

REACH

A Creative Arts Magnet Program
Brook Haven Middle School, Sebastopol, California

Monday, November 26, 2007

A Weekly Newsletter from the REACH Parent Foundation

REACH Winter Social and Activity Night

All parents are invited to the annual REACH Winter Social on November 30 (see invitation at the end of the newsletter) and their children are welcome to attend the Activity Night Party at the Parkside School multi-purpose room. Kids will have a great time at the Activity Night. There will be games, snacks, fortune-telling and a movie. Drop off is at 6:30-and pick-up at 10:15 p.m. Be sure to get your permission slip and money in for your student to attend Activity Night this week. They can be put in the gold box in the office.—*Nancy Higham*

Help Grow Our Program!

We're re-vamping our enrollment packet to start being handed out to prospective REACH families soon and need to include in it parent feedback on the program. Please send answers to: "How is the REACH program meeting your student's needs" or just anything positive you think a prospective parent should know, to dianabadger@mcn.org. It will go in the "What People Are Saying" section of the packet.—*Nancy Higham*

A Night at the Opera



In preparation for the 8th grade field trip to the San Francisco Opera to see Puccini's, *Madame Butterfly*, students will take a class with Will Kent on Monday, Nov. 26. Will Kent teaches opera courses at Santa Rosa Junior College, and will share information with the students to help them understand *Madame Butterfly* and its unique music. The 8th graders will be well-prepared as Will Kent will teach two additional classes next week prior to the Thursday night performance.

Drivers and chaperones will meet at school at 5:00 p.m. Students will want to eat a snack in the car. They may also bring money to spend in the snack bar on the mezzanine level in the opera house.

The following adults have signed up:

Cinnamon and Kymm	Jasper, Shane, Zach,
Carol Coleman and Melissa	Lily, Shelby Triplitt
Ann Pugh and Claudia	Emily, Thor, and Nancy Higham.
Janny and Mark Tansil	Shelby, Linnea, Eli
Amy and Richard Koman	Nathan, Sam, Xandra

If you have any change in your plans please let Nancy Higham know early this week. The tickets for the students are paid for. The cost for the tickets is \$45 each. Any



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Mark Your Calendar

Wed. Nov. 28

RPF Board meeting,
6:30 Brook Haven Library

Wed. Nov. 28

4/5 Drama
All costumes & props at school
3:00 to 4:00 set painting
Need parent help.

Fri. Nov. 30

Last meeting for clubs

Fri. Nov. 30

Parent Social &
Student Activity Night

Wed. Dec. 5

4/5 Drama
Full dress rehearsal-
both casts

Thurs. Dec. 6

Madame Butterfly
8th grade
Meet at school at 5:00 p.m.

Fri. Dec. 7

7:45 a.m. Parent coffee

Wed. Dec. 12

4/5 Drama show
Cast A 1:30
All are welcome to attend

Thurs. Dec. 13

4/5 Drama show
Cast B 1:30
All are welcome to attend

In Their Own Words

My Mysterious Island

On the island

I have a picture frame in my mind of it

A place near an island

A place where I can get freedom

A place on an island with mysterious things

All the way I have to go a big journey.

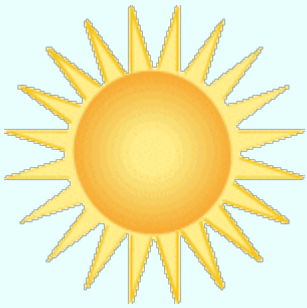
I would rather see the beautiful castle
named the V-Castle.

A castle in my imagination.

I can feel it is on the mysterious island.

Every day I sleep, I see the castle in my dream.

— *Vanshaj Chowdhary, Grade 6*



Hope

I go to the land, the land of peace.

The sun shines through my window.

Everyone is there, loving and laughing,
laughing and loving.

The sun dives down on the freshly cut grass.

I am content. I run and jump for joy.

The full moon appears on the horizon,
so bright, so bright.

I rest my eyes and fall into the land,
the land of peace.

— *Arielle Rubin*

I Feel

I feel like a bird soaring in the sky.

I feel like a cheetah running at 50 mph.

I feel like a shark chasing its prey.

