

ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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THANKSGIVING BREAK, 1:10 DISMISSAL

Next week is a short week at AWS. School dismissal is at 1:10 pm on Wednesday, November 26. Thanksgiving break includes Thursday, Friday and Monday, December 1st. The extra day on Monday is to accommodate families traveling for the Thanksgiving Conference or for those needing an extra day for family time.

ESL SUMMER CAMP 2003

This past summer we offered an English as a second language (ESL) program for overseas students from Taiwan and Korea. The success of this camp was due to the Lord's blessing. The program was held from July 14th - August 9th and christened program Summer Camp 2003.

The daily schedule for Summer Camp 2003 (SC2003) included a morning session, afternoon session, and dinner session. The curriculum included beginning English and English for colloquial or daily use. Many cultural activities were also included as an adjunct to their learning experience such as crafts, cooking and even a car wash.

The classes consisted primarily of listening, reading, and writing. Mrs. Doering taught the reading classes. Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Reymer taught the listening classes. Mr. Willison taught the writing classes. The curriculum and methodology was based on the University of Dallas where they have had good success teaching ESL. Many parents and students all volunteered to make this time a success.

The positive results of SC2003 were shown in the students themselves. The first week there were many tears. They missed their family, culture, and food. The second week fewer tears, and less culture shock. The final week showed a great deal of improvement in their comprehension (test results before and after), and the only tears were for their having to leave. Thank you all for your participation.

SCHOOL POLICY REMINDERS

Progress Reports: After the first quarter of each school year when progress reports are provided for all students, progress reports will only be sent mid-quarter to the students whom the teachers deem necessary.

Tardies: Failure to be in class at the start of the period, seated in the appropriate place, and ready to begin work is considered tardy. An accumulation of five or more tardies to a class period per **semester** will result in a reduction of one-half letter grade in that class. If the tardies continue and nine (9) tardies are accumulated, the grade for that class will be lowered one full letter grade.

Prearranged Absences: Prearranged absences will not be excused prior to a scheduled school holiday; i.e., Thanksgiving, winter, and spring breaks. For prearranged absences, a note must be submitted to school prior to the

absences stating the reason and duration of the absence. The absence must be approved by the principal. Long term assignments such as research papers or projects must be submitted on the assigned due date regardless of attendance, or a grading penalty will result. The student is responsible to make up any class assignments missed during a prearranged absence. All work must be completed upon return to school unless special arrangements have been made with the teacher.

UPCOMING ESL WINTER CAMP 2004

AWS will have another opportunity to host an ESL Winter Camp. Winter Camp (WC 2004) will run January 2 -February 2, 2004.

The rigorous academics of AcaciaWood is an excellent opportunity for foreign students to quickly improve their English skills, and provides a way to blend with students who may become their companions. Based on the results of Summer Camp 2003 a strong enrollment is expected, primarily from Korea.

Daily morning English instruction, followed by an afternoon multipurpose session will be the normal schedule. Short excursions to experience American life, as well as participation activities are included in the student activities. Their anticipated class day will be from 8:00am through 3:30pm.

It is also anticipated that some of the students will want to visit the Golden Gate Bridge on their return home. Efforts are being made for a group of the students with chaperones to tour the San Francisco area.

Finally, letters will be sent to all the AWS families with information on how to be a "host" family. Your tremendous help with the SC 2003 is the basis for the WC 2004. Host families are greatly needed and very much appreciated during this time.

EVENT CALENDAR

- Nov. 26 1:10 dismissal, Wednesday
- Nov. 27-Dec. 1 Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 2 Return to school; Tuesday
- Dec. 12 Last PE of 1st Sem., 3:10 dismissal
- Dec. 13 Game day
- Dec. 19 Minimum Day, 1:10 dismissal
- Dec. 20-Jan 4 Winter Break
- Jan. 2 Winter Camp 2004
- Jan. 13-15 Finals
- Jan. 16 End of Semester

NOTICE: CHANGE OF DATE!

The 2004 Senior Banquet has been moved to Friday May 14, 2004. It was originally scheduled for Saturday May 15, 2004. Please note this important change!

AWS MAKES HISTORY AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR HISTORY EDUCATION.

