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### DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Monday, January 17: MLK, Jr. Day, no school; no YK day care; ASC available offsite
- Tuesday, January 18: 11<sup>th</sup> Grade College Night, ES Community Room, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 26: Waverly Blood Drive, ES Community Room, 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, January 28: MS/HS Faculty work day, **no school for MS/HS only**
- Tuesday, February 1: Financial Aid Applications due from returning families
- Friday, February 4: FIRST FRIDAY, 8:30 a.m., ES Community Room
- Tuesday, March 1: 2011-2012 contracts due from returning families

### ALL SCHOOL

#### ALUMNAE PROFILE

*Join us in the first of a series of pieces focusing on our alumnae/i and their post-Waverly adventures.*

Waverly students are encouraged to be creative, thoughtful, and culturally energetic. Alex C. and Molly G. are alumnae who embrace these traits. That these two young women are also Waverly teachers only enhances their collective strengths. We are fortunate to have two of Waverly's own graduates here as teachers to continue Waverly's educational traditions.

Entering as a sophomore, Alex was in the first Waverly graduating class of 2000. The small classes and the opportunity to interact on a more personal level with teachers appealed to her. Alex has fond memories of being in Heidi's history class and going on camping trips. Her experience at Waverly helped prepare her for college as she learned to be comfortable talking with her teachers and seeking help when needed. The level of conversation in her Waverly classes pushed her to become a more analytical and critical thinker. Alex chose the University of California, Santa Cruz to study history for some of the same reasons she chose Waverly. Alex graduated with her Bachelor of Arts *Summa Cum Laude* and went on to get a Masters' in European History at UCLA. Alex currently works as an assistant teacher with third and fourth grade students.

Molly began at Waverly as a middle school student and graduated from Waverly in 2002. Going to Waverly strengthened Molly's abilities to communicate with adults and advocate for herself. At Waverly, Molly learned how to learn. She became intrinsically motivated and gained valuable leadership skills. After graduating, Molly spent her first year at Wheaton College and then transferred to the University of San Francisco (USF) for her second year. In her junior year, she studied abroad at Tel Aviv University and graduated from USF magna cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Theology. Molly returned to Waverly in the fall of 2007 to work in an elementary classroom. She has completed her multiple subject credential and is a few months away from completing her Master's in Education. Molly believes that children will be in a competitive environment for the rest of their lives and that school should be something they look forward to, a place that nurtures and supports them. If she had high school to do over again, Molly would choose Waverly. Molly currently works as an assistant teacher with third and fourth grade students.



### WAVERLY SCHOOL BLOOD DRIVE

Don't forget to join us for the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, January 26, from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the elementary school community room. Questions can go to Heather: [heather@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:heather@thewaverlyschool.org).

### 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 5, 2011 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This popular 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](http://www.westridge.org/sof.html). There is also a flyer attached to today's e-packet. This event is free!

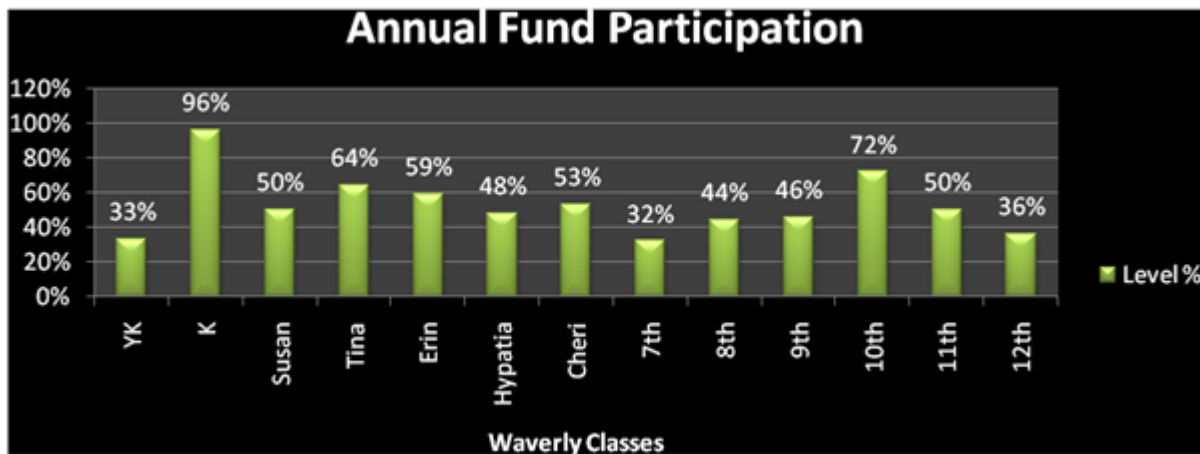
### ATTENTION PARENTS OF ARTISTS!

Students across all campuses have been busy doing some amazing artwork! Waverly art teacher Ken invites families to come up to the art room at the elementary campus to see some of the thoughtful and inspiring creations the students have made so far this school year. Ken also wants parents to know that they are welcome to come up and talk with him when class is not in session if they have any questions about the art program.

### ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The 2010-2011 Annual Fund is making steady progress each week! Please contact Cindy in the Business Office if you have any questions about donations or pledges: [cindy@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:cindy@thewaverlyschool.org)

- Dollars raised as of 1/14/11: \$155,400 (includes pledges)
- Overall family participation to date: 52%
- 2010-2011 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000 and 100% participation



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### WAVERLY DINES OUT NEXT WEEK

This month's Waverly Dines Out is at El Cholo Café (at the Paseo in Pasadena on Colorado Blvd.) on Wednesday, January 19! Bring a group of friends to enjoy legendary Mexican food in El Cholo's brand new space. Print out the attached flyer and bring it with you to lunch or dinner so that Waverly gets credit—the flyer is good all day!

## THE WAVERLY PRODUCE BOX

A fantastic new fundraiser from [Equitable Roots!](#)

Pick up a weekly box of organic, freshly harvested, locally grown, pesticide-free fruits and vegetables every Thursday right here at The Waverly School.

**HOW IT WORKS:** The Produce Box is a subscription program, where members receive a weekly box of farm-fresh produce delivered to the school. A typical cool season box might include: 4 apples, 4 tangerines, 2 avocados, 1 head of broccoli, 1 bunch of carrots, 2 onions, 4 potatoes, and 1 bunch of kale. You will simply return the box empty the following week in exchange for a full one.

### SIGN UP:

- All produce boxes are paid in advance and are purchased online prior to delivery at [www.equitableroots.com](http://www.equitableroots.com)
- The first Waverly delivery will be Thursday, February 3 from 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- All payments are handled online and boxes are ordered weekly, bi-weekly, or as many weeks in advance as you'd like.
- If you skip a week, your membership will go on hold until you make your next purchase.
- The rate per box is \$18.
- For your convenience, you will receive payment and pick up reminders from Equitable Roots.
- All boxes need to be picked up and signed for on Thursdays between 2:30 - 5:00 p.m.
- If you have pre-paid and do not claim your box on Thursday, it will be donated to a local food pantry.



### ALL OF THE POSITIVES:

- Equitable Roots is committed to providing low-cost access to fresh produce within affordable housing communities. Equitable Roots is in a partnership with Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services (W.O.R.K.S) a developer of low income housing. They have developed 14 properties in Los Angeles, housing 4000 people. Their current development is a housing community for foster children transitioning out of their foster families. Their next developments will be happening in Eagle Rock and Glassell Park. In addition to the housing, W.O.R.K.S creates programs to support education, food access, and job creation programs for their communities.
- \$3.00 of each purchase will stay with Waverly! If 35 families order the box on a weekly basis, this is an extra \$420 raised for Waverly every month! Our goal is to get 75 families to order the boxes on a weekly basis. This gives Waverly an extra \$900 a month.
- Eating organic is good for our families, good for our school, good for the local farmers and good for our community.
- Life will get a little simpler and time will be saved with direct delivery of your produce box to Waverly.
- BEST OF ALL!!! The remaining dollars help support Equitable Roots and W.O.R.K.S.

**MAKE IT HAPPEN!** If you're interested in signing up for the Waverly Produce box and/or volunteer to help distribute the boxes on Thursdays, please contact Waverly parent Sheryl at: [sheryl@twoplumspaper.com](mailto:sheryl@twoplumspaper.com)

### SILENT AUCTION

The orchestra is tuning up! Dancers are stretching! The vocal coach is at the piano warming up for the singers! Do you feel the excitement? It's backstage on opening night—time to get ready! The Silent Auction is right around the corner on **Saturday, March 12, 2011**. Right now is the perfect time get your donations lined up. Start contacting your favorite restaurants and stores! Buy a membership from a local museum! Agree to weed a garden once a week! There are dozens of creative ways to bring merchandise and services to the bidding tables. Your friendly Silent Auction Co-Chairs are standing by to answer questions and offer suggestions: Kevin: [kwisney@gmail.com](mailto:kwisney@gmail.com) and Emily [estadnicki@gmail.com](mailto:estadnicki@gmail.com). All donations are tax-deductible.

## FARM REPORT

Greetings from the Farm, where the soil is cool and some crops are frost-damaged. It has been a tough fall and so far, a pretty wet winter. So much for "La Niña!" The latest frost took out those tender nasturtium flowers promised you for winter salad color, and the potatoes were frost bitten as well. Luckily, their tasty fruits are still growing under a warm mulch of oak leaves. The soil is very cold so the lettuces and cabbages, which can withstand a little cold, continue to grow but, very slowly. The garlic and the onions flourish, mindless of the temperatures as we dig yet more new beds in, hopefully, the best winter sun.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### LEADERSHIP AWARD

Pasadena Rotary has awarded Waverly 11<sup>th</sup> grader Jacqueline A. a Rotary Youth Leadership Award! Rotary's RYLA award includes a leadership training program for people 14 – 30 years of age. Students are chosen to participate in an all-expense-paid seminar to discuss and learn leadership skills. This year's program will be held over a three day period in March. Jacqueline will join sixteen other boys and girls who will hone their skills and develop their roles as future leaders.

