



WHEN THE SWALLOWS COME BACK TO CAPISTRANO



Some of the California Dreamers in front of the only still standing chapel

California Dreamers are studying California, and earlier this week visited one of the remaining missions, Mission San Juan Capistrano. Here are some California Dreamers' impressions:



Griffin, Lindsey, and Izzy were intrigued by the fact that the young, bare-footed boys crushed the grapes with their feet while the girls stood around clapping, creating a tempo.



Savannah and Shelby were impressed with the irrigation system which brought water from miles away to the fields.



Porter was amazed by the fact that "pig iron" was imported from Spain and was melted and formed into pots, pans, and knives.



Naman thought that the travels on horseback by the soldiers looking for good spots to build missions between San Diego and San Francisco were impressive.



Kiki was surprised to learn that the stones used to build the church were hand-carried by the Native Americans from a quarry eleven miles away.



Sophia was interested in the "gossip stone." This was a place where the women would meet to crush acorns and gossip.



Brendan and Sophie learned how to spot original adobe bricks and the new ones used today for repairs.



Bruce took to heart the story of the girl with a candle who died in the church during the 1812 earthquake. It seems that she still appears in the ruins of the church.



Adam liked the fact that the people made their own soap from cow fat and ashes.

ART'S COMPLIMENT

This week, the high school creative writing class looked at poems by established artists and had to copy a specific style. In the following original piece, a student imitated the poem, *Ethics* by Linda Pastan, which starts out in an ethics classroom. To honor the original layout of the student's piece, its font size has been shrunk.

*In Calculus class so very long ago,
our teacher did a very unexpected thing.
He wrote on the board, a very complicated problem,
a problem which only had one very specific answer.
"Now what if I were to tell you that this problem,
that is now sitting on the board in front of you,
has no meaning in your lives beyond this classroom.
My question is, why bother solving it?"
Obviously my peers and I were quite dumbfounded
to a point of extreme awkward silence.
So we just sat there, thinking
Thinking
Thinking
THINKING.
But no one had a word to say
so I imagined myself
as one of those variables sitting between two coefficients.
I equated to nothing, I was relative to zero
and that's when the fear became apparent.
Who was going to give me value?
If the problem didn't get solved,
I'd still be there squished between coefficients
Suffocating in worthlessness
No one to give me purpose,
no reason for my existence.
-Adam G.*

MUSICAL NEWS

This week, Musical Kingdom had a Native American museum in their classroom. Families temporarily donated items for our collection. We invited parents and other classes to see it. MK made drums and will be performing some drum songs at next week's All School Meeting. MK is also sponsoring a food drive for **Friends Indeed**. Please place a can or box of

non-perishable, non-glass, food on the table in the ES lobby if you would like to contribute. Thank you!

PHANTOM TOLLBOOTH INVITE

The high school drama class would like to remind you that they will present *The Phantom Tollbooth* tomorrow, Saturday, at 1:00 p.m. outdoors on Webster Quad at the high school. Admission is \$5, payable at the door. For maximum comfort on the dewy grass, you are encouraged to bring low beach chairs, towels, or cushions to sit on. The play runs approximately 70 minutes. We hope to see you there!

WORLD MARKET NEWS

Thanks to the moms who joined us for our craft day this past Sunday. We made glittering ornaments, paper-covered light switch plates, magical wands, jewelry, and more! **This Sunday**, November 15, will be our second Waverly Craft day at the elementary campus. It will be from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Come join in the fun.

Please remember: children are only welcome to participate in crafting if they have an adult sitting and helping them.

You spoke, we listened!



Oil cloth is back and will make great gifts for the holidays! Lunch bags, three sizes of totes, and a couple of new products (including gardening bucket buddies) are on the docket.

If you are making something for the World Market, please don't keep it to yourself! Drop us a line and let us know what you're making and how much. We want to be able to plan the perfect spot to show it off. There is a drop-off box at the elementary school for any completed items. If you would prefer

an alternate drop-off, please let us know and we'll work something out.

Featured This Week



Parent Deveney's dog wreathes

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Waverly World Market Co-Chairs

FACULTY/STAFF LUNCHEON

Next Friday, November 20th, is the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon! Please remember to bring your **cooked** dish, along with **serving utensils**, to Josie and Michael Olson's home in Altadena (please see e-packet for address). Please deliver your dish **no later than 11:00 a.m.** and provide us with an index card identifying your dish (i.e. vegetarian, contains nuts, etc.) Don't forget to mark your cookware and utensils with your name or initials. All items will be returned to the Waverly elementary school lobby.

If you are unable to bring your item directly to the Olson home, you may leave your dish in the Waverly elementary lobby when you drop off your child on Friday morning. Volunteers will pick up your items and deliver them to the Olsons' home.

Items still needed include: rolls and butter; drinks (i.e. sodas, water, wine); and if you have a specialty dish, we could always use a bit more food. Please try to prepare your dish as much as possible before bringing it to the party. While we appreciate each and every item that is provided, there will not be enough room in the kitchen for preparation. If you are interested in

donating any of the aforementioned items, or are interested in helping in any way (get those parent hours in), please contact Co-Chair Helle Heering at cheering626@charter.net.

In the event you may have forgotten what dish or item you signed up to bring, we will be sending out reminder emails and making telephone calls.

