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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Friday, February 19; HS Production, "A Voice of My Own"; MS Commons
- Friday, February 26; Contracts Due from Current Families
- Sunday, March 21; Silent Auction; Pasadena Masonic Temple
- Saturday, April 10; Performing Arts Festival; HS Campus

ALL SCHOOL



NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY

In observance of President's Day, Waverly will be closed this Monday, February 15. School will re-open on Tuesday, February 16.

KUDOS

Congratulations to our Varsity Basketball Boys' and Girls' players and coaches for clinching playoff spots for the second year in a row! Thanks to all of the Raven supporters who came out on Monday and Tuesday to support our teams. An added congrats to the boys for finishing 2nd place in the league, with a 9-1 record. Well done, Ravens!

-Janice Bini, Athletic Director

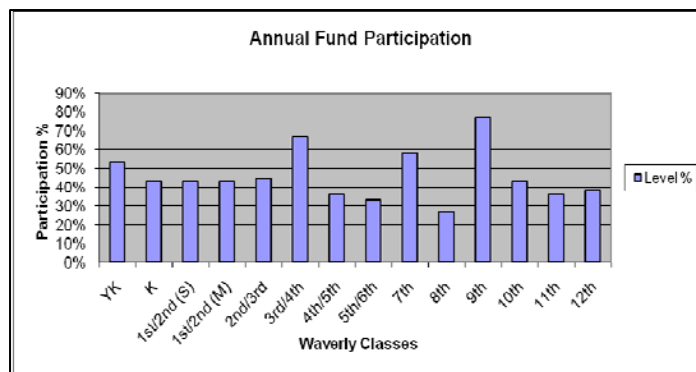
UPCOMING PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar! On Saturday, April 10, the high school will host a new event: a performing arts festival! Singing, dancing, small ensembles, a comedy corner, and more will be showcased in five different locations on the HS campus. High school and middle school students are currently choosing the material they will present. Two elementary clubs have been invited to attend as well; the guitar club and the "Saturdays with Josie" workshop students. Faculty and staff are also scheduled to perform. Watch the *Wave* for more details in the weeks ahead!

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

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

- Dollars raised as of 2/11/2010: \$174,230.59 (includes pledges)
- Overall family participation to date: 46%



Class Participation Bar Graph



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SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, March 21, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. for The Waverly School's Annual Silent Auction & Party: **Casino Royale** at the Pasadena Masonic Temple

HELP DONATE!

Some great donations are coming in, but we need more. In addition to your own contributions, get some parent work hours in by calling or asking businesses to donate. A donation form is attached to today's e-packet.

DON'T BE LATE!

Come to the beautiful Pasadena Masonic Temple (an historic landmark) and try your luck at the gambling tables. Bid on many fabulous items and don't miss the exciting live auction.

FARM REPORT



Magic Light enjoying some of their farm-grown broccoli

Although it is the middle of winter, lots of fun things are popping up at the farm. The Savvy Sailors have a lovely bed of lettuces, peas, and cabbage. The California Dreamers have already harvested their potato crop, and of course, purple potatoes have been planted by the Purple Porcupines. The middle school farm students are still sowing Napa cabbage, lettuce, and spinach. They have been eating their greens and some of the Savvy Sailors' as well! Thanks for sharing.

- Please remember when visiting the farm, we have no trash pick-up, so you must take your trash back to school.
- There are still a few plots are available for rent to school families.

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HIGH SCHOOL

A VOICE OF MY OWN

The high school drama class proudly presents *A Voice of My Own* by Elinor Jones; the history, struggle, and ultimate triumph of women authors in their determination to be heard. The production showcases the words of twenty-four writers in word and in song.

A Voice of My Own traces the history of women writers – from the first known female author Sappho, through the centuries to the writers of today. In addition to their successes, the play confronts the discouragement, derision, and disbelief that often faced women writers. In the words of the NY Times, "This imaginative and engrossing 'collage for voices' traces the emergence and growing influence of women in literature, through deftly interwoven excerpts from the words and works of twenty-four outstanding female writers...An admirable anthology, not only effective as theater, but also as an evening with a purpose."

There will be three performances on Friday, February 19, in the middle school commons. There will be two daytime performances for students and a public performance at 7:00 p.m. Admission to the public performance is \$5.00 and is payable at the door. As with all high school performances, we encourage "festival seating;" bring low beach chairs and cushions for the floor so that everyone can more easily view the performers! Regular chairs will be set up in the back half of the room.

Join us at our delightful and enlightening production!

MIDDLE SCHOOL

ROSE BOWL PARADIN'



On Wednesday this week the eighth grade class and myself went to the Rose Bowl Stadium. We walked the moderately tiring two miles from the middle school yet we were able to learn a bit about the surrounding neighborhood on the way. Once there we were given a detailed tour of the stadium itself by an enthusiastic Rose Bowl events assistant named Monique.

We were able to get a good insider's look at the locker rooms (which were about the size of our school), and we were let loose onto the field, where exploration was a lot of fun. Then we were given the supremacy of the executive suites, and we ate our lunch where the media watches and reports on the games in the stadium.

While at the Rose Bowl we learned some fun facts. The field we explored is almost 80,000 square feet!!! And did you know it would take almost 85 million gallons of water to fill the stadium? The eighth grade class and myself had a fun, interesting time learning and seeing these facts firsthand.

-Weston T., Waverly middle school student



Nate C. (top); Ian K. (bottom)

GET YOUR DEBATE ON!

The Waverly Middle School competes in the Golden State Debate League against middle school students from Polytechnic, Oakwood, Campbell Hall, Curtis School, Chaminade, La Reina, New Horizon, Colina, and Oaks Christian. Last Saturday, the MS debate team competed in the Campbell Hall Debate Invitational. It was the team's third tournament of the season. Debaters Annie S., Calla C., Casey S., Charlie B., Eli C., Henry K., Nathan C., and Weston T. represented Waverly well in the daylong event.

The debate topics were:

- The United States should not have committed substantially more troops to the war in Afghanistan.
- California should raise the driving age to 18.
- Baseball players known to have used steroids should not be admitted to the Hall of Fame.
- The U.S. Constitution should be amended to allow naturalized citizens to become President of the United States.

The next debate tournament will be held at Polytechnic on Saturday, March 6. The topics will be:

- The U.S. should abolish the death penalty.
- Wikipedia does more good than harm.
- California should not require an exit exam for graduation from public high school.
- Video games do more good than harm.

DRAMATIC MOMENTS

Mandy Boesche's middle school drama class presented scenes from *A Voice of My Own* (play details in the *High School* section) this week. Students learned about diction, projection, staging, and are now well-prepared to enjoy the high school's full performance of this play about the historic struggle of women writers next Friday, Feb. 19. See page 4 for pictures.



Tina S., Chris P., Roy W., Daniel R.



Lili C., Paige A., Daniel R.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ARTICLE OF INTEREST

Playing to Learn, by New York Times' Op-Ed contributor Susan Engel from Williams College, was brought to our attention by an elementary Waverly parent. It has since been shared and discussed with the elementary faculty. The article can be found at <http://www.nytimes.com/2010/02/02/opinion/02engel.html>. Take a few moments to read and ponder this concise piece which offers a focus for the elementary school years.

PASS THE PEAS, PLEASE

Musical Kingdom is studying the letter **P**.

*We learned about **P**unxsutawney **P**hil from Pennsylvania.

*We learned about **p**arallel and **p**erpendicular angles.

*We ate Asian **p**ears.

*We had a Valentine's Day dance. Little Marina's family was kind enough to host the **p**arty at their home. All of the Musical Kingdom children dressed up in their finest clothes for this event!

*We exchanged valentines.

*We started reading *Charlotte's Web*.

*We are learning about money and the value of each coin: (**p**enny, nickel, dime, and quarter.)

PURPLE LOVE

Dear Beta, (my fish)

Your tail is as wispy as the mist. Your blue and red body looks as graceful as a male duck gliding. I love and miss you as much as a mother bird, caring for her babies. I loved the way you and your partner swam together looking like colors swirling on the wind. Your fish tank looked like the ocean with your purple serpent. Your face looks as happy as the sun smiling.

Happy Valentine's Day!!

Love, Fiona

Dear Mom,

Your eyes are as calming as a toasty cat purring on my lap. Your voice is as lovely as Mozart playing the piano. Your love is as warm as big pancakes stacked upon a plate just out of the pan. I love you as much as the full moon, when it's shiny white, and glows like a bowl of milk, shining in the light. You are as beautiful as the Mona Lisa. You are as nice as somebody who would let me walk on a cloud.

Happy Valentine's Day!

Love, Matthew

Dear Mom,

You are as beautiful as a shooting star in the night.
Your skin is as soft as a kittens fur. Your touch is even more soothing then my warm bed.
When I am crying your voice makes me as calm as snow falling on the mountains. That is why...
YOU ARE THE BEST MOM EVER!!!

Happy Valentine's Day Mom
Love, Harry

Dear Mom,

Mom your eyes are as blue as a river. Mom, when you walk it looks as lovely as a deer moving. Mom, when you smile it looks as gorgeous as a kitten, walking behind it's mother. Your lips are a pretty as a red ruby. When you breathe it sounds like a butterfly fluttering. Your breath smells as sweet as perfume.

Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Claudia

Dear Mom,

When I touch your skin it feels like cotton balls. Your voice sounds as soft as a blanket on my bed. When you cook for me your food is tastier than chocolate. When you smile at me it makes me as happy as If I made a new best friend. When you play a guitar it is better than any music I've heard before. I love you more than anyone could in the galaxy!
Love, Eli!

ADDED ES AFTERSCHOOL CLASS

Chess Academy's next session will begin this Wednesday, February 17. Download the flyer attached to today's ES e-packet for more information and/or pick up a hard copy in the ES lobby.

CLASSIFIEDS

HAVE SOMETHING/NEED SOMETHING?

Here at *The Wave*, we are trying out a new feature: the Classifieds! Have a dog or bicycle you want to sell? Looking to move into another place? Advertise for free in the Classifieds! Please note: the advertisement must be from a Waverly family and the editor reserves the right to edit for content. ☺

SKATEBOARD & HELMET



Amy, one of our high school English teachers, is selling a skateboard and a helmet, size large. \$25 for both. Interested? Contact Amy at amy@thewaverlyschool.org.

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FISH TANK

Waverly mom, Christy D., is selling a 5.5 aquatic tank, hardly used, for \$10. Contact Christy (details in today's e-packet) for more information



CAR FOR SALE

Waverly dad, Robert R., is selling his 2007 Volvo V50 2.5L T5. In excellent condition inside and out, one owner, leather seats, quartz beige interior, integrated child booster cushions, keyless entry and ignition, pwr windows/locks/seats/mirrors/moonroof, split folding rear seat, alarm, roof rails, tilt wheel, climate control, stereo/cd, alloy wheels, cruise control, Homelink. Still under manufacturer's warranty-24,700miles, \$21,499. Contact Robert (details in today's e-packet) for more information.



(Model is not included with purchase of car.)