

The Communicator

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*CCPA: Preparing learners, thinkers, communicators,
and citizens of tomorrow*



**COLISEUM COLLEGE PREP
ACADEMY**

Greetings from Coliseum College Prep Academy and welcome to the 2007-08 school year! We have a lot of big plans in store, and we're happy to have you along for the ride.

Join Us for a Fundraiser in Oakland!

For those of you in the Bay Area, we'd like to extend an invitation to our fundraising event on November 14. This will be a great opportunity to meet some of the staff who make CCPA special, as well as a chance to learn about how you can help support the school. Hope to see you there! (For more on our fundraising efforts, see the "Development Update" on Page 2.)

Where: Luka's Taproom, 2221 Broadway @ West Grand (Luka's is close to 19th Street BART and has its own parking lot.)

When: Wednesday, November 14, 6 - 9 PM



CCPA students Janeth and Karla

Back to School Night Recaps Progress, Lays Out Goals

This fall's Back to School Night was an evening of reflection — and of moving forward. Looking back at CCPA's inaugural year, Principal Aaron Townsend presented data that spoke to the success of last year's focus on building a foundation around a positive campus culture. In the annual "Use Your Voice" survey, 94 percent of parents reported being satisfied with their child's experience at CCPA — up from 66 percent on this campus the year before. In an affirmation of our efforts to create a healthy atmosphere for learning, 72 percent of students said

they felt safe at school — a stunning increase over the previous year's 31 percent.

In looking ahead, Townsend discussed this year's goals, which are centered around strengthening the school's instructional program and student academic achievement. With this vision in mind, families visited students' classrooms where teachers laid out goals and expectations for the year. Stepping up family involvement was another theme of the night: Parent coordinators presented a goal of families spending 20 hours at the school over the course of the year. With success at our backs and clear goals in front of us, we feel poised for another successful year.



Yuzury, Maria, and Daisy listen intently during a Town Hall Meeting



CCPA students and staff head to a Cal football game!



CCPA's U.N.I.T.Y. program will give students access to after-school sports activities



Jesus in the CCPA computer lab

Announcing U.N.I.T.Y. Extended Day Program

The acronym of our new extended day program, U.N.I.T.Y., sets a lofty vision: Understanding the Natural Intelligence of Today's Youth. Partnering with AspiraNet, San Francisco State University, Bay Area Video Coalition, and Destiny Arts, we're striving to run a diverse after-school program that offers support to students who are behind, and enrichment opportunities for those who are excelling.

The core of U.N.I.T.Y. will be based on intensive reading intervention, the technology-based PLATO math intervention program, and English and math support classes. To engage our students' diverse and dynamic extracurricular interests, we'll also offer a

range of electives, covering sports, gardening, hip-hop dance, martial arts, animation, beat-making, performing arts, visual arts, and leadership.

While we ran an extended-day program last year, classroom teachers were responsible for running the classes. This year, says Principal Townsend, through partnering with intervention specialists "we hope to accelerate students' academic performance by challenging students who are successful, and help those that are behind to improve. U.N.I.T.Y. will create a supportive, engaging environment for them — a place they want to be."

Development Update

Thanks to supporters near and far, CCPA raised \$5,660 last year through our individual giving campaign, which helped fund our library improvements!

This year, we're upping the ante, setting a goal of \$15,000 from individuals. To help achieve our vision of **preparing students for college and an evolving, technology-driven world**, we're looking to fund one computer and college visit per student. If you'd like to make a tax-deductible donation, you can write a check to "OSSF – Coliseum College Prep Academy Fund," and address the envelope to Aaron Townsend – CCPA, c/o OSSF, P.O. Box 20238, Oakland, CA

94620-0238. To donate on-line, visit www.smallschoolsfoundation.org and click "Donate Now." On the donation page, be sure to type "Coliseum College Prep Academy" in the Designation field. We appreciate your support!



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