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MIDDLE SCHOOLERS ON A WIRE (OR TWO OR THREE)



Last week, Waverly Middle School students, faculty, and our intrepid and courageous room parent, Eve

Kikawa, spent four beautiful and sunny days at Camp Whitsett in the Sequoia National Forest. Students tried their hands at rock climbing, scaling a high ropes course (including a zip line), kayaking, canoeing, and swimming in a lake. They learned about astronomy, forest flora, creek life, and bonded over team-

building exercises. They ate lots of cereal, sandwiches, and pasta, and



enjoyed a roaring camp fire lakeside with s'mores. Our program was run by a company called Naturalists at Large, and they took very good care of us, teaching everyone how to climb safely and how to properly smell tree trunks. Our "Natties" were patient, knowledgeable, and very physically fit. They helped us get over our squeamishness about wiggly creek creatures and encouraged everyone to work to his or her fullest potential. Many middle school students learned things about their own limits that simply cannot be experienced in the classroom. It was, all in all, a fantastic trip.



DEVON TRAISTER, E.S. DIRECTOR FOR THE DAY



Last Friday, sixth grader Devon Traister served as student "Director for the Day" at the elementary school. She lead All School Meeting with Heidi, conducted "school" business with a group of friends in Terri's office, observed in elementary classrooms, worked with Alison, held a barbecue lunch for her Wasabi class (with help from her mom and dad), had water balloon P.E. for her class with Eddie, and ended the



day at the farm for more water play. The highlight of the day was the first school-wide watermelon race. Each elementary class paraded their vehicles, which concluded with a dramatic race

finale. Thank you, Devon for a special day.

Save the Date

Memorial Day, NO SCHOOL
Monday, May 25

5th Annual Waverly Rock Festival
Friday, May 29, 5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

2nd Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, June 7

Senior Project Night at H.S.
Monday, June 1, 6:00 p.m.

Elementary School Open House
Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

E.S. OPEN HOUSE

The upcoming elementary school open house on Tuesday, June 2, is an informal opportunity for parents to join their child in visiting his/her classroom. Open house begins at 7:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 p.m.

ONE WEEK LEFT TO PRE-ORDER A FABULOUS E.S. YEARBOOK

Look for the yearbook order form in today's e-packet. Elementary school yearbooks are \$30 each. If you would like an additional yearbook photo slideshow (CD with more photos!) it is \$35 for the bundle. Please complete the order form and submit it with payment to the Business Office no later than Friday, May 29 at noon. Thank you!

ROCK FESTIVAL NEXT FRIDAY— EVERYONE'S INVITED

The 5th Annual Waverly Rock Festival will take place on Friday, May 29, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at The Waverly High School. Bring a picnic dinner as well as beach chairs or blankets so you can spread out on Webster Quad and enjoy the music! Admission is only \$5 per person.

E.S. BOOK CLUB MEETING

There are still a few spaces left...please e-mail Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org if you would like to join us. We welcome you even if you have only read a portion of the book. Please read on for more information:

Terri Battenburg, Head of the Lower School, is hosting a "book club" type meeting with interested elementary parents on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 9:30a.m. (after All School Meeting). We will have an informal discussion about *Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide* by Lucy Calkins with Lydia Bellino. Coffee and light refreshments will be served. If you are interested and can't make this meeting please know that other similar book meetings will be offered in the summer and next school year.

"OLD HOLLYWOOD" WAS A HIT

The Waverly High School prom was a magnificent success. It had a fabulous theme, "Old Hollywood," and was held at the Pasadena Hilton on Saturday, May 16.

A note from Heather Brunold, High School Dean of Students:

We had SUCH a great time! I have been to a number of proms in my lifetime and I can say, without a doubt, this was hands down *the BEST Prom* I have ever attended. It was overwhelming to witness the energy, support, and enthusiasm that went into its creation. From the tireless and generous fundraising to the boundless creativity that brought it all together, I was inspired by the entire process from beginning to end.



Kathryn Jackson, Leach McCrary, Megan Lennon and Sarah Loya

There are too many to thank appropriately for this undertaking, but let me try...

Thank you to students **Rosie Llewellyn and**

Santiago Alcantara (pictured at right), Laura Tsuchida, Megan Saenz, Matthew K., Grant Derderian, the Waverly Student



Social Committee, and the Waverly High School Student Council. Their endless ideas, tireless problem solving, and resourceful outreach for help is to be commended. Thank you to parents **Beatriz Alcantara, Chris Caldwell,**

Delia Fance, Maria Fleming, Betsy Greenberg, Chris Hammond, Rich Llewellyn, Marie Mauldin, Tim Monte, Erin Murphy, Marta Said, Karen Tsuchida, and Kathy Yeh. Their heartfelt donations, generous time, and everlasting resources made the entire event possible! Thank you to faculty chaperones **Dan Bowen, Deborah Clark-Yeseta, Heidi Johnson, Katherine Perkins, Brittany Reynolds, Amy Sedivy, and Bernie Weinraub,** who took unpaid, personal time on a Saturday night to ensure the safety of a very successful dance.

