

ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 5TH

The deadline for registration for the upcoming 2004-2005 school year is April 5th. Registration contracts have been mailed to all AWS families. Classes are filling up in elementary and junior high due to increased interest from new families. Please submit your contract with the \$175 fee for each student. If you know someone who is interested in having their children attend AWS please inform them that now is the time to contact the office to register.

TALENT SHOW APRIL 12TH

The Associated Student Body (ASB) will host the annual AcaciaWood Talent Show at 7:00pm, Monday, April 12th, in the Multi-Purpose Room (MPR). Dinner will be provided as a fund raiser for the senior class from 5:30-6:30pm. The program includes a wide variety of performances by participants from every grade and is expected to last approximately two hours. Prizes will be awarded to the best entries in four categories. The ASB would like to purchase a sound system for the school so donations to attend the talent show are highly encouraged. Refreshments and other items will also be sold as class fundraisers before and after the program.

Please invite your relatives, friends and families interested in sending their children to AWS for a fun-filled evening of entertainment!

ALL-SCHOOL PHILANTHROPIC PROJECT

On Friday, April 16th, the entire school will go to the *Incredible Edible Park* in Irvine to harvest fresh fruits and vegetables. The produce will then be distributed to different shelters and soup kitchens throughout Orange County. The harvesting will be done from 9:00-11:00am. Students should wear comfortable work clothes and shoes that can get dirty. (No open-toed shoes or shorts!) Sunscreen, hats and work gloves are highly recommended. Afterwards, the students will return to AWS for an all-school BBQ, arranged by the ASB. Permission slips will be sent home for this activity.

Only PE classes will be conducted according to the normal schedule. **School will dismiss at 3:10pm.**

Parents are needed to drive and chaperone this activity. If you are able to help please contact Karis Miyake (714-991-7217) or Grace Cheng (714-898-9260)

YOUTH EXPO

April 30-May 2 is the Youth Expo at the OC Fairgrounds. The elementary students will have their work on display. Science Fair projects will also be exhibited at that time. The elementary students will attend on Friday, April 30th as a field trip

NHD RESULTS

Congratulations to all the champions and finalists. You have worked hard to reach this point and we are so proud of you. Our best wishes go with you to Sacramento!

Champions in 5th Grade Posters

Individual Poster: Sarah Gail Permantier

Group Poster: Eric Flores, David Montiel

Finalists in Junior High

Individual Website: Naomi Lin

Group Website: Alexander Chak, Christopher Kwak, Joel Park

Group Exhibit: Michael Jones, Hugo Martinez, Shaun Pan

Group Exhibit: Jasper Duan, Kathryn Johnston, Joyce Liao

Group Documentary: Mary Fok, Abraham Lin, Bruce Shiao

Champions in Junior High

Individual Website: Elizabeth Combiths

Individual Exhibit: Curtis Barber

Individual Documentary: Steven Saffron

Group Performance: Jennifer Flores, Jordan Permantier,

Daniela Romero

Champions in High School

Individual Websites: Jonathan Allison and Rebecca Buntain

Group Website: Philip Combiths, Ja-Min Koo, Isaac Lee,

Andy Lin

Individual Exhibit: Stephen Barber and Aaron Miller

Group Exhibit: Jessy Kim, Angela Lee

Individual Documentary: Jeffrey Kerr

Group Documentary: Sheri Lin, Karis Miyake, Andrew

Tucker, Shenandoah Yang

Group Documentary: Grace Liao, Hsiang-En Liu, Grace Pester

Group Performance: Melissa Jones, Aletheia Miyake, Deborah Scatterday

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS 2004

Winners from the AcaciaWood School Science Fair:

Rachel Nash	5 th Grade
Ruby Chen	6 th Grade
Eric Romero	6 th Grade
Daniel Martin	6 th Grade
Morgan Massey	6 th Grade
Jasper Duan	7 th Grade
Michael Jones	7 th Grade
Jordan Permantier	7 th Grade
Daniela Romero	7 th Grade
Steven Saffron	7 th Grade
Alex Chak	8 th Grade
Mary Fok	8 th Grade
Elizabeth Huck	8 th Grade
Joel Park	8 th Grade

6th, 7th, and 8th grade winners go on to compete at the Orange County Science and Engineering Fair, we will receive results in April. Best wishes to all!

