



# The REACH Charter School

A Creative Liberal Arts School for Grades 4 - 8

at Brook Haven Middle School, Sebastopol, California



December 18, 2010

## Director's Corner

Well, 2010 is coming to a close. I just wanted to thank everyone for bringing food in on Friday. We had a scrumptious feast with lots of different tastes from around the world. Thank you Stacey for taking a leading role in setting up and clean-up. There were some cooking pans left in room 7. If you think you are missing a dish, it will be there in the new year!

As you have read in a letter from the RPF Board, we will be making material changes to our charter in the next few months. This change will allow us to have more stability in our teaching staff and better maintain our programs. We will keep you informed as the process develops. There will be a Parent's Meeting on Jan. 19th to discuss this transition.

Host a Chinese exchange student! A group of 7th/8th grade students from China will be visiting Sebastopol from January 27th to February 4th. They are in need of host families. If you are interested please contact Carla Vaughn at 707-827-3951

I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season and restful break!

Happy Holidays! Justin Kornfein



## Calendar

Dec. 31 -- Happy New Year's Eve!

Jan. 3rd -- School Resumes

Jan. 19th -- Parent's Meeting

Jan. 26th -- Enrollment Info Night.

## Blast from the Past: Art Inspired by the 60s



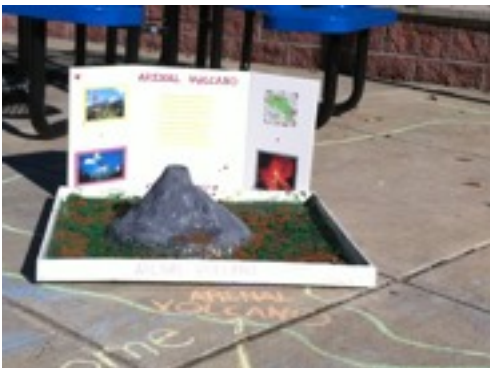
So much art and so little time! But the participants of this club accomplished some pretty impressive works. The paisley motif was the starting point for their first designs, painted with bright watercolors to resemble tie-dye art. Then on to Roy Lichtenstein and his focus on comic book art, complete with Benday dots. Next came Andy Warhol and Peter Max and their work in portraiture. Students enjoyed splashing fluorescent paints onto their own enlarged photographic portraits. They also worked with repetition and vibrant color while assembling a Warhol style collage of themselves. Lastly, we looked at the works of Robert Indiana and worked on creating stencil art inspired by him. What a fun era in the history of art!

## Outdoor Education



The sixth grade spent a week at Caritas Creek's Outdoor Education program. They spent time together exploring and learning about various ecosystems while having fun, too. I'm sure they will all remember the multiple games of Predator and Prey. Each day was built around a theme such as 'connections'. The lessons of the day would then reinforce this overarching theme to help deepen the learning. I'd like to thank all of our parent chaperones and drivers that helped make this trip possible

## Culmination



The end of the trimester culmination went off with a blast! It began with our Glee Club's rendition of *Lean on Me*. Then each grade level showed off their thematic units and projects. The 4/5 class dressed in fashionable attire from the Mission Period, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders took us to prehistoric times, and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> graders hailed from colonial times. For the grand finale, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders ignited their volcanoes that were placed around the Ring of Fire that was drawn on the quad.



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