

**COUNTING COYOTES ALMOST  
COMPLETE THEIR ALPHABET**

The Counting Coyotes are learning the last letters of the alphabet. We learned about wolves and ate watermelon for the letter **W**. A radiologist, David's grandpa, came into the classroom to talk about x-rays for the letter **X**. Some Coyotes were wondering why we even need the letter **X** when the beginning **X** makes a **Z** sound and an **X** inside of other words makes a "ks" sound? We decided that **X** is a good letter to mark off calendars, find treasure, play tic tac toe, make hugs and kisses, and use it in fun ways like **X**-Box, **X**-Men and planet **X**. So there you have it. The Counting Coyotes celebrated Cinco de Mayo at Mijares with a lunch buffet. We also had a visit from a Tibetan monk (a family friend of David's). Julia and her dad picked mulberries while watering our garden at the farm. The next day, they brought the mulberries and vanilla yogurt for a delicious and nutritious snack for the Counting Coyotes. Some of the Coyotes spend their whole farm time hunting for mulberries that they can reach, so this was a real treat for them!

**E.S. BOOK CLUB MEETING**

Terri Battenburg, Head of the Lower School, is hosting a "book club" type meeting with interested elementary parents on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. (after All School Meeting) in the Community Room. We will have an informal discussion about *Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide* by Lucy Calkins with Lydia Bellino. (The book can be found at Amazon and other on-line vendors.) The meeting will be limited to twelve so if you plan to join us please R.S.V.P. to Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. If you are interested and can't make this meeting please know that other similar book meetings will be offered in the summer and next school year.

**PURPLE PENGUINS WRITE  
MOTHER'S DAY POEMS**

Dear Mom,  
Your croissants are as soft as a lamb's cozy fleece. Your clothes are so beautiful they stand out like the sun in the bright blue sky. Your soothing voice reminds me of the wind whistling through the air. When you play the flute it is like a huge orchestra, but hundreds of times better. Happy Mother's Day!  
Love, David

Dear Mom,  
When I touch your hair it feels like a cat's soft fur. When you give me a hug I feel as safe as a flower in a garden. You smell as sweet as a fresh picked pineapple. When I see your bright happy smile in the morning it makes me feel as excited as if I won the lottery. Your eyes are as green as the healthiest green leaf.  
Love, Matthew

Dear Mom,  
When you cuddle me in your loving arms it makes me feel like I am being hugged by an angel. When you kiss me you are as gentle as a dancing ballerina. When I am sad your soft voice comforts me. You have made my life beautiful. You take such good care of me. Happy Mother's Day!  
Love, Lauren

**Save the Date****High school A.P. exams  
May 4-14****Elementary School Jogathon  
Sunday, May 17, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.****Varsity Sports Awards  
Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 p.m., Avery Dennison****Middle School Sports Awards, 3:30 p.m.  
Thursday, May 21, at M.S. outdoor patio****Faculty Work Day, NO SCHOOL  
Friday, May 22****Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL  
Monday, May 25****THE  
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Dear Mom,  
When I feel your soft, suede brown hair I am as joyful as a happy clam. When you help me with homework, time goes by as fast as a beaver building its dam. Your beautiful chocolaty brown eyes remind me of glistening stars in the sky. Your lovely skin feels as soft as velvet. When you comfort me when I am as sad as a bird without its flock, I feel as cheerful as a person going to a big birthday party! I will always love you from the bottom of my heart.  
Love, Olivia

### E.S. SUMMER READING

We invite all elementary parents to check out the summer reading bulletin board as you enter the Community Room. There are several book lists, articles and suggestions for student summer reading. Elementary teachers will also make reading suggestions in their summer letters to families in mid to late July. Some things to consider:

- let your child's interests guide the process in finding reading selections
- continue to read to your child (well after your child is reading)
- look to a wide variety of choices from which to select (newspaper, magazines, nonfiction "how-to," favorite authors or series, classics, etc.)
- create opportunities to talk about what is read (also read what your child is reading)
- talk with your child about your summer reading plans

Happy reading!

### ORDER E.S. YEARBOOK TODAY!

Look for the yearbook order form in today's e-packet! Elementary school yearbooks are \$30 each. If you would like an additional yearbook photo slideshow (CD with more photos!) it is \$35 for the bundle. Please complete the order form and submit it with payment to the Business Office no later than Friday, May 29 at noon. Thank you!

### SPRING CLEANING AT THE FARM

Last Sunday, Dave Burke, Amy Weinstein and Kathy Yeh joined me at the farm for a little spring cleaning. Lots

of weeds were pulled, lots of trash was collected and many tools were put away in the shed. Amy and Dave also cleared the jogging path—thank you very much!

Our seniors worked on the pond and made plans for a solar powered pump to circulate the water.

