



# CJC Principal's Newsletter

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PE focus for the month: *Running; Hockey*

## Word of the Month:

**Tolerance** – Respecting the dignity and rights of all persons, even those whose beliefs and behaviors we disagree with.

## Message from the Principal:

Parent support is a key aspect of a successful educational system. I am pleased to have seen an increase in the level of parental and community support for the Compact since I became Principal. We still have a long way to go. Our very active Parent Teacher Association works hard to provide financial support and enrichment opportunities for Clover Flat Jacumba students. I want to encourage you to volunteer in classrooms, as art docents, and as specific activity supervisors. Our sites have strict volunteer guidelines to ensure the safety of all students. Parents and community members also serve on School Site Council. Everyone is welcome at these meetings. Check the calendar for the dates of these important meetings as we are now in the process of establishing our school goals.

We are very happy to welcome Katie Wuest to Clover Flat as our new instructional aide.

### Mrs. Katie Wuest

"Hi Everyone." My name is Katie Wuest. I grew up in Sour Lake, Texas. Last summer, my husband, Jacob, and I moved to San Diego from Roundup, Montana.

My husband was born and raised in San Diego and now we are taking care of our family ranch in Boulevard,

I enjoy working with the students and staff at Clover flat. I am looking forward to seeing the students grow and achieve their goals.

**Don't Forget.**



**"Favorite sport" shirt day:** Fridays

## Ten Simple Ways Parents Can Get More Art in Their Kids Lives



Enjoy the arts together. Sing, play music, read a book, dance, or draw with your child at home.

Encourage your child to participate in the arts and celebrate their participation in or out of school.

Explore your community's library and read "the classics" together—from Mother Goose to Walt Whitman.

Read your local newspaper to find out about attending local arts events like museum exhibits, local plays, festivals, or outdoor concerts.

Tell your child's teacher, Principal, and school leadership that the arts are vital to your child's success and an important part of a quality education. Find out if your school has sufficient resources for arts education, including qualified teachers and materials. If not, offer to help.

Attend a school board or PTA meeting and voice your support for the arts to show them you care and make sure the arts are adequately funded as part of the core curriculum in the school budget.

Explore your child's dream to sing, to dance, to draw, to act—and encourage them to become the best they can be through the arts.

Be an arts supporter! Contact your elected officials—lawmakers and school board members—to ask them for more arts education funding from the local, state, and federal levels. Visit the Online Resource Center.

Sign up to become an advocate on the Americans for the Arts website (or any other art organizations), just a click away! Through our e-activist list, you will get news updates and alerts about arts education. Website:

[www.americansforthearts.org](http://www.americansforthearts.org) and click on Get Involved.

And finally, take the time to sign up for SMARTS an online newsletter: "SMARTS is California State PTA's program to encourage arts education." You can do this by visiting the California State PTA website: [www.capta.org](http://www.capta.org) and click on SMARTS.

## Developing Students' Creative Skills for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Success

Many of the fastest growing jobs and emerging industries rely on workers creative capacity—the ability to think unconventionally, question the herd, imagine new scenarios, and produce astonishing work.

A future job may be a supervisory position of a landfill that traps methane gas. One of the things that's going to be required is adaptation and flexibility.

Students must learn how to imagine the unimaginable and hone their creative skills.

The four competencies essential for creative expression are:

1. **Capturing**—preserving new ideas.
2. **Challenging**—giving ourselves tough problems to solve.
3. **Broadening**—boosting creativity by learning interesting new things.
4. **Surrounding**—associating with interesting and diverse things and people.

The most important of these is **capturing**. "Creative geniuses" are all strong with capturing. They jot down a new idea when it pops into their head. Teachers and parents should provide students with a way to capture their ideas on a daily basis in an idea folder or idea box.

**Don't Forget.**

**School Spirit t-shirt Day:**

Clover Flat – Mondays  
Jacumba – Thursdays

