



Charter School Connection

A California Distinguished School

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SAVE THE DATE

STAR Testing May 2-6 — Grades 2-8

More information on Page 3 of this newsletter

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Special Dates of Interest:

- **Sat., Apr. 2nd:**
Elementary Science Olympiad
- **Thurs., Apr. 7th:**
AWRs due
Scholastic orders due
Character First!
- **Fri., Apr. 8th:**
Mickey Grove Field Trip
- **Mon., Apr. 11th:**
K-3 Chorus Demo
- **Thurs., Apr. 14th:**
SPRING FESTIVAL
Ed Center closes at noon
- **Fri., Apr. 15th:**
Los Mariposas Field Trip
Minimum Day
- **Mon., Apr. 18th-Fri., April 22nd :**
Spring Break NO School
Ed Center closed
- **Tues., Apr. 26th:**
Piano Concert
- **Wed., Apr. 27th:**
GVM at Tuolumne River Regional Park
- **Thurs., Apr. 28th:**
Guitar Concert
- **Fri., Apr. 29th:**
8th Grade Science Lab
GradTrak!

Hart-Ransom Charter School 2011 Spring Festival

Thursday, April 14

5:00—7:00 p.m.

(Park in lot on Dakota south of corner)

Cougar
Games
~ Let's Play! ~



PROJECTS



- Student Projects—Set up begins at 4:30
- Cougar Games—Plan to play!
- Great Valley Museum
- California Critters
- Nachos, soda, snacks & water available for purchase

(while supplies last):

Small plain chips/cheese \$1.00

Large chips/cheese with
choice of toppings \$2.50

Cupcakes \$.50

Soda/Water \$.75

- Ice Cream at 6:45—donations happily accepted!

See You There!

Ed Center Hours

Monday—Thursday
8:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

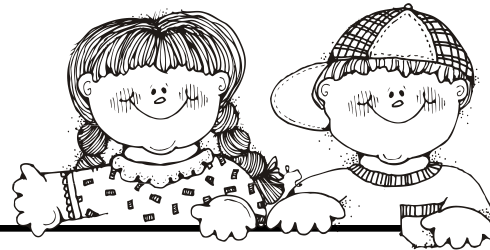
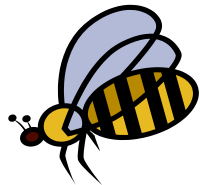
12:00—1:00 p.m.
Closed for lunch
(Except for
Assignment/Work
Record Day)

Closed on Fridays!

Character First!
"Sincerity"

Date: April 7
Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Place: Oasis of Hope
Address: 6600 Claus Rd
Riverbank, CA 95367

**"Eagerly doing what is right with
transparent motives."**



K-2 Units

Learn about April's special days
for Grades K-2

- ☺ Calendar Activities
- ☺ Poetry Unit
- ☺ Spring Fun

Available in the Ed Center

Save the Date

All 8th Grade Graduate Get Together

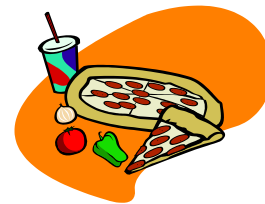
Wednesday, May 25th, 12:00 – 2:00

Hart-Ransom Charter School Classroom

Come have fun with other 8th graders!

Activities include:

- All Class Project
- Student Individual Goals
- Yearbook Signing
- Pizza and Drinks



\$2 donation happily accepted!

RSVP to your Advisory Teacher by Tuesday, May 24th



BOOKS ARE FUN!

On display

April 1st-12th




Books Are Fun periodically displays selections in the Ed Center for purchase. A variety of books, gift items, CD's, cards and small toys are offered. The prices are reasonable, and the service is great!

Orders may be picked up Wednesday, April 13 after 1 p.m.

This will be the last display this school year.