I feel like a fox running playfully in tall grass
but I'm a human stuck on the ground

not soaring the sky

not under the ocean

not running 50 mph

just a plain human.

— *Andrew Senocak, Grade 4*



A Cup of Summer

The last drops of sunlight flow out of my cup

As the summer slowly fades away.

I look down into my glass of dreams and sigh.

I wish there was more, I always do.

The summer was filled with magical moments

And hugs and laughs and parties.

I know it all must come to an end

So I try to smile as the waiter comes

and fills me up a glass of something new.

It's dark and cold, like the winter that's coming.

But there's a cherry in it.

And I know that summer will always come back.

— *Shelby Tansil*



Reasons To Be Thankful—The REACH Thanksgiving Feast

What a feast we all shared last Tuesday! The classrooms looked spiffy with their bright table coverings. Steph's room was set up with oodles of food and two serving lines. Parents helped set up the serving room and the 6th grade room while the sub was teaching science. The students in the 4/5 set up and covered their own tables. The food poured in and the parents arranged it all very attractively. The desserts were held in another room until the meal was finished as there was not enough room to display it all.

All the students lined up at the beginning for fourth period in a big circle and Bonnie led them in thinking about the importance of family and friends and the goodness in their lives. Then the students sat down in the three classrooms as assigned by their teachers. Lively conversation was heard in all the rooms as the students waited to be called to the serving table.

There was a whole turkey and a whole ham. There was

home-made pizza, lasagne, macaroni, numerous salads, rolls, and cornbread. There were yams with marshmallows, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, and various juices to drink. Once everyone had passed through the line, they were invited back for seconds. And many students filled their plates again. Some students even chose thirds rather than dessert.

Then desserts were brought to the table: pies, cakes, brownies, cookies, cheesecakes, and more. Many of the parent helpers also ate. And all the 4 teachers and even some of the Brook Haven staff came by for lunch.

Many thanks to all the parents who brought food, and stayed around to help. Especially thanks to the room mothers who were there from set up through cleanup. There were four boxes of neatly packaged leftover foods taken to the Rescue Mission in downtown Santa Rosa and they were most grateful.—*Nancy Higham*



COMMUNITY EVENTS




The American Philharmonic
Being In Time: Vision,
Harmony & Nostalgia
Dec 2 Wells Fargo Center for
the Arts, Santa Rosa :
Sunday, Dec 2nd, 2007 @ 3pm
FREE ADMISSION

Aida - SRJC Theater Arts
Department presents pop-rock
story of a Nubian princess,
Pharaoh's daughter and sol-
dier they both love, set to music by Elton John and Tim
Rice. Nov 28-30 and Dec 1 at 8; also Dec 1-2 at 2. \$8-\$18,
707.527.4343. Burbank Auditorium, SRJC

Want to Advertise?

REACH classifieds for for-sale items, events, and interest matches are free for individuals in the REACH community. We also have business classifieds. If you'd like to advertise your business in the REACH News, it's \$10 a month or \$50 a year for a classified ad or \$100 a year for a 2" x 2" ad. Kid businesses advertise free.

1 Bedroom Holiday Rental: For Family or Friends
Very nice, newly remodeled one bedroom weekly rental 'house'. Thinking of renting this sweet place (next to our house) by the week, for anyone's extra family over holidays, or beyond. All new inside: cute gas fireplace, skylights gas stove, queen bed, laminate floor, dishes, towels, small deck, tub and shower, and nice laundry inside. Sunny and private, with nice trees. \$550 per week. 2 people. Pleasant Hill and Lynch area. Can e-mail pictures. Call: 823-8878



You Are Invited
to attend the
REACH Winter Social



When: Friday, November 30th 2007
7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Where: The Akers' Home (7th Grade Family)
408 Pleasant Hill Road, Sebastopol

Why: To Celebrate Our Community In Education

What To Bring: Your Bright Wonderful Selves,
A bottle of Wine or Your Favorite Beverage
And

If Your Last Name Begins With A-D a Fantastic Dessert

If Your Last Name Begins With E-R a Scrumptious Appetizer

If Your Last Name Begins With S-Z a Delectable Salad

Please RSVP to Ann Buller
sajelawrence@earthlink.net
or call 829 - 8048