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BIKERS WELCOME!

The elementary school has a new bike rack near the front playground entrance gate. Sixth grader and frequent biker, Miles Crawford, has already put our new bike rack to good use!



THE COUNTING KOYOTES

The Counting Coyotes had a corn tasting party last week. We learned about and tried a lot of different things made with corn. Some of the things we tried were corn flakes, corn muffins, corn-on-the-cob, canned corn, corn nuts, corn chips, corn tortillas, corn syrup and corn bread. We just looked at the corn oil!

This week, we are studying the letter K. We learned about Kansas and Kentucky. We listened to Kentucky bluegrass music. We tried kiwi and played with a box of keys. Then we traced keys in our journals. The kangaroo puppet told some corn-y jokes, like, "What kind of key cannot open a lock? A mon-key and a don-key."

Marina's dog, KANE, wants to invite Waverly families to attend the Montrose Christmas parade this Saturday, December 6, on Honolulu Avenue. The parade begins at 6:00 p.m. Kane and Marina will be in the parade with CV DOGS, a group of volunteers working on opening an off-leash dog park in Glendale. Please join the fun and cheer us on! Santa usually flies over in a helicopter to start the parade!

AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES FOR ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

The elementary school will be offering several afterschool class options for students beginning in January 2009. Please mark your calendars now and continue to read *The Wave* for more information. Fliers are also available in the elementary lobby.

Kid Shakespeare (Carlyle Williams and Sydney Walsh): Grades 3-6; Tuesdays, 1/13-5/26.

Chess (San Diego Chess Academy): Grades K-6; Wednesdays, 1/14-3/4.

Yoga (Mallory Leitner from The Yoga House): Grades YK-2; Wednesdays, 1/14-3/4.

Spirit Team (Kerry Marhefka): Grades 3-6; Thursdays, 1/15-3/5.

Fun with Literature (Sonia Von Wike): Grades 1-4; Mondays and Thursdays, 1/12-4/20.

Folk Dancing (Nickie Hovhannessian): Grades K-6; Tuesdays, 1/13-3/10.

ES LIBRARY CORNER

December is already here and the elementary school children are well on their way to another month of reading great books. Here's a sample:

- Sam Sortino (Susan's class) is reading the Captain Underpants and Scary Stories series of books.

Save the Date

E.S. All School Meeting moved
Thursday, December 11

Waverly World Market
December 12 family shopping hours are 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
December 13 family shopping hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Farm Gathering for track repair, 10:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 13

Half day: noon dismissal
Holiday Program at Thorne Hall, Occidental College, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 18

- Miles Crist (Cheri's class) has read all of the Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz.
- Quinn Neubert (Melissa's class) is enjoying the American Girl books.
- Lindsay Allen (Mike's class) is almost finished with *The Tale of Despereaux*.
- Joshua Kornfield (Tina's class) is being thrilled by the Goosebumps series.
- Sofia Alvarado (Erin's class) enjoyed Jon Scieszka's *The Stinky Cheese Man*.

Stay tuned for more reading updates after the first of the year. Happy Holidays!

WORLD MARKET NEWS

Mark your calendars and start those shopping lists with your children—the Waverly World Market is only ONE week away!

Students will go shopping during the school day on Friday, December 12 with their classes at scheduled times. Elementary parents and guardians: the **Purchase Authorization Form** is in today's e-packet. Please fill it out and go over a shopping list with your child so that a shopper's helper can better serve your child's shopping needs. Middle and high school shoppers do not need the form but should come to school on the 12th with money if they plan to buy.

Many thanks to all the parents who helped out supervising crafts with the children during Teacher Appreciation day. We have wonderful product from all the classes.

If you are still busy knitting, baking, or potting plants, have no fear. You can still turn in product. Just drop me a line and let me know what you plan to donate and we'll work out a drop-off plan.

Please don't forget to check the job Web site for your work assignments – <http://www.thewaverlyschool.org/wpojbsite.html>. If you signed up to help set up on Thursday, December 11, we could use some help loading up

the truck at Lisa Henderson's house Thursday morning. Please drop us an e-mail if you can help out with this. Thank you!

