

## ROCK STARS' WORLD TOUR

This week, the Rocking Rock Stars began a study of Japan. We learned where Japan is located and that it is made up of many, many islands. Maki Lou, Anton's mom, came in to talk to the class about Japan. She showed us the country's flag, and brought in a globe to show us how one would fly to Japan. We learned about the types of food the Japanese eat, which includes a lot of sea food since the country is surrounded by water. Maki also taught us that the New Year is the most celebrated holiday and explained all of the customs that take place before and after the New Year. We learned that writing in Japanese looks very different than our alphabet and that sometimes one character can represent an entire word. Maki showed the class four different characters and gave directions on how to make them. Each of the students was able to create these characters on rice paper using brushes and ink. The class loved this activity! When finished, students were able to play a Japanese card game, look at Japanese children's books or magazines, try out their chopstick skills or test out Anton's kimono. Our visit ended with the class singing "Happy Birthday" to Anton and we all got to try a rice cracker. Thank you, Maki, for all that you shared with the class!

On Wednesday, we had a nice visit from Gabriel Wallen's cousins who were here from England. The students enjoyed having them here, and had the opportunity to ask many questions about their school and the differences between here and England. Some things we learned were that in England they have to wear school uniforms and eat lunch inside because it is too cold outside. The most puzzling piece of information was that the English drive on the other side of the road!

## MIDDLE SCHOOL GETS GROOVY

The Waverly Middle School was alive with holiday cheer as students and parents pulled out all the stops for a



"Hippie Dance" a week before winter break. Parent Bruce Ryan lent

set pieces from a recent Cheech & Chong TV special to help transform the commons into a groovy pad, and parent Joe Futerman arranged black lights, strobe lights, and a full-on psychedelic '60s-era light show to enhance the atmosphere.



Eighth graders Andrew Kikawa and Sophie Symonds-Futerman at the Hippie Dance

## Save the Date

**Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday; no school**  
**Monday, January 19**

**End of 1<sup>st</sup> semester**  
**Friday, January 23**

**M.S./H.S. Faculty Work Day; no school**  
**Friday, January 30**

**Applications due for new students**  
**Financial aid applications due from new and returning families**  
**Sunday, February 1**

**Upper School WPO Meeting, 8:30 a.m.**  
**Thursday, February 5**

## HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON DVD

Order your very own copy of the 2008 Holiday Program on DVD. Orders will be accepted now through Friday, January 30, with DVD's arriving in approximately one month. DVD's are \$15 each, pre-paid with either cash or a check made out to *The Waverly School*. You can drop off your payment at the front desk at any campus. Please make sure to indicate who your child is, grade level, and number of copies desired.

## PICK-UP PROCEDURES: DON'T FORGET!

We thank all of our families and caregivers for the implementation of new pick-up procedures at the elementary school during the first semester. Since we are nearing the half-way point of the school year we would like to offer this reminder of the procedures to continue the safe and efficient transport of our students.

- Students must be dropped off and picked up on the school side of Bellevue, and traffic must continue to flow smoothly at all times.
- Please approach Bellevue Drive (with the name placard on the front right dashboard) from Fair Oaks Avenue and continue down Bellevue (heading west) after picking up or dropping off your child.
- Our city-approved traffic plan does not allow U-turns anywhere on Bellevue.
- Please drive slowly down Bellevue.
- The loading zone in front of school is for drop-off and pick-up only; please do not park or leave your car there *at any time* from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. or from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., as this is a posted passenger loading zone only. *Bellevue Drive and our loading zone are frequently monitored by the Pasadena City Police. Violations of parking or traffic laws will often result in citations.*
- Parents/guardians walking onto campus to pick up a child will wait for his/her child in front of

the gate area while the child's name is called. Parents will not be permitted to gather on the elementary playground to pick up students or to socialize. *The front of the school is not a play area and we ask*

*parents/guardians to closely supervise their children once a student has been picked up.*

- Teachers are not available to socialize or to have meetings with parents during dismissal. Teachers are responsible for assisting students into cars, supervising students, and checking out students on dismissal forms.
- To ensure the safety of our students, pets are not allowed on the playground at any time or the front of the school during drop-off and pick-up.

Again, thank you for following all directions given by Waverly staff members supervising drop-off and pick-up. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated.

## E.S. LIBRARY CORNER

Happy New Year! January is turning into a month of reading frenzy in the elementary school library. Here is a sample of what the elementary school student's are currently reading:

- Izzie Haberman (Susan's class) is making her way through the American Girl "Josefina" series.
- Sophia Alvarez (Melissa's class) is beginning to read the classic, *The Wind in the Willows*.
- Oliva Neil (Tina's class) is enjoying the A to Z Mysteries series.
- Shreya Desai (Erin's class) has begun to explore the Magic Treehouse series.
- Camille Pinsonnault (Mike's class) is reading *Little Women*.
- Betsy Roy (Cheri's class) is reading Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*.

Keep up the good reading, kids!

