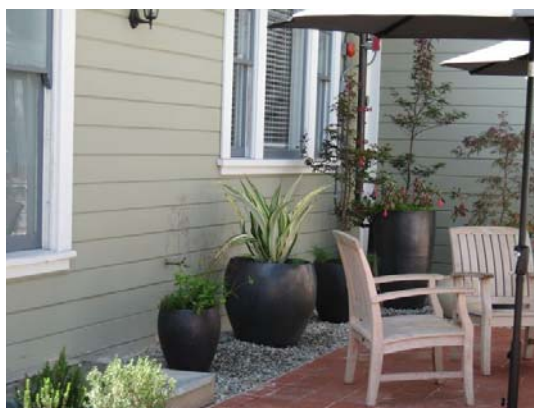


WELCOME BACK!

The 2008-2009 school year is off to a great start. It is wonderful to see students filling the halls again and the new faculty and staff members have jumped right in. Thanks so much to all of you; it's going to be a great year!

A NOT SO SECRET GARDEN

We can't thank Donna Furey enough for her work in creating the beautiful new Abelson Garden on the high school campus. With the help of high schoolers, Jack and Tom Craig, the once grassy square has been transformed into a space that both conserves water and is an inviting environment in which to congregate. Please come by and experience this lovely garden.



The high school's new Abelson Garden

FRESH LUNCHES

Freshlunches is once again providing lunch to The Waverly School Mondays through Thursdays. The Freshlunches daily menu offers a selection of hot and cold options with a choice of sides. Freshlunches are delivered to our school in recyclable bags and containers labeled with each child's name. Lunches will be served to students at the elementary middle and high schools. Order on-line at www.freshlunches.com by Friday for the following week.

EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

If you have not turned in your child's backpack yet, please note that they must be in by Friday, September 12. A bare basic backpack will be made for your child if yours is not turned in and a charge of \$50 which will be posted to your October billing statement.

WELLNESS SPEAKER NEXT WEEK

We are fortunate to have Daniel Armstrong, founder and president of Find A Tree, as a speaker for The Waverly High School Wellness Seminar next Wednesday, September 10. While living in Ghana, West Africa, Daniel Armstrong met twin brothers, Jonas and Jonathan Atingui, who dreamed of having a school of their own, but had no money or facilities. Armstrong advised them to "find a tree and start their school there." These young teachers soon had nearly 100 students coming to their school under a tree. Seeing their success, a businessman in the community gave them a new building to use as their school. Thus, the Find A Tree program was created. Find A Tree helps people to find their tree and begin making their dreams a reality. You can explore his vision more at www.findatree.com.

Save the Date

**Middle and High School Sports Night, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, September 9**

**High School Job Fair: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Back to School Night: 7:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 16**

**Middle School Job Fair: 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Back to School Night: 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Thursday September 18**

**Elementary School Job Fair: 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Back to School Night: 7 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Tuesday September 23**

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW FACULTY AND STAFF AND THOSE RETURNING TO NEW POSITIONS

Lisa Groening will be gracing us in the new half-time position of Middle School Dean of Students. Lisa taught high school English at Waverly for two years before moving to the middle school where she has been one of the core teachers for the last two years.

Heather Brunold has joined the high school team in the position of High School Dean of Students. For the last two years, Heather has served as Dean of Students, Director of Community Service and Co-Chair of the Human Development Department at the Viewpoint School. We are very fortunate that she found our school!

Kim Uribe is The Waverly School's first Director of Development. Kim worked in the Development Office at Occidental College from 2000 to 2007.

Maria Robertson is teaching Spanish at the high school this year. A native speaker of Spanish, Maria has taught for more than twenty years at the elementary, middle and high school levels. In 1996, Maria joined the Waverly faculty and worked last year as a head teacher in the kindergarten/first grade class.

Erin Palfrey will be the lead teacher in the third/fourth class next year. Erin has taught for eight years at various grade levels, ranging from preschool to twelfth grade. Erin started at Waverly last year as the elementary art teacher and part-time assistant in the fourth/fifth class. She is very excited to be taking over her own classroom.

Katherine Perkins is joining the high school faculty as a full-time math teacher. She teaches Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II this year. For the last three years, Katherine has offered individual and group tutoring services for all grade levels.

