



# The Acorn



Woodside International School Newsletter

May - June 2011

### WOODSIDE EXPO!

This is to inform you of the WOODSIDE EXPO on Friday, May 6, 2011 at 6 PM. We welcome you to come experience a whole year of creativity! Along with artworks from the Art classes, there will be photographs from the Photography class, a production by the Drama class, performances by the Music Ensemble and the Garage Band class, pieces on display from Woodshop, the Astronomy class's projects, writing by the Creative Writing class, and much more. Several Shades of Why, this year's student anthology, will be on sale for \$10 per copy. There will also be a silent art auction. This year's EXPO is a charity event, all proceeds going to disaster relief in Japan. Admission is free, with a suggested donation of \$5. Your student's work will most likely be featured this evening, so your encouragement and participation mean a lot! We look forward to seeing you there!

### WOODSIDE ON THE WATER (WOW)

Our newest community event is almost here, and it is promising to be a wonderful evening! As a reminder, the WOW event is on Friday, May 13th from 7:30 to 10:30. Boarding will begin at 7:00, on Pier 3 at The Embarcadero. Boarding ends at 7:20, and the ship will sail at 7:30 sharp. Late comers will literally miss the boat! We will be sailing around the bay on *The California Hornblower*, and there will be dinner, dancing, and great company. This event is open to all members of the WIS community, including both parents and students, as well as faculty and staff. We even have some alumni attending! The boarding passes will be mailed this week to those who have already purchased and paid for their tickets. For those who have only reserved tickets but not yet paid, we must receive your payment right away to secure your spot(s) and to mail your boarding passes. If you forgot to RSVP, we may still have a few available tickets, so please email Ariel at [aedwards@wissf.org](mailto:aedwards@wissf.org) right away!

### TEACHERS' APPRECIATION EVENING

Our annual Teacher's Appreciation potluck dinner is on Thursday, May 19th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Stern Grove Trocadero Club House. All students and parents are invited to attend and visit with the Woodside staff in the relaxed atmosphere of the grove. We are still in need of help and support in planning for this event and for the donations to the Teachers' Gift Fund. Please see the enclosed letter detailing the Teachers' Gift Fund. We strongly encourage all parents - especially parents of seniors - to come for a unique opportunity to meet with teachers in a relaxed and festive atmosphere.

### What to bring:

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| Last name <b>A-D</b> | Main course to serve 10    |
| Last name <b>E-K</b> | Salad to serve 10          |
| Last name <b>L-O</b> | Hors d'oeuvres to serve 10 |
| Last name <b>P-Z</b> | Dessert to serve 10        |

### Directions to Stern Grove Trocadero Clubhouse:

Stern Grove is on the corner of 19th Avenue and Sloat Blvd., and the entrance is on Sloat Blvd. Pull into the entrance and follow the road down to the bottom parking area. The clubhouse will be on the right. Public Transportation to Stern Grove includes Muni lines #17, 23, 28, or 28L, and the Metro M Oceanview.



We can't wait to see you there! If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Ariel at [aedwards@wissf.org](mailto:aedwards@wissf.org) and she will put you in touch with WISPA's Janet Birenbaum. Thank you!

### WALK-A-THON

Thank you to all the students and parents that contributed to and participated in our annual walkathon! Congratulations to the students that completed the most laps! Tied for the win at an incredible 13 laps each are Sihao Dong, Wesley Lao, Kwesi Spencer, and Robert Tapaltsyan! Honorable mention goes to Joost de Vries and Lada Kondrakhina for completing 8 laps each! We are currently tabulating the results of the donations, so if you have any pledge forms that have not been turned in, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you very much!



### ADVENTURES PE CAMPING TRIP

On April 1st, the Adventures PE Class went backpacking to

Wildcat Camp in Point Reyes National Seashore. Despite a long and arduous hike, barely palatable food and chlorine tainted water, a grand time was had by all. We explored the beach, had a bonfire and interacted as a team. Our final trip of the year, white water rafting, is scheduled for May 16th.



### SPORTS DAY

Our end of the year celebration is finally here! Sports Day is on Friday, May 20th, and is the last day of required school before final exams. To celebrate, we take all the students and teachers over to Linley Meadow in GGP and spend the day having a barbecue and playing games. All students are expected to attend and should arrive by 9:00. There are no language classes in the morning. The day will end early, usually by 2:00. We will be providing food for everyone, but students are invited to bring their own items to barbecue if they would like to.

