>th</sup> grade will compete in 5 games, win or lose. Trophies will be awarded to

top 3 in each level except Kinder which will be awarded medals. Participant ribbons will be given to all students playing all 5 rounds.  
**See the attached flyer to register.**

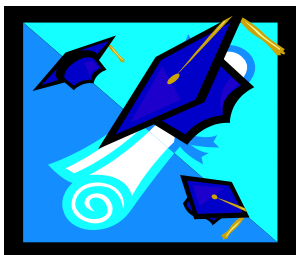
**First day Of school 2012-13...**



... will be Monday, August 27, 2012. **Mark your calendar now!** If your child is not here on the first day of school, the space may be taken by the student that is present and your child may need to attend another school for the school year, if we do not have enough space. Plan your vacation so that your child is here for the first day of school,. Calendars for the 2012-13 school year are available in the office and on the Berryessa School District website.

**Volunteer Celebration**

The Cherrywood Staff would like to thank our wonderful volunteers by hosting a celebration on May 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Invitations will be going home shortly.



**Kinder Promotion Ceremony Seeley and Chan's Classes**

There will be a Kinder promotional ceremony for Ms. Chan & Ms. Seeley on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 11:00AM in the Multi Room.

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**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 9:00 AM in the Multipurpose Room.

**Remember:**

**No Parking in the Staff Parking Lot**

Parents need to sign in and get a visitor badge **prior** to the start of the ceremony at the table outside the Multipurpose Room.

**Parents picking up their students MUST sign the student out with their teacher.**

**Vacations & Attendance**

*Vacations should **not** be planned until after June 7. All vacations are considered **unexcused** and will go on your child's attendance record.*

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**Thank you from the Berryessa Education Foundation**

The Berryessa Education Foundation would like to thank the principals, school site staff members and participating families that made our 2012 Raffle to Make a Difference a huge success. We appreciate school staff members taking the time to process ticket orders and promoting the many valuable prizes to our community. We made nearly \$32,000, which is \$ 6,000 more than last year! We wish also to thank our Superintendent, Will Ector, our BUSD Board members, and San Jose Councilmember Kansen Chu for their very generous prize donations! Thank you also to the **many** Berryessa businesses that generously donated the abundance of amazing prizes. The Berryessa Education Foundation provides grants to BUSD teachers. Grant applications and guidelines are available on the "insider" portion of the BUSD website....teachers apply now!

**Lunches Brought By Parents**

We have set up a table outside for those parents who bring lunch at lunch time for their students. Please put the student's name on the lunch and remind your student to come pick up their lunch at lunch time.