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 Lisa Henderson
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 World Market Co-Chairs

WAVERLY H.S. ADOPTS A FAMILY

This year, The Waverly High School is participating in Foothill Family Service's annual Adopt-a-Family Program (<http://www.foothillfamily.org>). This program distributes gifts of clothes, toys, and necessities to high-need families during the winter holiday season.

The family our students have volunteered to adopt is Erika, her boyfriend, Angel, and his mom, Yolanda. Erika is currently eight months pregnant, is very motivated to continue her education and is working on getting back in school. The family lives on a very limited income and was recently forced to move from their longtime home due to the fact that they were not able to afford the high rent any longer. With a new baby on the way, this family could really benefit from a little extra help this holiday season.

Below you will find a list that will assist you in purchasing gifts that will match the family's needs and interests. Please remember that you are not obligated to follow this list; it is only a guideline. The amount that you spend on gifts for the family is completely up to you. We do request that all gifts be wrapped as well as new and in good condition. Gift Cards and hand-written sentiments to the family are also appreciated.

Gifts must be delivered to The Waverly High School no later than Monday, December 8.

Erika M.
 Age: 18
 Sex: Female
 Top Size: Medium

Pant Size: 9-11
Shoe Size: 6
Favorite Colors: pink, blue, yellow
Greatest Needs: clothes, jeans, pants, pillows, blankets, diaper storage, baby bottles, baby items
Interests/Games/Toys: writing (journaling) and doing her nails
Grocery Store Preference: Cardenas Market or Food for Less

Angel G.

Age: 21
Sex: Male
Top Size: 5X
Pant Size: 48 x 34
Shoe Size: 12
Favorite Colors: navy blue, black, white, grey
Greatest Needs: clothes, winter clothes, shoes, socks
Interests/Games/Toys: baseball, (favorite team is The Dodgers) and football (favorite team is The Raiders)

Yolanda G.

Age: 55
Sex: Female
Top Size: Large
Pants Size: 12
Shoe Size: 6
Favorite Colors: blue, black, white
Greatest Needs: winter jacket (Size XL), clothes, shoes
Interests/Games/Toys: movies

FARM REPORT

After our first good rain many new vegetable plants are coming up! Unfortunately, the weeds are also sprouting everywhere. To stay on top of this situation we will have a **Gathering at the Farm on Saturday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.** to pull a few weeds (while the soil is soft!) and do a little maintenance on our track. Bring flat blade shovels, weeding tools, gloves and snacks to share.

The Lewis family deserves a big "Thank you" for the kneeling pads, which they donated, and that will come in handy on the 13th. The red wheel barrow is a gift from the gardening gods when it comes to compost pile maintenance. The compost is looking really fine! Thank you to Jennie Cooks, A Catering Company (and Waverly High School

parent) for all the green waste which has really contributed to our precious compost heap! The Rock Stars and the Starry Nights have begun their Monet garden with some violas, already in bloom, and some delphiniums (see photo). I can't wait to see the finished product.



Lastly, I am happy to announce that our pond will soon undergo a complete rehabilitation, draining, cleaning and PH balancing, by two Waverly High School seniors who are taking the job on as their senior project. Stay tuned for more information!

Happy farming everyone,
Donna Furey
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START COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR THE SILENT AUCTION

Dear Waverly Community,
We will need all of your help to make the April 2009 Silent Auction a big success. Now is the time to catch some businesses before the end of the tax year. Some businesses, however, have limits on their donations, so starting early in January is a good idea, too.

What do Waverly parents like to bid on? They like things for their kids: horseback riding lessons, gymnastics, martial arts, and dance lessons, science kits, American dolls, etc. They like things for family outings: tickets to Legoland, Disneyland, San Diego Zoo, and museums. They like the arts: tickets or box seats to plays and concerts, art prints and photographs, and art books. They like sports: tickets to sporting events, and opportunities to play paintball or golf. They like restaurants, especially upscale ones, but even In-n-Out gets good bids! They like special objects like jewelry,

handbags, wine, etc. Gift certificates from stores are also fun.

