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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Week of December 6: No All School Meeting
- Friday, December 10: ES Parent Coffee with Heidi, 9:00 am, HS campus
- Sunday, December 12: Farm Day, 11:00, Waverly Farm
- Thursday, December 16: Noon dismissal, YK-12
- Thursday, December 16: Holiday Program, 7:00 pm, Thorne Hall, Occidental College
- December 17 – January 2: Winter Break, no school
- Monday, January 3: School resumes



ALL SCHOOL

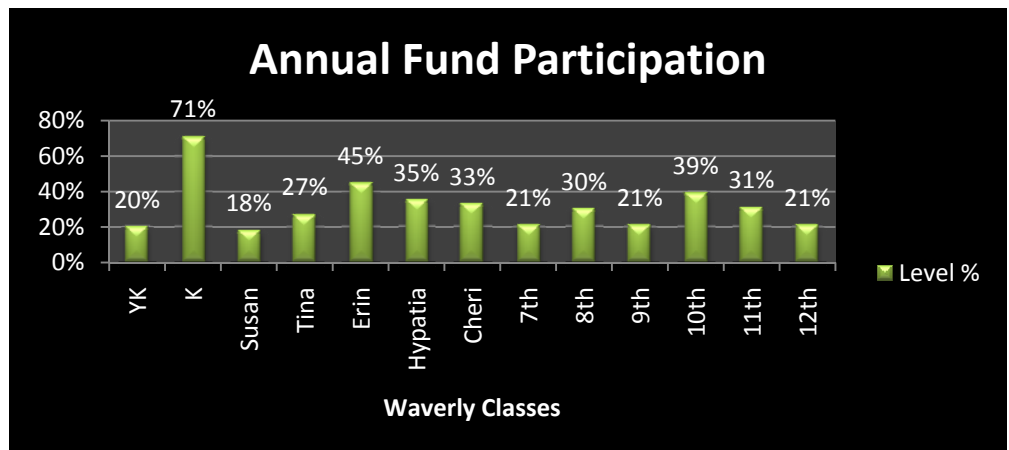
HOLIDAY PROGRAM TICKETS

As you may know, there is a ticketing process for attending the Holiday Show. Each family with a child in the show will receive three tickets. Dual family households will receive enough tickets to ensure that all parents/guardians can attend. If you would like more than three tickets, please e-mail Alison at alison@thewaverlyschool.org with your request and she will put you on the waitlist. The last two years, everyone on the waitlist was able to get tickets! If you need fewer than three tickets, please also contact Alison ASAP so that your ticket(s) can be passed on to someone else.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

The 2010-2011 Annual Fund is making steady progress each week! Do you have questions about our annual fund or other ways to help support Waverly? Contact Development Director Kimberly Uribe: kimberly@thewaverlyschool.org.

- Dollars raised as of 12/1/10: \$96,039 (includes pledges)
- Overall family participation to date: 28%
- 2010-2011 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000 and 100% participation



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WORLD MARKET! NEXT WEEK!

It's just one week until the World Market. Piles, boxes, and baskets of beautiful craftwork have been pouring in, and it's going to be a wonderful event! A few things to know:

- For the first time, the World Market will be offering **early shopping for parents only** on Friday, December 10, from 8:00 to 9:00 am! Get a jump on all the good stuff, and best of all, shop for your kids before they buy it for themselves! Coffee and muffins will be available while you shop.
- Shopping Hours for Parents and Friends: Friday, December 10: 8:00 – 9:00 am and 2:00 – 7:00 pm; Saturday, December 11: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm.
- An authorization form is attached to this e-packet. This form will authorize the amount you will let your ES child spend at the World Market. Volunteer Shopper Helpers will assist in keeping children within their budget. Please do not send cash or check with your elementary student. Middle and high school students may bring cash or checks. On the form, please note the handy space where you and your child can make a list of gift recipients!
- Keeping it green – please have your child bring a shopping bag to school next Friday **with the child's and teacher's name on it**. This will save resources and time!
- World Market job sign-ups are posted on the board in the elementary school lobby. **There are many positions still open for Thursday, Friday, and Saturday**. If you can't get to school, just e-mail the World Market chairs (see below).
- Bakers are needed! The craft sections are filled, and now we need to fill the pantry! Breads, cookies, candy, fudge, salsas, jams, chili mixes are all great – these can be turned in as late as Thursday afternoon, December 9. Baked goods and other food items should be packaged to sell.
- Display items, such as jewelry trees, large baskets, small shelves, and coat racks are needed. Please label with your name to ensure prompt return.
- Waverly parent Julie L. is making wonderful mantle pieces that need to be pre-ordered (see right). They cost \$2.00 a letter and the offer is for the first six people who order. If interested, RSVP to Samantha: samanthasackin@gmail.com; any World Market questions can also be sent to Christy: christyedooley@gmail.com



WAVERLY DINES OUT

On November 17, over 150 Waverly supporters enjoyed dinner at Islands and helped raise \$240 for the school! Year to date, the Dines Out program has contributed \$750 to Waverly and everyone has had lots of fun. Please join in all that fun for this month's Dines Out on December 15 at Panda Express on Lake Avenue! Enjoy a meal any time that day, dine-in or take-out! Flyers will be sent with the next Wave.

