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NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

The Waverly School will be closed on Monday, September 28, 2009 in observance of Yom Kippur. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 29.

ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The elementary Back to School Night is Tuesday, September 29, 2009 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to provide parents/guardians with an overview of curriculum and class procedures. Teachers present information about the class-integrated theme, share instructional materials and books, review the assessment process, and answer questions. Teachers distribute grade level classroom guides and other appropriate class materials. It is an adult-only evening and babysitting is not provided.

GIVE US YOUR COFFEE CUPS

In an effort to continue to find ways to make Waverly more "green," the Admissions Office is asking for families to donate new or gently used coffee mugs. These mugs will replace the paper cups we currently use for coffee on our tours. There will be a box in the lobby where you can place your mugs. We need at least thirty-five mugs for our tours. Additionally, anyone looking to fulfill their parent work hours at home should email Jennifer at jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org.

ES MORNING ARRIVAL

Waverly's faithful a.m. drop-off staff would like to remind all ES parents/guardians to bring their child **through the front doors** of the building if arriving after 8:45 a.m.

ELEMENTARY WPO JOB FAIR

Come at 6:30 p.m. on September 29 and visit our displays of the specific Waverly projects that need your help. With detailed job listings, dates, and times, you can talk to different WPO coordinators and sign up

for what you want to do. If you don't know, we can help find the perfect project for you.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From the Middle School Creative Writing Class

French Onion Soup

With its thick green/orange cheese and a broth that tastes of sweat, it is as black as night and smells of uncultured milk and dying skunks. When it is placed in front of me I hear despair and misery. French onion soup is my stomach's nemesis.

-Owen Gerber-Hattem

How Not to Cook Chicken (an excerpt)

[You can't] fry chicken by pouring mass cups of cooking oil in the pan, letting it bubble and throwing pieces of frozen chicken in, expecting them to "fry." Well, we knew this plan was quickly evaporated when we heard the smoke alarm go off. We dashed into the kitchen, stood on chairs, and waved an endless amount of rags in front of the smoke alarm. We got many calls from neighbors, but once we explained to them the circumstances, they understood and hung up... We sat down for dinner and saw the black chalk, I mean chicken, on the Dixie paper plates and cherry tomatoes that looked like broken-off bits of a cherry popsicle. I tried to eat the chicken but when I bit it, the charcoal texture refused to go down my throat and my mouth was left to suffer with ash in it.

-Lili Cairl

MAGIC LIGHT NEWS

RICHARD, LIZ, & KERRY'S K CLASS

Wow! We are having a blast in kindergarten. Karen, our Spanish teacher, is helping us learn how to greet each other in another language. Liz and Richard are using the days of school and the calendar to help us figure out math equations. One day, Richard even needed help ordering a pizza for his friends and we told him how much he could afford. Liz has been encouraging us as we draw



pictures and write stories in our journals. We love learning, especially outside at the farm! Back at school, we are getting lots of practice in art with Hypatia. We made collages this week. We can sing songs we practiced with Michael, Josie, and Ernie. However, it's always fun when Richard plays punk rock in the classroom! We can hardly believe it's the third week of kindergarten!

FARM REPORT



Matthew Mannucci, Matthew Cheung, & Eamonn Gottlieb in the Sustainable Farming Class

Hello Fellow Farmers and Farmers at Heart!

Despite the horrendous weather, many classes are busy planning their year at the farm. The Purple Porcupines are going to plant an all purple sweet pea trellis, and an all purple class plot featuring two to three different purple potatoes and more durum wheat for grinding and making pasta.

Melissa's class, the Savvy Sailors, is teaming up with Susan's class, the Microscopic Kids, to explore California natives, and planting class plots with winter red and winter white wheat—with thoughts of pizza, pancakes, and bread.

The middle school sustainable farming class has started several kinds of greens from seed, including spinach,

arugula, chard, and "corn salad." The class's focus is to learn about what we all eat, where it comes from, and to grow some food of their own to cook and eat. This week the class made and ate pesto! Also they're watching "King Corn," which coincided nicely with Tuesday's article in the Los Angeles Times, Business section, about local food!

(http://www.latimes.com/business/la-fi-smallbiz22-2009sep22_0,1903967.story)

Don't forget the Farm Picnic on October 11th. See you all there!

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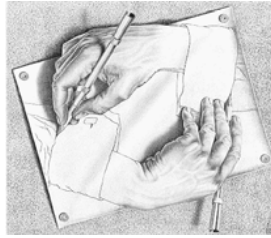
MUSICAL KINGDOM NEWS
MARINA, CHEENU, & KERRY'S YK CLASS
We studied the letter B this week. Here are some of the "B" activities we did this week:

- We played with balloons and bubbles in P.E. and in class. In class, we tried to keep the balloons in the air and off of the ground while the music played. When the music stopped, we could catch and hold the balloons.
- We did "balloon science." We made static electricity by rubbing the balloons on our hair!
- We read the story *Balloon Farm* by Jerdine Nolen. It's a story about a farmer who grows balloons instead of plants.
- We had berries and bananas for snack. One day, we had apples and bananas together after we sang "Apples and Bananas."
- We are still working on a square dance to bluegrass music, and we learned a poem called "Autumn."
- We had "babysitting day" where all of the MKs brought their baby dolls and we learned how take care of them. We even sang them a lullaby! (Brahms, of course!)

"C" you next week!

ART LESSONS: DRAWING, WATERCOLOR & SCULPTURE
Art classes will be taught by Waverly

Elementary teacher Erin Palfrey to students in grades three through six. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The six-week session begins September 30. Cost is \$150.00 (pre-paid). For more information, please e-mail Erin at erin@thewaverlyschool.org



PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

We encourage you to join us for our parent education night on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 with Dr. Melissa Johnson from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Dr. Johnson's presentation, "What's A Parent To Do? Helping Children Develop Positive Friendships and Resolve Conflicts," will include information to help parents/guardians as their children navigate a world of social relationships. Dr. Melissa Johnson is a licensed clinical psychologist and is the President and Founder of the Institute for Girls' Development. Dr. Johnson recently worked with the elementary and middle school faculty, and is looking forward to returning to meet Waverly parents/guardians. Please R.S.V.P. to Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org if you plan to attend. Parents/guardians receive parent work hours for attending parent education events.

Babysitting will be provided free of charge at the elementary school for current Waverly K-6 students during the parent education night event. If you will need this service you *must* R.S.V.P. to Alison no later than Monday, October 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Save the Date

Saturday, September 26
High School Parents Cocktail Party: 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 28
No School

Tuesday, September 29
Elementary School Job Fair: 6:30-7:00 p.m.
Back to School Night: 7:00-8:00 p.m.

October 5-7
Middle School Ojai Trip

Sunday, October 11
Farm Picnic & Work Day

Tuesday, October 13
Parent Education Night