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## PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Yes, that's right; parent/teacher conferences for all three campuses will soon be upon us! There will not be school on Friday, October 30, and Monday, November 2, so that teachers can hold conferences. Please contact your child's campus to schedule a conference with your child's teacher(s). Young K daycare and Tom Sawyer After School Camp are available for enrolled elementary and middle school students.

## HI-HO OJAI—O

The middle school recently returned from a three-day trip to Forest Home camp in Ojai Valley. Here are one student's reflections:

*...It was an amazing experience for the most part. The only thing most of the students would agree on changing was the temperatures at night and in the morning. Overall, during the day the sun kept us extremely warm. It was quite a dramatic change between midday and evening.*



(Devon & Adriana)

*Once the sun warmed our bodies, we participated in an abundant amount of fun activities that ranged from trust exercises to flying through the air fifty feet above the ground. And in between, we got a break to eat some delicious food prepared by the Forest Home staff. We got to enjoy a variety of foods from eggs and sausage at breakfast to chicken and tacos for lunch and dinner meals. From where the dining hall was, we also got a beautiful view of the hilltop. In fact, the entire campus was beautiful. There were many, many different types of trees and flowers all around that supplied a marvelous panorama in all directions. All in all, the trip was*

*wonderful for all the reasons listed and even more!*

*-Kyla S.*

For more pictures from the Ojai trip, go to

[http://homepage.mac.com/bennel/2009 Waverly MS Trip/](http://homepage.mac.com/bennel/2009/WaverlyMSTrip/).



(The Middle School Ojai Crew!)

## DOIN' THE HIPPIE, HIPPIE SHAKE

On Thursday, October 15, all Waverly students and employees on all three campuses participated in the largest earthquake drill in the United States as part of The Great Californian Shakeout. We encourage you to visit [www.shakeout.org](http://www.shakeout.org) to learn more about this drill and [www.dropcoverholdon.org](http://www.dropcoverholdon.org) for what to do during an earthquake.

## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR WPO PRESIDENT

Did you know that the WPO raised and contributed \$93,000 to The Waverly School general fund last year? All the events that you participate in help raise money for the school. Please volunteer generously! Visit the WPO job website at [www.thewaverlyschool.org/wpojbsite.html](http://www.thewaverlyschool.org/wpojbsite.html) to find out how you can meet your work hour requirements.

October and November are very busy months. There are still jobs to be filled for the elementary Halloween party (you do not have to be an elementary parent to help), and the Zombie Luau at the high school. Remember, we need everyone to bring Boo Bakery or Bakery of the Dead items to sell, as well as food for the potluck dinner.

In November you can work on your craft items to be sold at the World Market, as well as help at the Book Fair, and the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon.

December is the World Market and a good time to start getting your donations for the Silent Auction coming up in 2010. Last year's auction was a great success due to your generous donations and participation.

Don't be shy; we need your help! If you have any questions about specific events please contact the event coordinators directly (see list in today's e-packet), or feel free to contact me at [annwpo@gmail.com](mailto:annwpo@gmail.com). I look forward to meeting you on the job!

Sincerely,  
Ann Cooke  
WPO President

### STUDENT ART

This week, the Hasty Puddings showcased their latest work, *Shoe Drawings*. Each student meticulously drew a classmate's shoe, paying close attention to detail. Then, the artists imagined a world of tiny beings that might populate the shoe, making it a place of leisure, a home, or a vacation getaway. Stop by the community room at the elementary campus to witness these wildly imaginative creations.

### SÍ SE PUEDE


High school students in Spanish classes are learning about Hispanic Heritage Month. In 1968, Congress authorized President Lyndon B. Johnson to proclaim National Hispanic Heritage week. In 1988, the observance was expanded to a month long celebration. During this month, we celebrate the culture and traditions of those who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, and the Spanish-speaking nations of Central America, South America, and the Caribbean. The classes will be watching films, studying art, geography, cuisine, and other interesting aspects of the Hispanic culture.

### FABULOUS FILMS


Where can you find the films *Bullitt*, *Sweet Land*, *High Noon*, and *American Graffiti* all in one place? High school students taking Bernie Weinraub's *History of Film* class (aka *Film Appreciation*) are finding out! Three times a week, students meet for an hour and a half to watch films, discuss, and learn to be "unbounded by their stereotypes." Bernie's ultimate objective is for students to "emerge able to understand their likes and dislikes, and able to articulate their perceptions." Stay tuned for upcoming "perceptions!"


### BAT FACTS


The Microscopic Kids learned about bats this week. Here are some interesting bat facts you might not know.


 Bats are not birds; they are mammals like us.


 There are about 1,000 different kinds of bats.

 The smallest bat is the bumblebee bat of Thailand. It weighs less than a penny, and is the smallest mammal on earth.

 The way that bats use ultrasonic sounds to locate objects around them is called *echolocation*.

 Whales and dolphins are two other kinds of mammals that use echolocation.

