

F IS FOR FIRE SAFETY WEEK

This week, the Counting Coyotes learned about fire safety. They learned the basic rules, such as "stop, drop and roll," "fall and crawl," and "don't hide-go outside." They also learned about the story of Smokey Bear and his message: "**Only YOU can prevent forest fires!**" They studied the three parts of a fire triangle and made their own with popsicle sticks. They walked around the school building checking for EXIT signs, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors, and other fire safety tools and equipment that keep us safe. Finally, they ended the week with a tour of the fire station on Fair Oaks.

The Counting Coyotes also learned about feelings this week. Freddie, the frog puppet, talked to the kids about feelings and then the Coyotes drew faces showing different feelings in their journals. They practiced making the faces to each other to guess how they were feeling. The frog puppet says, "Time's fun when you're having flies!" There was a special guest appearance as well: Furby! Furby entertained the coyotes at circle time. He giggled, yawned, played peek-a-boo, and even made some rude noises during story time.

WASABI'S WEEK

This week, Wasabi began reconstructing the ancient Mayan city of Tikal. They included temples, palaces, ball courts, acropolis, peasant houses, and vegetation. They used their math skills to figure out a scale. Wasabi also did short reports about rainforest animals that they illustrated with watercolor paintings. On Thursday, they went to the farm with Erin's 3rd/4th grade class to celebrate Cheri's and Erin's birthdays! Everyone was treated to delicious popsicles. They want to wish their wonderful assistant, Molly, a happy wedding and honeymoon. They will miss her.

JUNIOR BAILOUT CONSULTANTS

In math, middle school students are studying various graphs, including "misleading graphs"; now they can dissect all those articles about the economy.

WELCOME TO TONY'S LAB

In Neurobiology, high school seniors are learning how the basic cell of the nervous system works, how neurons fire and what causes them to fire. Soon, in Neurobiology, students will be making a 3D cell model of a neuron. The sophomores, in Chemistry, are learning how to name chemical compounds, a very crucial element to the study of the science. Finally, in Tony's junior biology class, students have the exciting task of learning all the parts of, and how to use a compound light microscope.

THE MOCCASINS VISIT THE AUTRY MUSEUM

In keeping with our theme, THE WEST, Mike and Hypatia's 4th/5th grade class enjoyed a field trip to the Museum of Western Art. They enjoyed two hands-on lectures. One was about the westward movement. It zeroed in on caravan trains, the supplies that were needed per covered wagon and how difficult the journey was on the families. A wagon train could have as many as three hundred covered wagons. As many as one thousand oxen were used to pull the wagons. It was said that the natives could smell the wagon train approaching before they saw it.

Save the Date

Parents Night Out/Babysitting Night with Martha Ramirez
3:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 18

Halloween Party, elementary campus
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Sunday, October 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences
No school; Tom Sawyer & YK care available
Thursday and Friday, October 30 & 31

THE WEST WAGON

The second session dealt with the plains Indians. Many artifacts were examined by the students. They learned about hunting habits and how the natives farmed. The students took a short tour through the museum and enjoyed some paintings related to their class theme. Many thanks to their field trip drivers: John, Camille's dad, Lilian, Jordan's grandmother, and Karen, Drake's mom.

THANK YOU, BOOKFAIR HELPERS!

A special thank you to all of our parent and student volunteers who made the Fall Book Fair and Literacy Night a success. The elementary school community room was transformed into a bookstore filled with a wonderful selection of books for readers of all



ages. Throughout the week, students, parents, teachers, staff

members and friends browsed through books, shared their favorite selections with friends, discovered new titles to enjoy, pulled up a bean bag, and enjoyed a good read. Marianne Polonsky and Alexandra Hornquist successfully co-chaired the Book Fair and devoted many hours to this event. We are grateful for their effort, time, organizational skills, hard work, and love of books. We also recognize our literacy event readers: Billy Hackett, Michael and Josie Olson, Terri Battenburg, Jennifer Dakan, Wendy Cross, and Alison Hoffarth.



Terri Battenburg reads at Literacy Night

WAVERLY, ONCE UPON A TIME

We thank Maureen Palacios at Once Upon A Time Book Store (located at 2207 Honolulu Avenue in the Montrose Shopping Park) for partnering with us for our Fall Book Fair. Waverly families can still purchase books at the bookstore and 10% of the pre-tax purchase will be donated to the WPO until November 10, 2008. Stop by the store (www.onceuponatime.com) if you did not get a chance to visit the Book Fair, if there is a book you are in search of or if you are looking for that special gift for someone.



