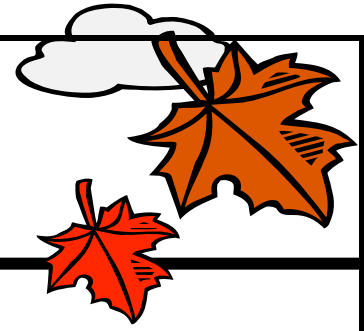


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October 2, 2009



## Great California ShakeOut

CSMH will participate in the Great California ShakeOut earthquake drill on October 15 at 10:15 am. Middle School students will visit all our classrooms in the days before the drill to introduce our students to earthquake safety and drill procedures.

This drill is about more than just practicing "drop, cover, hold on." It's about getting us all to think about earthquakes and take steps to become prepared. The Samoan earthquake and tsunami on 9/29 and the Indonesian earthquake on 9/30 remind us that earthquakes happen without warning, and can cause widespread destruction.

Here in California we need to develop a culture of earthquake and tsunami readiness, so that losses will be minimized and we can recover quickly when our next earthquake occurs. What each of us does in our homes, schools, and offices, and what we do together as communities and as a state, will determine whether California's next major earthquake will be a natural disaster from which we can quickly recover, or a major catastrophe that will affect our way of life for many years. As of today, more than 5.6 million Californians are registered to participate in the ShakeOut drill. Use the interactive map on the ShakeOut home page to see how many are in our area. With two weeks still to go, you and your business or organization can still register to participate, if you choose to take advantage of this opportunity to tune up your earthquake preparedness!

- Learn what to do during an earthquake at <[www.dropcoverholdon.org](http://www.dropcoverholdon.org)>. Be sure to play the "Beat the Quake" game to learn how to secure your space!
- You can follow the ShakeOut on twitter and on Facebook
- Multi-level drill manuals for schools, businesses, non-profits, and other organizations and government agencies are listed on ShakeOut.org/resources and for each group at ShakeOut.org/howtoparticipate.

## Welcome to CSMH

We would like to welcome three new people to the CSMH community. Joni Rangel (Miss Joni), Katy Ludley (Miss Katy) and Vanessa Salvatierra (Miss Vanessa) will be joining Miss Virginia on the playground and in the cafeteria from 11:00-1:00 everyday. I introduced all three of them to the students during lunch period on Thursday. If you are on campus during lunchtime, please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to our school.

## Choir

The CSMH choir will start up next week. Michelle Moyer will begin working with children next week after school. She will be here holding classes on both Thursdays and Fridays so families can pick the day most convenient for them. When we first distributed the flyer, it stated that the choir was open to any students in 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades. Ms. Moyer has now opened the opportunity to all students at CSMH, regardless of grade level.

## Writing Resource

We are participating in a wonderful program that will put valuable writing reference books into our classrooms for **FREE**. The program is simple: For every book purchased by a parent, teacher, staff member, etc., our school will get a free copy of the book.

The book, *Young Writers' Toolkit*, contains dozens of helpful tools, presented in an easy-to-read and easy-to-use format. It's the perfect companion for young writers at school or at home. Tools in the book include word lists, word groups, lists of words and definitions to immerse young writers into the most common fictional worlds (safari, medieval, pirates, and more), alternatives for commonly overused words, brief explanations of how to eliminate the most common weak words and phrases, lists of commonly misspelled and misused words, information on citing sources, proper use of quotation marks, proofreading marks, and more.

To read more about the book and to order copies, please visit:

[www.persepress.com/school/chartermh](http://www.persepress.com/school/chartermh)

**NOTE:** You must use this **entire** web address (including the underlined part) in order for us to receive the FREE copies!

## Bathroom Etiquette

I am sad to report that we have had a problem in our new portable bathrooms this week. It has happened in the girls bathroom once but has been reoccurring in the boys bathroom. Everyday this week, we have found full rolls of toilet paper put into the toilets. This not only can cause the toilets to clog but is a huge waste of resources. We are aware that the toilet paper holders in these bathrooms are not the best and we are looking at replacing them. However, that does not excuse this type of behavior. I would appreciate if parents can reinforce proper use of the bathrooms at home. Thank you.

## Upcoming Dates to Remember

October 5 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 6 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Wilkinson) on field trip
October 7 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum Day - Staff Development Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm Middle School parenting class at 6:30 pm
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> grade class photo and make ups for students who were absent
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Horning) on field trip Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 pm
October 14 <sup>th</sup>	Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 15 <sup>th</sup>	All school Shake-up drill (see article in Principal's Paige)
October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Minimum Day - Staff Development Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Horning) on field trip Middle school dance
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	All kinders on field trip Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	No school - staff development day