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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Friday, January 22; End of first semester
- Sunday, January 24; Farm Picnic, 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 29; MS/HS Faculty Work Day: no school for MS/HS only
- Monday, February 1; Financial Aid and New Applications due
- Friday, February 5; ES Parent chat, 9:00-9:30 a.m., Community Room

ALL SCHOOL

SHOES FOR HAITI

In response to the devastating earthquake that struck Haiti last week, Waverly is participating in a school-wide shoe drive. On behalf of Soles4Souls, gently worn shoes may be brought to the elementary campus, the high school campus, or taken directly to any Sport Chalet store. Included in today's e-packet is the American Institute of Philanthropy's (AIP) list of top-rated charities involved in Haitian earthquake relief. The deadline to bring shoes to Waverly is Wednesday, January 27, at 3:00 p.m.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON DVD

Order your very own copy of the 2009 Holiday Program on DVD. Orders will be accepted now through Friday, February 5, with DVDs arriving in approximately one month. DVDs are \$15 each, prepaid with either cash or a check made out to *The Waverly School*. You can drop off your payment at the front desk at any campus. Please make sure to indicate who your child is, grade level, and number of copies desired.

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

We encourage all Waverly parents interested in summer programs for their children to attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to be held at Westridge School (324 Madeline Drive in Pasadena) on Saturday, February 6, 2010 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This annual event provides parents and students a wonderful way to explore many exciting summer opportunities that are available to school age children and teenagers, 5 to 18. The Summer Opportunities Fair features programs that accommodate all budgets and areas of interest. Information on many of the programs registered can be found on the Westridge School website: www.westridge.org/sof.html. There is also a flyer attached to today's e-packet. The Waverly School does not offer an elementary summer program; information about Waverly's summer classes for middle and high school students will be shared in the next few weeks.

LAST CHANCE AT 2009 PRICES

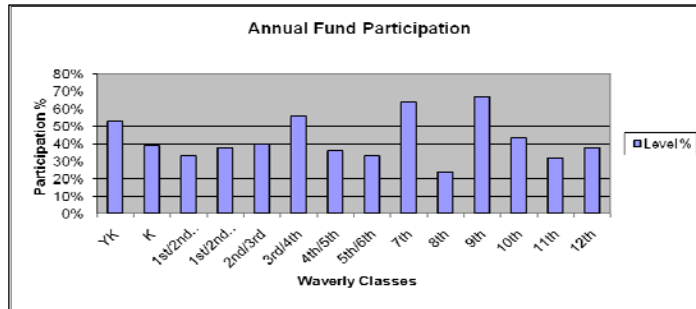
Wednesday, January 27th, is your last chance to order the all school panoramic for the 2009 price. After Wednesday, the price will go up. Please download and print the flyer attached to today's e-packet to order or for more info.



ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2009-2010 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000

- Dollars raised as of 1/21/10: \$167,531.43 (includes pledges)
- Overall family participation to date: 43%



Class Participation Bar Graph



WPO

SILENT AUCTION IS COMING!

The WPO needs your help to make the 9th annual Silent Auction a big success! This is the biggest fundraiser put on by the Waverly Parent Organization and your participation is crucial to meeting our goals. All the money we raise goes directly to the school's general fund. What can you do?

- Save the date of Sunday, March 21, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. This is the one event where you get to socialize with the parents, faculty, and staff of all three schools. Make sure your other parent friends are coming and invite your friends and relatives to attend too. Invitations will arrive by mail in the next few weeks.
- Be generous with your donations for the Silent Auction! We are asking for every family to donate items of value. Think about the kinds of things you would like to bid on at our Silent Auction, and help us have a fabulous array of tempting items. Here are some suggestions for donations:

FINE ARTS and JEWELRY

If you are an artist, donate a piece of your work. If you know any artists, ask them to donate. Over 300 people will see their work! Jewelry was very popular last year; do you have some high-end pieces that you never use? Donate them!

SPORTS

Tickets to games, sports memorabilia, sports equipment, and sports lessons are all valuable contributions. Can you teach a sport? Offer your "training services." Paintball, Laser Tag, and other kinds of activities are also sought after.

VACATION HOMES and TRAVEL

A weekend or week in your vacation home is very popular! Hotel stays, travel books, airplane miles, tickets, really anything to do with travel would be great.