★ 2011 TESTING INFORMATION ★

May 2 - 6, 2011		
Who?	When?	Where?
Fitness Test 5th & 7th GRADES ONLY 	Monday, May 2nd 8:15 am - 10:15am Please arrive promptly by 8:15 am	Hart-Ransom Charter School Campus (Wear appropriate clothing for exercise)
2nd - 8th GRADES	8:45am - 12:00 pm DROP OFF 8:45 am PICK UP 12:00 pm* TUESDAY, May 3rd WEDNESDAY, May 4th THURSDAY, May 5th	New Life Christian Center 2918 West Tuolumne Rd., Turlock 95380 <i>Directions:</i> www.hrcharter.org/Bulletin.html (Pedretti Park is across the road with restrooms and playground or shopping at Costco, Target, Ross, Kohl's, Starbucks, In and Out Burger and more nearby.)
8th GRADE ONLY	FRIDAY, May 6th 8:45am - 12:00 pm	New Life Christian Center 2918 West Tuolumne Rd., Turlock 95380 (see above)

Be Sure Your Child...

- Gets a good rest each night
- Eats a healthy breakfast with protein each morning
- **Brings a book or other quiet activity** (i.e. coloring book, word puzzles)
- Arrives calmly and on time
- Wears sports shoes for active play and morning activity prior to testing in each class
- Refer to your HRCS handbook for appropriate attire (**no flip-flops**)



Keep In Mind...

- All test materials will be provided
- Parents must pick-up students at side gate/grassy area during dismissal
- A small snack and water will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own preferred snack to eat at break time
- You may bring a bottle of water for the classroom
- Any questions? Please call your A.T.
- **No** electronic devices, iPods, cell phones, skates (shoes), or skateboards (students may use AT phone if they need to call you)

**Testing times are estimated; tests allow students to finish at their own pace. We encourage you to bring something to do while you wait patiently, in case your student needs more time.*

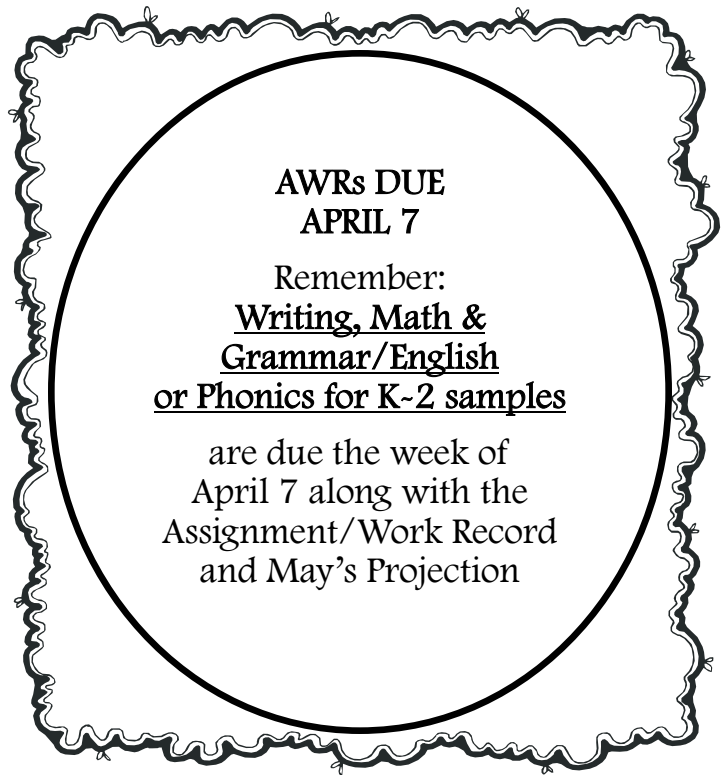


Important Notice

The end of school is quickly approaching! We are asking that you return curriculum in the same condition that you would like to receive it. Remember, you are responsible for the care of these materials; anything other than normal use/wear may require you to reimburse HRCS for the value of the book or item.

Please remove all pencil marks, sticky notes, paper clips, papers, etc. from all curriculum.

Thank you
for helping us take care of our books!



**AWRs DUE
APRIL 7**

Remember:
**Writing, Math &
Grammar/English
or Phonics for K-2 samples**

are due the week of
April 7 along with the
Assignment/Work Record
and May's Projection



Incoming 7 & 8th Graders

Reminder: Please immunize your student to comply with the new law for the 2011-2012 school year. Students need to have had the Tdap booster on or after age 7. Please see our website under the NEWSLETTER tab, "Important Information" for details, or call the school office at 523-0401.

