

**Cottonwood Valley Charter School
Administrator's Report to the Governing Council
November 11, 2009**

Enrollment: 170 students

Waiting List: 90+

Free and Reduced Lunch: 40%

October Community volunteer hours: 22.25

October Family volunteer hours: 120.70

Professional Development:

- Literacy coach Sam Hoffman was here on Nov. 11, working with grades K-5
- Brenda Becker (math coach) worked with grades 4-8 math teachers on early release day.
- Karin beginning formal classroom observations of teachers week of Nov. 9
- Karin wrote Target grant proposal for funding for BEMP field trips.
- Nancy Engler submitted target grant for science field trips.
- Karin submitted ARRA grant for Technology funding on October 21. We were notified on Nov 9 that we have been awarded the grant! Details will be worked out over the next two weeks, but the amount is approximately \$150,000.

Student Accomplishments:

- Seventh grader Tita Van Fleet a \$750 prize winner in Aldo Leopold essay contest. Sixth graders Donovan Roa and Jenna Melanson won \$75 honorable mentions. Kim Berlat expected every middle school student to enter.
- Winners of declamation contest will go to District competition on Nov. 20
- BEST Robotics team placed 10th on October 24 in Las Cruces
- Every student writing a holiday card to the troops – we are coordinating this activity with the City of Socorro
- 7th and 8th grade students wrote poems and made an offrenda which was part of Dia de los Muertes exhibit at National Hispanic Cultural Center.

Other Developments:

- Charter renewal submitted to the district on Oct. 1.
- District tabled vote on charter renewal at October meeting. It will be on the November agenda.
- New cell phone recycling box in office.

Special Events:

- Fall Festival on Nov 8. Talent show a new addition. 7th grade earned enough money to adopt 3 animals at the Rio Grande Zoo.
- CVCS will be celebrating America Recycles Day on Nov. 12 for the first time.