

SEEDS, SEEDS AND MORE SEEDS!

The Counting Coyotes are having fun planting seeds in unique ways. We are having a sunflower race! This was a great idea of Albert's mom to perk up the ordinary planting of different varieties of sunflowers. The race is on! The seeds have been selected, planted, watered, and...THEY'RE OFF! Results will be posted later in the spring. Another seed-planting activity we worked on this week was "hairy people plants." We planted "cat grass" (oat, barley, and wheat seeds) in little transparent cups*. We put faces with wiggly eyes on the outside of the cups. When the grass grows long enough, the Coyotes can give them haircuts! We also get to watch the germination and growth process through the cups. The Coyotes will be able to see how the plants bend toward the sunlit window. Then we will turn the plants around and watch them reach for the light again. We are now reading *The Secret Garden*, which has inspired the young gardeners to enjoy planting, nurturing, and growing a garden. We will be setting up the worm composter in the YK yard next week. The Coyotes will learn how to compost and what can be composted. More planting and gardening news in the near future!

*the transparent cups were collected from the school's **FreshLunches fruit and salad cups**. We learned that we could re-use the cups for our planting activities. Thank you **FreshLunches!**

ELEMENTARY CHESS ACADEMY

The next elementary after school Chess Academy for students in grades K-6 will begin on Wednesday, March 11, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the library. There will be eleven sessions that include group lessons, playtime, tournament play, and one-on-one instruction. Continuing and new students are welcome. Please see the flier attached to today's packet or on the parent counter in the elementary lobby for more information or to sign up.

SPRING SPOTLIGHT

Tonight, March 6, at 7:00 p.m. at Thorne Hall, Occidental College
Tickets available at the door!

Come support elementary, middle and high school students as they sing and dance their way through the evening! In addition to hip-hop and Bollywood routines, students, faculty and staff will be performing hits from these Broadway favorites: *A Chorus Line*, *The Lion King*, *Les Miserables*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Grease*, *Oliver*, *The Boy Friend*, *Anything Goes*, *Wicked*, *The Fantasticks*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Mamma Mia* and many more!

AND IN THE ART ROOM...

The last few weeks have been papier-mâché mania in the art room! Both Wasabi and the Purple Penguins have been busy designing and constructing one of a kind sculptural works. The Wasabi students were introduced to functional art and have been working collaboratively on making a cardboard chair that is reinforced with papier-mâché and paint. This week, they will embark on the final stages of decorating the unique seat before it moves into their classroom for good. The Purple Penguins, in honor of their namesake, have each begun a penguin using balloons and papier-mâché. Each artist has given his or her piece personality and presence, and will bring them to life this week with paint and other fun accessories.
-From Hypatia, in the art room

Save the Date

Spring Spotlight at Thorne Hall, Occidental College; tickets available at the door
Friday, March 6, 7:00 p.m.

Admissions notification: new students
Friday, March 6

All School Parent/Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL
Friday, March 13

Elementary School Parent/Teacher
Conferences; NO SCHOOL for E.S.
Monday, March 16

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FARM REPORT

All the gardens at the farm are coming to life as many classes are doing projects. The Counting Coyotes are planning a worm farm, the Starry Nights and Rocking Rock Stars' Monet garden is in full bloom, the Secret Sorcerers have some beautiful purple cabbage ready for harvest, and the Moccasins have begun their spring planting. The Waverly High School Growers kindly loaded our trash pile into a dumpster to be hauled away. The farm is looking really beautiful right now; let's keep taking our trash back to school and putting our tools away in the shed. If you would like a plot to start your own spring planting, please download the rental agreement from our Web site. Happy Farming!

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High schoolers Graham Sole, Michael Gitlin, Matt Morse and Mark Berman haul away farm trash

SILENT AUCTION INVITATIONS ARRIVING IN THE MAIL SOON

Your invitation to "La Dolce Vita," The Waverly School Silent Auction on Sunday, April 26, will be arriving soon!

We want everyone to attend! It is the main social event for all the parents, teachers and staff of the school. Invite your friends to come with you! The party is also open to the general community. Buy 10 tickets to the event and we will give you a discount (e-mail Ann Cooke chcooke@earthlink.net for information).

You will get fabulous Italian food, wine and drinks as you spend your afternoon *al fresco* at the beautiful River Center, only 10 minutes from The Waverly School. Enjoy spending time with your friends while bidding

on fabulous items and experiences for you and your family.

