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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Monday, September 20: 12th Grade College Night, 7:00 p.m.; ES Campus
- Tuesday, September 21: State of the School, 7:00 p.m.; Fellowship Hall-United Methodist Church
- Tuesday, September 28: High School Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m.; HS Campus
- Friday, October 1: FIRST FRIDAY & Parent Community Meeting, 9:00 a.m.; ES Campus
- Tuesday, October 5: Elementary Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m.; ES Campus
- Wednesday, October 6- Friday, October 8: Middle School Trip

ALL SCHOOL

STATE OF THE SCHOOL

This Tuesday, September 21, parents/guardians from all three campuses are invited to attend a State of the School Meeting at Fellowship Hall- First United Methodist Church (500 East Colorado Blvd., Pasadena) beginning at 7:00 p.m. Covered will be an update on the school's financial health, ways in which parents and guardians can support the school through WPO activities, the Annual Report, an update on upcoming facilities plans, and so much more! We strongly encourage all families to send at least one parent/guardian to this important event. Refreshments will be served and opportunities to sign up for WPO events and give to the Annual Fund will be available. Come hear from Heidi, the Board, and your fellow parents and earn a parent hour doing it! E-mail Alison at alison@thewaverlyschool.org with any questions.

WELCOME BACK!

The 2010-2011 school year is off to a great start. It is wonderful to see students filling the halls again and faculty and staff members have jumped right in. Thanks so much to all of you; it's going to be a great year!

NEW FACES

Ken Riddle is our new art teacher and is the proud dad of Waverly first grader Iris. Ken has a B.F.A. from Art Center College of Design and an M.F.A. from California Institute of the Arts. In addition to being an exhibiting sculptor for the last twenty years, Ken curated and directed exhibitions for Bliss, a not for profit gallery in Pasadena from 1987 to 2006. Ken also likes zombie movies.

Josie Olson, our vocal music teacher for the last thirteen years with her husband Michael is now also the instrumental music teacher for elementary and middle school students. Josie sang professionally for 12 years and plans to teach multiple instruments to our students. She is the proud mom of Waverly middle schoolers Danny and Michi, and loves sci fi movies.

Our new 3/4 assistant teacher **Alex Carter** graduated from Waverly High School with the first graduating class of 2000. She earned her B.A. in European History at UC Santa Cruz in 2003 and her M.A. in European History at UCLA in 2009. She has worked as a teacher, tutor, and teaching assistant. She loves fencing, snowboarding, creating artwork, and playing guitar. She's also a big fan of Sammy the banana slug, UC Santa Cruz's mascot.

Meg Bradbury is our new elementary administrative assistant and receptionist. She is also the proud mom of 12 year old daughter Carson. Meg (*cont. p. 2*)

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studied art history and creative writing at Mills, grew up in Pasadena, is passionate about books (she is known by name throughout Vroman's), cannot live without music (current favorites: Panda Bear, The Books, and Junip), cooks and bakes most every day, and has a crush on actor Alan Rickman.

EMERGENCY BACKPACKS

Most families have turned in emergency backpacks for their child(ren). Across the three campuses, we still need an average of 35% of backpacks. If you have not turned a backpack in yet for your child, please drop it off at your child's campus by September 20. Any student still needing a backpack after September 20 will have one made for him/her and the family will be billed.

ADMISSIONS NEEDS

As Jennifer Dakan, Admissions Director, plans for the upcoming Admissions season, she has created a wish list! If you can help with any of the following tasks, please let Jennifer know at jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org as soon as possible. Don't forget, this will help whittle away at your parent hours!

Admissions Wish List

Bring your baked goods needed for each of our eight tours, as well as other events. Bake when it is convenient for you and Jen will freeze your goodies for these events.

Coffee and food set-up for tours. The set up includes making the coffee and setting up the cups, cream, sugar, and baked goods in the community room. This would take about half an hour from 8:15-8:45 a.m. on tour days.

Coffee cup clean up. On tour days, take the coffee cups from each of the tours at the end of the school day and wash them at home in your dish washer and return them to Jen the next day!

Graphic Designer. We need someone who is able to take photos and text provided and create a poster and postcards for marketing at Admissions events.

Brochure and application assembly. Come and help assemble brochures in Jen's office or you can even take them home.

Great Photos. Do you have a great photo of a Waverly event that you think could be used to showcase our school community to prospective families? Please send a high resolution jpeg with the names of the people in the photo, and the event where the photo was taken to admissions@thewaverlyschool.org and please cc photos@jenniferdakan.com.

