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## THE COMMUNITY SERVICE EDITION

### THE COUNTING COYOTES SPONSOR "THE GIFT OF SIGHT"

As a community service project, the Counting Coyotes will be collecting used prescription glasses and sunglasses to match with less fortunate people around the world who have never owned a pair of glasses or have never had the opportunity to see clearly their whole lives. We will be asking all Waverly families to donate glasses that they no longer use for this project. Please look up the Web site for more information:



[www.givethegiftofsight.org](http://www.givethegiftofsight.org). You may place them in the bin with the picture of the big eye glasses on it in the lobby near the Counting Coyotes' classroom in the elementary school. Thank you for your contributions!

### PERSIAN NEW YEAR TONIGHT

The Persian New Year is called Norooz; it literally means New Day and is the celebration of the coming spring. It occurs exactly on the Vernal Equinox, the precise moment when the sun crosses the equator, making the day and night everywhere of equal length. The countdown goes to that precise moment no matter what time of the day or night and marks the beginning of the solar year. Norooz is one of the most ancient celebrations of spring, going back at least 3,000 years. The roots stretch back to Zoroastrianism, one of the world's oldest religions that believed in Good Thoughts, Good Words & Good Deeds. It is the most cherished of the Iranian festivities, also celebrated in Central Asia, Azerbaijan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Afghanistan,

Pakistan, parts of India and among the Kurds. Norooz is the time to renew friendship, forgive past grievances, visit family, take care of the needy and enjoy the nature that comes to life after winter. The Persian New Year will be at 4:43:39 a.m., Friday March 20. Happy spring!

Atiyeh Hess (9<sup>th</sup> grade) and Family

### ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK COMMITTEE NEEDS YOUR HELP

This year, Hypatia, the elementary art teacher, is heading the 2008-2009 Waverly Elementary School yearbook. With the help of assistant teachers, Kerry and Brittany and almost 20 students, the committee has been bubbling with ideas and excitement. The yearbook committee will be taking candid pictures of students and staff as well as interviewing people about the school year. If parents and/or teachers have any current photographs of field trips, school activities or presentations, please e-mail them to Alison at [receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org) or place them in the yearbook basket located in the lobby. Please have submissions in by Friday, March 27 (this is the Friday before Spring Break).

### Save the Date

**Spring Break**  
March 30 to April 6

**School resumes**  
Tuesday, April 7

**Basketball Challenge: Faculty vs. boys' and girls' Varsity teams at Villa Park Rec Center**  
Thursday, April 9, 6:30 p.m.

**WPO Meeting in the E.S. Community Room**  
Friday, April 10, 9:30 a.m.

**Waverly Silent Auction**  
Sunday, April 26

## LOST & FOUND WILL BE DONATED

Parents, please check the lost and found bins at your child's campus. Any articles not picked up by Friday, March 27, (the Friday before spring break) will be donated to charity. Please come find your child's lost items!

## THANK YOU, WAVERLY FAMILIES

I want to thank everyone who contributed to my Community Service Project by donating items for the Pasadena Humane Society. Last Friday, I took three large bins of food (over 80 lbs.), towels (37) and toys (39 catnip socks & misc.) to Liz Baronowski, VP of Education Outreach. She was very, very happy to have the donations, especially the towels. All the animals get one and sometimes it's the only soft thing they have. The cats also LOVED the catnip toys we made from the infant socks. Thanks for doing a good deed!



-Ian Kelly, Middle School

## NEW YOGA CLASSES

Two new after school elementary yoga classes will begin the week we return from spring break. The class is taught by Mallory Leitner, who is a certified yoga instructor with eleven years of teaching experience. She currently teaches at the Yoga House and just finished a successful after school class at the elementary school. The Wednesday class is for students in grades YK-2 and meets in the kindergarten room each week. Students in grades 3-6 will meet on Thursdays and the room location will be posted in the lobby. Both classes are from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and will meet for seven weeks (with an eighth

week for a make-up class). A flier is attached to this week's e-packet and can also be found on the parent counter in the elementary school lobby.