Thank you.

THANKS HART-RANSOM HOCKEY FANS!

Thanks to all of you who attended the Stockton Thunder Hockey game. As a fundraiser for our charter school we raised \$220.00 to be put in a fund for our new facilities. Stockton Thunder told us that for a first time fundraiser we did an awesome job! Several of you have asked that we do it again next winter, so watch for details next year! Thanks again for coming out and supporting our school and the Stockton Thunder team.

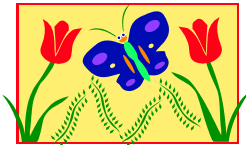
Go Cougars!



Some April Writing Ideas from Your Advisory Teacher:

- ◆ Finish up that formal report
 - ◆ Write a description of your Spring Festival project
 - ◆ Summarize an article or story you have read
 - ◆ Write a persuasive essay
 - ◆ Response to Literature using a story from your reading text
 - ◆ Write a fictional narrative
 - ◆ Write a non-fictional narrative about a real event in your life
- Or
- ◆ Look back through your past writing packets and use a prompt you have not used yet!

Poetry Packet coming in May!



Reminder!

April 7th will be
your last
opportunity to
order from
Scholastic this
school year.

YEARBOOKS

Order your yearbook
while they are still available!
There aren't many left, so don't miss out
on all the great school memories!

PRICE—\$24.00

Thank you for submitting wonderful photos of
student activities and classes for the yearbook!
Any photos submitted through the end of the year
may be considered for next year's yearbook or
our school slide show.

**Congratulations
to our Jr. High
Science Olympiad
Team!**



**Well
Done!**

On Saturday, March 5th, our Junior High Science Olympiad team competed at the county level against 19 other teams and we brought home several medals and placed in over half the events we participated in with an overall placing of 9th place. We are very proud of these students as they put hours of preparation time into their events. After the day long competition, the Olympians and their families ended the day with a pizza dinner. **Bolded events are the ones in which we received medals and placed in the top five.**

- Anatomy: Ben Massie and Kevin Bulthuis, 12th place
- Awesome Aquifer: Autumn and Laurel McCuller, 3rd Place,**
- Battery Buggy: Marcos Bulthuis and Austin Turner, 7th place
- Bottle Rocket: Austin Turner and Ben Massie, 4th place**
- Can't Judge a Powder: Austin Turner and Marcos Bulthuis, 8th place
- Compute This: Autumn and Laurel McCuller, 3rd place**
- Crime Busters: Victoria and Francesca Del Curto, 7th place
- Disease Detectives: Caroline Stamy and Adela Bulthuis, 10th place
- Ecology: Adela Bulthuis and Laurel McCuller, 7th place
- Junkyard Challenge: Marcos and Kevin Bulthuis, 3rd place**
- Microbe Mission, Victoria and Francesca Del Curto, 15th place
- Optics: Laurel and Autumn McCuller, 10th place
- Ornithology: Caroline Stamy and Adela Bulthuis, 1st place**
- Road Scholar: Caroline and Daniel Stamy, 3rd place**
- Shock Value: Daniel Stamy and Ben Massie, 3rd place**
- Storm the Castle: Daniel Stamy and Kevin Bulthuis, 2nd place**
- Towers Building: Daniel and Caroline Stamy, 3rd place**
- Write it / Do it: Victoria and Francesca Del Curto, 2nd place**





Curriculum pick up for Fall

Beginning **May 9th**, we will be handing out next year's curriculum.

Please call the Ed Center beginning April 4th to make an appointment to pick up your student's curriculum.

(Remember, you must have all of your registration documents turned in to the Ed Center before you receive your Fall curriculum.)

POWER-PACKED PHRASES for PARENTS

Choosing the right word at the right time cements a strong parent-child relationship. The National PTA has compiled a list of phrases and words that is a handy guide for parents to use in encouraging and supporting their child's efforts.