LESSONS and SERVICES

If your child is taking lessons somewhere and you like his/her teacher, spread the word! Donating sample lessons or services to the school will help advertise their business. The same is true for hair stylists, massage therapists, consultants, etc. If **you** provide lessons and services, please donate your special skills.

FINE DINING, SPECIAL DINNERS, and FINE SPIRITS

Certificates for dining at restaurants always are a big hit. Encourage your favorite restaurant to donate a \$50 or \$100 certificate. They will get new customers and patrons from their generosity. If you can cook, donate a dinner for 8. These home-cooked dinners are very popular. Fine wines and spirits also are successful donation items. (con't on page 3)

ENTERTAINMENT

If you have season tickets to various arts venues, donate an evening. Tickets to Disneyland, Legoland, museums, aquariums, live theaters, movie theaters, and music events are all welcome!

SPECIAL AND UNIQUE

If you have a great idea for a donation, we will welcome it!

A donation form is attached to today's e-packet. Hard copies will also be available at all three campuses. All donations can be dropped off at the front desk of the elementary campus. Feel free to contact Ann Cooke at annwpo@gmail.com if you have any questions.

THIS MAN NEEDS YOUR HELP



Waverly dad, Phil L. (the guy standing next to Heidi) is coordinating our phone calls for the Silent Auction and he needs your help! He will give you names, numbers, and even tell you what to say. It's not a sales call; businesses will either donate or not. It's really pretty simple to do. This is a great way to earn your Waverly parent hours as it can be done on your own time.

Contact Phil directly (e-mail address is in today's e-packet), go through the WPO job website (www.thewaverlyschool.org/silentauction.html), or e-mail Ann Cooke at annwpo@gmail.com. Help us get ready for a fabulous Silent Auction and Party, coming March 21, 2010!

PARENT CHATS

Waverly dad, Greg H., wants to know what's kicking around in your head about Waverly! In conjunction with the WPO, Greg would like to start a monthly discussion where elementary parents and caregivers can put their heads together, ask questions, and introduce new ideas in a friendly and social environment. The first gathering will be February 5 (Friday), from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the community room. Coffee will be provided. Please contact Greg (e-mail address is in today's e-packet) with any questions and/or to suggest conversation topics.

FARM REPORT

The middle school class is lamenting that they will not be in sustainable farming class next semester to eat all the vegetables they've tended since September. I wish to remind everyone that the farm exists for the whole Waverly community; all members are welcome, all of the time. We growers are always happy to share some of our crops.

A big thank you to the brave parent team that risked major prickles while pruning the blackberries: Maki K., Lisa L., Tori H., and Barbara A. We should have another lovely crop this spring.

This beautiful storm we have just had will make weed-pulling a joy! I look forward to seeing all of you at the farm on January 24!

donnafurey@gmail.com



blue & yellow snow peas
(edible pods)

HIGH SCHOOL

COFFEE SERENADE

Three current Waverly high school students recently performed at Jones Coffee Roasters' Open Mic Night. Katie B., Nico W., and Rylan S., sang and played guitar for an audience of family, friends, and coffee customers. Several Waverly graduates also performed. Jones' Open Mic Night occurs on the second Friday of every month. Come on February 12 to enjoy a wide variety of acoustic performers – always including a handful of Waverly students!



ALUMNI NEWS

Waverly alum, Emily K. ('08), just got back from a two-week trip to Namibia, where she stayed and worked in an animal orphanage. She even got to sleep with baby monkeys!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

¡VIVE LA MÚSICA!

"Throughout the last five weeks, Waverly Middle School students have been busy with filming and editing their own music videos for popular Latin songs to expand their studies in the Spanish classroom. Getting together in groups of two or four (with some exceptions) the students lip-synched to songs ranging from sorrowful laments of love affairs by Cristina Aguilera, to comic pieces by Ricky Martin, and then a full circle to songs about war, hope, and violence. Because of the hard work of the various editors in the middle school, the music videos emerged (for the most part) perfectly dubbed, coherent, displaying the remarkable creativity of Waverly students. (Two weeks ago)...the middle school held a Latin Music video festival which showcased all of the great finished videos that the middle school had produced. The videos depicted scenes of lonely lovers, wild women, solemn battlefields, and uplifting hope. Throughout the festival, students cheered and applauded to the creative videos and laughed at the funnier sections of their fellow students' goofing around on camera. Afterwards, the best videos were awarded certificates for creativity, editing, and best arrangement of images and video clips. I personally enjoyed the experience of lip-synching and working with fellow students (some of whom I didn't know to begin with) and working as a team to solve the innumerable problems, glitches, and high jinks, inevitable to any serious video project undertaken by Waverly students."