E-WASTE REMINDER

You've most likely noticed the big, green e-waste receptacle in the elementary lobby—many of you have even dropped off items. Before dropping items off in the future, please take a moment to review the list attached to today's e-packet, which details the program's limitations. Questions can be directed to e-waste organizer Diane W: dgbwhiffen@earthlink.net.

FARM REPORT

The middle school sustainable farmers are building sweet pea tepees for World Market. The lucky shopper who buys a tepee will also receive some sweet pea seedlings and a bag of Waverly Farm-made compost. The Purple Parrotfish have planted seven varieties of garlic as their market crop (it's sprouting already) and Knights of the Realm are gathering sticks to build an authentic wattle fence. There are many other projects underway at the farm. You are invited to come out and take a look on December 12, starting at 11:00 am, the first Farm Day of the year!

Builders at right: Middle schoolers Santi and Adriel



FACULTY/STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON THANK YOU

The cold, rainy day did not dampen the spirits of all who came to the annual faculty/staff appreciation luncheon on November 19. Co-chairs Helle, Holly, and Beth say, "Many thanks to all of you wonderful parents who provided such amazing, creative food and drinks for our faculty/staff appreciation luncheon this year. Everyone had a wonderful time and the luncheon was a big success. We are so grateful to Josie and Michael for generously sharing their lovely home—we appreciate being able to set up inside this year due to unusually cold weather, and with food, tables, chairs, and people in every corner, it was cozy and fun. Thanks to all of the helpers both at the luncheon and in the classrooms—this event could not happen without the craft project parents who spent many busy hours with the elementary students so their teachers could enjoy the celebration. We could not have done any of this without you!"

THANK YOU!

The faculty and staff, in turn, would like to thank the chairs of the luncheon, Helle, Holly and Beth; the families who shopped, prepped, cooked, baked, set-up, decorated, and cleaned; the craft project parents who stayed and played in the classrooms with our students; and our hosts, Mike and Josie, whose home is always so warm and welcoming. Everything was perfect and we are all so grateful.

GREEN SPOT

The next 2 issues of The Green Spot will be devoted to helping you green up your holidays.

This week: **TOYS**

Facts: In 2007, more than 17 million toys in the U.S. were recalled because of lead paint violations. About 80,000 chemicals are used in manufacturing, many of them in toys; the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission regulates only 14 chemicals found in toys. Toy companies are not required to divulge what's in their products. Toys with batteries contribute to the more than 14 billion toxic batteries going into our landfills each year—enough to reach the moon and back.

Tips: Let your child provide the power and imagination for his or her play by selecting toys that do not require batteries. Avoid buying costume jewelry for kids. Cadmium (a neurotoxin and carcinogen) is increasingly used as a lead substitute in paint, toys, and jewelry. Avoid vinyl products, also known as PVC (polyvinyl chloride) as they are more likely to contain hazardous additives. When buying toys that contain textiles (i.e. plushies, doll clothing), be conscious of "azo dyes" which are cancer-causing compounds when inhaled or absorbed through the skin. The best way to avoid dangerous chemicals is to select toys made of wood and natural products (organic cotton, wool, linen, etc.).

Visit these websites to help sort through toy safety issues and source eco-friendly toys:

Healthystuff.org conducts independent testing on toys and has screened more than 5,000. It ranks products based on about ten priority chemicals.

GoodGuide.com ranks products based on health effects, and has a large section devoted to toys.

USPIRG.org, a consumer-advocacy organization (Public Interest Research Group) has its 25th annual survey of toy safety on its website, as well as a smart phone app to help consumers make wise toy choices.

The Eco-Toy Alliance (ecotoyalliance.com) is a partnership of four companies dedicated to making earth-friendly toys and using non-toxic natural materials.

Oeko-Tex is a European eco-label for toys. Toys with an Oeko-Tex label can be found all over the web from Amazon to Wal-Mart.

Hearthsong.com is a toy company with a sound environmental policy, dedicated to providing a selection of quality toys, games, and crafts to inspire creativity and imagination in children.

HIGH SCHOOL



IN THE FIELD

The 10th grade Community Awareness class has been out in the field on their service projects. These pictures are of the A Block sophomores. The group pictured on the left goes to Huntington Hospital each Wednesday to serve as Candy Stripers (*Vanessa C., Chris S., Alisa C., and Sara S.*); The group pictured on the right spends some of each Wednesday at Union Station Homeless Services (*Gabe and Hunter in front; Sarah, Jeff, Olivia, Anne and Ry in back*).

MERCI POUR VÔTRE ASSISTANCE!

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF 2010 raised \$285 to help UNICEF help children and families around the world! The French Club would like to thank Waverly students and their friends, neighbors, parents, and everyone else who dropped their donations into the little orange boxes. Special kudos to French Club members for performing a puppet show for the elementary and middle school students, reminding them of the purpose of collecting money for UNICEF, and to parent Melinda R. for lending her coin counting machine.

ROSE PARADE OPPORTUNITY

Ever wanted to see the floats up close? Wondered how those flowers stay fresh and attached for days and days? Find out by volunteering to decorate floats! The Kiwanis Club is sponsoring a Rose Parade float decorating community service opportunity on Sunday, December 26, from 8:00-3:00 pm. Participants must be 13+ years old and willing to work hard and have fun. Contact Ann to sign up or for more information: 626-398-3230 or annparish@yahoo.com.

IMPRESSIONISTS

The French III class is studying the French Impressionists and on November 17, the class walked to the Norton Simon Museum to see many famous paintings and sculptures by artists from the French Impressionist era, such as Manet, Monet, Degas, and Renoir. Below, students study masterpieces in the gallery and Amy, Luke and Maddie enjoy the garden.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

ILLUSTRATOR, ILLUSTRATING

Author, illustrator, and Waverly parent Dan S. spent an afternoon regaling the middle school creative writing class with stories of his work in art, graphics, and publishing. Check out Dan's work [here](#)—he's amazing!



FRIENDSHIP FEAST

The middle school hosted a Thanksgiving Friendship Feast for the sixth and seventh graders last Tuesday, November 23. The feast was a great success—delicious food was provided by the seventh grade families, and the sixth graders were able to spend some relaxing time with the seventh graders. The leftover food was donated to Union Station at the end of the feast. Thank you to all who provided food for this great event!

GET CRAFTY

Waverly parent and artist Delia T. led the middle school students through several craft-making sessions to benefit the World Market. Creative and generous middle school parents helped the seventh and eighth graders as they made stationery and



cell phone covers, among other items that will be for sale at the World Market on December 10 and 11.

Pictured, left to right: Adriel, Jordan, Mason, Chris

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

SPACES AVAILABLE FOR COFFEE WITH HEIDI

There are still a few spaces open for next Friday's Coffee with Heidi at 9:00 am. Heidi will describe our upper school program and our progressive approach to a college-preparatory curriculum. Parents/guardians will then have an opportunity to tour our unique high school campus. Interested parents/guardians should RSVP to Alison at alison@thewaverlyschool.org as soon as possible. There are also spots available for February and May. *(All coffee and conversation get-togethers will begin at 9:00 am on the high school campus.)*

TEAM WORK

Last week the Pollinators (Susan's and Brittany's first/second grade class) walked to Vons to buy food to make lunches for the clients at Union Station with money the children earned themselves by doing extra chores at home and for neighbors and relatives. The class divided into five groups; each group was responsible for buying two lunch items. The students worked hard to figure out how much food was needed to feed 50 people two sandwiches each plus fruit, snacks, and a drink. After returning to school, the class formed two assembly lines to make the lunches. In 35 minutes, the Pollinators made 100 sandwiches and 50 lunches! Later in the day, Charles from Union Station came to the classroom. He showed the children how to make two yummy snacks.



When I was working to earn the money I thought about how many lives I was helping. I liked it when we put the sandwiches in the bag and then transported them - Teddy

I think it was really helpful to the people who don't have a lot of food and it is nice for us to make sandwiches. I think it was fun putting juice in the bag. - Ester

It was like doing math to earn the money. I liked when I was counting out the slices of meat to buy. I liked when I was done with my job I got to give the plate back to Isaac like a Frisbee. - Minjiao

I felt really good that we worked so hard to earn the money to buy the food. - Taylor

KIWIS, KEATS, & KAZOOS

This week, the Traveling Toucans learned the letter K. They enjoyed eating kiwi fruit for snack and heard stories by Ezra Jack Keats. They learned how to make a kazoo and discovered interesting facts about two birds, the kookaburra and the kingfisher. In other news, the Toucans are leaving their studies of India and traveling on to Antarctica for the month of December. This Saturday, December 4, Toucans teacher Marina will be in the Montrose Christmas parade with her new puppy, Rudi and [CV DOGS](#), a community advocate group for off-leash dog gathering. The parade starts at 6:00 pm on Honolulu Avenue.

BEGINNING ACOUSTIC GUITAR

In January, Waverly music and vocal music teacher Josie will be teaching Beginning Acoustic Guitar after school to interested students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Please click on the attached flyer to learn more, and check out next week's Wave for information about more upcoming after-school classes.

CLASSIFIEDS



CAMERA BODY & BAG FOR SALE: Canon EOS Rebel 2000 SLR film camera (body only; owner's manual included) & sling camera bag. This fabulous camera was originally purchased in 2002. Though I'm sad to see it go, I have no need for it since I've switched to a digital model. The bag was purchased 3 years ago and has never been used other than for storage. \$50 for both. Please contact Grete at hsreceptionist@thewaverlyschool.org if you are interested.