- ◆ **Thank you.** Acknowledge your child's efforts to help.
- ◆ **Tell me more.** Words like these show your child that you are listening and that you would like to hear more about what is on their mind.
- ◆ **You can do it.** Your expression of confidence in your child's ability to do things without your help is important.
- ◆ **How can I help?** As your child takes on school projects, encourage them to think of specific steps necessary to complete it. You both can decide which tasks your child can handle and which ones they'll need help with.
- ◆ **Let's all pitch in.** A child is never too young to learn that cooperation and team effort make many jobs easier.
- ◆ **How about a hug?** Research indicates that young children deprived of hugs and displays of affection often fail to thrive.
- ◆ **Please and Thank You.** When you ask a favor of anyone-including children-these "magic words" acknowledge that you are asking for a behavior that will help make you happy.
- ◆ **Good job!** Self-respect and self-confidence grow when your child's efforts and performance are rewarded. Praise should be honest and specific. Focus on efforts and progress, and help your children identify their strengths.
- ◆ **I love you.** Everyone needs love and affection and a feeling of acceptance and belonging. We can't assume that children know and understand our love for them unless we tell them.



LAS MARIPOSAS CIVIL WAR EDUCATION DAY MARIPOSA, CA FRIDAY, APRIL 15



IMPORTANT: *Stipulation of grant monies that provide this educational program for schools allow **ONLY ONE** adult to accompany the children of a homeschooled family. **NO EXCEPTIONS!***

Las Mariposas Civil War Days are located on the actual site of a land grant given to Civil War figure John C. Fremont, in the historical town of Mariposa nestled in the beautiful Sierra Foothills. A fantastic event, the educational program is chocked full of true to life events, displays and learning experiences. Bring a sack lunch (sorry, no coolers or ice chests allowed) and begin your walk into history sitting on the hillside and watching a battle/skirmish reenactment, with cavalry charges, soldiers, and cannon fire. Afterwards, we will be rotating through 6-8 stations each with a specific area or topic pertaining to the Civil War period. RAIN OR SHINE!

Questions? Call Leslie at 602-3412 or Pam at 602-3967

**Sign-up Deadline
Tuesday
April 12th**

Sign up in the Ed Center!

Cost: HRCS Students	free
Adults	\$5.00**
Non HRCS Students	free

See next page for map, directions and important information.

****PLEASE NOTE:**

Cost for adults is a reservation fee & will be refunded upon checking in at the field trip.

Las Mariposas Civil War Educational Day

Family Name _____ Home Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Please list ***EVERYONE*** below. Remember, only **ONE** adult is admitted with each family group.

Adult Name	1)	\$5.00
Students (or other children) HRCS or Not HRCS through grade 12	1)	No charge
	2)	
	3)	
	4)	
	5)	
	6)	
<input type="checkbox"/> check enclosed OR <input type="checkbox"/> exact change enclosed (To be refunded upon check-in)		\$5.00

Important Information for a HRCS great day at *Las Mariposas Civil War Education Day*

Driving time from Modesto: 1 3/4 hrs.

Check in with Leslie & Pam at 11:30

- Be on time. We will be entering as a group.
- Only ONE adult per family is allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Wear layers, so you're prepared for whatever the weather—RAIN OR SHINE!
- Bring water and sack picnic lunch; NO COOLERS OR ICE CHESTS ALLOWED. Very limited snacks and drinks may be available for purchase; bring your own!
- Critical supplies to have along: PLENTY OF WATER and SUNSCREEN. Wearing a hat could also help shade the sun.
- There will be several hundred school children on site, with the largest number all together for the simulated battle. Stay close together with your family and your rotation group.
- There is NO charge for parking. 😊

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Directions From Modesto:

1. TAKE HIGHWAY 99 SOUTH TO MERCED.
2. TAKE EXIT 186B AND THEN TURN LEFT ONTO CA-140 EAST MARIPOSA/YOSEMITE. FOLLOW CA-140 (YOSEMITE PARKWAY) APPROX. 35 MILES.
3. DRIVE THROUGH PLANADA AND CATHEY'S VALLEY. THEN WATCH FOR THE CIVIL WAR SIGNS.
4. TURN RIGHT ON YAQUI GULCH ROAD.
5. DRIVE APPROX. 2 1/2 MILES AND THE EVENT IS LOCATED ON THE LEFT HAND SIDE OF THE ROAD.