It is a sincere joy to be a part of this amazing community and I am proud as I look ahead toward our years still to come!



Prom court: Princess Katie Bartlett, Queen Laura Tsuchida, King Alfred Rico, Queen Rosie Llewellyn and Prince Rylan Sedivy

THE COUNTING COYOTES FINISH THE ALPHABET

The Counting Coyotes have finally arrived at the end of the alphabet. For the week of **Y** they learned some fun yoga positions and ate yogurt. The yakkity-yak puppet yakked their ears off. For the letter **Z** they drew zoos and built a zoo out of blocks. The sleeping zebra puppet had a hard time staying awake during circle time. All he wanted to do was blow zzzzzz's. Next week we will put together our completed alphabet books and play with all 26 alphabet puppets and make up animal alphabet puppet show plays.

The Coyotes are learning the names of 25 common birds. We liked the Purple Penguin's play of *Mr. Popper's Penguins* so much that we have made it our final chapter book of the year. We are enjoying it very much. Thank you to the

Purple Penguins for introducing it to us. On Tuesday, the Coyotes pretended to be baby eagles in a nest and the parent eagle (Marina) flew in and fed them worms (the gummy type) as they opened their beaks as wide as they could! On Thursday, the Counting Coyotes had a wild and crazy slumber party (no slumber though!). They wore their pajamas to school and brought their sleeping bags and pillows. We had a dance-a-thon, a pillow fight, and a pillow mountain dive. We also had popcorn and popsicles and watched a movie about penguins. You'd think we were still on the letter **P!**

E.S. LIBRARY CORNER

It was a pleasure working with the elementary school children in the library all year. I wish everyone a wonderful summer full of sun, fun and lots of reading. Thank you to everyone who generously donated books to the library this year and to those who shopped at our fall book fair. I look forward to seeing all the smiling faces again in September.

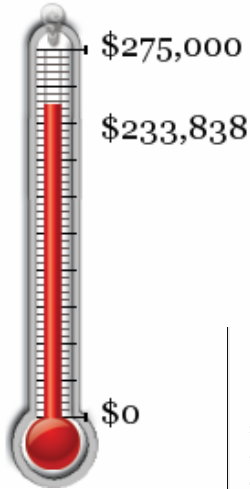
Summer reading ideas:

The Pasadena Public Library is hosting their annual Summer Reading Club starting Saturday, June 13, for children grade 6 and under. You can visit their Web site at www.cityofpasadena.net/librarykids. The Teen program at the Pasadena Public Library begins on June 20. Check out all the great teen programs on their Web site at www.cityofpasadena.net/libraryteens. Happy summer!

SUMMER IS HEATING UP AT THE FARM

It is getting warm out at the farm. The tomatoes, cucumbers and zinnias are in the ground. The sunflowers and the peppers will be planted soon. The pumpkins are already putting out runners. Soon my high school farm students will be off on their summer pursuits and I will need help keeping the crops watered and weeded. If your high school or middle school student would like the opportunity to get their community service commitment for next year taken care of this summer by

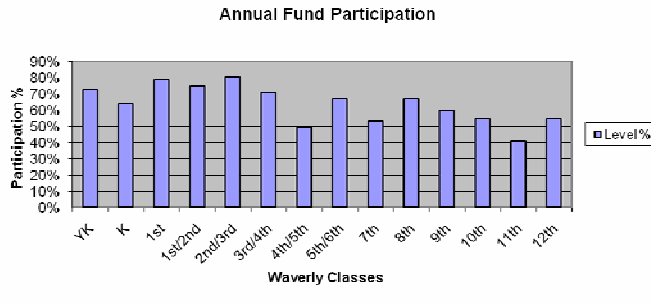
working at the farm, please have them sign up for work days before they leave school. Work days and dates are posted at the middle and the high schools. (This offer is also open to parents.) This could be the season we bring back the Waverly School Farmer's Market! If you are interested, please contact Donna Furey: donnaurey@gmail.com.



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2008-2009 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000
 Dollars raised as of 5/15/09: \$233,837.55 (includes pledges)
 Dollars raised since 5/8/09: \$1,000.00 (includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date: 61.9565%



E.S. SUMMER TUTORING

Molly Geller will be available to tutor elementary school students over the summer in all subjects. Please contact Molly at geller.molly@gmail.com for further information.

STAY FIT AND HAVE FUN PLAYING BASKETBALL THIS SUMMER

Basketball camp with Eddie Thomas will be 4 two-week sessions. Each session will be three days each week. Open to students in the 4th grade and up. Please see Eddie for more information.

Girls: Mon., Wed., Fri.; 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Session 1: June 15th-June 26th

Session 2: June 29th-July 10th

Session 3: July 13th-July 24th

Session 4: Aug. 10th-Aug. 21st

Come and join the fun!