Free babysitting under the direction of Martha will be provided at the elementary school during the Auction.

All proceeds go directly to The Waverly School operating budget, so support your school while having a great time.

Thanks, and don't forget to send your RSVP cards in.

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Deveney Kelly

Position: Board Member for 4 years, serving on Programs and Finance Committees

Grade of child: 7th

Years at Waverly: 9

Day Job: For the past 21 years, I have been a member of the production team that creates "The Bold and the Beautiful" (day time drama) on CBS. I



prep, stage and direct two episodes each week for this series and on occasion direct episodes for our sister show, "The Young and the Restless." Before coming to CBS, I worked 12 years freelance on many sitcoms and variety

shows as an Asst. Dir. and Script Asst. Prior to television production work I spent 4 years with Mr. Bob Hope as his Exec. Asst. Before 'real' work, was school and a lot of travelling.

Influential Books: One collection that has stayed with me for all my adult years was a book my mother gave to me when I was 6 years old, *Aesop's Fables*. I loved the short stories she would read to me before bed and I didn't even realize the great messages that were hidden in them until much later. Moms are so smart, huh?

Reasons for Serving: To promote and help to 'grow' progressive education in general and at The Waverly School specifically.

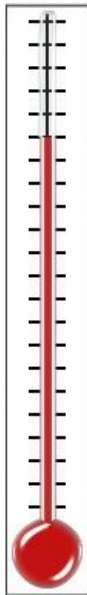
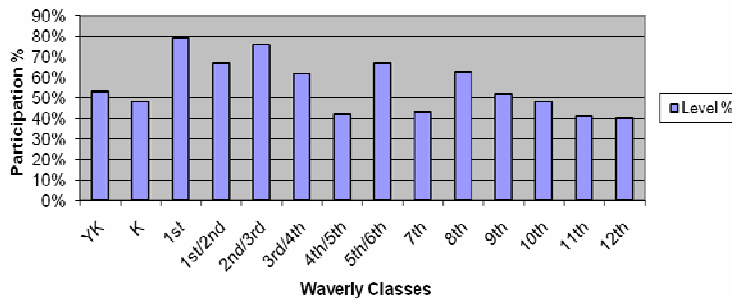
Favorite Board Moment: Board Retreat –Monrovia Canyon retreat house, 2008. After spending the morning reviewing financial and program agenda items, our rather serious work session was interrupted by the arrival of a brown bear cub on the patio balcony of the retreat house. We all jumped up and ran to the windows and French doors to enjoy the beauty of one of Mother Nature’s beasts so close up. We all gawked at the bear and chatted noisily until someone mentioned that if the cub was here, mama was probably close behind. We considered the fact that a glass French door wasn’t going to keep a mother bear out if she thought her cub was in danger, so we quickly—and quietly—went back to our work, but with a much improved and enthusiastic frame of mind!

Message for fellow parents: Be involved in your child’s education and school experience in any way you can—in the classroom, on field trips, at sporting and art/theater events. Volunteer—it helps to strengthen the bonds of the entire school community when parents participate. Everyone has something to offer!

ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION

Class Participation Bar Graph:

Annual Fund Participation



\$275,000

\$215,538.34

\$0

2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000

Dollars raised since last week: \$1,000
(includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:
55.2347%

IT'S TIME FOR MARCH SCRIP ORDERS

There's an easy way to raise money for The Waverly School. All you have to do is order your scrip/gift cards and use them to make your purchases. Check out the order form in today’s packet to see what percent of your purchase will go to The Waverly School. If you need to do things around the house, check out the home improvement section. If you need to buy clothes look at the department store or discount store sections. If you are starting to make plans for spring or summer vacation, look in the travel or entertainment sections.

Orders are due Thursday, March 12, by 10:00 a.m.; delivery by Wednesday, March 18.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Dottie Snitzer at 626.688.3272 (cell).

Community Service Corner

Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center’s Showcase House raises money for music programs throughout our schools. Volunteer Saturday, April 11, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Monday, April 13, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Contact Stacy Miller stacywm5@yahoo.com

The Rose Bowl in Pasadena hosts Autism Speaks’ 7th annual autism awareness event, Walk Now for Autism on April 25, 2009. www.walknowforautism.org/losangeles