### REVIEW PERIOD AND FINAL EXAMS

The two week exam review period begins on Monday, May 9th, and final exams begin on Tuesday, May 24th. Your child will be sent home with a final exam schedule soon after May 9th, and we will post one online when the times are finalized. Students are required to pass their exams in order for them to pass the course for the semester. Be sure to know your schedule. Students are advised to prepare well for each final, to be well rested, and to arrive in good time before the final. They may leave school as soon as their last final of the day ends.

The last Progress Report of the year will be sent home with your child on Wednesday, May 11th, and Spring Semester Reports will be mailed on Tuesday, June 7th. If you have any questions, please email Ariel at [aedwards@wissf.org](mailto:aedwards@wissf.org).

### GRADUATION!

Our graduation ceremony will be held Sunday, June 6th at 6:00 p.m. at the County Fair Building in Golden Gate Park (near the Arboretum). This ceremony is not just for seniors, but for graduating 8th graders and all students who earn academic awards and certificates. The names of the recipients of Honor Roll Certificates and Subject Awards will be posted during the exam period. Parents of seniors should contact Perrine, [admin@wissf.org](mailto:admin@wissf.org), with the number of graduation invitations they will need. We will also need a guest list from each senior with the names of each of their guests that will be attending graduation. Seniors will receive ceremony information and their caps and gowns during the week of final exams. Senior parents that would like to help plan and organize the event should email Ariel at [aedwards@wissf.org](mailto:aedwards@wissf.org), and she will put you in touch with Janet Birenbaum.

### UPDATE ON THE BINA HILL INSTITUTE

Over the Spring Break, John Edwards had a successful trip to

Guyana and further strengthened the relationship between Woodside and the Bina Hill Institute. With the support of some generous donors, the Guyana Rock concerts arranged by former student Daniel Bromfield, we have donated twelve netbooks to the school and sponsored an arts and crafts program in the institute, which gives young Amerindians a second chance at an education. Mr. Edwards signed an MOU with the headmistress and a representative of the Institute.



### 2011-2012 TDAP VACCINATION COMPLIANCE

All California schools are being required to obtain proof of Tdap (Whooping Cough) vaccinations for every student for the 11-12 academic year. If you have not already provided us with a vaccination record with the Tdap information, please do so as soon as possible. If your child is still in need of this vaccine, the San Francisco Department of Public Health is holding a free vaccination clinic on May 14th at John O'Connell High School. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information, and please contact Ariel at [aedwards@wissf.org](mailto:aedwards@wissf.org) if you have any questions.

### SUMMER SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

Summer School Recommendations are being mailed this week. If you have any questions about these recommendations or you have been requested to set up an appointment to discuss summer school options, please contact Perrine at 415-564-1063 or [admin@wissf.org](mailto:admin@wissf.org). We will try to get to your summer questions promptly, but we may need to wait until June when final exam grades are in to get a more complete picture. Please see the 2011 Summer Registration Form enclosed with this newsletter.

### 2011-2012 CALENDAR

Please see the enclosed 2011-2012 Academic Calendar for returning students.

### COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Congratulations to our 19 seniors who have been accepted at the following colleges and universities:

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| Berkeley City College                    | Sarah Lawrence College             |
| California State University Chico        | Sonoma State University            |
| California State University East Bay     | Southern Oregon University         |
| California State University Monterey Bay | Syracuse University, New York      |
| California State University Sacramento   | University of California Davis     |
| City College of San Francisco            | University of California Irvine    |
| Cordon Bleu Culinary School              | University of California Riverside |
| Dominican University of California       | University of Chicago - Wait List  |
| Humboldt State University                | University of Miami, Florida       |
| Landmark College, Vermont                | University of San Francisco        |
| Eugene Lang College, New York            | University of Western Montana      |
| Notre Dame de Namur University           | Utica College                      |
| Pace University, New York                | Western State University, Colorado |
| San Jose State University                | Whittier College                   |

**Thank you to all the staff, faculty, parents, and students that have made this such a successful year! Have a great summer!**