## FARM REPORT

It is fitting that I write this on St. Patrick's Day, as the farm is so green this week. The asparagus is sprouting, tulips are blooming, the butterfly garden is in full bloom, the chard and the lettuces are begging to be eaten and the berry vines have been wrestled onto their supports by two brave and not scratch-resistant souls: Barbara Ayers and Maki Kurahashi. Thank you! We can't wait to eat those berries.

At this time of the year everything seems so wonderfully promising. I invite you all to think about a freezer full of pesto and marinara, a cupboard full of jam and a batch of happy moments shared with fellow farmers!



This week's photo is of the first support for the kiwi tunnel! Come out to farm and share the anticipation.

[donnaforey@gmail.com](mailto:donnaforey@gmail.com)

## BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

Come have some fun and friendly competition (although rumor has it, the parents have been practicing on Sundays for months!) at the faculty/parents vs. boys' and girls' Varsity teams basketball competition! *There will be GAMES & PRIZES!* Proceeds go to the High School Prom Committee. Come to Villa Park on Thursday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

## NEWS FROM THE FRENCH CLASS

### **French I**

On Friday, February 27, the high school French I class made crepes. Every student made at least one, and we enjoyed tasting different toppings like Nutella, jam and powdered sugar. Bon Appetit!

-Gianna Horak, 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### **French II**

Tuesday, February 24, was Mardi Gras, and to celebrate this special day, the French II class made delicious crepes. We prepared them in the teacher's lounge but on the way there we paraded around in Mardi Gras masks and beads. One student made the crepe batter ahead of time, while other students brought Nutella and jams. We all took turn making our crepes and then we each chose which delicious topping we wanted. It was a very fun and yummy Mardi Gras celebration.

-Teagan Blain-Rozgay, 10<sup>th</sup> grade



French II enjoying crepes on Mardi Gras

### **French IV**

Bonjour, Waverly! Recently, the French IV class has been studying the Antilles Francophones, more commonly known as the Caribbean! Its history is every bit as deep as that of America, although certainly less familiar to a majority of us. Naturally being in a French class, we have been focusing on the French islands of Martinique, Guadeloupe and the now independent Haiti. All three of the islands are culturally rich and pride themselves on artistic freedom. Haiti is the name that had been given to the island by its pre-Columbian inhabitants, the Arawaks. We have discovered and learned about Haitian painting called the "naïf" style. Haiti

means "mountainous island," and gained its independence from France in 1804.

We also discussed the African literary and political movement developed in the 1930s, "La Negritude," created by Aime-Cesaire from Martinique, Léopold Senghor from Senegal and Leon Damas from the French Guyana. At the end of our study we watched the film *Sugar Cane Alley*, directed by Euzhan Paley. It is the story of an eleven year old orphan, and his grandmother, a woman determined to save her grandson Jose from the hard life of the sugar cane plantation. She sacrifices everything for his chance at an education and escape from the field.

-Justin Taslak (11<sup>th</sup>), Katie Bartlett (11<sup>th</sup>) and Ian Maliniak (12<sup>th</sup>)



French V showing off Mardi Gras mask cookies

## SILENT AUCTION DUE DATES

**Here are two important dates to make sure the 2009 Waverly School Silent Auction, "La Dolce Vita" (Sunday, April 26 at the L.A. River Center from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.), is a big success!**

**April 1st:** Return your RSVP with your check to your campus receptionist or mail to The Waverly School. Avoid the extra charge at the door by getting your tickets now!

**April 7th:** Deadline for your donations. We need every family to donate at least one big item, or two smaller items or more, to raise money for our school. Be creative with thinking of the services or special experiences you can provide, or go out and get a couple of your favorite places to donate. Bring your items and/or donation forms to your campus receptionist.

**We thank you for your support!**

## ES LIBRARY CORNER

Spring is almost here and so is Spring Break. Many of the elementary school kids are delving into chapter books and here are some samples this month:

- Izzy Alvarez (Secret Sorcerers) is reading *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*
- Lucas Guerrero (Moccasins) has begun reading the new *Warriors* series by Erin Hunt
- Sammy Kellman (Starry Nights) recently read *My Dream of Martin Luther King* to his library classmates
- Maya Parsons (Rocking Rock Stars) has started reading the *Catwings* series of books
- Juliet Cassidy (Wasabi) is reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*
- Benjamin Whiffen (Purple Penguins) is already on Book 11 of the *Magic Treehouse* Series

What will you read over Spring Break?

## BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

**Name:** Nella Abelson

**Position:** Vice Chair Board of Trustees  
Development Chair



**Grades of Children:**

Freshman in High School  
(also a son at Marshall Fundamental)

**Years at Waverly:** 4 years

**Grew Up:** I grew up in San Marino. I attended Carver Elementary, Huntington Middle School and San Marino High School. After high school, I attended Arizona State University and

received a BS in Business Administration. I thought I wanted a career in advertising! I worked for NWAyer Ad Agency as a copywriter, account executive and then finally ran their human resource department.

**Hobbies:** Ran cross country and track in high school and college. Still trying to recapture my youth by running 5 and 10k races. I just recently took up triathlons.

**Favorite Book:** The *Harry Potter* Series, but most of all *The Half Blood Prince*.

No one does fantasy like Harry Potter!

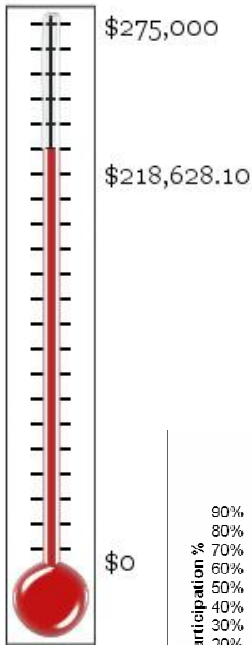
**Reasons for Serving on the Board:** I have been doing fundraising in this town since 1993 (including at Kid's Space) and I wanted to make a difference for the future of this wonderful school. I love working with the Board, and working with Kimberly Uribe, Waverly's first official Development Director, has been a pleasure. We see everyday the true generosity of our Waverly families. I also believe that everyone on the Board is committed to making Waverly a better place for all our kids. There is no "me" or "I" on this Board but only "WE."

**Favorite Board Moment:** At our June retreat we were in a heated debate over Waverly's mission statement and as I looked up from my seat I saw a brown bear approaching our cabin. We all gasped, ran to the window, took cell-phone pictures, realized this was a baby bear, and thought, where was the mother? We never saw the mama bear that day!

**Message from a Fellow Parent:** I have seen how supportive families have been to Waverly through this tough economic time. This is the one place were you can immediately see the benefits of your gift everyday. Waverly is a special place!

## WAVERLY DINES OUT

Why cook dinner when you and your kids and their friends can come to the Pasadena Hamlet on Lake Avenue next Tuesday, March 24? Bring a copy of the flyer attached to the e-packet and 15% of the sales go to The Waverly School. Dine at the Hamlet between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 24.

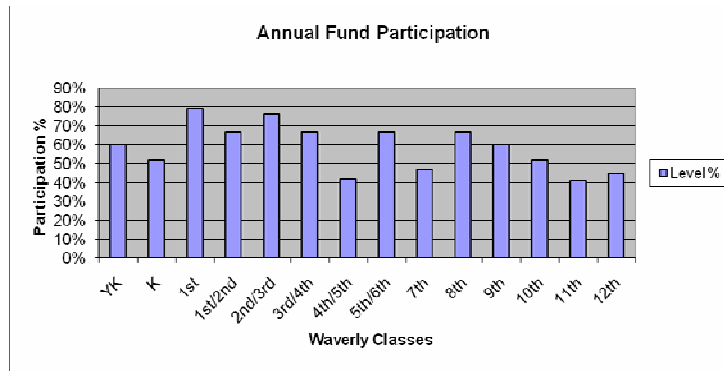


## ANNUAL FUND INFORMATION

2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal:  
\$275,000  
Dollars raised as of 3/6/09:  
\$218,628.10 (includes pledges)  
Dollars raised since last week:  
\$4,033.76 (includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:  
58.1227%

Class Participation Bar Graph:



Spring Specials for Air Conditioner Servicing:\*

- Basic Service + a standard filter \$85
- Medium Service + energy audit \$275
- Advanced Service + Infrared imaging and CO spillage \$395

\*for information on CO Monitors and where they should be placed, inquiries for Spring Specials, as well as any other questions please e-mail me at: [charissebartholomew@yahoo.com](mailto:charissebartholomew@yahoo.com)  
Charisse Bartholomew Dunn (Lauren's Mom)