HOOPS FOR GROWN-UPS

For the past two years, a group of Waverly parents have been playing pick-up basketball at the elementary school playground every Sunday morning, from 9-11am. We have a great time getting together, talking about our kids, and having a great workout. We started up again on September 12 and would love to have you come.

Advanced...Beginner...Haven't played in a while but want to start again... It doesn't matter! This is Waverly and we are a community! If you are interested or have any questions, please give Phil a shout.

Phil Lee (323-574-5617/phil.lee.dp@sbcglobal.net)

UPCOMING BOOK FAIR

The ninth annual West Hollywood Book Fair is being held on Sunday, September 26. The event will feature over 300 authors and artists; 100 panels and book signings; and 150 exhibitors. There will be theatre, poetry, and storytelling stages, including children's storytelling. The event is being held at West Hollywood Park; 647 North San Vicente Blvd. Admission is free. For more information, go to www.westhollywoodbookfair.org.

PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

On Thursday, September 30, from 8:45-10:00 a.m., Dr. Enrico Gnoulati will speak on "Judging What is Normal: Behavior Quirk or Behavior Problem" at Sequoyah School. Parents and faculty members from the community are invited to attend. Here is an excerpt: "When children appear despondent, distressed, over-active or under-motivated, it is often difficult for parents to determine whether this is a sign of a real problem, developmentally expectable, or a normal reaction to unfavorable real-life events. Bombarded with self-help literature and direct-to-consumer mental-health drug advertising parents often have no inner compass for knowing what is shyness versus Social Anxiety Disorder, intellectualism versus Asperger's, an (cont. p. 3)

exuberant/kinetic personality orientation versus ADHD, normal grieving versus clinical depression, moodiness versus a Mood Disorder. Dr. Gnoulati will bring a practical perspective to these dilemmas to enable parents in attendance to acquire a more solid foundation for judging childhood behavior that has become a concern."

WPO

MESSAGE FROM OUR WPO PRESIDENT

Thank you all for signing up to help on our upcoming fund raising events. Your participation makes all the difference and I am looking forward to a great year as the WPO President.

On the FIRST FRIDAY of every month we will have a meeting in the Community Room at the Elementary School. Heidi has designed a very cool schedule of events for the FIRST FRIDAY of each month (with the exception of the short months of December and June).

FIRST FRIDAY starts at 8:45 a.m.

- Coffee/Organic Farmers Market
- Student Presentation (different groups or classes from the elementary, middle, and high schools each time)
- Heidi will give a talk about school activities, followed by question and answer session.
- Parent Community Meeting

For the first Parent Community Meeting, topics to be addressed include the Book Fair, how we can best integrate the Elementary School, Middle School, and High School for upcoming WPO events, and any additional WPO business you wish to address.

I look forward to seeing you on October 1st.

Thank you,
Leslie Rowan
WPO President

SAVE THE DATE

The Waverly Community Series would like to announce the first ever Chili Cook Off and Pie Tasting event! Save Saturday, October 9, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in your calendars for this fun time. Watch upcoming *Waves* for more information.

FARM REPORT



Welcome back to school! Many classes have already begun planning their farm projects. This year, each class will have a "market plot" in addition to their classroom plot. The market plot will be planted with just one crop to be sold at our school's Farmer's Market. You can look forward to snow peas, potatoes, daffodils, garlic, and a variety of fresh greens!

A special thanks is owed to the brave souls who came out over the summer to help me keep the compost pile going and to do some weeding in preparation for the start of school. They include: Jean E., Amy W., Dave B., Tom C., and high school freshman Ian K. and his family and fellow Eagle Scouts who prepared the winter planting bed for the middle school farm class. (Read below for more about Ian!) Thank you all! donnaforey@gmail.com

HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

The high school Back to School Night is this Tuesday, September 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians will receive their child's class schedule and have the chance to go through a "mini version" of the school day, meeting with each of their child's teachers. This event is intended for parents/guardians only. (cont. p. 4)

In addition, there will be a parent/guardian meeting for ninth grade families **prior** to Back to School Night, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

EAGLE EXPERIENCE



Over the course of a month this summer, ninth grader Ian K. worked at Waverly's organic farm creating a new planting area and laying drip hose. Working towards the project portion of his Eagle Scout rank, Ian, along with his parents, Scoutmaster, and six other scouts dug, problem-solved, and sweated! All of Waverly, especially those classes fortunate enough to have the new, clean, and rich beds to work with thank Ian and his crew! Well done, Ian.



WELLNESS KICKOFF

High school Wellness kicked off the year on Wednesday with music, ice cream, and a "Club Fair" on the Webster Quad. All HS Clubs were invited to set up a table to advertise what they were all about. Envirothugs, A Capella, Troubadours, Debate, the Politics Club, the French Club, and the Tennis Club, were just a few of the clubs in attendance. All students, regardless of grade, were encouraged to participate in a club, or start a new one! Interested students should stop by Heather's office for more details or e-mail her at heather@thewaverlyschool.org.