Sammy Kellman & Ladd Breinholt shopping for books

HALLOWEEN PARTY: 9 DAYS LEFT!

We need as many people as possible to bring their tables and chairs and a Boo Bakery item. You can bring your tables and chairs to the elementary school yard on Friday (10/24) afternoon, Saturday (10/25) day, or Sunday (10/26) before 2:00 p.m. Label all items on the underside. Tables will be covered with table cloths. Your Boo Bakery item (individually wrapped) can be brought to the party. Also, don't forget everyone is required to bring food items for our Halloween Feast. This year, A-K is main dish, and L-Z is green salad, fruit salad, or pasta salad. We still have the following jobs available:

Before the party: create table decorations, decorate the fortune teller tents, sew the geodesic dome cover and decorate the sand structure.

During the party: haunted house ushers and we have 14 slots open for fortune tellers. Sign up through the online job site. Go to Waverly Community, and open up job site or contact Eve Kikawa at evetikawa@yahoo.com.

PARENT HOURS

With the Book Fair at an end and other events coming up, make sure you are logging in your parent hours. Ask the administrative assistant (Molly, Margaret, or Alison) at your child's campus for the hours book.

ES LIBRARY CORNER

I'm so pleased to see the Waverly elementary kids reading such great books this year. Here are some of the highlights:

- Harry Wilcox (Melissa's class) just finished the *Battle of the Labyrinth* (4th book in the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series).
- Spenser Gerber-Hatem (Mike's class) just finished *The Sea of Monsters* (book 3 of the *Percy Jackson and the Olympians* series).
- Joe Culp (Susan's class) is busy reading the *Frog and Toad* series.
- Hannah Heering and Claire Howard (Erin's class) have discovered the *Dear America* series and are busy learning about life on the Titanic and during Pearl Harbor.
- Sadie Davis (Erin's class) is reading the *Little House* series of books by Laura Ingalls Wilder.
- Naman Casas (Tina's class) has delved through the *Secrets of Droon* series and is now on to the *Goosebumps* series.
- Michi Olson (Cheri's class) is half-way through Book 4 (*Goblet of Fire*) in the *Harry Potter* series.

I'll be updating this corner every week or so with more news about our fantastic readers!

-Wendy Cross
Elementary School Librarian

ALISON'S NOOK

Book suggestions have been coming in, but Alison's up for more! Thanks to Darby Pak in the elementary school, Alison read *Kiki Strike* by Kirsten Miller and has begun *Feather and Bone: the Crow Chronicles*, by Clem Martini. This time, she is pacing herself a bit! Are there any suggestions from the high school campus? Send them to receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org

WORLD MARKET NEWS

Not feeling crafty? Don't fret! We will need donations of all sorts as we get closer to the World Market. Below is a list of items that we could use if you have them laying around the house. Put them aside and when the Halloween party is over we will start taking donations in the elementary school lobby.

- Good size baskets
- Pots for plants (only ones in good shape, please)
- Large pieces of fabric for covering tables and walls
- Plate/Picture stands

If you want them back, label them with your name and we will make sure you get them back.

FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

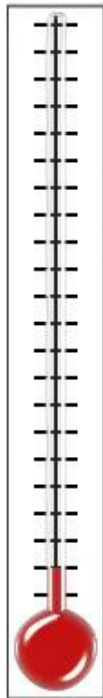
Do you have a special dish that gets raves at every potluck or gathering? Do you hate to cook but have a favorite take out restaurant dish? Or do you not have the time to do either of those things? Don't despair—even those who don't cook can contribute beverages such as sparkling water, sodas, wines and beer.

If you would like to contribute an appetizer, salad, main dish, or dessert, please e-mail Meg Bradbury at megbradbury1@yahoo.com or Maureen Pinsonnault at jmpinson@earthlink.net. The luncheon takes place on Friday, November 21, and all dishes need to be dropped off at the elementary school building no later than **9:30 a.m.** on that date. Several parents have signed up as "transporters."

Many, many thanks to all the generous parents who have already signed up to help at this year's luncheon. We will be in touch with you soon. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Maureen Pinsonnault
Luncheon Co-Chair

BABYSITTING NIGHT: OCTOBER 18
Parent's Night Out will be on Saturday, October 18 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.



\$275,000

ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION

For the week ending 10/10/08

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

Dollars raised as of 10/10/08:

\$19,369.01 (includes pledges)

Dollars raised since last week:

\$4,750 (includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:

5.77%

\$19,369.01

\$0

Class Participation Bar Graph:

