

## NEW CLASS NAMES AND THEMES

Susan and Brittany's first grade class name is **The Starry Nights**. Their theme this year is **Art Smart**. Each child brought a class name idea for homework and then they voted. Even though their theme is Art Smart, Susan's class starts off every year learning about germs. The students have learned about good and bad germs. They explored ways germs are spread and how to get rid of bad germs, brainstormed ideas for germ journal writing, played "Germ Tag" and did a "Germ Search." They also read a story called *Little Betsy Bookworm's Terrible Case of Wormgerm*. The students got to be detectives and solve the mystery of where Betsy may have picked up the bad Wormgerm that made her sick. If anyone has a question about germs please ask a Starry Night, they are experts on the subject.

Melissa and Sonia have a wonderful group of **Rocking Rock Stars!** All of the students were encouraged to offer a suggestion for a class name and then they voted on their top choices. Their class name fits into their theme, **The World is Our Canvas**, as we will be taking a look at music as an art form. And, of course, each student is certainly a "star" in their own right. The first and second graders began the school year by exploring the five senses. Classmates took turns being led around by a "seeing" partner to assimilate what life would be like without sight. Students were also given "Mystery Bags" to take home and bring back with an object to touch, taste or smell. Then they had to see if they could correctly guess the item inside the bag. We definitely have a few future CSI agents on our hands! The Rocking Rock Stars are off to a great new school year!

Tina's and Kristen's second and third grade class chose the name **Purple**

**Penguins.** The children made suggestions and voted in class. Their theme this year is **Habitats Around the World.**

The third and fourth graders in Erin and Kerry's class call themselves the **Secret Sorcerers**. They brainstormed names all week and held a secret ballot yesterday. This year they are studying the middle ages.

The fifth and sixth grade, Cheri and Molly's class, chose its class name, **Wasabi**, by doing a ballot vote. They chose this name because they are studying ancient cultures and will be studying Japan later this year. They can't wait to get their lime green class t-shirts!

## NEW HIGH SCHOOL CLUBS

Students at the high school are dedicated to keeping busy and having fun this year. Several students and teachers have started new clubs. The exciting new organizations include: **Ski/snowboarding club**, led by Matt Morse and Hayden Cook  
**Hayden Cooking's Club**, led by Justin Taslak and Max Parish  
**Phrofl** (frisby-golf) **League**, led by Richard Felice  
**Diversity Student Union**, led by Dylan Fleming and Jasmine Rodgers  
**Soccer Club**, led by Megan Saenz and Yajaira Heredia

## Save the Date

Middle school flag football and girls' volleyball begin  
Monday, September 15

High School W.P.O. Job Fair  
Tuesday, September 16, 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

High School Back to School Night  
Tuesday, September 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Middle School W.P.O. Job Fair  
Thursday, September 18, 6:00p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Middle School Back to School Night  
Thursday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Hip Hop Dance Club**, led by Santiago Alcántara and Katie Bartlett  
**Unplugged**, a student-run performance night, led by Alissa Monte and Giulia Pellegrino

**Amnesty International**, led by Alex Ruys de Perez

**Gay Straight Alliance**, led by Rosie Llewellyn and Claudia Drury

**Feminist Club**, led by Jenna Bumgardner

**Envirothugs**, led by Santiago Alcántara and Matthew Kaplan

**Golf Club**, led this year by teachers Tony Garza and Katherine Perkins

**French Club**, led by teacher Myriam LeGoff-Monterrosa

Students are excited and motivated to have a fantastic and busy, club-filled year.

### SPORTS UPDATES!

This weekend, September 12 and 13, is the high school volleyball team's first ever tournament at Hillcrest Christian. Monday, September 15, is the new team's first home game at Eagle Rock Rec Center (1100 Eagle Vista Drive, Eagle Rock 90041). Come to the 4:30 p.m. game against Le Lycee and support the team!

Middle school flag football practice begins Monday, September 15 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Field #1 at Eagle Rock Rec Center. Middle school girls' volleyball practice begins on Monday, too, after school on the elementary campus.

Thanks to everyone who came to sports night and a huge thanks to all of the drivers and members of the booster/spirit club!

### FARM REPORT

Welcome back to school, everyone! It is still pretty hot and dry out at the farm but we have great plans for the upcoming seasons. Plans include new fruits and a new composting system, among others.

The Waverly School is incredibly fortunate to have a farm! It is a privilege to be able to go farming in

the city. Please remember that everyone must respect the rules of the farm. They are very simple and few, and if observed will enable more people to enjoy our farm:

1. Always return tools to the shed after using them and put them back in the shed where you found them.
2. Respect the property of others and the farming equipment. Use farm equipment only for its intended purpose.
3. Always ask before you pick any food unless you grew it yourself.