 Bat guano is another name for bat poop. Bat guano can be used to make fertilizer for plants.

 The scientific name for bat is *Chiroptera*, which means "hand-wing."

### STOP, DROP, & ROLL

This week, Musical Kingdom had **Fire Safety Week**. They learned all of the important fire safety rules; *Stop, Drop, and Roll*, *Fall and Crawl*, and *Don't Hide, Go Outside*. We walked to the fire station on Fair Oaks in the rain and had our umbrella parade a little early this year. We also studied the letter E this week and learned some new words, such as *equator*, *eclipse*, *equal*, and *erase*. All of the MK kids got a new eraser in a musical grab bag game.

## GIMME A "W", GIMME AN "A"...

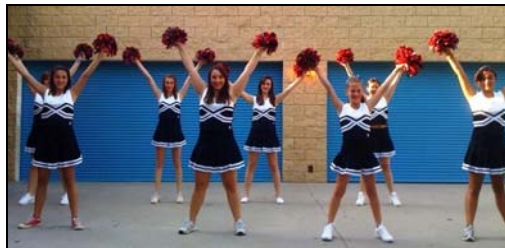


Some of the squad! (From left: Ellen, Mattie, Dory, Bailey, Morgan, Amanda, Olivia)

We are proud to announce the VERY FIRST members of the **Waverly High School Cheer Squad!** Led by Captain Bailey, this squad would not have been formed without her. She utilized her initiative and passion for cheerleading to meet with several faculty members over the summer, convincing them to start the squad. In addition to getting approval for the squad, Bailey also researched the uniforms, rules, cheers, chants, and routines for the squad. She recruited Waverly kindergarten and young kindergarten assistant teacher Kerry Marhefka (a former cheerleader herself) to help coach. But it didn't stop there!

Bailey helped get the word out to all students interested in amplifying school spirit and successfully recruited many squad members. They answered the call with equal parts dedication and pep to form what is now a very important part of encouraging and supporting our teams. The fabulous members of the squad are Bailey, Olivia, Morgan, Charlotte, Mattie, Sarah, Ellen, Dory, Teagan, Korbyn, and Amanda.

Our next time to cheer will be at the girls' volleyball home game on Thursday, October 22, at the Boys and Girls Club Gymnasium, located on Del Mar Avenue in Pasadena. Come help us support the volleyball players from the sidelines. GO RAVENS!!!



## FALL BOOK CLUB

Our very own Head of Lower School, Terri Battenburg, will host a fall book club at the elementary campus with interested elementary parents/guardians and adult family members on Wednesday, November 18, 2009 from 4:30-6:00 pm.

*Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* by Carol S. Dweck (paperback version) will be the focus of the informal discussion. Our elementary lead and assistant teachers are also reading the book this fall.

Space is limited, so please RSVP to Alison at [receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:receptionist@thewaverlyschool.org) if you would like to attend. Light refreshments will be served at this adults only event. There will be another club meeting in the spring for those who are unable to make it on November 18.

This will be Terri's third parent book club meeting. For those of you interested in the growing reading list, please see below:

\* *Raising Lifelong Learners: A Parent's Guide* by Lucy Calkins with Lydia Bellino (Spring 2009)

\* Three essays from *What Does it Mean to be Well Educated?* by Alfie Kohn (*What Does It Mean To Be Well Educated?*; *From Degrading to De-Grading*; and *Five reasons to stop saying "Good Job!"*) (Summer 2009)

## ERNIE IN ACTION

On October 22 and 23, a historic Halloween Magic and Illusion show will be visiting the Pasadena Senior center. The program is based on horror-themed magic shows called "Spook Shows" or "Ghost Shows" that toured American movie houses from the 1920's to the 1960's, and usually played before or after a movie. Waverly's elementary and middle school music teacher, Ernie Salcedo, will be the special guest artist, presenting *Music and Monsters of Meso America*. You will hear the sounds and stories of an ancient culture not often heard in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. The main show will feature the

magic and illusions of Rico the Magician.

The Halloween Magic Spook Show is a program for the whole family and open to all age groups. There will be a costume contest for both children and adults who would like to come dressed up as their favorite monster or hero; prizes will be awarded. Please download the flyer attached to today's e-packet or pick up a hard copy in the elementary lobby for more information.

### DARE TO ENTER THE HAUNTED HOUSE?

The Haunted House at the elementary Halloween party promises to be spookier than ever, as nine amazing parents/guardians create scenes that will make you laugh and make you scream. Are you brave enough? Find out on Sunday, October 25 from 5:00-8:00 p.m. (We still need some brave ushers; go to the WPO jobsite or sign up at the elementary lobby WPO board.)

