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CPY Speak: Endless Summer Momentum

Another inspired summer at CPY set the tone for a great 2005-06 year. Staff evaluations completed at the end of the session reveal some of the moments that made it great:

"The talent show."

"The CPY Players performances, the Samba Group, the Freeze Dance Game, when my girls got star letters [for excellent compositions], walking to Meadowbrook Tennis Club to practice."

"The whole thing. This intersession has been the best out of all of them in my opinion. It went really fast and usually things go fast when they are going well."

"Camping and exploring the area's nature with the Ventana Wildlife Society. The kids got to do a lot of things that they have never done before."

"I enjoyed working with the children on photography. Viewing and participating in their creativity was a great experience."



Enlightened: As part of summer Art Academy activities, students created unique images by exposing photo-paper arrangements to sunlight.

CPY STANDARDS

1. In CPY, we greet each other everyday with a smile and a handshake to strengthen the relationship between us.
2. In CPY, we honor and respect each other so we address one another with the proper language and speech.
3. In CPY, we value the space of ourselves and others and are careful not to intrude or injure each other.
4. In CPY, we are mindful of what is true and strive to be honest in word and deed.
5. In CPY, we treasure our rich heritage and hold the cultures of all people in high regard.
6. In CPY, we strive to reflect our beauty both inwardly in our understanding and outwardly in our appearance.

Gifted & Giving

CPY salutes some of the biggest hearts in the community.

Their accomplishments are as diverse as they are impressive. Jeanne Holmquist has touched lives around the world as a relentlessly generous teacher and administrator.

Vietnam vet and Sand City Police Chief J. Michael Klein is a proven leader on more boards for local public health, safety and education agencies than seems possible.

Longtime local Michelle Noseworthy helped cultivate the inspiring Kinship Center, Youth Music Monterey and IMPACT for Drug-Free Youth.

Former Navy pilot Richard Pagnillo is revered across the Peninsula for his time spent as a pillar of local sports and on the MPUSD Board of Education.

Ruthie Watts has done as much as anyone for local young ladies through arts, modeling, scholarship organizations and community pageants.

And Dr. Bill Barr's 40-year uncompromising commitment to education as Monterey County Superintendent of Schools has led to a litany of awards too numerous to mention.

But it wasn't these accomplishments that brought them together in early November at the Monterey Marriott. It was CPY.

Past the commitments that would have most scrambling for sleep, they have found time to be CPY supporters—and were exceptional enough to stand out amongst the armies of CPY angels who make a difference every day.

"Each one of them really goes beyond," CPY Executive Director Shari Hastey says. "They don't just like kids or to be with kids, they've gone to the mat and fought for kids. They've gone out of their way to build kids up."

Those who attended remember a powerful evening of community celebration—and the indelible memory of the kids who introduced the honorees.

"I wish everyone could hear the kids talk about these people," Hastey says. *The Monterey County Herald's* Jerry Gervase was touched enough to dedicate his entire next column to the experience.

"I would not care to follow any of the children as a speaker," he wrote. "They were elegantly charming and charmingly elegant. It is always poignant to hear children describe what something means to them.

"There is not a teardrop's worth of ego in the purity of their expressed thoughts."

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*Jerry Gervase,
The Herald*



Well Connected: Michelle Noseworthy (right) shares a moment onstage with her eloquent student presenter Taleigha Clough-Martin.

***CPY Speak:* Giving Thanks**

Kids have a special gift of making holidays the most fun. Leave it to them to put the season in perfect perspective.

"I am thankful for having great friends and family."
Jovanah, 5th grade

"I am thankful for being an honest person and being with my family and CPY because I feel really safe."
Mari Carmen, 3rd grade

"I am thankful for having my parents."
Evelyn, 2nd grade

"I am thankful for my Dad and his friend saving my Dad's life. I am also thankful for my family."
Santaley, 2nd grade



FROM THE

Executive Director

I love this time of year. It presents us a time to pause and be thankful for all that we have in our lives.

CPY is very grateful for the many people that show they care in so many tangible ways—our volunteers that come and read to a child, teach a new skill or art project, or help in one of our events, our wonderful Board of Directors and committee members that give so much of their time and resources.

As the holiday season comes we are thankful for those who are providing Christmas gifts for our families, toys and books for the children and shopping experiences for the CPY children to purchase gifts for their families.

CPY has always believed that if we have an “attitude of gratitude” it helps us through the hard times in life. When we are thankful we also get away from having a sense of entitlement.

The CPY family of children, youth, staff, and our Board of Directors wish you a very special Holiday Season with the knowledge that your support is needed and very much appreciated.

Warmest regards,



A Number of Accomplishments

CPY students themselves report on the power of the program.

The philosophy behind the survey was simple: CPY constantly measures student progress through methods like staff evaluations, but rarely do the kids formally evaluate the program through their own introspective questionnaire. So this summer CPY asked a group of 143 students a series of questions to help gauge the program's impact from their perspective. The numbers speak for themselves. Listen in:

93.3% felt CPY helps them “be a better person.”

97.9% reported that CPY helps them “feel better about myself.”

97.9% said CPY motivates them to “make good decisions.”

98.6% reported that CPY inspires them to “be respectful to others.”

94.4% felt CPY helped them “be more interested in going to college.”

95.8% believed that CPY “helps them do good things for the community.”

On-site Insight: A peek at life on campus from CAT insiders.

The Storyteller spoke with site leaders and CPY's art director and asked them to spontaneously share a highlight—a story or an activity or an inspiring success story—from the year to date: Here's what jumped to mind:

“The fascinating thing is to have the little ones work with the tech tutors. It's just immaculate to see the excitement on their face to touch the key on the computer even though their little fingers are so small...just having that inspiration and excitement of experimenting and using a computer for the first time.

“They're doing the alphabet, numbers and more, in game form, so it's really exciting.

“The older ones are eager to get in there and actually do some art.”

Ms. Baker, CPY Martin Luther King, Jr. site director

“We have a kid at Marina Del Mar who can be a bit of a rascal, but what I've discovered is that if you give him art he is very focused and his behavior has improved and he is willing to follow directions. When he's done with his homework he gets to work in his special art journal—a little comic book—and he just loves doing that.”

Ms. Sue Ann, CPY art director



How can I help?

- \$25.00 per month: cover the cost of art supplies and homework materials
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On-site Insight: continued

"I think of a first grader, a very bright student—hungry for knowledge. He's been working with a service learner from CSUMB, reading multicultural stories, studying poetry, and he was really getting into this. On her last day she brought in newspapers, magazines to do poetry [collages]. I went up to read what their words were. I said to Jose, 'This is wonderful.' He looked up and told me, 'I've learned this [poetry] and I am on my way to college.' He was very excited. He was just beaming."

**Ms. Diane,
Ord Terrace site director**



"These kids show up and are ready to do their work. This summer got them really geared to get going. They are all doing well—and they are being children. That's important. A lot of them are not allowed to do that: They have to take care of siblings, or the house, and they have to grow up too fast."

"Volunteer tutors are teaching some of them Japanese; our kids are so willing to learn different things. It's been smooth."

"We're never bored, there's always something going on."

**Ms. Isadore,
Highlands site director**



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