-Henry K., Waverly middle school student

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TALL SHIP ADVENTURES



Two weeks ago, Hasty Pudding traveled on a field trip to the Tall Ships in Dana Point. We toured the Pilgrim, and got a feel for what ocean travel was like in the 1700s. We experienced the cramped sleeping quarters, and learned that sailors slept in four hour shifts, so the beds were always occupied. We saw where the Captain stood and turned the wheel. After the tour, we lunched at picnic benches adjacent to a lovely beach. Quickly, the pigeons noticed our arrival and joined us. This caused quite a commotion and at least one sandwich was stolen. Hasty Pudding frolicked on the beach before climbing back into cars for the ride home.

MMMM...GOOD

Musical Kingdom has been studying the letter **M**. Here are some of the activities that happened in the MK class in the last few weeks:

- *We are learning about manners.
- *Ernie is teaching MK how to read music. The MK kids will compose a song in their journals in the near future.
- *We tried some foods that begin with the letter M: mango and marshmallows.
- *We had a mat adventure! We pretended our mats were kayaks on a raging river. We dodged rocks, went around curves, and we even fell down a waterfall and landed in a whirlpool!
- *We made Musical Kingdom wizard hats for HAT DAY. Everyone wore their hats and pretended to be back in the medieval days of magic. (con't on page 5)

*We learned a lot of "M words" in sign language: *me, my, mustache, mom, magic, monster, monkey, motorcycle, microscope, mountain, measure, menu*, and many more!

Here are some other fun things we did:

- *When it was raining, we went to the art room and stood directly under the skylight to watch the rain pitter-pattering over us!
- *Big Marina brought a branch filled with tangerines from her tangerine tree, and everyone got to pick a tangerine from the tree! Then we ate the tangerines for snack.
- *We learned a Yiddish lullaby called "Raisins and Almonds." We sang it at the All School Meeting. Little Marina's brother, Desmond, accompanied us on the piano.

COFFEE WITH HEIDI

There are still some opportunities for elementary parents/guardians to have coffee and conversation with Heidi Johnson, Head of School, to discuss the journey from elementary to high school. Heidi will describe our upper school program and our progressive approach to a college-preparatory curriculum. After, you will have an opportunity to tour our unique high school campus. Interested? RSVP to Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org for one of the following dates as soon as possible, as numbers are limited. *(All coffee and conversation get-togethers will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the high school campus)*

Remaining Coffee and Conversation Dates:

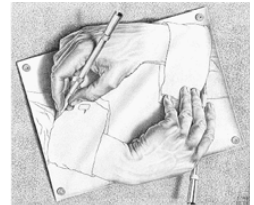
Friday, February 19 (one space remaining)

Friday, April 16

Friday, May 14

ADDED ES AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

Art classes with Erin will soon begin for interested students in grades three through six. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The six-week session begins January 25. Cost is \$150.00 (pre-paid). For more information, please download the flyer attached to today's ES e-packet and/or e-mail Erin at erin@thewaverlyschool.org.



Spirit Team with Kerry will begin February 3 and run until March 24. Please download and print the flyer attached to today's ES e-packet for more information. Hard copies are also available in the ES lobby.

STILL OPEN ES AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

Chess (San Diego Chess Academy): Grades K-6; Wednesdays, ongoing through 2/10

Folk Dancing (Nickie Hovhannessian): Grades K-6; Tuesdays, 1/12-3/9

Kid Shakespeare (Carlyle Williams and Sydney Walsh): Grades 3-6; Tuesdays, 2/2-5/11

CLASSIFIEDS

GUITAR FOR GROWN-UPS

Our very own Josie O. is offering group guitar lessons for all interested Waverly adults, beginning on Saturday, January 23rd. Another class will also be offered on Tuesdays, beginning January 26th. Interested? Contact Josie (contact details in today's e-packet) and/or download the flyer attached to today's e-packet.