### ZOMBIE LUAU UPDATE

Middle and high school parents and students are fiendishly plotting decorations, desserts, games, and surprises for the Zombie Luau on Saturday, October 24, on the Webster Quad at the high school campus. All middle school students, high school students, and their families are encouraged to arrive in their zombie best and bring food for the potluck luau feast:

A-K main dish

L-Z green, pasta, or fruit salad

We can also use your tables and chairs. Please bring them to the high school campus on Friday (Oct. 23) or Saturday (Oct. 24) afternoon. Goods baked for the "Bakery of the Dead" can be delivered at party time. Please RSVP to [evetikawa@yahoo.com](mailto:evetikawa@yahoo.com) by Thursday, October 22 with name and number in your party, and you will be automatically entered in to our Zombie Basket raffle!

### HALLOWEEN EXTRAVAGANZA

The elementary Halloween party is just around the corner! Halloween sign-up

sheets are posted 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](mailto:abancona@gmail.com) or Susan Diol at [susandiol@aol.com](mailto:susandiol@aol.com).

### FARM REPORT



*From left (Waverly folks, Richard & Randi, getting in on the action; Waverly family duo, Samara & August, getting their hands/feet/elbows/etc. dirty)*

Our Farm Picnic and Work Day was a huge success this week. There were many volunteers who showed up to help move rocks, relocate the compost bins, pick up trash, organize the tools, and visit, and eat, and play.

The farm is really looking nice. We were so pleased with the work done that we've decided to have an encore performance on November 14. Please mark your calendars now, and plan to join us. The satisfaction is immeasurable! Thank you everyone who came!

[donnaforey@gmail.com](mailto:donnaforey@gmail.com)

### WORLD MARKET NEWS

Mark your calendars, the fun is about to begin! Experienced at crafting? Great! Don't craft, but would like to learn how? Waverly wonder people will teach you!

You and your children are invited for World Market **craft days** at the elementary campus from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 8, and Sunday, November 15. We will have

several tables set up with craft projects to be made.

Many craft products are already in the works and below is a "shout out" for some needed items. Look in your closets, search in the garage, and see if there are any of these items that you've been dying to get rid of. We'll turn your "trash" into treasure!

*\*girls' mini skirts - jean fabric is best, but any will do. Any size, any color*

*\*belts - any style*

*\*suspenders*

*\*ties - the wider the better, but any will do*

There will be a box in the elementary school lobby marked "World Market," where you can drop your donations.

## CRAFTER'S CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK

Knit **scarves**? We'll take one, we'll take five! Can you do it? If so, let us know!

Also, if you have a project in mind that you will be making, or if you've already started making a project, drop us a line and let us know. It helps us in cataloging the items and seeing what we need. All product needs to be turned in by Tuesday, November 25, before the Thanksgiving break. This gives us enough time to catalog and price all the items.

If you have any questions, drop either of us a line. Thanks!

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Waverly World Market Co-Chairs

## GET YOUR ROCK ON!

Come one; come all to the Kindergarten Air Guitar Exposé! Do you love to ROCK OUT when you hear your favorite song? Do you prefer air-strings to the real things? Have you been practicing your "rocker," "superstar," or "punk" faces in the mirror? Well, here's the perfect chance to show off those skills! The KINDERGARTEN AIR GUITAR EXPOSÉ is coming! Stay tuned; more details to follow in next week's *Wave*

## DANCE, DANCE REVOLUTION

If you like to leap, twist, jump, and move, join other grades 2-6 students in Kristin's new dance class! Learn basic dance steps, combinations, and choreography to music. Different forms of dance, including jazz, ballet, lyrical, improvisation, and even some rhythmic gymnastics will be tried. Classes will be held on Mondays, beginning October 26 from 3:15-4:15 p.m. Cost is \$120 and includes one piece of rhythmic gymnastics equipment (to be ordered) per student. Please see Kristin's flyer attached to today's e-packet for more details or e-mail Kristin at [kristin@thewaverlyschool.org](mailto:kristin@thewaverlyschool.org).

## 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.

## DANCE LIKE IT'S "DIWALI MUUBARAK"

Were you inspired by the dance number during the closing credits of *Slumdog Millionaire*? Want to immerse yourself in something new? Beginning in early November, join other Waverly grown-ups for a Bollywood Step class on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the elementary campus. Lessons will be one hour each with professional Bollywood instructors ([www.bollywoodstepdance.com](http://www.bollywoodstepdance.com)). Each session costs \$15, with a four session minimum. For more information, contact our YK assistant teacher, Cheenu, at [cheenukashyap@yahoo.com](mailto:cheenukashyap@yahoo.com).

## 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>.

### FACULTY/STAFF LUNCHEON

Thanks to all those who have already contributed and signed up for the faculty/staff appreciation luncheon coming up on November 20. If you are still interested in giving, we do need more drinks (wine, soda, or sparkling water,), 1 lb ground coffee, sugar, and cream. We are also looking to borrow ice chests.

Thank you,  
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Maureen Pinsonnault  
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Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon  
Co-Chairs

### Save the Date

**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**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences**  
**No school; Tom Sawyer & YK care available**  
**Friday, October 30 & Monday, November 2**

**November 14**  
**Farm Picnic & Work Day ENCORE**