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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Tuesday, September 28: HS Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m., HS Campus
- Friday, October 1: FIRST FRIDAY & Parent Community Meeting, 8:45 a.m., ES Campus
- Tuesday, October 5: ES Back to School Night, 7:00 p.m., ES Campus
- Wednesday, October 6 – Friday, October 8: MS Trip
- Saturday, October 9: Community Chili & Pie Event, 4:00 pm, HS Campus

ALL SCHOOL



WELCOME TO WAVERLY

We would like to welcome new 9th grade student **Alice B.** and her parents, Ann and Michael!

STATE OF THE SCHOOL UPDATE

This past Tuesday was our annual State of the School meeting. Attending families heard updates on the school's financial health, ways in which parents and guardians can support the school through WPO activities, the Annual Report, and **plans for a new middle school campus**. It was a terrific meeting. For those who were unable to attend, we are in the process of gathering the presented information and will make it available to you soon. A special thank you to the Starbucks at the Paseo on Colorado for donating the coffee for the meeting.

ADMISSIONS NEWS

Admissions Director Jennifer Dakan is still seeking bakers to help provide our prospective families with delicious treats during our upcoming admissions tours. Cookies, muffins, scones, pastries and bars are all welcome. Bake when it is convenient for you, bring the goods by, and Jen will freeze your treats for these events. Please let Jennifer know if you can help by emailing her at jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org as soon as possible. Don't forget, this will help whittle away at your parent hours!

The Admissions office is in need of a table top display/ tri-fold bulletin board. Does anyone have one that Jen can borrow? Email Jen at: jennifer@thewaverlyschool.org today!

HOOPS FOR GROWN-UPS*

For the past two years, a group of Waverly parents has been playing pick-up basketball at the elementary school playground every Sunday morning, from 9-11am. We have a great time getting together, talking about our kids, and having a great workout. We started up again on September 12 and would love to have you come. Advanced...Beginner...Haven't played in a while but want to start again... It doesn't matter! This is Waverly and we are a community! If you are interested or have any questions, please give Phil a shout.

Phil Lee (323-574-5617 / phil.lee.dp@sbcglobal.net)

***Please note: There will be no game this Sunday, 9/26, but we'll resume the fun on 10/3.**

RICK RIORDAN BOOK SIGNING

If we could earn a nickel for every time one of *The Lightning Thief* books has been checked out of our library, we'd be rolling in the dough. You'll be excited to learn that author Rick Riordan will present and sign his latest book, *The Lost Hero*, on October 20 at 7:00 pm at All Saints Church (132 N. Euclid, Pasadena CA 91101). The (required) tickets for this event go on sale Friday, September 24 (today!). Contact Vroman's for more information: 626-449-5320.

PARENT EDUCATION EVENING

On Thursday, September 30, from 8:45-10:00 a.m., Dr. Enrico Gnoulati will speak on "Judging What is Normal: Behavior Quirk or Behavior Problem" at Sequoyah School. Parents and faculty members from the community are invited to attend. Here is an excerpt: "When children appear despondent, distressed, over-active or under-motivated, it is often difficult for parents to determine whether this is a sign of a real problem, developmentally expectable, or a normal reaction to unfavorable real-life events. Bombarded with self-help literature and direct-to-consumer mental-health drug advertising parents often have no inner compass for knowing what is shyness versus Social Anxiety Disorder, intellectualism versus Asperger's, an exuberant/kinetic personality orientation versus ADHD, normal grieving versus clinical depression, moodiness versus a Mood Disorder. Dr. Gnoulati will bring a practical perspective to these dilemmas to enable parents in attendance to acquire a more solid foundation for judging childhood behavior that has become a concern."

WPO

FIRST FRIDAY IS NEXT WEEK

Don't forget that next Friday, October 1 is the launch of our FIRST FRIDAY Parent Community Meetings.

FIRST FRIDAY starts at 8:45 a.m. in the elementary school community room

- Coffee/Organic Farmers Market
- Student Presentation (different groups or classes from the elementary, middle, and high schools each time)
- Heidi will give a talk about school activities, followed by question and answer session.
- Parent Community Meeting

For the first Parent Community Meeting, topics to be addressed include the Book Fair, how we can best integrate the elementary school, middle school, and high school for upcoming WPO events, and any additional WPO business you wish to address.

CHILI COOK OFF & PIE TASTING EVENT

The Waverly Community Series would like to announce the first ever Chili Cook Off and Pie Tasting event! You can offer up your amazing baking, cooking, or coordinating skills—check with Meg at the ES front desk to sign up. Save Saturday, October 9, from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in your calendars for this fun time! Download the attached flyer for more information.

WAVERLY DINES OUT

This year's first Waverly Dines Out event at Souplantation on September 15 was a happy gathering of families from all campuses. 53 Waverly adults and 34 kids enjoyed their meals and helped raise funds for our school. It was fun and community building. Waverly Dines Out events happen all school year long on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at various locations. Next up: **California Pizza Kitchen** on October 20! Save the date!



FARM REPORT

Welcome new farm families who signed up at the State of the School meeting to receive e-mails regarding up-coming farm events and work days! If you missed that opportunity and would like to be on the farm e-mail list, please let me know. I will update the list this week. Also, all farm events will be announced in *The Wave*. See you at the farm!

This beautiful fresh cucumber (pictured left) was grown on the middle school plot. Do you know that Waverly families can rent a farm plot for just \$25 a month? If you're interested, email Donna to check availability: donnaforey@gmail.com

GREEN SPOT

Introducing the newest and greenest section of *The Wave*, the Green Spot! Each week, Waverly's newly formed Green Committee will update you on all things green school wide, as well as bring you tips, information, and advice on going green. So far this school year, we are off to a great start with the Trashless Lunch Initiative (display in the elementary lobby), intended to reduce trash created on all campuses. We have also been busy greening Pizza Day by exchanging paper plates for reusable washable picnic ware and tree-free paper napkins. If you would like to share your green ideas or learn more about living green, join us on the green committee, we would love to have you! Contact Green Committee Head Liz V. at greenlagirl@earthlink.net

MIDDLE SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

The middle school students elected their Student Council this week. Both students and new council members are looking forward to the new dimensions the group will bring to the campus. They have already started brainstorming ways to make 2010-2011 a banner year for the middle school.

The new members are (left to right): Eammon G., Chris P., Charlie B., Lili C., and Noah L.

HIGH SCHOOL

HIGH SCHOOL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT/NINTH GRADE PARENT MEETING

The high school Back to School Night is this Tuesday, September 28, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Parents/Guardians will receive their children's class schedule and have the chance to go through a "mini version" of the school day, meeting with each of the teachers. This event is intended for parents/guardians only. In addition, there will be a parent/guardian meeting for ninth grade families **prior** to Back to School Night, from 6:00-7:00 p.m.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

NEWS FROM THE TRAVELING TOUCANS

To **B** Or Not To **B**

The young kindergarten class, the Traveling Toucans (aka **TTT's**), learned the letter **B** this week. They played with baby dolls, bubbles, and balloons.

Fall arrived! When we went inside, there were beautiful fall leaves all over the classroom! The TTT's gathered the leaves to count, sort, and create art. We took turns raking the leaves! We have two little pumpkins growing in our pumpkin patch at the farm. We are going to try an experiment like one we saw in a book called *Bear's Bargain* by Frank Asch. We will lightly carve a picture on the surface of the pumpkin and watch it grow as the pumpkin grows.

NOTES FROM JOSIE

Hello all you singing families! Last year in the elementary school we learned five new songs:

Blue Moon of Kentucky

Do Re Mi (full length version NOT already in the songbook)

I'm An Old Cowhand

Oklahoma

Poison Ivy

If you have a songbook, check the table of contents—if these songs are not included, there is an addendum available to purchase (\$2.00). For those without songbooks, Josie has them available all year at our weekly All School Meeting at a cost of \$22.00. You can contact Josie at:

josieolson@thewaverlyschool.org.

AFTER SCHOOL ELEMENTARY CLASSES

There is still space in some of the after school classes for Waverly elementary students. Please download the attached flyers for more information, and/or pick up flyers from the parent resource counter in the elementary school lobby.

Folk Dancing with Nikki on Tuesdays from 2:45-4 p.m. for grades K-6 in the kindergarten room.

Kids Shakespeare on Thursdays from 3-4:45 p.m. for grades 3-6 (grade 2 for strong readers) ...begins **9/30**.

Dance with Kristin on Mondays and Tuesdays 3:15-4:15 p.m. for grades 1-6. **Hurry! Limited space available.**

Creative Writing with Jen on Tuesdays 3:00-4:00 p.m. for grades 3-6... **begins 9/28**.

ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

The elementary Back to School Night is Tuesday, October 5, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. The purpose of this event is to provide parents/guardians with an overview of curriculum and class procedures. Teachers present information about the class-integrated theme, share instructional materials and books, review the assessment process, and answer questions. Teachers distribute grade level classroom guides and other appropriate class materials. It is an adult-only evening and babysitting is not provided.

CLASSIFIEDS

TUTORING AVAILABLE

Waverly's own Alex Carter (3/4 assistant teacher) is available for tutoring after school. Alex can guide K-2 and 5-12 students in the following: English (writing, grammar, and reading), History (AP Euro, AP US, regular), science (Biology, AP Biology and Chemistry), French, Latin, Spanish, German, Math (up to Algebra II), college admissions essays, and SAT prep. She can also work with students on study skills and general homework. Alex has an M.A. in History from UCLA and 12 years tutoring experience. All that, plus a Waverly alumna to boot!

Contact Alex at: alex@thewaverlyschool.org.

FREE GUINEA PIGS

Waverly mom Julie C. says, "We have to give up our lovely Snowflake and Cookie. They are adorable, friendly, and low maintenance. If you're not familiar with guinea pigs, did you know that they PURR? They come with a really cute hand-made wooden & screen cage and all the supplies we've got. They are vegetarian and aside from hay and pellets they love parsley, kale, carrots, apples, and red bell peppers. With attention, you can even teach them to do tricks! Snowflake is jet black with a white blaze down her nose, Cookie is calico colored with a little Mohawk and a peanut butter colored patch on her behind. Please give them a home." Call Julie at 323-791-6836 if you're interested.

ART OPPORTUNITY

PURPLE TWIG art exploration for kids is opening its doors on September 27th in Eagle Rock. Bring your kids anytime for open studio. We will have a plethora of materials and projects for you and your kids to make from collage to finger puppets, to clay planets. Projects and materials will change every week. Or sign up for a class that starts October 4th. Classes start at 2 year olds to 10 year olds and even a family ceramic class on Saturdays. Come make art and help support a Waverly family business! Email Waverly mom Samara C. at samara@purpletwig.com for list of classes, registration, and information.