



# Cherrywood Charger Newsletter

## May 2011 & June 2011

Please call the district hotline

Chinese: 923-1901

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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 30, 2011

In Honor of Memorial Day

**Nhà Trường Sẽ Đóng Cửa**  
Thứ Hai, Ngày 30 Tháng 5, 2011  
Ngày Lễ Memorial

**La escuela estará cerrada**  
El lunes 30 de mayo, 2011  
En memoria de los caídos (Memorial Day)

學校不上課 2011年5月  
30日星期一 國殤日

**Last Day of School**

Thursday, June 9, 2011



**Ngày Học Cuối của Học Sinh**  
Thứ Năm, Ngày 9 Tháng 6, 2011

**Al viernes día de clases es**  
Jueves 9 de junio, 2011

最後一天上課  
2011年6月10日星期四

## CHERRYWOOD CRITICAL POINTS FOR MAY 2011

1. STAR Testing is scheduled from May 2 to May 13, 2011 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chess Tournament will be held at Cherrywood School on May 14, 2011. All students will play 6 games. Trophies will be awarded. Registration forms are attached.

## PUNTOS IMPORTANTES DEL BOLETIN DE CHERRYWOOD DE MAYO 2011

1. El examen STAR será del 2 al 13 de mayo, 2011 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 7 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 10<sup>o</sup> Torneo de Ajedrez será el 14 de mayo, 2011 en la escuela Cherrywood. Todos los estudiantes jugarán 6 juegos. Daremos trofeos. Adjuntamos la forma de inscripción.

### Cherrywood 2011年5月份校訊重點

1. 加州標準測試 (STAR Testing) 日期從5月2日至5月13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7日星期六在 Berryessa 社區中心 (Berryessa Community Center, 3050 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. 第十屆的西洋棋比賽將於2011年5月14日在Cherrywood小學舉辦。每位學生都將進行六場的比賽。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, 2011 Tại Trường Cherrywood**

1. Cuộc kiểm tra STAR (của tiểu bang) được lên kế hoạch vào ngày 2 đến ngày 13 Tháng Năm 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 7 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 ủng hộ 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 cấm trại khảo học (science camp).
3. Đánh dấu thứ 10 hàng năm của cuộc đánh cờ (chess tournament) sẽ được tổ chức tại trường Cherrywood vào ngày 14 tháng Năm, 2011. Tất cả học sinh sẽ được chơi 6 trò chơi. Giải thưởng sẽ được trao tặng. Đơn ghi danh đăng ký được đính kèm.

## CHERRYWOOD SCHOOL



**JUST A REMINDER:**

Our next PTA/Home and School Club meeting will be held on May 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 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 11, 2011- 6:30 pm.  
如果您要參加並且需要翻譯服務, 請打電話 (408) 923-1915。



## **Cherrywood Charger News**

LaKeisha Blackshire, Principal

May 3, 2011

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**Principal's Message**

Dear Parents,

I can't believe it is May already! Time sure flies when you are having fun! We have definitely been doing a lot of that as we prepare for the last two months of the school year. We will begin our STAR testing for the state of California on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and will conclude on May 13<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your child to do their best, get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast. Communicating with your child about the testing and how they feel about it may lessen their stress during this time.

Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> will be the Berryessa Arts and Wine Festival at the Berryessa Community Center. Please come and enjoy great food, awesome vendor booths and activities for the kids. Cherrywood will have a Strawberry Shortcake booth. The proceeds will support our Safety Patrol program. The proceeds for the Art and Wine Festival help to support our district music program and keep music alive in our schools.

We will be celebrating Staff Appreciation the week of May 16, 2011. Please take this time to let your teachers, office staff and support staff know how much they are appreciated for all of the hard work they put in working with our students. It takes a village to raise a child and they are definitely crucial members of the village.

Lastly, I want to update you on the progress that Cherrywood has made in relation to common dress policy for the fall. In the fall, parents were provided an opportunity to voice whether or not they would like see a common dress policy here at Cherrywood. The parents that attended the School Site Council Meeting were in support of common dress. The details of the policy are being fine tuned. Please look for a letter in the coming weeks that will describe what the common dress policy will look like here at Cherrywood. Thank you and enjoy this lovely month of May!

*LaKeisha, Blackshire,  
Principal*

## **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.** Hours that packets can be turned in are 9:00am -1:00 pm. **Only parents and guardians can turn in completed packets.**

## **STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

The following students were honored at the Spirit Assembly on April 8  
Christelle Suarez – Blevins  
Namrata Shetty – Cho  
Karen Chiu – Ramirez  
Darick Martinez Duran - Rubio  
Christina Nguyen - Teehan  
Eric Luu – Treffkorn  
La Tavia Jones - Treffkorn

## **REMINDER MONDAY MAY 30, 2011**

*IN  
CELEBRATION OF MEMORIAL  
DAY HOLIDAY  
NO SCHOOL*

## **Dates to Remember**

### **MAY**

- May 2-13 **STAR Testing Grades 2-5**
- May 3 & 4 Field Trip to Hidden Villa Farm – 1<sup>st</sup> grade classes
- May 5 Cinco de Mayo
- May 5 BDAC Meeting at District Office at 7:00 PM
- May 6 Spirit Assembly 11:05 am In Multipurpose Room
- May 6 Student Council Mtg Rm 5 at 2:35-3:05 pm
- May 7 Berryessa Art & Wine Festival
- May 8 Mother's Day

