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DATES TO REMEMBER/THINGS TO DO

- Monday, February 1; Financial Aid and New Applications due
- Friday, February 5; ES Parent chat, 9:00-9:30 a.m., Community Room
- Saturday, February 6; Westridge Summer Opportunities Fair
- Thursday, February 11- Sunday, February 14; HS Trip to Death Valley
- Monday, February 15; No School; No YK daycare, ASC available
- Friday, February 26; Contracts Due from Current Families

ALL SCHOOL



SHOES FOR HAITI UPDATE

Thank you to all those who contributed to our shoe drive for Haiti. The equivalent of five overflowing, Costco-sized grocery carts of shoes were dropped off at Sport Chalet on Wednesday! Still have shoes to give? You can drop them off at any Sport Chalet until Sunday, January 31.

For those interested in information about talking to your children about Haiti, here are links to a recommended book list for students of all ages,

<http://bbpbooks.teachingforchange.org/best-recommended/haiti>, and to

Global Disasters: Helping Children Cope from the National Association of School Psychologists,

http://www.nasponline.org/resources/crisis_safety/globaldisasters.pdf.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM ON DVD

Order your very own copy of the 2009 Holiday Program on DVD. Orders will be accepted now through Friday, February 5, with DVDs arriving in approximately one month. DVDs are \$15 each, prepaid with either cash or a check made out to *The Waverly School*. You can drop off your payment at the front desk at any campus. Please make sure to indicate who your child is, grade level, and number of copies desired.

SPORTS UPDATE

Varsity Girls' Basketball played Le Lycee at their new gym last week. It was a slow start for the Ravens with numerous turnovers and missed lay-up opportunities, but the second quarter saw a return to their winning strategy of full court trap pressure and man to man defense. At the half, the Ravens led 12-9. By the third quarter, Le Lycee had come back to tie. The girls stepped up their game with fast breaks, solid defense, and lots of steals. Tenth grader Devin F. made some great sharp cuts at the corners to score, but it was her free throws that gave the Ravens the points they needed to win, 29-20. Go Ravens!

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

We encourage all Waverly parents interested in summer programs for their children to attend the Summer Opportunities Fair to be held at Westridge School (324 Madeline Drive in Pasadena) on Saturday, February 6, 2010 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This annual event provides parents and students with a wonderful way to explore many exciting summer opportunities that are available to school age children and teenagers, 5 to 18. The Summer Opportunities Fair features programs that accommodate all budgets and areas of interest. Information on many of the programs registered can be found on the Westridge School website: www.westridge.org/sof.html. There is also a flyer attached to today's e-packet. The Waverly School (cont p. 2)

does not offer an elementary summer program; information about Waverly's summer classes for middle and high school students will be shared in the next few weeks.

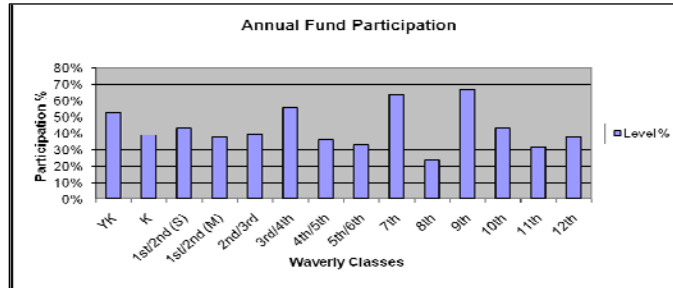
FREE CHILDCARE

Tom Sawyer Camps, our afterschool care program for grades K-8, is hosting a free day of After School Camp on Friday, March 12. This offer is available to all Waverly elementary and middle school-aged students. Download the flyers attached to today's e-packet for more information. Please note: you will need to sign up by Friday, February 8.

ANNUAL FUND UPDATE

2009-2010 Annual Fund Goal: \$275,000

- Dollars raised as of 1/28/10:
\$ 171,082.43 (includes pledges)
- Overall family participation to date: 44%



Class Participation Bar Graph



WPO

DONATION COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR SILENT AUCTION

There are about eight categories of donations for the Silent Auction and we need more coordinators. Your responsibilities would be to organize the display of the items. If you are interested in doing this and earning your parent work hours, please contact Ann Cooke at annwpo@gmail.com.

FARM REPORT

It was a beautiful weekend at the farm, made even better by how much work we got done! Many thanks to Waverly parents, Clay C., Sean G., and Megan E. for their heavy lifting and wonderful moral support! We managed to move a huge mound of brush and weeds from behind the shed, repair the entry steps, and clean and organize the shed. We also watched the kids and the dogs play, and ate some fresh food. Our snow peas, fresh off the vine, are delicious right now; please help yourselves! See you at the farm. donnafurey@gmail.com



PARENT CHATS

Waverly dad, Greg H., wants to know what's kicking around in your head about Waverly! In conjunction with the WPO, Greg would like to start a monthly discussion where elementary parents and caregivers can put their heads together, ask questions, and introduce new ideas in a friendly and social environment. The first gathering will be February 5 (Friday), from 9:00-9:30 a.m. in the community room. Coffee will be provided. Please contact Greg (e-mail address is in today's e-packet) with any questions and/or to suggest conversation topics.

HIGH SCHOOL

WE WANT YOUR PHOTOS

The high school yearbook committee wants your photos of school events – sports, performances, special events, etc. You can upload your photos to their website, <https://images.jostens.com/login?user=400029158&pw=ravens>. The more photos, the more special the yearbook will be!

