

Principal's Paige

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Hot Lunch

Our hot lunch program is up and running and the reviewers have given it two thumbs up. Ordering hot lunches is very easy – just go to order.revfoods.com. Our school code is L6S6B5. Orders must be in by 5:00 pm every Wednesday for the following week. We encourage parents to place orders for 3-4 weeks at a time. Once your order is complete, a total amount due is shown. Please have your child bring in a check written to CSMH with hot lunch noted in the memo portion. We encourage you to write the check amount for an additional \$5-\$10. This way if there is a day your child forgets his/her lunch, we can give them a turkey or ham sandwich and deduct the amount from your account. Think of the time and gas you will save by having this easy option available to you on those “forgot my lunch days.”

Please do not forget about minimum days. The Revolution Food's website currently does not have the capability to indicate minimum days. You can still order lunch for your child on minimum days if you would like. We encourage the sandwich choices. The lunches will be ready for pick up at our 12:00 dismissal time.

If you have any questions or comments about the lunch program please feel free to contact Amy Storlie at astorlie@csmh.org.

Fundraising Update

As the annual Family Fund Drive winds down and our big Clos LaChance Auction is right around the corner, I want to update our community on our use of fundraising monies.

During CSMH's first five years, we counted on fundraising money to meet our annual expenditures. For the past two years, we balanced our operating budget without fundraising income. To have achieved a balanced budget that does not rely on fundraising money is quite an impressive accomplishment in the Charter School world. Your past and current Board of Directors has done a remarkable job overseeing the school's finances.

A summary of fundraising income and expenditures for the 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 school years is as follows:

Income:	06/07	07/08
Family Drive	\$ 62,865	\$ 65,605
Clos LaChance	\$ 93,806	\$ 92,063
Fun Fest	<u>\$ 8,270</u>	<u>\$ 7,897</u>
Total	\$164,941	\$165,565

Two year total: \$330,506

Expenses to date:

Architectural fees for bathrooms	\$ 11,022
Classroom furniture	\$ 18,453
Classroom computers	\$ 34,372
Portables	\$185,410
Credit card processing fees	<u>\$ 2,020</u>
Total	\$251,277

Charter School has a separate bank account for deposits and withdrawals of fundraising money. The current balance in the fundraising account is \$107,475. This includes the income and expense difference from the past two years of \$79,229 and some fundraising monies we have already collected the first month of school.

We still have some outstanding expenses on the portable project to pay. As we have all heard, the state budget for this year is not looking very favorable for schools. We are planning to use fundraising money this upcoming year for some of the following items:

Charter School Accreditation – all charter schools in the state are working to be accredited by an outside agency (such as WASC).

Technology support – we are currently looking into upgrading our server, switches, etc.

Furniture – we need to furnish the new portables and the library

Our school's CFO and I are committed to providing you updates on the amount we have made at our primary fundraising events and a clear accounting of how the money has been spent and/or allocated.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Upcoming Dates to Remember

September 15 th -26 th	School Pictures - mornings only
September 15 th	Academic Chess
September 16 th	1 st graders on field trip Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m.
September 17 th	Minimum Day - Staff Development
September 19 th	Clos LaChance beginning at 5:00 pm
September 22 nd	Academic Chess
September 29 th	Academic Chess
October 1 st	Minimum Day - Staff Development
October 3 rd	Mid-point 1 st trimester
October 6 th	Academic Chess

Gala Benefit Auction

The Annual Gala Benefit Auction at Clos LaChance is next Friday!! There are a very limited number of tickets still available. You can purchase your tickets on-line at either www.csmh.org or at <http://auctions.readysetauction.com/csmhauction/home>. Be sure to join us for this Enchanted Evening on September 19th at 5:00 pm.

School Pictures

School pictures begin on Monday and continue through Friday, Sept. 26th. All information about schedule, ordering and the option for sibling pictures are posted on the school's website. Order forms may be turned in to your child's teacher or to the office anytime in September.

If your child's class has pictures at 8:00 in the morning, please plan to have them at school 5 minutes early. We do begin with the whole class picture and don't want anyone to miss it.

Questions? Call Dana Miller 778-0132 or danalmiller@yahoo.com