- May 11 Field Trip to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo for Kinder classes
- May 11 Home & School Meeting and School Site Council 6:30 pm In Office
- May 12 DELAC Meeting 5:30-7:00 PM
- May 13 STAFF Appreciation Luncheon
- May 14 Chess District Tournament at Cherrywood 9:00-3:30pm
- May 17 Field Trip to Museum of Art Grade 4
- May 17 Board of Trustees Meeting District Office 7:00 pm
- May 18 Staff Appreciation Day
- May 19 Volunteer Tea 6:00 PM Open House & Science Fair 6:30 – 7:30pm
- May 20 Panoramic Picture of Grade 5 students – 10AM
- May 20 Walk-a-thon fundraiser
- May 23 Band Concert – 7:00 pm
- May 24 Giorgio's Family Night 4:00-9:30 PM Bring Flyer
- May 25 Raging Water for Safety Patrol
- May 25 Strings Concert 7:00 pm
- May 26 5<sup>th</sup> Grade to Sierramont Middle School Tour 8:15AM
- May 30 **NO SCHOOL**
- May 31 Field Trip to Tech Museum Grade 5

## **Dates to Remember**

### **JUNE**

- June 1 Olympics – 8:45AM-10:45AM Foot Race Events
- June 2 Olympics – 9:45AM-10:45AM Field Events
- June 3 Spirit Assembly 11:05 Lunch in the Park 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> gr.
- June 3 Kinder BBQ
- June 3 Student Council Mtg 2:35 PM - 3:05 PM
- June 6 Ms. Murphy's Play
- June 7 Board of Trustees -7 PM
- June 8 Awards Assembly
- June 9 Last Day of School
- June 9 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion 9:00 AM
- June 9 Kinder Promotion 11:00 AM For Seeley & Quach classes

**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.

**\*\*Next year we will be going to Common Dress. More information will follow on a flyer.**

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING DATES FOR 2010-11

May 17

June 7

June 28\*

\*\* Note: **DATE Changes**

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

## Berryessa Art and Wine Festival

**May 7, 2011**

**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 26, 2011.

### **Berryessa Art and Wine – Parent Volunteers**



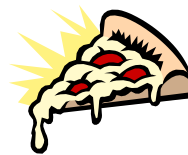
Cherrywood will have their traditional Strawberry Shortcake Booth at the festival. We are asking for parent volunteers to take a two hour shift to help cut strawberries and to serve. Please see the attached flyer. All proceeds are to support our Safety Patrol and Fifth Grade Science Camp.

### **Japan Disaster Relief Fund**

Thank you for all of your generous donations to the Japan Relief Fund. There was \$7300 collected and given to the Red Cross



### **Giorgio's Family Night**



Cherrywood's Family Night at Giorgio's Italian Restaurant on Calaveras near Milpitas Blvd will be May 24.

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!



### **Walk-a-thon Is Coming – May 20, 2011**

The annual Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday, May 20, 2011. Pledge sheets will be going home, shortly. Walk-a-thon profits help to pay student expenses for Science Camp for each grade level.



### *Staff Appreciation Week Will be May 13 – May 20*



*Cherrywood School will be  
celebrating Staff  
Appreciation Day  
on May 18, 2011*

**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 2011-12, please contact the office immediately, 408) 923-1915



**Happy Mother's Day!!  
On May 8<sup>th</sup>**



**STANDARDIZED TESTS  
May 2 – May 13**

**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 2011-12 school year will be posted on the main doors **after 5:00 pm on Friday, August 19, 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 22.

**Lunch in the Park is Coming!**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**



Lunch in the Park will be on June 3. 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.

## BERRYESSA DISTRICT CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS



The 10th Annual Berryessa Chess Championships will be held at Cherrywood on Saturday, May 14, 2011 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.**

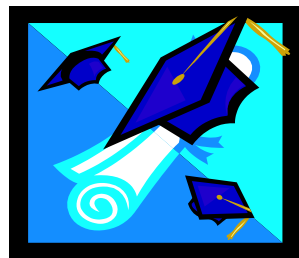
the first day of school,. Calendars for the 2011-12 school year are available in the office and on the Berryessa School District website.

### Volunteer Celebration

The Cherrywood Staff would like to thank our wonderful volunteers by hosting a celebration on May 19, 2011 at 6:00 PM in the Cafeteria. Invitations will be going home shortly.

### Kinder Promotion Ceremony Seeley and Quach's Classes

There will be a Kinder promotional ceremony for Ms. Quach & Ms. Seeley on Thursday, June 9, 2011 at 11:00 in the Multi Room.



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 9. All vacations are considered **unexcused** and will go on your **child's attendance record.***

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### Open House & Science Fair Night

You are invited to come to our Open House and Science Fair Night on May 19, 2011 at 6:30-7:30 PM in your child's classroom.

### First day Of school 2011-12...



... will be Monday, August 22, 2011. **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



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

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, 2011 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