

**PURPLE PENGUINS HARNESS HORSES**

Tina and Kristin's class went on a field trip this week and learned all about horses! Here is what a few of the students have to say about their experience.

**Sophia**

Our class went on a field trip to Tom Sawyer Riding Camp. We learned a lot about horses. We also got to ride horses. I rode a horse named Lady. She was really sweet. The counselors were very nice. Their names were Kristen, Karen, Evan and Tim. Kristen and Karen taught us how to groom horses. Tim went riding with us. When we went riding the horses wore a pad, saddle, blanket and bridle. We went riding over little hills and Lady kept stopping to eat plants on our trail. At first, when I got on Lady, I was scared but when we started riding I felt very confident. One of the things I learned about grooming was that a brush is used to brush the way the hair grows. A curry is used for going in circles on the horse's hair. We got to try grooming on the horse's hair. We saw lots and lots of horses, we even saw a donkey. When I was riding Lady I felt all tingly inside. The most important thing I learned was...horses rock!

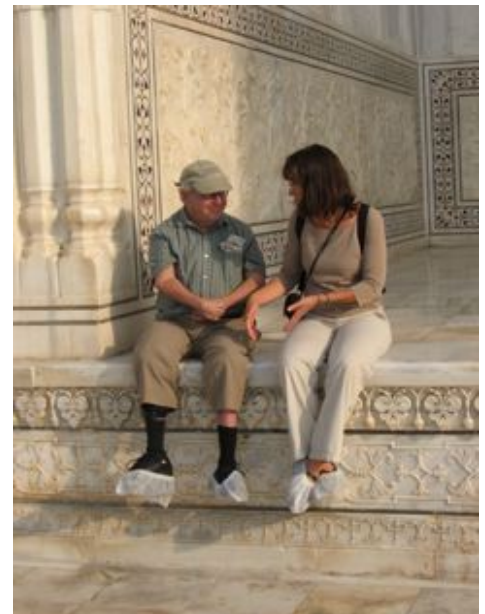
**Camille**

My horse was Magic. The horse was wearing a saddle and under the saddle the horse was wearing a pad. That is to keep a horse comfortable. I tried to groom a horse, it was so fun! I love horses. They are kind, beautiful creatures. I felt scared at first but I felt better in the end. I learned never to stand behind a horse, run to a horse, or make loud noises. When we ate lunch I saw a professional horse rider. I had a fun time at Tom Sawyer Riding Camp. The bad news is that Trudy's horse kept biting my horse's bottom. My horse jumped, but I did not fall off. I felt a little scared when that happened. It was a great trail ride!

*(Continued on page 3)*

**A PEEK AT HEIDI'S SABBATICAL TO INDIA**

After an incredible three weeks traveling across India, Heidi and Mandy returned to Waverly last week. They traveled across much of the country, visiting the capital city of Delhi; the Taj Mahal and Fatehpur Sikri in Agra; Hindu temples in Khajuraho and Bandavgarh National Park, where they got to view tigers and elephants in their natural habitat and even fed a baby elephant.



Roger Boesche and Heidi wearing polishing booties at the Taj Mahal.

**Save the Date**

**Waverly World Market Craft Day**  
Elementary School, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Sunday, November 16

**Sixth Grade Parent Night, 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**  
Location: Waverly Middle School  
Wednesday, November 19

**Faculty/Staff Appreciation Lunch**  
Friday, November 21

**No Elementary All School Meeting the week of**  
November 24

**Thanksgiving break; no school**  
November 26-28

**Waverly World Market**  
Friday and Saturday, December 12-13



Heidi's transportation to view tigers in the wild.

They saw the cities of Varanasi and Kochi, Kerala Backwaters, Periyar National Park, and Madurai and Mumbai, where they visited Gandhi museums.



Watching bathers at sunrise in the Ganges River.

The trip was a veritable encyclopedia of memorable and new experiences. From visiting the Ganges at night and again at dawn, witnessing religious ceremonies, and talking with lots of people about their daily lives and politics. Heidi and Mandy had an incredible journey and we welcome them back with open arms!



With musicians who had played at a Hindu ceremony.

## AUTHOR VISIT A SUCCESS

On Tuesday, November 11 the National Ambassador of Young People's Literature and best-selling children's author **Jon Scieszka** visited The Waverly Elementary School.



Teachers, parents and students filled the Community Room to hear Jon share stories of how he was inspired to write *The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs* and *The Stinky Cheese Man*. Jon also



told tales of his youth as recounted in *Knucklehead: Tall Tales & Mostly True Stories About Growing Up Scieszka* (he is one of six brothers, a former teacher and a kid at heart). The Waverly audience was also treated to Jon's newest book for emergent readers in the *Trucktown* series, *Melvin Might?*. Jon commented how much he enjoyed the Waverly students and their display of artwork and we definitely were inspired by his visit.

Our thanks to Jon Scieszka for his entertaining and informative presentation and to Maureen Palacios at Once Upon a Time book store in Montrose for helping to arrange this special visit.

## THIS WEEK IN THE COUNTING COYOTE CLASSROOM

\*We are collecting canned and boxed food for *Friends In Deed* for Thanksgiving.

\*Cheenu taught the Coyotes about Dewali, a major Hindu holiday.

\*We studied the letter I. We did an experiment with water. We learned three forms of water: liquid, gas and ice.

\*We made ice and steam to see the three forms of water. We also learned about evaporation.