**LOOK!**  
**SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!**

## SPRINGTIME GREEN CHECKLIST



### GREEN SOLUTIONS

Here is a helpful checklist to keep things running smoothly, safely and efficiently

- Service your Air Conditioner before the heat wave starts
- Replace return filter(s)
- If you have a water heater inside your home or attached garage, install a low level CO Monitor for your families safety\*
- Replace batteries in Smoke Detectors
- Remove lint from the dryer and the exhaust vent to prevent a fire
- Clean the coils of your refrigerator to save electricity
- Flush sediment from the bottom of the water heater and perform other maintenance required by the water heater manufacturer
- Replace water filter(s)
- Replace toothbrush(s)

## THE GLOBAL FRIENDS PROGRAM HAS ITS FIRST ANNIVERSARY

The Global Friends Program combines international and local efforts to promote educational opportunities for children in Africa and to create interest for American students in areas of geography, sociology and raise awareness of the interconnectedness of people in a global society. The goal is to partner individual American schools with individual African schools in an educational interchange that promotes communication and understanding beyond borders and cultures.

**The Global Friends Program is seeking new or used school supplies, backpacks, books, clothing, soccer uniforms, toys, or any other donation!**

Please see the attached article for more information.

If you have any items to give towards this cause, please let Heather, Dean of Upper School, know! Pick-ups for donation can be arranged directly from your home or we can receive them here in the high school office.

## DAY OF 1,000 VOLUNTEERS— LIFESTRAW CHALLENGE

Brought to you by [www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org](http://www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org)

The Day of 1,000 Volunteers 2009 is a demonstration of how our community can come together around a shared vision of success—this year to address a global challenge. Two one-day events will kick-off a continuing program to collect recyclable containers, turn them in for their CRV value, and use the proceeds to purchase 1,000,000 Lifestraws.

Lifestraws are water filtration devices that filter dirty water, remove impurities, and make it drinkable. Drinking water through a Lifestraw helps keep kids and their families safe from water-related diseases! Five million people die each year from water related diseases, 1.2 million are children!

Partners will then reconvene throughout the following year, on a smaller scale, to leverage the relationships begun on that day and continue addressing this global need. Volunteers who contribute to these two days of volunteering will be joined by others across L.A. County to engage in long-term environmental activities and other programs. Schools, student groups, businesses, community organizations, church groups, and individuals can join the effort as it continues and grows to serve people in impoverished areas of the world.

### **THEME: The Lifestraw Challenge**

**WHY:** The world is facing a water crisis. It impacts some people more than others. We want to help those we can to have safe and clean drinking water. We want to spread the word of this crisis so more people will engage in finding and contributing to long-term solutions.

**WHAT/WHEN:** Sunday, March 22, and Saturday, April 25—Youths and adults will work side-by-side to collect recyclable containers along the Pasadena Marathon route and at Pasadena's Greening the Earth Day and Family Festival.

**GOAL:** 1,000 students and adults will collect, sort and package CRV containers for recycling to kick-off the Lifestraw Challenge. They will be joined by students in high schools and other organizations across L.A. County in an effort to raise almost five million dollars to purchase 1,000,000 Lifestraws for distribution around-the-world to people who do not have sources of clean drinking water.

In addition, demonstration projects will be held at the Pasadena Earth Day Festival on current school-based recycling models that can be replicated at other sites. Teachers and students will be encouraged to launch student-run recycling programs or even businesses! As always, our plan is to show volunteers such a good time that they will then engage in longer-term volunteer opportunities on their own or through our Service Learning initiatives where service projects are used to make academics come alive!

**HOW:** Pre-registration is required to volunteer. Please visit our Web site for more information regarding partner opportunities, group participation, joining a committee or contributing resources. Details can be found at: [www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org](http://www.CommunityWithoutWalls.org).

