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### DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Friday, March 18 – Sunday, March 27: Spring Break; No YK day care, ASC available.
- Sunday, March 20: Spring Cleaning Day at the Farm, 11:00 a.m.
- Monday, March 28: School resumes
- Friday, April 1: All School Parent/Teacher Conferences; no school
- Monday, April 4: ES Parent/Teacher Conferences; **no school for ES only**
- Friday, April 8: FIRST FRIDAY, 8:30 a.m, ES Community Room

### ALL SCHOOL



Audrey looks fabulous in green. Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

### SPRING BREAK

Waverly will be closed tomorrow, March 18, through Friday, March 25. School will resume on Monday, March 28. Have a great spring break everyone!

### PARENT HOURS

Friday, April 8, will be the last day to record any parent hours completed. When school resumes, please stop by your child's campus to fill out/update your hours in the Parent Hours Book. Any hours still to be earned will be billed on May's statement. Don't have your 30? Not to worry; there are still opportunities available, like the upcoming Jogathon. Any hours earned after April 8 will need to be reported to Cindy in the business office by e-mailing her at [cindya@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:cindya@thewaverlyschool.org).

### PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

By now, you should have received an email regarding parent/teacher conferences. If you still need to sign up, please contact your child's campus when school resumes on Monday, March 28.

Friday, April 1: ES/MS/HS Conferences. No school.

Monday, April 4: ES Conferences. No school for **ES only**.

Our after school care program, is available for K-8 students. Tom Sawyer is offering both a full day and a half day option. Call 626-794-1156 and download the flyer titled "Tom Sawyer Single Day Use" attached to today's e-packet.

## KIDSTOCK ROCKS THE ANNUAL FUND

Congratulations to Kidstock (Richard's and Liz's kindergarten), the first Waverly class to reach 100% participation in this year's Annual Fund! Each class achieving 100% participation will receive a special Waverly tee-shirt. Thank you, Kidstock! Which class will be next?

## WPO

### JOGATHON IS COMING!

Beginning Monday, March 28, please bring clean, gently used toys, books, and DVDs to the ES lobby to be used as prizes for the upcoming Jogathon on Sunday, May 1. Save the date!

### STILL WANTED: EGGS

Speaking of the Jogathon, we're trying a new and exciting fundraiser this year by selling confetti eggs. They're a great way to raise money, but we need eggs, specifically **eggshells!** The Jogathon Committee is asking all parents to save their eggshells and bring them into school each time you have a dozen. We need as many as possible and we only have two months to collect the eggs, so keep bringing 'em in! Click on the how-to flyer attached to this e-packet for instructions on how to crack the eggs and preserve them so they can be filled later with confetti. Thanks to everyone who has already brought in eggshells—keep 'em coming!

### FARM REPORT

The Knights of the Realm continue to work on their Wattle Fence as they watch their carrots and fennel grow. Last week, they made these cool signs to identify their plot (see right). Come out to the farm and see the signs, plus so much more, this Sunday, March 20, for our "Spring Cleaning at the Farm Day!" If it is raining hard enough to warrant the use of wind shield wipers, the work day will be cancelled. Hope to see you all there!



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

### THE SPIRIT OF HARRIET TUBMAN



This past Tuesday, Ontario-based actress Leslie McCurdy visited Waverly to perform her one-woman show titled, "The Spirit of Harriet Tubman." McCurdy researched and wrote the play about her personal hero 14 years ago. She has performed the play for audiences throughout the United States and Canada. The Waverly middle and high school students who saw Tuesday's performance were mesmerized by the show. The subject matter was a perfect complement to the middle school curriculum. Middle school history and English students in Bennel and Rebecca's classes have been studying slavery and race in the United States.

Leslie McCurdy will perform scenes from her play at the Los Angeles Women's Theater Festival on March 27. You can visit her website at <http://lesliemccurdy.ca/index.html> for more information about her remarkable show.

## DEBATE INVITATIONAL

Middle school students Sophie C., Mary F, Maddi H.-P., and Luke R. represented Waverly in the Eagle Debate Invitational on Saturday, March 12. Over 150 students from middle schools throughout Los Angeles County competed in the day-long event. The debate topics were:

- The United States should significantly expand its use of nuclear power.
- Single sex education does more good than harm.
- The California lottery should be abolished.
- Public funding should not be used to attract professional sports teams to cities.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

### ES PICTURES NEEDED FOR YEARBOOK

The 2010-2011 elementary school yearbook committee needs your help! We are looking for any and all of your pictures from events big and small throughout the year. Please feel free to drop off photo discs, flash drives, or hard copy photos in the YEARBOOK basket in the ES lobby. Please label each item if you want it returned to you. You may also email your photos (jpg only, please) directly to Meg: [receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org).

### SPRING AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

The next wave of afterschool classes is all set to begin! Take a look at the offerings below and download the flyer(s)! You can also pick up hard copies from the parent counter. Some classes begin the day we come back from break, so sign up soon!

**Dance with Kristin:** Grades 1-6; Mondays or Tuesdays. New sessions begin 3/28 and continue to 5/24. Flyer attached to today's e-packet.

**Folk Dancing** (Nickie Hovhannessian): Grades K-6; Tuesdays. New session begins 3/29 and continues to 5/31. Flyer attached to today's e-packet.

**Chess (San Diego Chess Academy):** Grades K-6; Wednesdays, New session begins 4/6 and continues to 6/1. Flyer attached to today's e-packet.

**Literature with Sonia:** Grades 1-4; Thursdays, New session begins 3/31 and continues to 6/2. Flyer attached to today's e-packet.

**Arts & Crafts with Erin** will be available after spring break. Parents must email Erin and request a place in her after school classes, which fill up quickly Flyer attached to today's e-packet; contact Erin at [erin@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:erin@thewaverlyschool.org).

### TOUCAN NEWS

The Traveling Toucans have been very busy learning about Ireland and leprechauns, volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis. The children planted some shamrock seeds in Irish soil (real dirt from Ireland!). They are learning Irish dancing and an Irish lullaby, which may be shared in a future All School Meeting!

#### An Irish Wish for a Friend

Wishing you a rainbow  
For sunlight after showers—  
Miles and miles of Irish smiles  
For golden happy hours—  
Shamrocks at your doorway  
For luck and laughter too,  
And a host of friends that never ends  
Each day your whole life through!

## PI DAY AND A BIRTHDAY

On March 14, Kidstock celebrated "Pi Day" ( $3/14 = 3.14$ ) and Eiji's birthday. Eiji helped his dad talk about the Greek letter  $\pi$ , how it represents a number, and about circles. Then Kidstock formed a large circle with a rope, measured the diameter of the slightly squished circle, and then measured the length of the rope (circumference). Eiji's dad divided the circumference by the diameter and the value of pi came out to 3.6. The children repeated the process with a smaller rope, and arrived at a very respectable 3.12 for pi. They celebrated by eating pie made by Eiji's mom!



## WAVERLY SUMMER SCHOOL K-4: DEADLINE EXTENDED

Rising K-4th children can jump-start summer at **Club Waverly: Summer Celebration 2011** Summer Program and Field Trip Fridays. Camp will be in session for two weeks: June 20 through June 24, and June 27 through July 1. Please see documents attached to this e-packet for more details, and contact Heather at [heather@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:heather@thewaverlyschool.org) with questions. Registration forms and deposit deadline has been extended to April 15!

## IN THE COMMUNITY

### YOUR HOME

Stop for a moment, close your eyes, and picture a favorite spot in your home. Maybe it's a candle-lit corner with a big comfy chair where you curl up under your grandmother's quilt with a good book after the kids are asleep. Perhaps it's a big picture window where the sun filters through the trees and casts a kaleidoscope of light and shadow that dances in the space between inside and out. It may even be a collection of family photos atop a cherished thrift store antique that reminds you of how far you've come and teases the future that is already unfolding. Whatever it is, allow yourself to see it in your mind and contemplate the feelings it engenders, the memories it evokes, and the ideals it represents.

These special spaces that distinguish the elements of a house from the meaning of home are the inspiration for a beautiful coffee table book idea for and about our family of families here at Waverly. And we'd like for you to participate. So find your favorite spot... or three... and email Jen ([jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org)) to arrange a time for a photo session. Your special space could end up in breathtaking picture book that will also help raise funds for our Waverly family.

### 2011 BURGESS LECTURE

Pacific Oaks College and Pacific Oaks Children's School present The 2011 Evangeline Burgess Memorial Lecture Series, featuring thought leaders in human development and early childhood education. This year's lecture features founder and past president of the Erikson Institute, Barbara T. Bowman, an authority on early education, a national advocate for improved and expanded teacher training, and a pioneer in building knowledge and understanding of the issues of access and equity for minority children. A former consultant to Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, and past president of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), Ms. Bowman currently serves as chief early childhood education officer for the Chicago Public Schools. **Thursday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.** at the Pasadena Convention Center, 300 E. Green Street, dessert reception immediately following. For more information or to register, visit [pacificoaks.edu](http://pacificoaks.edu), or contact Kerry Neal at 626.529.8091. See flyer attached to today's e-packet.