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THINK PINK

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Get educated, get involved. Here are just a few websites of many you can look at:

<http://breastcenter.ucla.edu>
www.nationalbreastcancer.org
www.nbcam.org
ww5.komen.org

because it depicts the redemption of a notorious man rejected by society. The priest's forgiveness opened Jean Valjean's eyes as well as his heart, leading him away from a life of crime and hate. Valjean thus learns to make moral choices, leading a life of love, acceptance, and strength- strength which later gives him the power to save another man's life.

-Isabel, Megan, & Kathryn

SNAPSHOT!

All students, faculty, and staff will take the all school photo on **Wednesday, October 14**. Order forms for the all school photo are attached to today's e-packet. Hard copies are also available at all three campuses.

Students will also take **class photos** on this day. If you ordered a package on individual picture day, one 8x10 *class* photo was included in the package. If you did not order photos of your child and you wish to order a *class* photo, please pick up a **class photo order form** from Alison at the elementary school.

One last note: Wednesday, October 14 is also make-up day for students needing to take or retake their individual portraits. Photos will be taken right after school begins, so make sure your child arrives to school on time.

"THOUGHT IS THE LABOR OF THE INTELLECT, REVERIE IS ITS PLEASURE"

Over the summer, the French IV class at the high school read excerpts from *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo. Here are one group's thoughts:
In the book's first scene, Jean Valjean (a man who was in prison for nineteen years after stealing bread in order to avoid starvation), is taken in by a priest. Despite his kindness, Jean Valjean steals the priest's silverware. He is later forgiven by the noble priest (when he is caught), allowing him to begin a new life. We found it a compelling and interesting story

ROCKIN' THE VOTE



(Eli, Scotty, Dante, Casey, & Henry)

Meet the newly elected Waverly middle school student council for fall 2009: Eli, Scotty, Dante, Casey, and Henry. Here is to some judicious governing!

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. 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.

LIFE IN THE KEY OF "D"

This week, Marina's class studied the letter D.

*"Little Marina" invited her 4th grade brother, **Desmond**, from Erin's class, to play a song on the piano for us. It was a beautiful lullaby called "Raisins and Almonds." Then, Marina brought raisins and almonds for snack. While we ate, we listened to a lullaby CD playing "Raisins and Almonds"!

*We learned about the **double** numbers; 11, 22, 33, 44, 55, 66, 77, 88, and 99.

*We learned some **drum** songs and practiced playing a heartbeat on the **drum**.

*In art, we made scribble **designs** and then colored in the scribbles.



(Sharon & her husband with Magic Kingdom)

*One of the high school teachers, Sharon, is in a bluegrass band with her husband and performed for our class. We listened to each instrument individually and then listened to them all together. We took the opportunity to practice our square **dancing** that we have been working on since the beginning of September. YEE-HA!!

ZOMBIE LUAU

Waverly's first middle and high school Zombie Luau is coming! On Saturday, October 24, the Webster Quad at the high school campus will be overrun with zombies from 6:00-8:00 p.m. All middle and high school students, along with their families, are encouraged to arrive in their zombie best and enjoy our potluck luau feast. Desserts from the "Bakery of the Dead" and exotic drinks from the "Freaky Tikki Bar" will be for sale. For more information, e-mail Eve at evetikawa@yahoo.com.

HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

The elementary Halloween party is just around the corner! Download the flyers attached to today's e-packet for more information. Halloween sign-up sheets will be posted next week in the elementary lobby. You can sign up for weekend set-up, night of activities, Boo Bakery, and more and watch those parent hours just disappear. If you signed up on the WPO jobsite, check to make sure you know the hours you committed to.

Questions about outside set-up? Email Amy Ancona at abancona@gmail.com or Susan Diol at susandiol@aol.com.

GOT THE NEED TO READ

I've been thrilled to hear about the children's reading adventures this past summer and am excited about working at both the elementary and middle school libraries this year. I'm also looking forward to our **Fall Book Fair** which will take place November 2-4 at the elementary school, for both elementary and middle school readers.