## ALASKANS VISIT PENGUINS

Last week, Sophia Forgetta-Spezialy's dad, Tom, visited the Purple Penguins' class along with Sophia's grandparents, Millie and Dom. They are both former elementary and high school teachers who live in Alaska. Millie and Dom taught the children about Alaskan culture, geology, wildlife and art. Students were given postcards of various animals native to Alaska and each child took home a piece of agate and obsidian. Children sculpted an animal of their choice from clay that are currently being displayed in our classroom. Tom gave each student a piece of soapstone (also known as talc), and using a plastic knife, taught them how to carve it. Millie read two books about Alaska that she authored and illustrated: *Blinky's Trophy*, the true story of an Alaskan polar bear and *Gold Rush Poodle*, a dog's experience during the Yukon Gold Rush. The presentation was enriching, informative and fun!

## MOCCASINS' MOCCASINS

The Moccasins (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>) decided to do something different this year. Instead of getting t-shirts that highlighted the class name, we went for the real deal; beaded moose hide moccasins with fur trim were what the students wanted. Years ago, Mike, the Moccasins' teacher, lived and taught in a native village. He used his friendship to cajole a few ladies to revive a craft that was no longer going on. A moose hunt ensued, the hide was tanned, the foot patterns were cut out, the beading and fur trim were applied, and *voila*, beautiful museum-quality moccasins for the class.



## 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 make-over from two high school seniors when the rainy season is over. You can 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!



Waverly students enjoy fresh farm oranges

Enjoy these cool and sunny days.  
Happy farming.

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## Community Service Corner

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)

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)

## NEXT UP, WAVERLY'S BELOVED SILENT AUCTION

Waverly parents are starting to plan what promises to be a fabulous Silent Auction Party at the L.A. River Center on April 26, 2009. The theme is "La Dolce Vita" and there will be many sweet deals and amazing one of a kind experiences to bid on. Please start thinking about material and non-material things you can donate, and asking your favorite restaurants, stores, and places of learning and service to support The Waverly School with a donation. (See donation form in today's packet.)

If you are interested in helping with the Silent Auction, please contact Ann Cooke at [chcooke@earthlink.net](mailto:chcooke@earthlink.net). There will be a meeting at Anne's house on Sunday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m. to get the plans and working committees started. We already have lots of great ideas from parents and we welcome your contributions.

## ANNUAL FUND

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

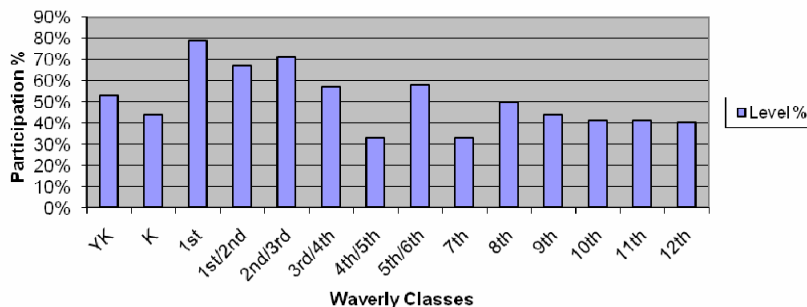
Dollars raised as of 1/12/09:  
\$202,062.93 (includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:  
51.0791%

Class Participation Bar Graph:



Annual Fund Participation



## WAVERLY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some parents have expressed the desire for more information about The Waverly School Board of Trustees. The Board was formed in 2001 when the school became a non-profit corporation. The Board is composed of Waverly parents whose children are enrolled in grades representing all three campuses. Board members serve a three-year term.

The Board is charged with ensuring that the mission of the school is maintained. The mission of the school (working document) is:

*To provide an experience-based, cross-disciplinary education in which students work to their highest potential thereby becoming confident, curious, resourceful learners who demonstrate intellectual engagement, critical and creative thinking, respect for individual differences, and a strong sense of personal and social responsibility.*

The Board works to fulfill the mission by overseeing three areas of the school: financial stability, competent administration, and proper planning. The Board meets monthly throughout the school year. At each meeting, reports are given from the Head of School, Board committees, and the W.P.O. president. The Board committees, composed of Board members and Waverly parents with expertise, are Finance, Development, Facilities, Programs, Trustees Affairs, and Audit. Responsibilities for the Board include setting fundraising goals for the Annual Campaign and the W.P.O., spearheading the Annual Campaign, overseeing the school budget, setting tuition levels, development of facilities, and strategic planning for Waverly's future. In upcoming editions of *The Wave* we will be highlighting members of the Board. If you have any questions about the Board, you may contact Eve Kikawa at [evetikawa@yahoo.com](mailto:evetikawa@yahoo.com).

## DON'T FORGET eSCRIP

Be ready for Valentine's Day: buy your sweetheart a gift card. Place your order now and you will have it in time to give to your loved one! Check out the eScrip order form in this week's e-packet.

## BABYSITTING NIGHT

Waverly's own Martha Ramirez is offering babysitting services on **Saturday, January 17** (Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday weekend) from 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. at the elementary school. Take advantage of this opportunity to spend some time with your special someone without the kids. Dinner will be served and three hours prepaid reservation is required. For information, or to sign up, call Martha at 323.394.4669 or e-mail at [martha@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:martha@thewaverlyschool.org). Walk-ins are welcome.