### SRI LANKA TRIP MEETING

High school families interested in learning more about math teacher Jack's guided tour of Sri Lanka this summer should plan to attend an information meeting on Friday, January 21, 11:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m. in Jack's math room at the high school campus. Please contact Jack at [jackknight44@yahoo.com](mailto:jackknight44@yahoo.com) with any questions regarding the trip.

### MOTHER'S CLUB VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Mothers' Club is providing a couples' communication workshop for their clients and husbands/partners on Sunday, January 23, and Sunday, January 30. Twelve volunteers are needed for childcare (for children ages 0 – 8) from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Volunteers must be at least 13 years of age and will engage children in a variety of fun learning activities (painting, story time, puzzles, games, etc.). By volunteering, you would enable the parents to attend the workshop without having to worry about childcare. Volunteers can sign up for one or both days. Please email Jason, Mother's Club Program Manager, at [jason@mothersclub.org](mailto:jason@mothersclub.org) for more information.

### DARK AND STORMY

Bluegrass/folk/rock duo *Dark and Stormy* (our own high school English teacher, Sharon, and her mandolinist husband Peter) are performing a set at Old Towne Pub tonight at 10:00. Check them out! 66 North Fair Oaks Avenue.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### SPRING SPOTLIGHT!

The Waverly High School is delighted to invite interested upper elementary school students (grades 3 - 6) to participate in the high school production, ***Spring Spotlight 2011***, (a Broadway and dance showcase) at Thorne Hall at Occidental College on Friday, March 4. Mandy, Waverly's middle school and high school drama teacher, will be directing the show and staging the numbers. Interested students must be able to attend ALL rehearsals listed on page 5.

To sign up, fill out the form attached to this week's *Wave* (extra copies will be on the ES parent counter as well) and turn the form in to Meg at the front desk by Friday, January 21.

January 14, 2011

On Monday, January 24, parents can pick up a CD with the songs the students will perform in the show and a packet with lyrics and further instructions at the ES front desk. *IMPORTANT NOTE: ES students should come to the first rehearsal on Monday, January 31, ready to rehearse, with all of the songs memorized.* The elementary school students will be performing with high school students in three or four numbers.

The only cost to participating students is that all participants in the show must buy a ticket. Tickets will go on sale in mid-February. Seats are \$10 general admission. (There will also be some reserved seats in the center – called Patron Seats – for those interested in spending \$25 per seat.) All ticket proceeds will go to cover the costs of the production. Any money left over will be donated to the performing arts programs at Waverly. Invite your friends! It will be a great show!

#### **ES Rehearsal Schedule:**

Monday, January 31 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Rehearsal is at the High School Campus  
Monday, February 7 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Rehearsal is at the High School Campus  
Monday, February 14 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Rehearsal is at the High School Campus  
Monday, February 28 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. - Rehearsal is at the High School Campus  
Thursday, March 3 Time - TBA (during the school day) - Rehearsal at Thorne Hall  
Friday, March 4 7:00 p.m. - Performance at Thorne Hall, Occidental College

Questions? Email Mandy at [mandyjrb@aol.com](mailto:mandyjrb@aol.com) or [mandy@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:mandy@thewaverlyschool.org)

#### **BRAINSTORM: WAVERLY SUMMER CAMP**

Attention entering K - 4th grade parents! Would you like your kids to have fun in the sun, do exciting projects, go on small field trips, take a class or two, and hang out with the Waverly community this summer? If you have interest in hearing more, let us know! Camp will be offered for two weeks. The proposed session dates are either June 20 - June 24 / June 27 - July 1 **OR** July 11 - July 15 / July 18 - July 22. The plans are still in flux, but we'd like to hear from you before proceeding further. What do you envision as a great day camp for Waverly kids? Please contact Heather at [heather@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:heather@thewaverlyschool.org) to express interest or share an idea, and keep an eye out for more information in upcoming *Waves*.

#### **TRAVELING TOUCAN NEWS**

The Traveling Toucans have left Antarctica and are on their way to south, learning all sorts of things about South Africa. They are studying the letter M by working on our **m**anners, looking at objects through a **m**icroscope (thread, salt, sugar, pepper, hair, a leaf, and a feather). They had **m**ango and **m**elon for snack, made **m**egaphones to talk and listen through, and **m**aps for their journals. The Toucans also celebrated Happy Tooth Week—everyone got a new toothbrush and learned about good dental hygiene. The Traveling Toucans are collecting empty wrapping paper and paper towel tubes for an upcoming project. If you have some tubes to donate, please bring them to the Traveling Toucans' classroom.