Maureen Pinsonnault
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Luncheon Co-Chair

LIBRARY THANK YOUS

So many people to thank for the Book Fair and so many ways to say it... A big **thank you** to Marianne Polonsky and Lynn Dean for chairing our very successful book fair this year. They generously gave their time and effort to make this year's fair better than ever.

Merci to all of the grown-ups who worked at the book fair this year, you helped to make it happen!

Faleminderit to all those who generously purchased books from our book fair last week.

Danke to those families who purchased books from the "library wish list" table. These books are already on the shelves for your children to check out.

Finally, **kiitos** to the anonymous donor who generously donated \$100 worth of books to our middle school library.

Wendy Cross
ES/MS Librarian

EVENING READING



Last Wednesday, Waverly held its second annual literacy night at the elementary school. It was an opportunity for the Waverly community to linger over books and to be an audience for the shared reading of favorite stories and poems by many elementary students. We even threw in one or two grown-up readers! Thank you to all of our readers, as well as to all of the families and friends who attended.



BOOK FAIR EXTENDED REWARDS

Now, through November 30, visit Once Upon a Time (our book fair sponsor) and 15% of your pre-tax purchase will be donated back to the WPO. Please remember to mention Waverly at the time of purchase to ensure that the WPO receives this donation.

Once Upon a Time
2207 Honolulu Avenue
Montrose, CA 91020
818-248-9668

www.onceuponatime.com

Sun-Mon; 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tue-Sat; 10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

FROM YOUR WPO PRESIDENT

Thank you, Waverly community, for your support of the Halloween parties and the Book Fair. Our next events will be the Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon (November 20) and the Waverly World Market (December 11-12). Check the WPO job website (www.thewaverlyschool.org/wpojbsite.html), or contact the event coordinators to sign up to help.

It's not too early to start thinking about our Silent Auction that is coming up in March, 2010. If there are any donations that you can solicit before the end of the year, please do so. We can start receiving donations at anytime.

We are also looking for someone to help coordinate a parent group meeting to meet once a month to connect and discuss Waverly-related issues. Please contact me if interested,

Finally, we are currently renting a storage space that is about 15' by 15' to store Silent Auction and World Market items. To save storage fees, do you have extra space at your home or business that the WPO could use? If so, please contact me if you can help

Ann Cooke
WPO President
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ART ROOM NEEDS

The art room would greatly appreciate the following donations:

- paper plates
- uncooked pasta: all shapes, colors, and sizes
- fabric/felt (scraps or bigger!)
- old costume jewelry
- ribbon and lace
- yarn
- wallpaper scraps (books)
- wrapping paper scraps or unwanted rolls
- wire (any color or thickness)
- silk flowers
- cotton swabs & cotton balls
- maps
- ice cube trays
- feathers
- old puzzles (okay if pieces are lost!)
- calendars with pictures
- spray/squirt bottles (any size)
- old letter and/or number stencils (used for signs/addresses)
- buttons/beads
- cookie cutters
- wood scraps
- old cookie sheets/trays
- baby food jars (CLEAN!)
- decorative paper (scrapbooking, cellophane, etc.)
- inking brayers

All donations can be dropped off in the ES lobby. If you think of something that is not on the list, e-mail me. Many thanks for your donations!

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FARM REPORT

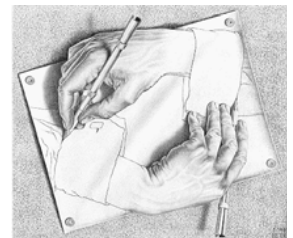
On Tuesday, parent Sean G. kindly offered to go and fill his truck with "zoo doo" (compost) for the farm. It is really nice stuff! Thanks to Sean, the LA Zoo, and the Forest Service!



Please plan to join us at the farm on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. for **Work Day Picnic Encore!!** Bring weeding tools, gloves, shovels, and some food to share. See you there!
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ART LESSONS: DRAWING, WATERCOLOR, & SCULPTURE

Art classes will once again be taught by Waverly elementary teacher Erin Palfrey to students in grades three through six. Classes will be on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. The four-week session begins November 16. Cost is \$100.00 (pre-paid). For more information, please e-mail Erin at erin@thewaverlyschool.org.



MAKE MONEY SHOPPING

Here's a really easy way to help raise money for Waverly just by shopping at Ralphs and Vons. Please see the flyer attached to today's e-packet for more information. Once you sign up, a percentage of your purchases will go to Waverly. Last year, the two markets sent Waverly \$3,000. If you were signed up last year, you will still need to renew for this year.

The website for the VONS card is www.escrip.com. In addition to signing up your VONS card, you can also register nine other bank/debit cards on this secure site. If you use your cards at any vendors that are participating with

escrip, a percentage of your purchases will also go to Waverly without you having to do a thing!



THINK PINK WHEN YOU EAT & DRINK

The French Club is continuing the "Save Lids to

Save Lives" campaign. Lids of Yoplait yogurt are helping to save lives; just pick up a spoon and you can help fight breast cancer. When you have finished your Yoplait yogurt with the pink lid, wash the lid, save it, and then drop it off in the collection box at **high school**. In the fight against breast cancer, every lid matters! The drive ends December 31, 2009.

Save the Date

November 20

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon

*YK Students Dismissed at Noon (*no YK daycare*)

*HS Students Dismissed at 11:40 a.m.

November 20

World Market Craft Day

Week of November 23

No elementary All School Meeting

November 25-27

Thanksgiving Break; no school

Waverly World Market

December 11-12, ES Campus