

# ACE COMMUNICATOR

February 16, 2010

## Reduction in Force

The school board is scheduled to vote on the layoffs of 141 certificated members Thursday night. While the district states there is a projected decline of 600 students, 141 is an excessive number. 94 of the positions alone are elementary classroom teachers and we know the District is not closing 3 schools next year. Come to Thursday's school board meeting and help us protest this excessive number. Wear Red!

## Read Across America

March 2, 2010 is the California day for Read Across America. Each year CTA chooses a theme and this year it is "Serve Up A Good Book" with *Armadilly Chili* being the featured book. To encourage your students to become better readers, CTA has a resource on their website [www.cta.org](http://www.cta.org) for the online store. Click on the free stuff and print your own book marks, certificates of participation and letters home to parents in several languages. A reading list for each grade level is also available and we hope to have a great turn out this year with community volunteers. Several campuses go all out on this day and the kids have a great time with the guest readers.

## March 4 Rally

"START YOUR DAY FOR STUDENTS" is the theme for the rally at each of our school sites the morning of March 4th. We are asking parents to join us and pass out flyers to highlight the great strides CJUSD has made in educating the students while facing dwindling resources to do that. A stack of flyers for the parents will be sent out to each site explaining to parents how to contact their legislator to stop the cuts to public education. Our outreach team will be contacting the site reps to help them organize this event. It will only take a few minutes of your time before the start of your duty day and with the support of the parents and community, they can help us lobby Sacramento to stop cutting our programs.

## ACE General Elections

Our annual elections are coming up for officers on the Executive Board, State Council Rep, and delegates to the NEA/RA held in New Orleans, LA. Ballots will be sent to your sites with your rep on February 22, 2010.

