

MOCCASINS WRITE POETRY

We'd like to share a few poems written by the students in the grade 4/5 class. First, a few Opposites—poems that are opposites describe something by what it's not.

What's the opposite of the devil?
An angel at a very high level.
Jordan

What's the opposite of a tree?
A leaf blowing free.
Lindsey

What's the opposite of hair?
Being very bald up there?
Adam

What's the opposite of clean?
Something white gone green.
Sophie

What's the opposite of a dog?
Perhaps a fish living in a bog.
Spenser

We had fun writing Clerihews. These are poems written about celebrities. It pokes fun at the person in a humorous but not mean way. It is always made up of two couplets.

The great singer Miley Cyrus
Caught a terrible virus.
When singing, she coughed into the mike
Which her fans did not like.
Lindsey

That muscle man Dwayne Johnson
Wipes his brow with paper towel named
Bronson.
The fans come screaming at him in hordes
Cause he recently hosted the Kids Choice
Awards.
Camille

That famous lady, Mona Lisa
Whose smile has been a real tease
Will never tell the world we're in
What's behind her fabled grin.
Anonymous

**LA DOLCE VITA LESS THAN TWO
WEEKS AWAY!**

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of the Waverly Community! Support your school, teachers, administrators and your children's education with your attendance and generosity for the WPO's major fundraiser: **The 2009 Silent Auction, held at the L.A. River Center on Sunday, April 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Thanks so much for the amazing donations that are coming in and will be up for all of you to bid on. Children's art, home cooked dinners, parents willing to share their skills with you, lots of fine wines and dining opportunities, great entertainment tickets and sporting events, vacation homes and cabins, and all kinds of special things available for any budget.

It's not too late to donate or get your tickets! Your final deadline is Monday, April 20, 5:00 p.m. We still want you and your friends to come! Send in \$40 per ticket and they will be held at the door. All of the proceeds will go to support your school. Spend a lovely afternoon with Italian food and drink, at the beautiful L.A. River Center, only 15 minutes from Waverly.

Remember, Free Babysitting!

Free babysitting will be provided by Martha Ramirez Adams at the elementary school. Send an e-mail with how many kids you will bring to Martha at martha@thewaverlyschool.org

Save the Date

**Waverly Silent Auction at the River Center
Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

**WPO Meeting at elementary school, 9:30 a.m.
Friday, May 1**

**Elementary School Jogathon
Sunday, May 17**

**Faculty Work Day, NO SCHOOL
Friday, May 22**

**Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25**



ONE WEEK IN THE LIFE OF A COUNTING COYOTE

Monday: We started reading *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Last week, we finished reading *Heidi* and then we watched the movie. For snack, we had bread, cheese, and goat milk just like Heidi, Peter and Grandfather!

Tuesday: Bradley, Nolan's dad, taught the Counting Coyotes about the Passover celebration and we erupted a volcano that we built in the sandbox! We also learned that 97 years ago on April 14th, the Titanic sank. We reviewed what we learned about the Titanic a few weeks ago.

Wednesday: We went on a rock-climbing adventure to **Vasquez Rocks County Park**. The Counting Coyotes had lots to say about this trip. They all agreed that it was fun to climb on the rocks. Other comments by the CC's: Julia- Some rocks were steep! Some people falled and my dad got them. Colleen- We climbed some rocks; some very *high* rocks.

Charlotte- I liked having lunch. It was cold and windy.

Nolan- I slipped a little bit.

Sohan- I slipped a lot.

Christopher- Rock climbing!

Sophia- I liked going into that little hunnel [tunnel]. I was sitting on my throne.

Jake- I liked going in the caves where the bats used to live.

Bloom- There was a lot of big wind and I was scared.

David- I liked when we got to the top of the mountain.

Jamie- I didn't like when I got my two scrapes. I fell going downhill.

Justin- I liked climbing and grabbing the rocks and making a rock wall.

Albert- I liked climbing the mountain, but not when we were in the wind. The wind blew so hard up there I couldn't even breathe! I got rocks for the rock wall. It was fun!

Thursday: We walked to Vons and did a little snack shopping.

Friday: Kane came to the All School Meeting for his 7th birthday (he's a senior citizen now!) and donated a book to the Waverly library.

AND IN THE ART ROOM...

This week the Rocking Rock Stars have been creating colorful collages inspired by the artwork of author/illustrator Eric Carl. Using patterned paper (that they made themselves!), they are cutting out shapes and designs to create marvelous collages. They will be on display soon in the Community Room! -Hypatia Luna, elementary art teacher

ANNUAL BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT A SUCCESS

Thanks to all who came out and supported our 2nd Annual Basketball Tournament last week! What a time we had! It was only in *overtime* that the Parent/Faculty Team finally won by two points, but only because of the support from the Varsity Girls' Basketball Team, who volunteered four superstar players (Megan Lennon, Yajaira Heredia, Korbyn Jacobsen, and Brenda Alvarez). In the end, the score was 36/34, but the Boys' Team certainly gave their *older* counterparts a run for their money!