Waverly parents also love vacation homes, both local and out of state; stays at hotels and other adventures.

Waverly parents are very supportive of people's special talents for cooking or services, teacher interaction opportunities, and school related privileges (like getting to be Director for the day).

So, as you go out shopping and dining this holiday season, don't be shy about asking your favorite restaurant or store if they can support The Waverly School Silent Auction. More information about donation forms and Waverly non-profit status will be mailed to you soon. Good luck, and remember that all of this supports your child's education. Please contact Ann Cooke at anncooke1@earthlink.net if you have any questions or to share ideas.

GET YOUR HOLIDAY SCRIP NOW

This is the perfect opportunity to do your holiday gift shopping and support Waverly at the same time! Scrip gift cards never expire, nor do they decrease in value over time.

Orders must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 10 to Cindy in the Business Office.

Please keep in mind: we can submit a special order anytime for you if your order is over \$400.

Dottie Snitzer
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PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

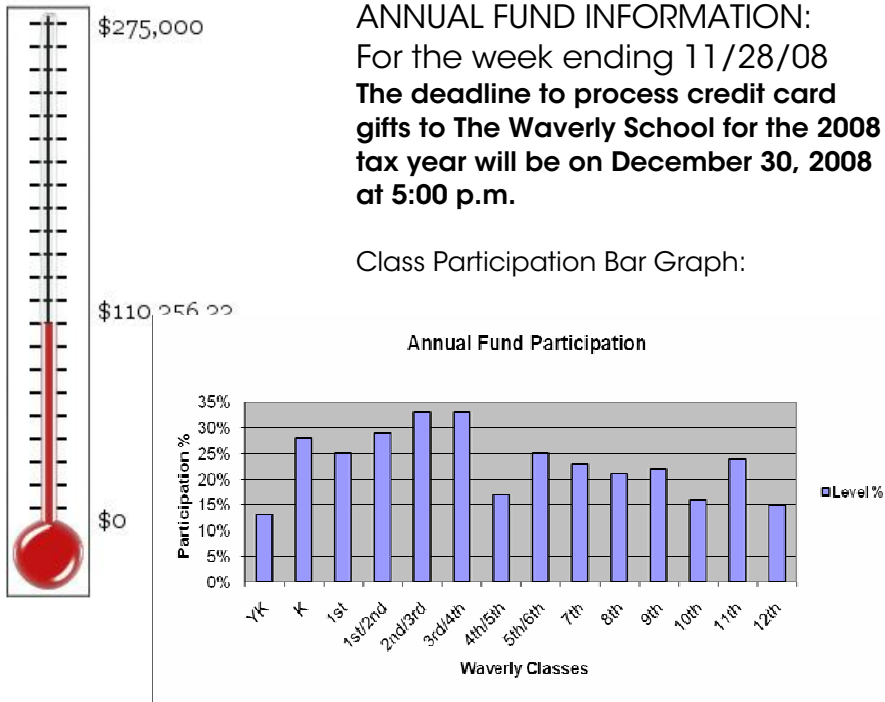
Mark your calendars: Martha Ramirez will host a Parents' Night Out babysitting event on Saturday, December 13. This is the perfect opportunity for you to get your holiday shopping done, treat yourself to a massage or go to the movies without toting your children along. Reserve a spot by contacting Martha at 323.394.4669. Drop-ins are welcome. Note: if there is low interest the night will be canceled and Martha will contact you on December 12.

ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION:

For the week ending 11/28/08

The deadline to process credit card gifts to The Waverly School for the 2008 tax year will be on December 30, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.

Class Participation Bar Graph:



2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000
Dollars raised as of 11/28/08:
\$110,256.22 (includes pledges)
Dollars raised since last week: \$9,403.97
(includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:
23.571%