DAY PLANNERS

Customized Waverly high school day planners are on sale for \$25. They reflect the specific 5-day block rotation, all master school calendar dates, and the HS student and faculty birthdays! Checks are made payable to *The Waverly School*. See Grete or Heather for more details.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

The fall creative writing class, under Jennifer Dakan's direction, is well under way! Each student contributed one line from their letter of introduction to create the following class poem:

Confetti

By The Middle School Creative Writing Class

When toys became a boring piece of my childhood,
I started to put stories onto paper,
play guitar,
ride motorcycles,
write and edit songs,
and surf.

I read a lot of magazines about making things; my latest project is a leaf blower back-pack that when you turn it on, it propels you on roller blades.

The only thing that turns my brain off is history.

I have nineteen pets: 14 fish, 2 dogs, 2 cats and a bird.

I've always wanted chickens since I read a *Sunset* magazine article about Urban farming; I do wish I had a sibling.

In my neighborhood I hear mariachi music all the time.

If I believed in souls, I would say that mine was made of music, graphite, and paper.

I happen to be writing a fantasy novel.

I can't do my best work under pressure.

My writing is sometimes all over the place,

Like this...

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CLASS NAMES

Drum roll, please...announcing...

The Traveling Toucans (Marina's, Cheenu's, and Kerry's YK class)

Kidstock (Richard's and Liz's K class)

Pollinators (Susan's and Brittany's 1/2 class)

Purple Parrotfish (Tina's and Maria's 1/2 class)

Knights of the Realm (Erin's and Alex's 3/4 class)

Raconteurs (Hypatia's and Molly's 3/4 class)

Stay tuned for Cheri's, Kristin's, and Kerry's 5/6 class' name.

NEWS FROM MARINA

The young kindergarten class has their name! We are **The Traveling Toucans!** We will be "traveling" around the world this year. Our theme is "The Land of Many Colors." The Traveling Toucans went on an acorn hunt this week. They also drew leaves and then colored them in with fall-colored watercolors while listening to Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons*. The first land we are learning about is our own country, the U.S.A. Stay tuned to find out where in the world our next stop will be!

SERVING OTHERS



Over the summer, fourth grader Gabriel W. decided to help make a difference. With his English cousins, Aida and Dominic, and his friend, Max, Gabriel put on a lemonade stand outside his home. Selling homemade lemonade, the children raised \$22! Gabriel wanted to help the homeless with the money raised and donated the funds to our neighbors, The Salvation Army.

AFTER SCHOOL ELEMENTARY CLASSES

We are happy to offer a number of after school classes for Waverly elementary students this fall. Please download the attached flyers for more information, and/or pick up flyers from the parent resource counter in the elementary school lobby.

Chess with Chess Academy on Wednesdays from 3-4 p.m. for grades K-6 in the library...begins 9/22

Folk Dancing with Nikki on Tuesdays from 2:45-4 p.m. for grades K-6 in the kindergarten room...begins 9/21

Kids Shakespeare on Thursdays from 3-4:45 p.m. for grades 3-6 (grade 2 for strong readers) ...begins 9/23.

Art with Erin on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m. for grades 3-6 in Erin's Room ...begins 9/20.

Dance with Kristin on Mondays and Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m. for grades 1-6. ...begins 9/20.

Science with Tony on Thursdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. for grades 3-6...begins 9/23.

Creative Writing with Jen on Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. for grades 3-6... begins 9/21.

ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The elementary Back to School Night is Tuesday, October 5, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to provide parents/guardians with an overview of curriculum and class procedures. Teachers present information about the class-integrated theme, share instructional materials and books, review the assessment process, and answer questions. Teachers distribute grade level classroom guides and other appropriate class materials. It is an adult-only evening and babysitting is not provided.

CLASSIFIEDS**FREE GUINEA PIGS**

Waverly mom Julie C. says, "We have to give up our lovely Snowflake and Cookie. They are adorable, friendly, and low maintenance. If you're not familiar with guinea pigs, did you know that they PURR? They come with a really cute hand-made wooden & screen cage and all the supplies we've got. They are vegetarian and aside from hay and pellets they love parsley, kale, carrots, apples, and red bell peppers. With attention, you can even teach them to do tricks! Snowflake is jet black with a white blaze down her nose, Cookie is calico colored with a little mowhawk and a peanut butter colored patch on her behind. Please give them a home." Call Waverly if you are interested.