On Friday, October 17, 2003 at the Wilshire Hilton Hotel in Los Angeles the Acaciawood NHD program, in conjunction with the National History Day office, presented a national workshop for teachers entitled "History Day in the Classroom." The workshop was part of the annual conference of the National Council for History Education, an organization containing a blend of secondary and college teachers of history. Mrs. Yang and alumnus Danielle Allison presented keys to successful historical research and ways to integrate the skills involved in the National History Day program into the classroom. The workshop drew approximately 45 interested teachers. Danielle was the hit of the program! Many teachers talked to her afterwards about her rewarding experiences as a student of history at Acaciawood. Danielle is presently a freshman at Cal State Long Beach. She continues to offer her help with this year's NHD program. We appreciate you, Danielle!

NEEDED! BROWN BURLAP AND CORD

The WAMA class is looking for a bolt of brown burlap or something very similar, and a spool of 1" diameter cord. If anyone knows of a place to get these items free or at a greatly discounted rate, please let Mrs. Yang know. We need it by the end of February 2004.

HISPANIC CULTURAL ART CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations to Enoch Huang winner of the annual Hispanic Cultural Art Contest sponsored by the Union Bank of California. Enoch placed third and received a \$250 award.

ATTENTION ALL FORMER NHD'RS:

"Give me your tired, your poor. . ." your used interview tapes from any of your past projects. We are looking for donations or long-term loans. We would like to add to our archives any audio or videotapes of interviews you have made, for they are very valuable to our history program. Please supply us with as much information as possible about these tapes when submitting. For further information contact Mrs. Yang in 103.

NHD GROUPS, TOPICS, CATEGORIES UPDATE

NHD needs your experiences and expertise! Below is a list of the proposed groups, topics, and categories for this year's competition on the theme of "Exploration, Encounter, Exchange in History." If you know anyone who has a special experience in or expertise of these topics, please contact the students directly. They are searching for a variety of sources and perspectives on their topics and they will be very appreciative of your input!

High School Groups

1	D. Scatterday A. Miyake Melissa Jones	Formation of Israel	Performance
2	David Cheung Philemon Ahn Isel Lee Andrea Galvan	Boxer Rebellion	Exhibit

3	Grace Cheng Yvonne Liang Andrew Pham Anna Cheung Leslie Martinez	Khmer Rouge Cambodian Genocide	Website
4	Paul Chang Danny Marks Jake Duddy M. Mulligan	ABA/NBA Merger	Exhibit
5	Jon Allison Ian Pan	Enigma	Website
6	P. Combiths Jamin Koo Isaac Lee Andy Lin	Antarctica	Website
7	Tim Chang Kevin Chen Johnson Wu Charlie Cho	Lewis and Clark Expedition	Website
8	Grace Pester Grace Liau Andrea Liu	Polio	Documentary
9	Andrew Tucker S. Yang Sheri Lin Karis Miyake	Nixon's Visit to China	Documentary
10	Alex Kim John Oh	Christopher Columbus	Exhibit
11	Angela Lee Jessy Kim	Japanese Occupation of Korea	Exhibit
12	Aaron Miller	California Missions/Native Americans	Exhibit
13	Stephen Barber	Armenian Genocide	Exhibit
14	Jeffrey Kerr	Korean Conflict	Documentary
15	Samuel Fok	German development of atomic bomb	Paper
16	R. Buntain	Ether/Anesthetics	Exhibit/website
17	Jason Kim	History of Korea	Exhibit
18	Philip Lam	Iwo Jima	Website

Junior High Groups

1	Steven Saffron	The Wright Brothers	Documentary
2	Joyce Liau	The Emancipation Proclamation	Documentary
3	Timothy Ahn	The Trojan War	Documentary
4	Mary Fok Abraham Lin Bruce Shiao	The California Gold Rush	Documentary
5	Jeffrey Tung	The Alamo	Exhibit
6	Curtis Barber	Matthew Perry and the Opening of Japan	Exhibit
7	Michael Jones Hugo Martinez Shaun Pan	Navajo Codetalkers	Exhibit
8	Jasper Duan Kathryn Johnston A. Montero	Berlin Wall	Exhibit
9	Jon Ewing	The Panama Canal	Paper
10	Elizabeth Huck	The Little Rock Nine	Paper
11	Jennifer Flores J. Permantier Daniela Romero	Rosie the Riveter	Performance
12	Naomi Lin	Polio	Website
13	E. Combiths	Yalta and Post World War 2 Europe	Website
14	Alexander Chak C. Kwak Joel Park	Sir Francis Drake	Website
15	Samuel Woo Dian Zhang	The Purchase of Alaska	Website