### **SPONSORS INCLUDE:**

Earth Day/City of Pasadena  
Los Angeles Conservation Corps  
Buy Local Pasadena  
Armory Center for the Arts  
Gabrielino High School  
Pasadena  
Marathon  
Pasadena ARTS

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS**

Hosted by the Roots & Shoots  
California Youth Leadership Committee (CAYLC)  
**MARCH FOR WATER (World Water**

**Day), Los Angeles**

**Sunday, March 22: 9 a.m. - 12 noon**

This march seeks to help bring attention to the present water crisis taking place all over the world, our nation, the state and the City of Los Angeles. Please arrive at Los Angeles State Historic Park promptly at 9 a.m. to sign in, receive your t-shirt, march

instructions and sign our liability waiver. Some logistics: the march is a little less than 3 miles from start to finish. Please bring comfortable shoes and light clothing. It would be a good idea to bring a backpack with some fruit and snacks for along the way. Don't forget your reusable water container—remember, this is a bottle water free event.

More Info:

[http://marchforwater.com/marchforwater/March\\_for\\_Water/March\\_for\\_Water.html](http://marchforwater.com/marchforwater/March_for_Water/March_for_Water.html)

**Location:** Los Angeles State Historic Park

**RSVP or questions:** Megan Nangle, [mnangle@janegoodall.org](mailto:mnangle@janegoodall.org)

### **CAYLC Fundraiser at Shakey's, Los Angeles**

**Thursday, March 26: 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

Join the California Youth Leadership Council at Shakey's Restaurant in Los Angeles. This event will raise funds to help educate Californians about the importance of conserving water and to assist the council with other activities.

**Location:** Shakey's Restaurant, 5170 W. Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles

**Questions:** Megan Nangle, [mnangle@janegoodall.org](mailto:mnangle@janegoodall.org)

### **Heal the Bay, Santa Monica Beach Clean Up**

**Saturday, April 18: 10 a.m. – 12 noon**

Join members of the California Youth Leadership Council and Heal-the-Bay as they clean-up the beach near the Santa Monica Pier.

**RSVP or questions:** Hanna Givelber, [hgivelber@gmail.com](mailto:hgivelber@gmail.com)

### **LA River Clean Up**

**Saturday, May 9: 9 a.m. – 12 noon**

The California Youth Leadership Council and Friends of the Los Angeles will work together to clean up the Los Angeles River.

**RSVP or questions:** Hanna Givelber, [hgivelber@gmail.com](mailto:hgivelber@gmail.com)

## **EVEN MORE COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS**

**The Zumers Roots and Shoots Master Calendar: March and April**

### **Restoration Supervisor Training by TreePeople, Calabasas**

**Saturday, March 21: 8:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

The Zumers are looking for students interested in becoming "plant supervisors" for the Water Conservation Garden Exhibit at Headwaters Corner in Calabasas. Learn how to supervise volunteers during TreePeople's restoration efforts in the Santa Monica Mountains. This is the one of several dates available for training and it's free. Please e-mail

[zumersrootsandshoots@gmail.com](mailto:zumersrootsandshoots@gmail.com) if you are interested in becoming a plant supervisor and/or would like other dates for trainings.

**Location:** Santa Monica Mountains, Calabasas (directions given upon registration)

**RSVP:** Linda Eremita, 818.623.4878, [trainings@treepeople.org](mailto:trainings@treepeople.org)

### **Water Conservation Garden Kick-off at Headwaters Corner, Calabasas Sunday, March 22 (World Water Day): 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

Join the Zumers and Mountains Restoration Trust as they plan and create an inspirational water conservation garden to help educate the community on the environmental benefits of a native garden and how to plant their own. Help remove invasive plants and grasses in preparation of our Sept/Oct. planting. This is the first of many "work days." Bring your gardening gloves.

**Location:** Headwaters Corner, 3815 Old Topanga Canyon Road, Calabasas (corner of Old Topanga Road at Mulholland Hwy.)

**RSVP or questions:** [zumersrootsandshoots@gmail.com](mailto:zumersrootsandshoots@gmail.com)

### **The 13th Annual Whale Festival at Leo Carrillo State Park, Malibu**

**Sunday, April 19: 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

This event celebrates the annual migration of the California gray whale and its successful return from the brink of extinction. Whale appreciation and environmental awareness are the

themes of the day. Join us for an hour, two hours, or the full day.

**Location:** 35000 West Pacific Coast Highway (border of Ventura & Los Angeles Counties)

**RSVP or questions:**

[zumersroots&shoots@gmail.com](mailto:zumersroots&shoots@gmail.com)

**Headwaters Corner, Calabasas**

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