

**A WARM WELCOME TO A NEW  
WAVERLY STUDENT**

Trevor Alderson joined the Waverly community on Monday, February 9. We are so happy to have him in the tenth grade. A warm welcome to Trevor and his parents, Tracy and Tim Alderson!

**VALENTINE POEMS**

**BY THE PURPLE PENGUINS**

Dear Cookie (my guinea pig),  
Your paw is as pink as a horse's nose.  
Your fur is as wavy as the wind blowing  
a palm tree leaf. When you jump you  
look like a person hopping on a pogo  
stick. When you sleep you look as still  
as a branch not moving. When you  
squeak you sound like a person  
running with wet shoes on a tile floor.  
When I see you, you look as stunning  
as a dragon's scales. Your nails are as  
sharp as a knight's sword. It is funny  
when I pick the hay out you start to  
squeak so high as a person whistling.  
Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,  
Paris

Dear Dad,  
When you read to me it sounds like you  
are a god. When you tuck me in bed I  
feel like a happy bunny. When I see  
you it makes me feel like an angel.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love,  
Joshua

Dear Comet (my cat),  
You are soft as fresh snow. You are as  
white as snow. When I touch you, your  
fur feels like a fuzz ball with oil on it.  
When you rub against me it makes me  
feel like eating Honey Nut Cheerios.  
Happy Valentine's Day.  
Love,  
Benjamin

Dear Elsie (my cat),  
Your fur is as black as the night sky and  
as white as a gull's feather. When you  
purr it reminds me of rain drops hitting

the pavement. When I touch your fur it  
gives me a calm feeling of my sister  
playing the piano. You smell as clear  
as a fresh strawberry. Your eyes remind  
me of the sun shining down on me.  
You run as fast as a cheetah! Happy  
Valentine's Day!

Love,  
David

Dear Upma (my aunt),  
When you give me that funny face you  
look like a pig in mid-snort. Your eyes  
look as brown as a sequoia in the  
forest. Your hair looks as black as the  
night sky. When I'm feeling as sad as  
an abandoned baby monkey you  
cheer me up like a tiger who just got a  
mate. Your voice sounds as peaceful  
as reading a book under a tree.  
Cooking is as good as finding the hope  
diamond. Happy Valentine's Day!

Love,  
Naman

Dear Cameron (my brother),  
You're as funny as a clown in the  
circus. Your drawings are as creative  
as paintings in an art museum. You're  
as kind as a gentle kitten that has just  
been born. You make me feel as  
happy as an ice skater in an ice rink.  
Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love,  
Robyn

**Save the Date**

**Parents' Night Out CANCELED**  
Saturday, February 14

**President's Day; no school**  
No YK Day Care  
Monday, February 16

**Contracts due from current families**  
Friday, February 27

**WPO Meeting in the E.S. Community Room**  
Friday, March 7, 9:30 a.m.

**All School parent teacher conferences**  
No school  
Friday, March 13

**Elementary School parent teacher conferences**  
No school for elementary students  
Monday, March 16



## FARM REPORT

Things at the farm are soft and green right now, including our pond, unfortunately! But, please do not add any water as the pond will be receiving a makeover from two high school seniors when the rainy season is over. Look forward to clean, clear water and some new plants and fish.

Our last work day left our shed and farm implements storage area in a neat and tidy condition. Please help keep it that way by putting tools away and taking trash back to school. Also, if an item has a clear purpose for use in growing plants, such as a tomato cage or pea trellis, please do not remove it from the storage area next to the shed. Tomato days are ahead!

Enjoy these cool and sunny days.  
Happy farming.  
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## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

**Name:** Brence Culp

**Position:** Finance Committee

**Grades of children:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Years as a Waverly Parent:** Three



**Day Job:** I am the Chief Financial Officer of the Community Redevelopment Agency for the City of Los Angeles. Previously, I worked with the

City and County of Los Angeles, specializing in public finance. Before that, I held a number of jobs—waitress, urban gardener, coffee-shop manager, teacher, marketing associate, rape victim advocate, corporate tax lawyer. I earned a bachelor's degree in Great Books from the University of Chicago and a law degree from NYU. I aspire to garden and make things.

**Influential Books:** Plato's *Republic* diverted me from studying economics at Chicago to studying philosophy, which was a revelation to me at the time. From *The Republic* I got to know and love other Platonic Dialogues,

Mary Daly's *Gyn/Ecology*, anything written by Borges and Rilke, and bits and pieces of Kafka and Nietzsche. I continue to find their works smart, funny, honest, insightful, beautiful and at times transcendent.

**Reasons for Serving on the Board:** I have examined many schools in and around Pasadena, and know this is the right environment for our children. It is also great for us as parents. I enjoy the eclectic energy of the Waverly community and believe the families at Waverly are genuine. I agreed to serve on the Board because this is a community worth committing to.

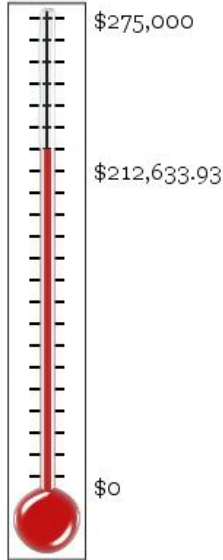
**Favorite Board Moment:** My favorite Board moments are when Nella (Chair of Development Committee) announced that during this time of difficult economic choices Waverly families continue to strive to meet the school's fundraising goals, not only in dollars (which is great) but also participation (truly great). This is a testament to the generosity of Waverly families above and beyond their already significant investment in their children and the Waverly community.

**Message for Fellow Parents:** In my brief time on the Board, I have been pleased to learn that Waverly's finances are handled professionally and attended to responsibly. The full Board takes seriously its fiscal stewardship of the school. This gives Waverly the institutional foundation to preserve and cultivate all of its other wonderful qualities without diversion from the goal of providing our children with an excellent education.

## 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](mailto: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](http://www.walknowforautism.org/losangeles)



## ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION

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

Dollars raised as of 2/6/09:  
\$212,633.93 (includes pledges)

Dollars raised since last week:  
\$3,581.00 (includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:  
53.7634%

Class Participation Bar Graph:

