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## DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Wednesday, February 16: Waverly Dines Out at Carmine's Italian Restaurant
- Monday, February 21: President's Day; no school, no YK daycare; ASC available
- Tuesday, March 1: 2011-2012 contracts due from returning families
- Friday, March 4: Spring Spotlight 2011; Thorne Hall, Occidental College, 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, March 9: 10<sup>th</sup> grade College Night, 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 12: Waverly Silent Auction, 6:30 p.m.

## ALL SCHOOL



### STEVE SIRELL

Steve Sirell, a teacher, farmer, mentor, and friend at Waverly from 1995 to 2005, has passed away. Steve gave so much to the children and families at Waverly. He established and managed Waverly's organic farm, co-taught fifth and sixth grades with his wife Jenny, and lent his patient and happy personality to the playground every day. Steve was a natural teacher who brought warmth, a sense of humor, and enthusiasm for learning to his work. Steve loved working with children and had their best interests at heart. Students, fellow teachers, and parents alike considered him a good friend and often sought him out for a chat. We remember Steve now through all our shared good memories and stories; he is dearly missed.

On Saturday, February 12, at 3:00 p.m., we will gather in the community room at the elementary school to celebrate Steve's life. The gathering will start with refreshments in the foyer; the actual service will begin around 3:30. People are invited to share happy memories of Steve. We are also putting up a wall of photos of Steve so please bring some along to share if you have any.

### HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON DVD- DEADLINE EXTENDED

Order your very own copy of the 2010 Holiday Program on DVD. Orders will now be accepted through **February 16**, with DVDs arriving in March. 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.

### SERVICE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY: 50 TREES

Join Pasadena Beautiful Foundation's Arbor Day Celebration and help plant 50 trees to commemorate 50 years of Pasadena Beautiful! On Saturday, March 5, volunteers will meet at the corner of El Mirador Drive and Linda Vista Avenue ready to dig, plant, and water from 8:30 - 11:00 a.m. Snack will be provided—just wear comfy, closed-toe shoes and bring gloves and a shovel, if possible. See flyer attached to this e-packet for further information.

### CANCER SUPPORT

Cancer Support Community Pasadena is starting a free program for children who have a parent or loved one with cancer. The kickoff and information party will be this Saturday, February 12, from 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. All family members affected by cancer are welcome. For location and more information about Cancer Support Community Pasadena, please click on the flyer attached to this e-packet or visit [www.twcfoothills.org](http://www.twcfoothills.org).

## SPRING SPOTLIGHT REHEARSALS ARE UNDERWAY!

Mark your calendars! *Spring Spotlight 2011*, a Broadway and dance showcase, will take place at Thorne Hall at Occidental College on Friday, March 4. Costume, rehearsal, and ticket information will be in next week's Wave. Until then, check out some of our hardworking performers.



9<sup>th</sup> grader Scotty teaches a hip-hop routine to middle school students; 5<sup>th</sup> grader Lola practices her entrance

## WALK, DON'T RUN



Due to concerns about pedestrian safety on Fair Oaks Avenue at Bellevue Drive, the City of Pasadena conducted a traffic study. This resulted in new yield signs and yield markings on Fair Oaks Avenue! We ask all Waverly drivers to watch for pedestrians and pay proper attention to these signs.

## WPO

## FARM REPORT



*Greetings from the farm where it appears to be spring already. I had hoped for some more rain and wintery weather but it has been warm enough to cause the daffodils to bud and the fruit trees to begin flower. Whenever I look at the peach trees on our farm, I always think of Steve Sirell, the man who planted them and the founder of The Waverly Farm. Steve passed away very unexpectedly last week at the too-young age of 56. Although I've been missing him and his wife Jenny ever since they moved to New Mexico, I always think about Steve when I am at the farm because he's there in all the trees and vines he planted, the pond he helped dig, and all the other projects he labored on so selflessly. His is a great legacy. - Donna F.*

## WAVERLY DINES OUT: THIS WEDNESDAY!

This month's Dines Out event is extra special: the restaurant, Carmine's Italian Restaurant at 424 South Fair Oaks in South Pasadena, is Waverly family-owned and excellent for dine-in, take out, and delivery from open to close (11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.). Even better, Waverly gets a whopping **25%** of the day's take! Plan to join friends and classmates for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, February 16. Click on the flyer attached to this week's e-packet for more information, and don't forget to bring it with you!

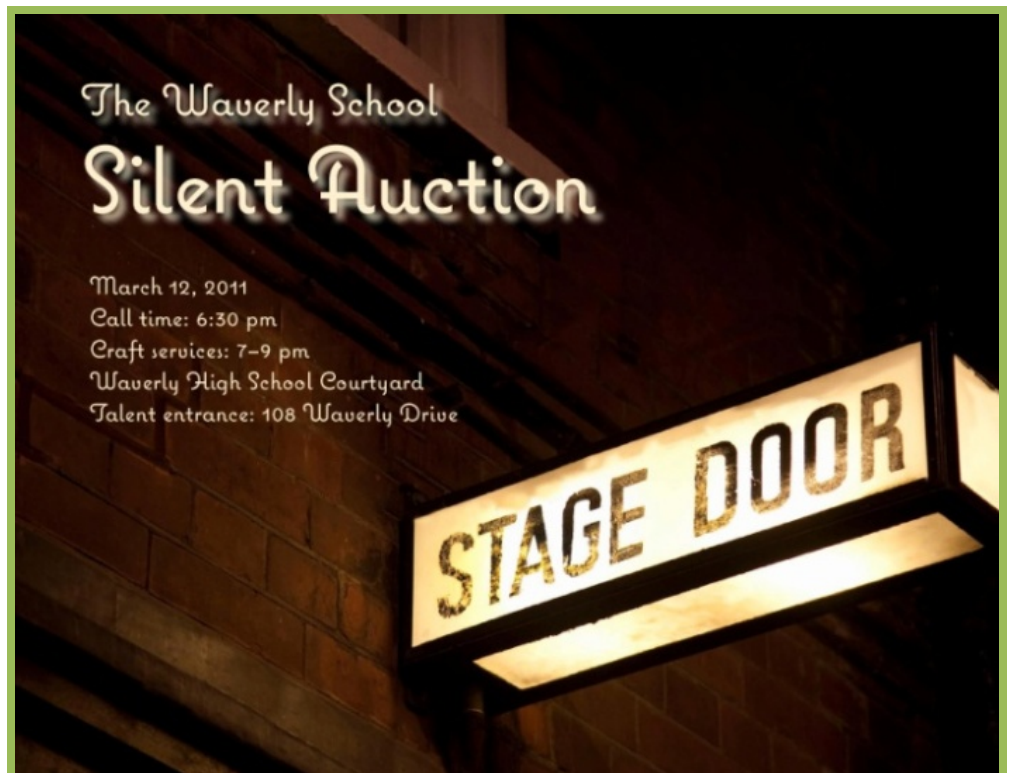
## PRODUCE BOX NEWS

Welcome Waverly School Produce Collective subscribers! We are excited about kicking off the first produce box pick-up with the first strawberries of the season. Please remember to place your produce box order by Monday, February 14, by 10:00 a.m. for next week's delivery on Thursday, February 17. For those who ordered this past week, please return your empty produce boxes at the produce pick up area on the elementary campus on Thursday. *Please note: the boxes are reusable so please plan to return them.* If you haven't signed up yet, check out what subscribers received in their boxes this week: strawberries, arugula, Meyer lemons, turnips, red cabbage, grapefruit, Chiogga beets, and navel oranges. Sign up online at [equitableroots.com](http://equitableroots.com). Contact Sheryl at [sheryl@twoplumspaper.com](mailto:sheryl@twoplumspaper.com) with any additional questions or if you'd like to help distribute produce boxes on Thursdays.

## SILENT AUCTION

Get ready for a **Spring Awakening!** Last year's Silent Auction was a grand affair, and after incorporating feedback from Waverly families, this year's event will be simply spectacular! Ticket prices are down. Food service is up. The atmosphere will be casual. The band will be fierce. And the babysitting will be free. Guess you could say **Everything's Coming Up Roses!** But here's the thing: we need your **Sweet Charity**. Have you donated yet? Display your talents! Offer something from the oven: A pizza, dessert, or entree-a-month. Provide a service: babysit, pull weeds, or prepare kid's lunches. Utilize a skill: customize a party, write a resume, or organize a closet.

Donate an artisanal item: knit an afghan, paint/shoot a portrait, or make a personalized quilt. So heads up, **Guys & Dolls...**sign up sheets are in the lobby. Donation sheets are attached to this e-packet. And sequins are everywhere! **The Waverly Silent Auction is on Saturday, March 12.** Questions, comments, suggestions? Contact Auction co-chairs Kevin at [kwisney@gmail.com](mailto:kwisney@gmail.com), or Emily at [emilystadnicki@gmail.com](mailto:emilystadnicki@gmail.com).



The Decoration Committee for the Auction needs your help. Do you have connections to a prop house? Do you have old playbills? Do you have an old vanity table with a mirror? How about cleaning out those old Broadway show posters and lending them to the auction? Please help us bring to life our theme of *Backstage Broadway*. We would love any help you can give and will return any loaners given to us. Any questions, please call Dionne, Decoration Committee member, at 626-676-1456.

## GREEN SPOT

**FACTS:** The average American throws out **68 pounds** of clothes and textiles each year. **10%** of all agricultural chemicals in the U.S. are used to grow cotton; **25%** of insecticides are used for this purpose as well. **1/3 lb.** of chemicals are used to grow enough cotton for just ONE T-shirt. **47%** of chemicals used to grow cotton are considered "possible," "likely," "probable," or "known" human carcinogens, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. **67 million** annual bird deaths are attributed to pesticides; pesticides are also suspected to be responsible for the severe drop in honeybees and the increase in frogs with extra legs and eyes. **2.5 billion pounds** of post-consumer textile waste is removed from the waste stream each year by the U.S. textile recycling industry (which actually re-purposes rather than recycles).

### TIPS:

**Swap:** Instead of consuming new, trade fashionable clothes, accessories, cosmetics and shoes for free (you only pay for shipping). By swapping merchandise you can lower the amount of harmful emissions caused by the manufacturing process AND save money! Check out [swapstyle.com](http://swapstyle.com).

**Garage Sales:** Shop at and hold garage sales - this is a great way to participate in giving new life to old clothes. Whenever possible, buy clothing made from organic cotton and/or hemp. Locate a store that sells organic cotton products through the International Cotton Directory.

**Buy Vintage or Gently Used:** From Oscar-worthy vintage dresses to Freecycled denim, you can likely find the piece you're looking for second hand.

**Children's Used Clothing Shops:** For children who outgrow their clothes and shoes every six months (or less), trade the outgrown items for "new to you" items.

## HIGH SCHOOL

### FINAL PERFORMANCE



The final performance of the Waverly high school drama class's production of Jean Giradoux's *The Madwoman of Chaillot* will be tomorrow, February 12. This is a delightful and timely comic fable about a community of vagabonds who frequent the Café Chez Francis in Paris. The play takes place outdoors on the grassy lawn of Webster Quad on the high school campus at 1:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00, payable at the door. **The audience sits on the grass and, although we have camping tarps to sit on, the audience is encouraged to bring low beach chairs, towels, or cushions to sit on for maximum comfort.** There will be some higher chairs set up at the back.

*Conspirators plot to reduce Paris, France to rubble*

### SENIOR DEDICATIONS

Parents of the class of 2011, it's time to create a dedication page\* for your graduating senior for inclusion in the yearbook! The dedication may include text and/or images and can be either a half page (4 ¼" by 5 ½") or full page (8 ½" by 11"). Dedications are free of charge! Please send your document and/or text to [sharon@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:sharon@thewaverlyschool.org) by Tuesday, March 1, as a word document, a tiff, or a jpeg file.

\*optional

### FILM FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS

Calling all students who are interested in film, books, or marketing! Volunteers are needed at a mini-film festival at the Laemmle Theater in Pasadena and a related book-signing event at Vroman's on Saturday, May 14, as part of the City of Pasadena's Mental Health Awareness Day. Please contact Deborah Dentler on Facebook, by e-mail [ddentler@gmail.com](mailto:ddentler@gmail.com), or by calling her office number: 818 548-3681.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### TRIP TO OLVERA STREET

The middle school's intrepid administrative assistant/librarian Wendy C. led the eighth graders on a historic train and walking tour of Union Station and Olvera Street in downtown Los Angeles on February 9. A half dozen nearly fearless parents helped chaperone the field trip, and students and adults alike enjoyed the togetherness as they rode the Gold Line, learned about different architectural styles, noshed on delicious lunch fare, and visited this historic area.

*Pictured left to right: Rachel, Madeleine, and Noah; Julia and Eliana.*



## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### KIDSTOCK NEWS

Kidstock (Liz's and Richard's kindergarten class) recently had field trips to the Bob Baker Marionette theater, the Huntington Gardens and the Gene Autry museum. They're looking forward to their last field trip to the California poppy field reserve in early spring. Kidstock just completed their studies of the solar system and space travel. There was nearly 100% participation in the Kidstock Science Club! It has been fun to see the children bring in simple science experiments, which they present and explain to the class. When each child completes an experiment, s/he receives a Kidstock Science Club certificate and a membership card. Kidstock is also getting ready to present their 100 Days of School projects in the hallway within the next few days—keep an eye on the bulletin boards outside the classroom! Starting Monday, the children will begin a unit on "how our bodies work," learning that bodies are self-contained systems which cool, retain heat, and filter. Bodies also use optics, receptors and nerves to receive and send information, and digestion breaks down food for energy. Most importantly, the body has the best computer on the planet! Liz and Richard say, "We are very proud of our children. They have matured and developed excellent self-control, responsibility, and independence. Kidstock, rock on!"

### TRAVELING TOUCANS!

What do quilt, quack, quail, quill, question, and quesadilla have in common? They all begin with the letter Q! That is the letter the Toucans studied this week, experiencing all of the above in some way. The children also celebrated the Chinese New Year by going to Chinatown via the Metro link. They ate lunch and walked around the square afterward. In art, the Toucans made a big dragon kite, which is displayed in the community room. *Zai jian!*

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### 90041 HANDMADE

90041 Handmade is an artisan market in Eagle Rock supporting local handmade goods. The market is this Saturday, February 12, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Colorado Blvd. at Mt. Helena Street. There are seven Waverly families participating in the show with all sorts of art, craft, and other handwork on display and for purchase. Please go to the [Facebook page](#) to get a sneak peak of all the fun handmade goodies you can pick up for loved ones this Valentines Day!

### PARENT EDUCATION

San Gabriel Valley Council of the California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools presents Ruth Beaglehole, M.A. Marriage, Family and Child Therapy and founder of The Echo Center (formerly The Center for Non-Violent Education and Parenting). Ruth will talk about anger through the lens of human needs and staying connected to our children when they are angry. She will discuss the concept of self-regulation and the concrete tools to help self-regulation. There will be two sessions; Wednesday, March 2: *Anger in Parents*, and Wednesday, March 9: *Anger in Children*. Time and location for both sessions is 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at Oneonta Congregational Church, 1515 Garfield Avenue, in South Pasadena. Admission is free! RSVP to [parent-ed@cottagecoop.org](mailto:parent-ed@cottagecoop.org) with your name, school, and event date(s). Deadline to RSVP is February 27. Space is limited!

### FOR SALE

Solid pine, painted children's bedroom furniture. Included in the set: a twin headboard, a desk with bookshelf hutch and desk chair. All are in excellent condition. The blue is handsome as is or can be sponged painted for a softer look. All four pieces, \$325. Call Waverly parent Beth at 818-952-6277 or [bdlynch4@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdlynch4@sbcglobal.net). Happy to provide measurements.