ART AS MOVEMENT

Constance's Art II group is working on kinetic sculptures. They are making mobiles inspired by American Sculptor Alexander Calder. Kinetic art is art that contains moving parts or depends on motion for its effect.



MIDDLE SCHOOL

EXHIBITING SKILLS



Middle school students enjoyed their first ever Electives Exhibition last week, when student groups from the various elective classes presented a variety of skits, reports, readings, and demonstrations of what they learned during the fall semester. The music class played amplified instruments and some original tunes; and the drama class presented skits from Monty Python to MadTV, including one original piece written by

two students from the creative writing class. The art students talked about their craft work, the creative writers read from their notebooks, and the debate class demonstrated their rhetorical skills with the question of whether the U.S. driving age should be raised to age 18. The most "delectable" offering came from the farm class, with students making and enjoying organic greens and marmalade from The Waverly Organic Farm.



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

GOODNIGHT MOON



On Monday, Susan's and Brittany's 1/2 class, the Microscopic Kids, went to a fabulous production of *Goodnight Moon* at the Ruth B. Shannon Center for the Performing Arts at Whittier College. Based on the popular book, *Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown, the play is a fantastically fun and creative musical. The story follows a young bunny's bedtime ritual of saying goodnight to everything around him. Microscopic Kids enjoyed the songs, dances, costumes, bold characters, and the humor. They discovered many secrets of the theater as they laughed and enjoyed the show.

PORCUPINE PROSE

Tina's and Maria's 2/3 class, the Purple Porcupines, recently journeyed in their imaginations to winter wonderlands:

When I wake up in the morning I see snow.
It looks like a Polar Bear's fur. Then when
I go outside, the ice is as slippery as a wet floor.
The snow is as cold as a freezer. When I walk
in the snow my boots sink down in the snow. It sounds
like glass breaking. When the snow flakes start to fall,
I stick out my tongue. It tastes like sugar. Then I go inside
and sit by the fire. It feels as hot as the sun. Then I hear
the wind. It sounds like a wolf howling. Then I go to bed.
I can hear snow flakes falling. It sounds like cotton balls
dropping.

-Joe

I go outside. The night feels as cold as being inside an ice cube.
As I walk, it begins to snow. I stick out my tongue. It tastes like
vanilla ice cream. I look up. The trees and house's are covered in
blankets of snow. I walk back to my house. I go to the fireplace
and drink hot chocolate. It feels as hot as a toaster. In my house
I can hear the wind blowing. It seems I am in a torch in my house.
I go to my bed. It feels as soft as a baby tiger's fur. I close my
eyes and go to sleep.

-Sam

I was walking in the snow. It was as crunchy as jumping on leaves.
The snow is as white as a penguin's belly. My gloves feel warm like a big
blanket. It starts to rain. The rain looks like little ice cubes falling from
the sky. The snow on the trees are as white as paper. My face feels as
cold as a refrigerator and my nose feels like a popsicle. The wind is blowing
like five fans spinning together.

-Noah

I look outside and see the snow flakes. They are as graceful
as a ballet dancer. I see children playing at the park. I go
to the pond. The water is as stiff as burnt toast. I slip on my
ice skates. I slide gracefully across the pond. It is very cold,
but my coat keeps me warm like the fire at home. The ice is
as slippery as soap.

-lzzie

I wake up in the morning. I go outside. The snow is as wet as a glass of water.
The trees are as still as statues. The snow is as deep as an ocean.
I am walking and the wind blows against my face it feels like ice stuck to my skin.
My hands are as stiff as wood. The snow is as white as paper. The trees are as tall as Towers.
As I walk, my feet get cold. My jacket is as warm as the sun. The snow is as still as a newborn puppy.
The sky is as blue as the ocean. The children are as happy as baby penguins eating.
The snow flakes falling look like ballerinas dancing in the sky. The mountains are as steep as a staircase

-Una

ES AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

Yoga with Mallory still has spaces available for both of her classes. Please download the flyer attached to today's ES e-packet for more information and/or contact her at lotusleitner@gmail.com.

January 29, 2010

Spirit Team with Kerry promises to be fun, exciting, and filled with new hip-hop dance routines. Spirit Team will begin February 3 and run until March 24. Please download and print the flyer attached to today's ES e-packet for more information. Hard copies are also available in the ES lobby.

STILL OPEN ES AFTERSCHOOL CLASSES

Folk Dancing (Nickie Hovhannessian): Grades K-6; Tuesdays, 1/12-3/9

Kid Shakespeare (Carlyle Williams and Sydney Walsh): Grades 3-6; Tuesdays, 2/2- 5/11

Art with Erin: Grades 3-6; Mondays & Wednesdays, 1/25-3/8

CLASSIFIEDS

BAKE SALE FOR HAITI

Three Waverly elementary students want to do something to help Haiti. This Sunday, January 31, from 2:00-4:30 p.m., Brooke, Flynn, and Hunter will host a bake sale and lemonade stand at Brooke's and Hunter's house in Los Angeles (address in today's e-packet). Come on by!

HAVE SOMETHING/NEED SOMETHING?

Here at *The Wave*, we are trying out a new feature: the Classifieds! Have a dog or bicycle you want to sell? Looking to buy a car or small yacht? Advertise for free in the Classifieds! Please note: the advertisement must be from a Waverly family and the editor reserves the right to edit for content. ☺