

COYOTES IN SPACE

The Counting Coyotes have blasted off to space! They are learning about the planets and stars and gravity. They made constellations and some of them will be going on a star-gazing adventure the night before spring break.

Here are some things that they have learned:

Jamie - I know that there is a constellation called Orion.

Albert - I learned that Mercury is right next to the sun.

Charlotte - I learned that the planets go around the sun.

Colleen - The stars are really far away from the earth. The closest star to us is the sun.

Sophia - Space has lots of aliens that are evil.

Charlie - Stars are really big and they are probably bigger than Kane (Albert added that they are probably ten inches tall). Stars look like they are really tiny, but they're big and just far away.

Mikayla - There is a planet called Saturn.

Christopher - Saturn has rings.

Sohan - We live on Earth.

David - Earth has gravity that makes you fall.

BB - The earth goes around the sun.

Bloom - You need a helmet in space.

Julia - Orion is a constellation of a tarantula.

Jake - I like the Pegasus constellation. But the bear one looks like a horse!

Avalon - no comment

Justin - no comment

Nolan - no comment

And now, back to Earth...If you have any glasses that you no longer need, please put them in our donation basket in the front lobby by April 10th so we can send them off to their new owners. Thank you and have a nice spring break!

WAVERLY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE IS HERE

The Challenge is on. The Varsity boys' and girls' basketball teams are coming off their most successful season yet. The parents have been practicing for six months. The faculty has been absorbing the game from the sidelines. The stage is set for the second annual Basketball Challenge!

Please come out **Thursday, April 9**, and make noise for your team.

Place: Villa Park Rec Center
Villa Ave., Pasadena 91101

Time: Game start is 6:30 p.m.

Admission: Tickets sold at the event, \$5

There will be free Waverly water bottles for the first 16 kids (Varsity teams excluded) and half time contests! We will raffle off a Waverly Varsity Jacket. Raffle tickets are \$3 each or two for \$5. Baked goodies will be sold, too!

All proceeds go to the high school prom.

Go Ravens!

Save the Date

Spring Break

Monday, March 30 to Monday, April 6

School Resumes

Tuesday, April 7

High School WPO Meeting

8:30 a.m. location TBA

Thursday, April 9

Waverly Basketball Challenge

6:30 p.m. at Villa Park Rec Center

Thursday, April 9

Elementary School WPO Meeting

9:30 a.m. in the Community Room

Friday, April 10



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 school 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 stores to donate. Bring your items and/or donation forms to your school's receptionist. **Certificates to fine dining would be great!** If you are going out this spring break be sure to ask at your favorite restaurant.

We thank you for your support!

BOARD MEMBER PROFILE

Name: Tom Walsh



Position: Board Member since 2001 (or there about)

Child: Nico Walsh

Grade: 10th Grade

Years as a Waverly Parent: 11 Years

Day Job: Freelance Production Designer/Art Director for Narrative Design

Influential Books: To take on a tramp steamer journey across the Pacific I'd include, *Moby Dick*, *Call of the Wild*, *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Treasure Island*, and Kafka's *Metamorphosis*. I just read *Pappy: The Life of John Ford*, and I'm still working my

way through *Ove Arup: Masterbuilder of the Twentieth Century*. My design work mostly centers on the translation of narrative fiction into 3D imagery and immersive environments, so in my elective reading I tend towards nonfiction, current events, and

biographies as my escape from the world of fiction and make-believe.

Reasons for Serving on the Board: We all must give back to our communities something tangible of ourselves.

Serving and assisting in the governance of The Waverly School from its inception as a not-for-profit institution, has been a significant life experience and a point of immense pride for our family. As parents there is nothing more important in our lives than to provide for a safe and hopefully transformational environment where our children can grow, be challenged, and evolve into the mature, compassionate, complex souls, and rounded human beings that we desire them to become. Helping nurture your child's school and its community is a reward unrivaled.

Favorite Board Moment: There are many, but overcoming many challenges so as to witness the granting of our building permit for the new high school by the Pasadena City Council, as well as seeing the midnight relocation of the Valley Drive House down Fair Oaks Avenue, to its new home on Waverly Drive, loom large in my memory.

Message for Fellow Parents: The school is much more than an institution; it is an intimate community, a living organism, and a never-ending experiment in learning. Waverly's governance requires a constructive ongoing review of its core principles and policies so that it may continue to grow and evolve. Its potential as a significant center for the advancement of progressive learning makes it unique amongst the many private and charter schools in the San Gabriel valley. One can nurture Waverly's future aspirations in many ways, and an excellent way to start is by stepping forward and taking a turn at the wheel of the school's governance. You'll never regret it!