\*We listened to Irish music and learned Irish dancing.

\*We learned the names and some characteristics of the states that begin with the letter I: Idaho, Illinois, Indiana and Iowa.

\*We learned about single, double and triple scoops of ice cream!

\*We learned how islands are formed.

\*We went on an autumn hike and picnic!

## ROCK STARS COLLECT BOOKS FOR NEEDY KIDS

Recently, Dillon's mom, Tania Bennacerraf, came to The Rocking Rock Stars' 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> class, to talk about her job as a social worker. Students learned that there are many children who do not have parents, a safe home environment or food on their tables. Many children do not have the means or opportunity to obtain books of their own. Tania also talked to the class about what it means to be empathetic and discussed things in our lives that are "wants" as opposed to "needs."

The Rock Stars are asking the Waverly community to go through their closets and bookshelves and clear out the books that have been outgrown by their owners or are not read anymore. Collection boxes are in Melissa's classroom. During the first week of December, we will be donating the books to the Pico Union Family Preservation Network.

Thank you for your help and for contributing to the life of a child!

## PURPLE PENGUINS CONT.

### **Matthew**

I went horseback riding at Tom Sawyer Camp. It was very, very, very fun. I think it might be the best field trip ever! My horse was named Jonesey, but I called him Jones a lot of the time. I liked Jonesey very, very, very, very, very much. It was very bumpy. I liked it because I liked going up and down, up and down.

I think Jonesey liked me a lot, too, because Jonesey always listened to me when I made him stop, turn left, turn right and go faster. Once I made him trot. At first I was scared because I had never trotted on a horse before but soon I thought it was fun. Jonesey was a big horse but not too big to ride. Jonesey was very comfortable and was a nice horse. I miss him very, very, very, very much and liked his name, too. I am very happy I got to ride Jonesey.

### **Paris**

The Purple Penguins went horseback riding at Tom Sawyer Camp and we learned that when a horse stops to eat you should pull back on the reins and kick the horse gently and it will stop eating and start walking, and when you go down a hill you have to lean back, and when you go up a hill you have to lean forward. I thought horseback riding was fun and my horse was named Ladybug. Ladybug was a nice horse and she was good with children. The people there were very nice. Their names were Kristen, Karen and Evan. They taught us how to groom the horse. You first have to get a brush and brush the hair down and when you brush the horse's thigh you have to brush it up. You first have to put on the pad and then you have to put on the saddle pad. After you put on the saddle pad you have to put on the reins. I think horses are very nice animals. We learned that you should not yell around horses because they might be afraid and hurt you. We went riding on a trail all by ourselves with no one holding a leash to pull the horse.

## Ruby

Me and my class went to Tom Sawyer Riding Camp today. Today was a fun day. I learned that you have to brush a horse to get all that dirt and extra hair out. It was fun to be on a horse. It feels like a dream is coming to you. And it is true! My horse's name was Lady. At the end of the lesson it felt really nice to get off the horse. And it was really fun!

## WAVERLY SHAKES OUT

On Thursday, November 13, all Waverly students and employees on all three campuses participated in the largest earthquake drill in the United States as part of the Great Southern Californian Shakeout. We encourage you to visit [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) to learn more about this drill and [www.dropcoverholdon.org](http://www.dropcoverholdon.org) for what to do during an earthquake.

Many parents have asked us over the years about "duck, cover, and hold" procedures vs. the "triangle of life" method. The "triangle of life" has been disputed by all reputable emergency organizations and emergency responders. You can learn more by visiting [www.earthquakecountry.info/dropcoverholdon](http://www.earthquakecountry.info/dropcoverholdon).

## FRENCH CLUB AND UNICEF

Let's Celebrate! Thank you to everyone who participated in Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF in 2008! Your support has helped UNICEF help children and families around the world. The French Club would like to thank the Waverly community, their friends, neighbors and all people who contributed to Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF. Special thanks to Katie Bartlett and Ian Maliniak for talking to the middle school students about the purpose of collecting money for UNICEF, and to Melinda Rho for allowing us access to a coin counting machine at her work.

All campuses contributed, with great success. All in less than a week!

Elementary School	\$160.20
Middle School	\$113.09
High School	\$210.27
Grand total	<b>\$483.56</b>

*Merci!*

Myriam LeGoff-Monterrosa

## WORLD MARKET NEWS

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Waverly Craft Day last Sunday. It was great fun and lots of product for the Market were made. A special



thanks to Hatsune and Sheryl for teaching us how to make two new products:

fabric wreaths and Anybuddy dolls. There will be another craft day this Sunday, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We will make sand candles, Eco recycle tote bags and more! Kids

are welcome. We are looking for three large Easy-ups to use outside the Community Room door (on the playground) for Friday and Saturday, December 12 and 13. If you can help us out, please let us know.

Thanks!

Christy Dooley

[christydooley@boldandbeautiful.tv](mailto:christydooley@boldandbeautiful.tv)

Lisa Henderson

[las\\_henderson@yahoo.com](mailto:las_henderson@yahoo.com)

## BABYSITTING NIGHT: NOV. 22

Parent's Night Out will be on Saturday, November 22, from 3:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Run by Waverly's own Martha Ramirez Adams, this night is the perfect opportunity for you to spend a few hours without your kids. Dinner will be served. Reserve a spot by contacting Martha at 323.394.4669. Drop-ins are welcome. Note: if there is low interest the night will be canceled and Martha will contact you on November 21.