Since the Obamas have their own garden on the White House lawn now, their plot at our farm

has become available. If you are interested in planting your own summer crop in #10, please download a rental agreement from the school Web site and take it to Cindy Andrade at the elementary school office.



If your child would like to earn community service hours over the summer by tending the crops, please contact me at [donnaforey@gmail.com](mailto:donnaforey@gmail.com)

### JOGATHON UPDATES

Waverly's annual Jogathon will take place on Sunday, May 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

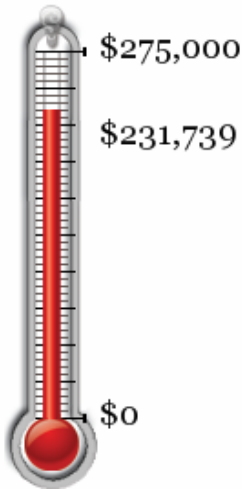
### Jogathon Baked Treats Needed!

Seeking treats for the Jogathon in the form of baked goods, either home-made or store-bought. Please bring your item to the school on Saturday, May 16, or on the morning of Sunday, May 17, and make sure that any dishes to return have your name on them. Please contact Jean Stewart at [virtualjean@pobox.com](mailto:virtualjean@pobox.com) or 626.345.0558 so that she maintains a tally.

### Jogathon Ice Chests Sought!

We need to borrow your ice chests to hold cold drinks for the Jogathon. Please contact Jean Stewart at [virtualjean@pobox.com](mailto:virtualjean@pobox.com) or at

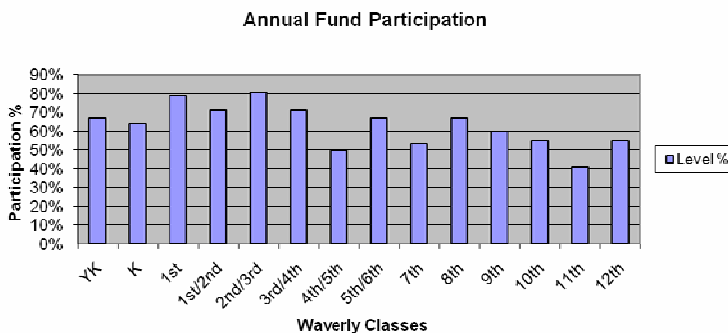
626.345.0558 if you have one to lend and bring it to the school on Saturday, May 16, or on the morning of the Jogathon on Sunday, May 17. Be sure to label your ice chest with your name. Thank you!



### ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000  
Dollars raised as of 5/1/09: \$231,738.89 (includes pledges)  
Dollars raised since 4/24/09: \$300.00 (includes pledges)  
Overall family participation to date: 61.2319%

Class Participation Bar Graph:



- Tour the *LA Times* Editorial Building
- Tour the *LA Times* Production Facility

The two summer school courses, **Study Success through Journalism** and **Math Success** are now open to students entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, or 9<sup>th</sup> grade this fall (September 2009). Visit the Web site for an enrollment form:

<http://www.thewaverlyschool.org/mssummerschool.html>

### SUMMER PIANO LESSONS

Kat Grodrian, former Waverly Elementary teacher, has openings for piano lessons in your home. Ages 5 through adult. Please write to Kat at [kgrodrian@gmail.com](mailto:kgrodrian@gmail.com) to sign up or for more information.

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR

First Day of School  
September 8, 2009

Thanksgiving Holiday  
November 25-27, 2009

Winter Break  
December 18, 2009 - January 1, 2010

Presidents Day Holiday  
February 15, 2010

Spring Break  
March 29, 2010 - April 5, 2010

E.S. Last Day of School  
June 9, 2010

M.S./H.S. Last Day of School  
June 10, 2010

### SUMMER SCHOOL OFFERINGS AT WAVERLY MIDDLE SCHOOL

The Raven Tribune was created through the efforts of the students in last summer's course *Study Success through Journalism* (a.k.a. "Newspaper Madness: Gaining Academic Skills through Journalism").

Question: Where can you learn great academic skills through creating a newspaper of your own?

Answer: At Waverly this summer with Billy and Bennel! This summer we will again be offering Study Success through Journalism (along with Math Success). Check out the activities involved:

- Review a restaurant (and eat there of course!)
- Review a baseball game at Dodger Stadium (and attend a game)
- Report on the training of forest fire fighters (by watching a live private training session of the San Gabriel Forest Service Firefighting Crew)



### Community Service Corner

Big Night Out on May 9 needs high school age volunteers to help with the "kickoff party" (see our website, [www.aidsservicecenter.org](http://www.aidsservicecenter.org), "Events" tab for a complete description of the event).  
[vollbh@aidssc.org](mailto:vollbh@aidssc.org)  
(626) 441-8495, x260  
[www.aidssc.org](http://www.aidssc.org)