Speaking of money, we raised \$360 for our prom! Thank you all for your generous support! Sophomore Megan Lennon won the first place raffle prize: a Waverly Letterman's Jacket! Special thanks go to parents Catherine Berman and Vali Ghantous, who so graciously coordinated our entrance protocol and the sales of our baked goods. A huge thank you also to the Battaglia and Llewellyn families for their generous donations of baked goods, drinks, and chips to stock the store!

ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK DEDICATIONS

Orders for dedications are now being accepted for the Waverly Elementary yearbook. Anyone (students, adults, teachers and staff) can place a dedication for a mere \$5.00. Tell your teachers and friends how you feel about them, share a favorite memory or give a shout-out for a great summer. \$5.00 gets you 2-5 lines of typed text. The deadline for dedication submissions is Monday, April 27, at

12:00 p.m. Please submit your dedication and payment to Alison: receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org. The form is included in today's e-packet. Thank you!

FARM REPORT

Three cheers for The **Dads of Waverly** who persevered in assembling



Sean Dungan, Clay Christensen, Casey Bowker, Sean Gilleran and Dan Di Mundo

our Sukkah. The Sukkah was donated to the farm by the Johnson family. It is a shelter traditionally used by Jewish peoples during harvest season for eating, sleeping and socializing.

In order to preserve daylight hours for the purpose of harvesting the crops a temporary shelter was often needed because the distance to home was too far to travel in the dark. I hope to use our Sukkah as a respite from the sun while weeding, watering and harvesting crops this summer. The farm will continue to operate during the summer months and volunteers to help with these tasks will be welcomed to the Sukkah with open arms. donnaforey@gmail.com

PURPLE PENGUINS VISIT THE AQUARIUM

Last Wednesday, we went to the Cabrillo Marine Aquarium. First, we went to a room that had a lot of gray bins and the gray bins had some animals in them, like a sea cucumber, a couple of starfish, some snails and some barnacles. The sea cucumber was interesting because when you look at it, it looks like it is prickly but when you touch it, it is very soft and smooth. The snail I saw was very cool because it had a small shell but a large body. The barnacles were pretty because the ring around the hole kind of looked like it was embroidered. After that, we went to hatch grunion fish. How we did that

was we got little jars with some sand in them and in the sand were grunion eggs and then we got some water and swirled it around to make waves and then little things started to pop out. After that, we went to the touch tanks and I touched a prickly starfish, a sea urchin (that felt like it was hugging me), a sea anemone (that felt like tape) and a rough starfish. It was a really cool experience!
JAY

Last Wednesday, we went to the Cabrillo Aquarium. We went to the exhibit hall. We saw waves being made. Some animals, like the grunion, lay their eggs on the sand. If you see little orange dots in the sand leave them alone! Please, do you want to kill the population of grunion? NO! When we went to the tide pools I saw two sea hares. Sea hares are not meat eaters. I felt really happy at the end of the day!
TRUDY

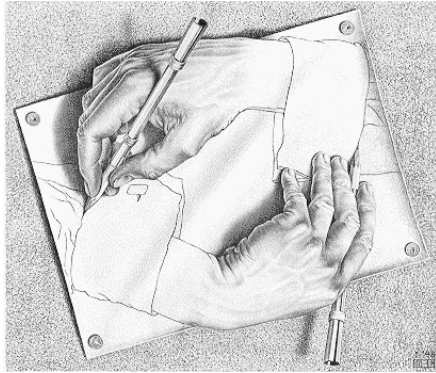
Last Wednesday, we went to the Cabrillo Aquarium. I went to the lab and there were sand crabs and if you touched them, they would dig back into the ground. I touched a hermit crab and it crawled back into its shell. We hatched grunion eggs. First, we put water in a cup with some sand, then we swished the water around imitating waves, then the eggs hatched. Then we walked to the beach and one person was the sifter and another person was the digger and another person was the waver watcher. Then we went to the touch tank and saw sea anemones, they have stinger tentacles they use for catching prey. I felt happy because it was fun!
WILLIAM

Community Service Corner

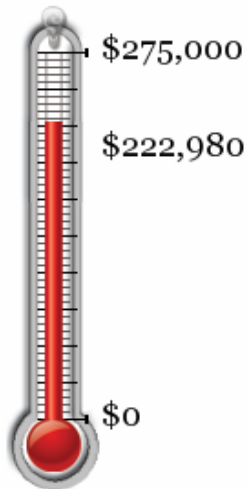
Big Night Out on May 9 needs high school age volunteers to help with the "kickoff party" (see our website, www.aidsservicecenter.org, "Events" tab for a complete description of the event).

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ART LESSONS: DRAWING, WATERCOLOR & SCULPTURE



Third and fourth grade teacher, Erin Palfrey is back at it with her beloved art classes offered to elementary students in grades two through six. The session lasts four weeks beginning on April 20th and takes place on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The session is \$100.00 pre-paid cash. If you are interested contact Erin at 626.403.5994.



ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION

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

Dollars raised as of 4/10/09:

\$222,980.30 (includes pledges)

Dollars raised since 3/27/09: \$1,650.00
(includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:
60.2888%

Class Participation Bar Graph:

