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New eleventh grader Amanda Strauss joined the Waverly community this week. A warm, Waverly welcome to Amanda and her mom, Ellen.

MAMMOTH MOMENTS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

Last Thursday, Head of School Heidi Johnson and teachers Dan Bowen, Mandy Boesche, and Maria Robertson drove 22 very energetic and truly adventurous high school students up to Mammoth Lakes for a weekend of tent camping, hiking, delicious food, and a host of exciting outdoor activities. Students set up their own tents, and helped with cooking and clean-up under the direction of "Chef Maria." Culinary highlights of the weekend included pasta with grilled vegetables or Bolognese, grilled chicken with Spanish rice and a huge green salad, and breakfast burritos.



Chefs Harry, Noah, & Spencer

Our first day consisted of a hike to the top of Panorama Dome for an expansive view of the Mammoth area, a short lesson on the volcanic formation of the area, a walk along Hot Creek to see (and smell!) the natural hot springs, and an evening of talking and singing around the campfire led by Mandy.

Friday featured a hike to gorgeous Rock Lake, where a handful of students dared to dive into the freezing cold

water. That night, we drove to Minaret Vista for stargazing and enjoyed Mandy's serenade of songs about the galaxy. An impromptu arm wrestling match back at camp ended the evening on quite an exciting note!



Panorama Dome



Hike to Rock Lake

Saturday, we took a short hike to Devil's Postpile followed by free play in the San Joaquin River; then up to the Mono Lake Visitor Center. Our Saturday afternoon was spent swimming and sunning at June Lake, while Saturday night involved a surprise dinner of salads, burgers, and fries at Burger's Restaurant (formerly Berger's Burgers).

Sunday morning we woke up early, packed up, took down the tents, and headed back to Pasadena!

KEEP THOSE MUGS COMING!

A big thanks to all those who have already donated new or gently used mugs to the Admissions Office to use on tours. We can still take more! As a reminder, these mugs will replace the paper cups we currently use for coffee on our tours. There will be a box in the lobby where you can place your mugs.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MOMENTS



Waverly middle school students get to spend Wednesday lunches eating pizza at the Organic Farm.

Apparently, it's quite an enjoyable part of the schedule!



(Beginning in the upper-left corner, and going clockwise) Kyla enjoying some flowers; Lila, Elias, Eliana, & Lili having a break; Owen & Dante chowing down; parents Les & Peggy serving it up right; and Eamonn cleaning the pond

"C" YOU SOON

This week, Musical Kingdom studied the letter C. We tried different foods made with corn: corn cereal, corn chips, corn bread, cob corn, and popcorn. We listened to classical music while we drew pictures of cactus in our journals, and we learned the conga dance! (Little) Marina's mom, Becky, played the banjo for us. We started our first science experiment. We are turning raisins into grapes by placing them in water, and we are turning grapes into raisins by placing them in the sun.

PARENT EDUCATION NIGHT

We encourage all parents/guardians to join us for our parent education night on Tuesday, October 13, 2009 with Dr. Melissa Johnson from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the elementary school. Dr. Johnson's presentation, "What's A Parent To Do? Helping Children Develop Positive Friendships and

Resolve Conflicts," will include information to help parents/guardians as their children navigate a world of social relationships. Dr. Melissa Johnson is a licensed clinical psychologist and is the President and Founder of the Institute for Girls' Development. Dr. Johnson recently worked with the elementary and middle school faculty, and is looking forward to returning to meet Waverly parents/guardians. Please R.S.V.P. to Alison at receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org if you plan to attend. Parents/guardians receive parent work hours for attending parent education events.

Babysitting will be provided free of charge at the elementary school for current Waverly K-6 students during the parent education night event. If you will need this service you *must* R.S.V.P. to Alison no later than Monday, October 12, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.



BLINDED BY SCIENCE

Our high school's very own math and science teacher, Tony Garza, is offering a science laboratory class for elementary and middle school students every Thursday after school from 3:00-4:00 p.m. "Science Club" explores a wide variety of topics in chemistry, biology, physics, and earth science from a laboratory, hands-on approach. Space **is** limited. Please phone Tony at 626-354-0008 or e-mail him at tony@thewaverlyschool.org to sign up or for more information. Cost is \$40 per week to cover lab supplies. Tony is also available for private tutoring in the areas of math, science, Spanish, writing, and SAT prep.



FARM REPORT

The weather has finally cooled, just in time for our first Farm Picnic of the year! I know many are anxious to get out there and start fulfilling



those work hours. Please join us on October 11th at 11:00 a.m. Bring your tools, your kids, and a picnic item to share. It is necessary to move our composting units to a sunnier location for winter, so if you have a cordless drill/screw driver, bring it along. In addition to disassembling the composters and putting them back together, we've got lots of end of summer clean-up chores, large and small. See you out there and don't forget your gloves!

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WALKIN' IN A WINTER WONDERLAND

Thanks to everyone who attended the WPO Job Fairs and signed up to be involved in **The World Market**.

If you are interested in being part of the committee that produces this event or want to check it out in more detail, please join us at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 8, at the home of Christy Dooley. We will be looking to fill committee positions, gather ideas, and hand out specific craft assignments for those who want them. Some of us will even have crafts to share already! If you'd like to come, please email Christy at christyedooley@gmail.com for directions.

All of you crafters out there, we would love to hear from you and what you make. If you need ideas, email us at the addresses below and we will give you suggestions. We have lots of ideas, patterns, and supplies on hand.

If you can't make the meeting, but are wondering how you can support this

event (and earn parent hours!) you can go on the Waverly School jobsite (www.thewaverlyschool.org/wpojjobsite.html) and sign up for any one of the numerous job openings for the World Market.

The World Market is only 10 weeks away – so let's get crafty!

Thanks so much,
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Samantha Sackin
(samanthasackin@gmail.com)
Waverly World Market Co-Chairs

STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR ART LESSONS

Waverly elementary teacher Erin Palfrey is still accepting students for her art classes that started this week. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15

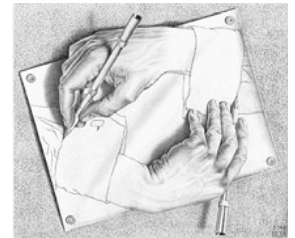
p.m. to 4:30

p.m. for students in grades 3-6.

Cost is \$150.00

(pre-paid).

For more information, please e-mail Erin at erin@thewaverlyschool.org



Save the Date

October 5-7
Middle School Ojai Trip

Sunday, October 11
Farm Picnic & Work Day

Tuesday, October 13
6:30-8:30 p.m.
Parent Education Night

Wednesday, October 14
All School/Class Photo & Make-Up Photo Day