Here's a sample of what the elementary school kids are reading: Emma & Katie (Microscopic Kids) are both enjoying the adventures of *Junie B. Jones*. Anton (Earthlings) is learning all about dinosaurs by reading the *Encyclopedia of Dinosaurs*. Noah (Purple Porcupines) has begun reading the first Harry Potter book, *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*. Sophia A. (Savvy Sailors) is reading all about the Titanic. Lindsey (California Dreamers) is enjoying *The Graveyard Book*. The Hasty Puddings are excited about checking out picture and small chapter books to read to their Microscopic Kids reading buddies each week.

Wendy Cross
ES/MS Librarian

LEND US YOUR TABLES & CHAIRS

The elementary Halloween party needs your tables and chairs! We save lots of money on table rental costs and create a much nicer setting by going "in house." Please bring your labeled

tables and chairs to the elementary yard on Friday, October 23, (3:00 – 7:00 pm), Saturday, October 24 (10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.), or Sunday, October 25 (10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.). The sign-up list is on the WPO jobsite at <http://www.thewaverlyschool.org/halloweenparty.html>.

FARM REPORT



Come out to the farm this weekend and see the mantises! The farm is humming with insect and human activity. Richard and Liz's class, Magic Light, is planning to plant oats! Mike's class, the California Dreamers, will be planting potatoes. Other crops going in now are: garlic, peas, lettuce, leeks, purple cauliflower, and purple pak choi!

All those who will be coming to the **Farm Picnic** on Sunday, please bring your clippers and tree saws. We've got some branches to chop down to "dumpster size." There are many more opportunities for visiting and tasks to be accomplished! See you there at 11:00 a.m. If you'd like to become a farm room parent, please contact Barbara Ayers at blayers@sbcglobal.net. It is a most enjoyable way to earn those work hours!

donnaforey@gamil.com

CLEAN FOR A CAUSE

The City of Pasadena seeks volunteers to help spruce up the garden area of the Hastings Ranch Branch library on November 21, from 8:00-11:00 a.m. Go to [http://www.cityofpasadena.net/district4/Team Up to Clean up/](http://www.cityofpasadena.net/district4/Team%20Up%20to%20Clean%20up/) to register or just show up on the day. For further information, contact Rhonda Stone at 626-744-4740.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE

Come explore the wonders of Shakespeare. We will be working on Shakespeare's sonnets and monologues. Learn how easy Shakespeare can be and experience the joy of performance of one of the world's greatest playwrights. Last year Waverly School did a great performance of "A Midsummer's Night Dream;" this year we hope to do so much more. For more information, download the flyer attached to today's e-packet or email Carlyle King at carweb94@aol.com.

KEEP COOKIN'

Many students have asked Traci if they could join her cooking class on Tuesdays. Sadly, the Tuesday class is now full, but a Monday class has now opened, with two spots still available. It's the same menu and the same price. The dates are: 10/19, 10/26, 11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, and then after break, 1/4. Call Traci @ 949-370-3396.

FACULTY/STAFF LUNCHEON

Many thanks to those volunteers who signed up to bring food and/or to work with us at the **faculty/staff appreciation luncheon** on Friday, November 20. This event is a lot of fun and a great way to show our appreciation for our hard working teachers and staff.

We are still in need of salads and main dishes. Also, we need drinks of all kinds; diet sodas, sparkling and non-sparkling water, and wine.

If you are able to donate any of the above items, or are able to work with us on that date (approximately 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. or even a few hours in between), please contact Helle at cheering626@charter.net.

Thank you,
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Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Co-Chairs

SCINTILLATING 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.

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.

Save the Date

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

Saturday, October 24
6:00-8:00 p.m.
MS & HS Zombie Luau, HS Campus

Sunday, October 25
5:00-8:00 p.m.
ES Halloween Party, ES Campus