

HORSING AROUND

Emma Shupper and her horse, Lynaro

The Waverly Equestrian team has won the season's Reserve Championship in the Freshman Division. Congratulations to Annie Surman, Sam Crawford, Emma Shupper and Tatum Del Bosco. Additionally, eighth grader Emma Shupper won her division championship as an individual rider for the second year in a row riding for Waverly. This year, she rode in the Freshman Division and won the Overall Freshman Championship, as well as the Equitation Championship. Emma has also been chosen as one of 24 junior riders from California and Nevada to participate in the U.S. Hunter/Jumper Association's Emerging Athletes Training Program in May 2009. These junior riders were chosen on the basis of show records and personal recommendations from horse show judges, trainers, and others in their non-horse show life (including teachers and school administrators). Emma will be riding with 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist Melanie Taylor. Way to go, Emma, and the entire Waverly Equestrian team!

SOPHOMORE SAM OLIVIERI GETS GREAT SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Sam Olivieri has been accepted for the 2009 Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) Summer Program in Yosemite National Park. This is quite an honor since Sam was among only 30 teenagers selected out of over 350 applicants. Sam and other participants will be Federal NPS employees working on projects that will

benefit Yosemite. Over eight weeks, Sam will be assigned to a work crew and will live at various locations throughout the park.

E.S. LIBRARY CORNER

I hope everyone had a wonderful spring break. There are only a few weeks left to go in the school year but the elementary school kids are reading up a storm. Here's a sample of some of the books they're reading this month:

Ruby Kastner (Tina's class) has just finished reading *Mr. Popper's Penguins*, which she loved.

Katie Culp (Susan's class) is reading the *Catwings* series of books.

Chessa Subbiondo (Melissa's class) is learning about the life of William Shakespeare by reading *Eyewitness-Shakespeare*.

Grace Kidd (Erin's class) just finished reading *Matilda Bone* by Karen Cushman.

Jordon Handy (Mike's class) is enjoying the *Warrior* series of books by Erin Hunter.

Eliana Guterman (Cheri's class) is reading both the original *Stargirl* by Jerry Spinelli as well as the sequel *Love Stargirl*.

Wendy has a number of small projects available in the library if you are looking for work hours. E-mail wendy@thewaverlyschool.org.

Save the Date

**Waverly Silent Auction at the L.A. River Center
Sunday, April 26, 4:00 p.m. - 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**

DON'T FORGET WAVERLY SILENT AUCTION THIS SUNDAY

"LA Dolce Vita" will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the L.A. River Center this Sunday, April 26. Don't have a ticket? No problem; buy one at the door. Don't have a babysitter? No problem; free babysitting at the elementary school with Martha Ramirez. Martha will be there from 3:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Call her at 323.394.4669.

There are nine categories of amazing items for you to bid on! Don't miss your chance to support The Waverly School. Need work hours? There is still time to get some parent hours in by helping at the Silent Auction. If you are interested please contact Ann Cooke at chcooke@earthlink.net by Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m.

SUSTAINABLE FARMING VISITS GAMMILL FARMS

Last week, the high school Sustainable Farming class visited Gammill Farms in Altadena. The proprietors raise chickens on their double sized residential lot in the foothills. Our class learned how to tell if an egg is fresh, which ones are best for hard boiling and that chickens eat just about anything! We brought them some lettuce and spinach from the farm and our host, Sandy Gillis, gave us brown and turquoise eggs to take home. She also gave us some chicken manure which we mixed with our own compost and used to plant our pepper plants. Now that is sustainable farming! If



Justin Taslak (11th) and Heidi Johnson

you wish to learn of other farming class adventures, please read our blog at <http://farmblog.wordpress.com>. If you wish to learn about opportunities for community service hours at the farm this summer please contact Donna at donnaforey@gmail.com Happy spring!

H.S. CLASSICAL RECITAL FEATURING ART SONGS, ARIAS AND SHOW TUNES



Wendy Caldwell accompanied Santiago Alcantara, Rylan Sedivy, Alissa Monte, Isabel Lemon, Gianna Horak, Giulia Pellegrino, Rosie Llewellyn, Nico Walsh, and Adam Goldfaden.

On Tuesday, April 21, Waverly High School students performed art songs, arias and show tunes at a formal classical recital held in the main sanctuary of Neighborhood Church in Pasadena. Accompanied by Wendy Caldwell and dressed in formal attire the students sang a diverse program of music. The songs presented ranged from standards from the musical comedy repertoire of Richard Rodgers and Cole Porter to operas by Mozart and art songs by composers such as Franz Schubert and Gabriel Fauré. The following students performed on Tuesday: Santiago Alcantara, Adam Goldfaden, Gianna Horak, Isabel Lemon, Rosie Llewellyn, Alissa Monte, Giulia Pellegrino, Rylan Sedivy, and Nico Walsh. The audience gave the participants a standing ovation. It was a soaring evening. Congratulations!