Susan Roco has returned to us this year after a year away with her new baby. She is now teaching a first grade class. Susan has been at Waverly since 2002. Welcome back, Susan!

Margaret Lopez will be working closely with Lisa this year to plan the English curriculum and teach two sections, while continuing to teach Creative

writing and assisting the Middle School administration and faculty. Margaret has worked at Waverly since 2004.

Hypatia Luna is the elementary art teacher next year. She is also a part-time assistant teacher in the fourth/fifth grade class with Mike Strusinski. Hypatia has taught at Waverly since 2004 as an assistant teacher in grades first through third and also worked in our summer program.

Kerry Marhefka is the new assistant teacher in the third/fourth class with Erin Palfrey. She has worked with students ranging in age from preschool to high school as an assistant teacher, as a gym teacher and a substitute teacher. Throughout the 2007-08 school year, Kerry substituted regularly at Waverly.

Kristin Lee is the assistant teacher in the second/third class with Tina Landesman. She has worked as an assistant teacher, summer school teacher and tutor at Crossroads School of Arts and Sciences in Santa Monica.

Brittany Reynolds is the assistant teacher in the first grade class with Susan Roco while Maria Brown is on maternity leave (from September until January). Brittany has worked as a nanny, tutor, elementary reading aide and Waverly substitute teacher.

SPORTS NIGHT

Middle and High School Sports Night is Tuesday, September 9, at 6:30 in the elementary school community room. Any students on a team or interested in joining a team **must** attend.

Community Service Corner

Project Angel Food

Make sandwiches and salads for the walkers, crew and volunteers for the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer.

Friday afternoon, September 12 in the kitchen
Saturday, September 13, 8:30 'til we finish!
Located at 922 Vine St, Los Angeles, 90038

Avon Walk for Breast Cancer

Saturday and Sunday, September 13 and 14
<http://walk.avonfoundation.org>

WE LOVE OUR NEW PLAYGROUND



Lucas Guerrero showing off his swing skills

The elementary students are enjoying the playground and the many improvements made during the summer months. The young kindergarten yard features a play structure made with recycled materials which includes a tower, slide, climbing stairs, a rock wall and tic tac toe. We also added two new swings, a larger shade structure and 3,800 pounds of recycled green rubber chips. In the large play area we rebuilt our favorite play structures, added clearance around each structure and covered the area with 60 yards of recycled playground wood fiber. A popular scene is at the newly built sand house complete with interactive sand walls, a water misting system and 9 tons of play sand. Enjoy!



Hunter Lee enjoying the new sandbox

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back everyone! I'm very excited to share some news about what's happening in the Elementary School Library.

Book conferences:

Last May, I was able to attend the Book Expo America at the LA Convention Center. It was three fun-filled days of books, book, books! I participated in two wonderful authors' breakfast sessions and was able to meet some well-known children's book authors such as Dave Barry, Ridley Pearson, Jon Scieszka, Laura Numeroff, Eoin Colfer and Rick Riordan.

I returned to the school with over 50 new book titles, many of them autographed for The Waverly School. It was a wonderful experience I won't soon forget. The Book Expo is open to book publishers, authors and librarians and returns to Los Angeles in 4 years. In June I attended the American Library Association (ALA) conference where I met more authors and brought more than 20 titles back to the library.

More good news:

The library will be opened on Tuesdays after school from 3:00 to 5:00 for students in grades 4-8. I am hoping to start age-appropriate book clubs for these grades. Please let me know if your child is interested in joining a book club by emailing me at wendy@thewaverlyschool.org

Wendy Cross, school librarian

THE WPO JOB FAIR!

The *easy* way for everyone to contribute to their school and meet their required 20 work hours! Come early on your child's Back to School Night. 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.

High School: Tuesday, September 16, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Middle School: Thursday, September 18, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Elementary School: Tuesday, September 23, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

We will give information about the new WPO Job Web site. There will also be a Free Flip Video Camera Raffle Giveaway! Get your Raffle ticket when you attend the Job Fair! Don't miss your chance to meet other parent volunteers!

Get involved with The Waverly Parent Organization! See you there!

Susan Cadiff & Ann Stabolepszy Cooke
WPO Co-Presidents 2008-09