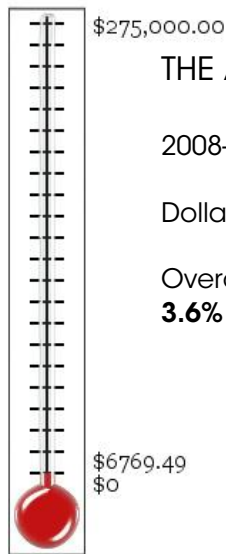
This week I found our only working wheeled cart full of water and tools with its handle broken! Let's not let anything like this happen again!



Our broken wheeled cart

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS HAVE THEIR OWN ELECTION

The high schools students have elected their class presidents for the year. Students made speeches and voted in the quad on Tuesday, September 9. Student Council leaders will be meeting in Heather's office every Tuesday during lunch. Congratulations to President Steffen Ghantous and Vice President Ariel Guterman of the freshman class, President Ray Sproull and Vice President Dylan Fleming of the sophomore class, President Justin Taslak and Vice President Megan Saenz of the junior class and to seniors, President Rosie Llewellyn and Vice President Santiago Alcántara!



## THE ANNUAL FUND

2008-2009 Annual Fund goal: **\$275,000**

Dollars raised as of 9/5/08: **\$6,769.49**

Overall family participation to date:  
**3.6%**

## TUTORING IS JUST A MOUSE-CLICK AWAY

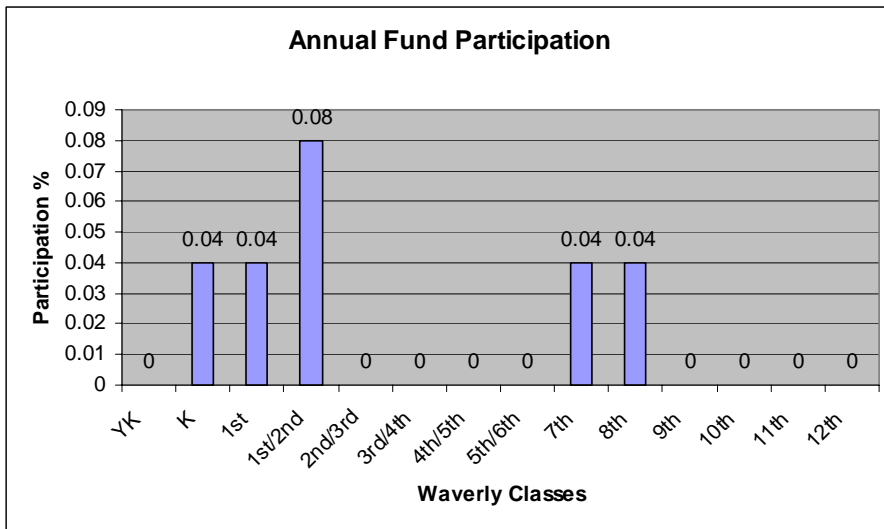
Waverly's 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> lead teacher, Mike Strusinski, is here to help with math, homework, book/research reports and reading starting Monday, September 15. Mike is available Monday through Thursday from 3:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. Other times can be arranged by request. Students in **elementary** grades 3 to 6 and **middle school** grades 7 and 8 are welcome. Please e-mail Mike Strusinski at [mikes@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:mikes@thewaverlyschool.org) to discuss your child's needs, to select a time for tutoring help, or arrange to meet with Mike any day before or after school.

Mike is also offering his *TEN WEEK SATURDAY MATH WORKSHOP* to a limited number of students. The workshop will begin Saturday, September 27 from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The three-hour sessions address each child's individual math needs. Again, e-mail Mike or talk to him in person for further information.

## HOUSE-SITTING HELP

Waverly's own Martha Adams is available as a house-sitter and an after school driver. For more information call Martha at 626.792.5940 or email [martha@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:martha@thewaverlyschool.org)

Class Participation Bar Graph:



## PRIVATE TUTORING

Waverly High School math and science teacher, Tony Garza, is available for private tutoring after school to students of any grade level in math, science, Spanish, writing and SAT prep. Tony has been teaching and tutoring students of all ages from elementary to college for over ten years. He is a published scientist who holds a Master's degree in Biology with an emphasis in Neurobiology and Psychology. If you are interested you may e-mail Tony at [tony@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:tony@thewaverlyschool.org) or call him at 626.354.0008.

## Community Service Corner

### International Day of Peace

Sunday, September 21

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Griffith Park (by the merry-go-round)

Join the festivities: live music, arts and crafts, wild animal displays, celebrity speakers and more! This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, e-mail

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<http://www.rootsandshoots.org/campaigns/dove>

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