OTHER AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

FIFTH ANNUAL HOLOCAUST WRITING CONTEST WINNERS!!

This year the theme for the Holocaust Writing contest, sponsored by Chapman University, was "Conscience and Courage: Heroes of the Holocaust." Each school is allowed to submit three entries into the contest in each division. After a school run-off, the finalists from Acaciawood for the Junior Division were Timothy Ahn (art), Michael Jones (poetry), and Daniela Romero (essay). High School Division entries were submitted by Melissa Jones (poetry) and Hsiang-En Liu (art). Congratulations to Timothy Ahn, who was a Finalist in the contest, and to Melissa Jones who won Second Place with her poetry. Prizes were awarded to the finalists and their teachers at the reception immediately following the Awards Ceremony on March 12th. All the students who attended the reception were given a copy of *The Holocaust Chronicle* and had the opportunity to have their book signed by Holocaust survivors from the "1939" Club who were also at the reception.

THE ORANGE COUNTY ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, OTHER DRUG, AND VIOLENCE PREVENTION POSTER AND CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

This competition is sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education to encourage youth to be drug-and violence-free. Three Acaciawood students have been announced as winners:

Letter to the Editor	Bruce Shiao	<i>Second Place</i>
	Jonathan Ewing	<i>Third Place</i>
Opinion Editorial	Jeffrey Tung	<i>Second Place</i>

Contest prizes will be presented at the Awards Reception on Thursday evening, April 15, 2004. Invitations to the event will be mailed. Please check the website for more information www.ocde.k12.ca.us/prevention

CRICKET MAGAZINE CONTEST WINNER!

In February the 6th grade entered the *Cricket Magazine* poetry contest. Morgan Massey won third place for her poem titled "Scuba Diving". This is an international contest and always an honor to be recognized by them.

INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY OF POETRY CONTEST WINNER!

Jason Kerr on his own initiative, entered a poem in this competition and is now a semi-finalist for their monthly poetry contest. His poem is titled "Love and Fear".

A GOLDEN SEASON!

The basketball banquet held on March 12 was the capstone of an incredible season. The coaches and players began the season with 5:30am practices in the summer, nearly nine months ago. Since then over 400 hours of practices have accumulated. The boys trained hard to develop into a team that ended with 11 wins and 11 losses, not a bad record when comparing student enrollment of AWS and that of our opponents. The 11 victories gained AWS a berth in the CIF playoffs which some thought impossible at the beginning of the season! At the banquet, Johnson Wu was recognized as the *MVP*, Michael Mulligan was the *Most Improved Player*, and Daniel Hage was awarded *Best Sportsmanship*. Daniel Hage and Mark Tara, both seniors and captain/co-captains for the team were congratulated for their leadership during the season. We will miss their leadership next year, but with most of the players returning, the Golden Eagles will be a formidable team next season. Soar on Eagles!

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR STUDENTS, WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU, KEEP UP THE HARD WORK!

CHAPERONES NEEDED

The Community Service Club at AWS needs chaperones for it's Saturday morning volunteer activities. The students work as volunteers at a number of senior citizen homes, children's shelters, orphanages and the like. Adults are needed to drive and accompany the students during their community service. Please contact Deborah Scatterday or the office if you can help on a Saturday in April or May.

FUND RAISERS

The **senior class** will be selling sweatshirts and t-shirts as a fund raiser with a newly designed Acaciawood School emblem suitable for casual day, PE and other AWS events (not an approved uniform sweatshirt). Watch for details coming soon and order your sweatshirt and put on your school spirit.

The **junior class** is selling greeting cards featuring beautiful color photos of nature with a KJV scripture. The inside of the card is blank so the card is suitable for any occasion you choose. See a junior or the office to buy cards.

EVENT CALENDAR

- Mar. 29-Apr. 2 Spring Break
- April 5 Back to School
- April 5 **Registration Deadline**
- April 14 Talent Show, 7:00pm
- April 16 All-School Outing
- April 26-29 Standardized Testing
- Apr.30-May 2 NHD, State Competition
- May 1 SAT I and II
- May 2-14 AP testing
- May 14 Last day of PE, 3:10 dismissal
- May 14 Junior Senior banquet, 6:00pm
- May 27 First day of Finals
- May 28-31 Memorial Day Break
- June 3 Graduation, LSM campus