COUNTING COYOTES CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

Enjoy the list of the environmental activities and discussions going on in the Counting Coyotes' classroom for Earth Day:

- We learned about animal habitats. We did our own snack shopping and brought along our own reusable bags to place our groceries in. For Earth Day, each Coyote got a reusable bag to take home.
- We have two Earth Day books with activities and nice pictures that we are donating to the Waverly library for Earth Day.

- We have planted several trees at the farm and on campus in the past. This year, we will transplant a small fruit tree into a large pot and put it in our playground.

- We collected six-pack rings and I talked to the kids about cutting them up before throwing them away. We also cut up the ones we collected. We talked about how balloons are bad for the environment. They go up into the air or are left at parks, beaches, etc. They pop and land on the ground. They get washed into the storm drains, which lead to the oceans. Animals mistake them for food, eat them and die or get very sick. (Therefore, we declined the balloons from Vons. The kids were fine with that.)

- We set up our worm composter and learned how, what, and why to compost.

-Marina

E.S. BOOK CLUB MEETING

Terri Battenburg, Head of the Lower School, is hosting a "book club" type meeting with interested elementary parents on Friday, May 29, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. (after All School Meeting) in the Community Room. We will have an informal discussion about *Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide* by Lucy Calkins with Lydia Bellino. (The book can be found at Amazon and other on-line vendors.) The meeting will be limited to twelve so if you plan to join us please R.S.V.P. to Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org.

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.

LAST CALL FOR 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, 2009 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!

AFTER SCHOOL LITERATURE CLASS'S FANTASTIC AUTHORS

Literature class ends next week! We had a great session creating stories and making them into books. We will be sharing them at All School Meeting next Friday, May 1. All the students worked so hard developing characters, plots, problems and settings. They worked especially hard on creating a good ending to their stories. They also illustrated their books, dedicated their books to special people and wrote a little bit about the authors—themselves. It is so inspirational for me to see how excited they are to write and develop their ideas. I am so proud of each and every one of them and their efforts.

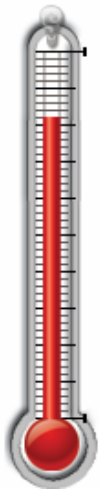
The authors are: Lauren Dunn, Maya Parsons, Fiona Stewart, Izzy Haberman, Quinn Neubert, Sigmund Goodstein, Anton Lou, Harry Wilcox, Sophia Alvarez, Naman Casas, Hunter Lee, Alyssa Leawprasert, and Dillon Benacerraf-Gajda. Great job!

-Sonia

DONATE TO PASADENA'S PLANT BANK IN HONOR OF EARTH DAY

Did you know Pasadena has a plant bank? Calling all those with green thumbs! Pasadena's plant bank needs your donations. Here is an easy way to be truly green and give back as we celebrate Earth Day. Donate your unwanted plants to Pasadena's plant bank for others to enjoy who may not have the resources to buy them. The bank is open 24/7 and is located at the far end of the Jackie Robinson Center parking lot at 1020 North Fair Oaks Avenue in Pasadena. Leave living plants with roots covered in pots or plastic bags on the benches. Pots are welcome, too! Thanks and HAPPY EARTH WEEK! Questions? Please e-mail Liz Von Schlegel at greenlagirl@earthlink.net.





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WAVERLY ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

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

Dollars raised as of 4/17/09:

\$225,211.56 (includes pledges)

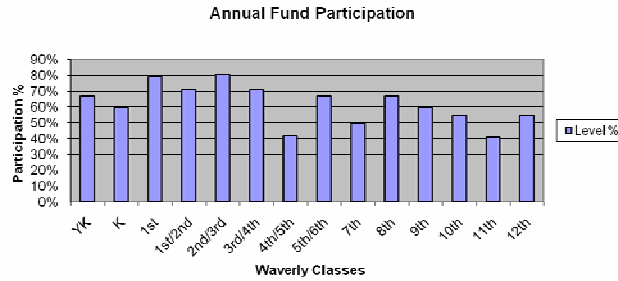
Dollars raised since 4/10/09: \$2,231.56

(includes pledges)

Overall family participation to date:

60.8696%

Class Participation Bar Graph:



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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