

ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

There are many things that are new as we begin this school year. There are two new teachers: Mr. Huang and Mr. Dan Frownfelter. Mr. Huang comes from Fullerton and teaches junior high science, pre-calculus, and calculus. Mr. Frownfelter rides his bicycle from Lakewood and teaches Physics and pre-calculus. 9 new families joined the AWS family bringing with them 14 new students. We welcome Faith Huynh, Samuel Flora, Brez Liang, Alex and Austin Lin, Stephen and Sarah Lyon, Gerardo Padilla, Jose Rivera and Joanna and Stephannie Rodriguez and their families. There are two new students from Korea: David Choi (8th grade) and David Moon (9th grade) and Pablo Valenzuela (7th grade) from Bolivia.

103 EAGLES AND 1 RABBIT

Along with 103 eagles (students), there is a new addition in our elementary school, a "studio apartment" housing one rabbit! Our school rabbit is described by portions of Jessica Miao's essay on our rabbit.

Chester is a very cute rabbit. He has long ears and a nose that never stops moving. Mrs. Reymer says how fast Chester's nose is moving that's how fast his heart beats! He has small eyes that seem to look at everything that moves. His fur is light brown and dark brown. He has such a brown neck and a whitish-brownish tail. His body seems to be everywhere. He looks the most cute when curled up in a ball.

Chester, in general, is an extremely friendly rabbit. Although he likes to explore, he loves to chew on shoelaces.. He is sometimes funny. For example, at Half-Time Huddle, Chester makes a lot of commotion. Also, when we observed him, he stood up on his hind legs, then suddenly dropped down and ran around. Chester can be such a hilarious rabbit.

What really makes Chester special is that he is a one of a kind. He chews steel, and that isn't very usual. Also Chester eats his name tag! I am very glad that he is our class pet.

NATIONAL HISTORY DAY RESULTS

While most students began relaxing and enjoying their summer vacation right after school ended, a few students shifted into high gear. These students were those who qualified at Sacramento to represent California in the history day competition at the national

level. Competing against the top students from around the country at the University of Maryland, at College Park, Maryland were:

California State Winners

Group Documentary: G. Liao, H. Liu, G. Pester

Group Performance: M. Jones, A. Miyake, D.Scatterday

Individual Exhibit: S. Barber

Group Exhibit: J. Kim and A. Lee

National Champions 2004

Group Performance: Melissa Jones, Aletheia Miyake, Deborah Scatterday (Finalist)

Individual Exhibit: Stephen Barber (Finalist)

Group Exhibit: Jessy Kim and Angela Lee (3rd Place)

Congratulations to all the students! You have worked hard to reach these achievements and we are very proud of you.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT NEWS

What is green, yellow, white, and black; flies and waves at you during windy days? It's the new school flag. The flag is the product of the hard work of last year's ASB government. The flag was designed by our students and consists of two polyester panels with embroidery and cloth sewn together. The flag is a daily reminder of student government at work.

The new year started with a "boom" when the upper school went to *Boomers*, an amusement park in Irvine at the beginning of the school year. This time was a good chance for all the students to get blended together for the new year. The trip was the result of the ASB officers' research and diligent work during the summer.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Oct. 28 Volleyball vs TVT, 4 pm Sa Rang
- Oct. 29 End of 1st quarter
- Nov. 1 No school, Teacher In-Service
- Nov. 2-4 Elementary Conferences
Minimum Days, Elementary Only
- Nov. 2-4 1:10 dismissal, Elementary Only
- Nov. 24 1:10 dismissal, Wednesday
- Nov. 25-Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30 Return to school; Tuesday
- Dec. 11 Last PE of 1st Sem., 3:10 dismissal
- Dec. 17 1:10 dismissal, Friday
- Dec. 18-Jan 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 3 Return to school
- Jan. 7- Feb. 5 Winter Camp 2005
- Jan. 19-21 Finals
- Jan. 21 End of Semester

ACACIAWOOD "GYM" UPGRADED

Two years ago, Coach Jim Duddy and the boys' basketball team invested hours of sweat and hard work into converting an old warehouse situated on the LSM campus into a basketball court. The basketball court consisting of a painted concrete floor and two basketball goals, was christened *Acaciadome*. After a year of use, *Acaciadome* was relocated to another building to the east. Although the floor was swept clean and nicely painted, half-inch deep cracks and "potholes" were common surface features of the floor. Nevertheless the *Acaciadome* became the home court of the boys' basketball team and girls' athletic teams. From the inception of *Acaciadome* Coach Jim Duddy and a few others were praying for the donation of a wooden floor. After missing opportunities in Texas last year and another in Tustin earlier this year, hope was almost lost for a wood floor. Then the coach of the Fairmont Prep basketball team notified Mr. Duddy of the availability of a floor. The floor was removed due to a water leak at Fairmont's gymnasium, about a quarter mile from Acaciawood! Mr. Duddy rounded up boys' from the basketball team and transported 93 pieces (some measuring 6 foot by 12 foot, weighing 300 pounds). The wood was in remarkably good condition and did not cost anything. In mid-August the installation work began and many of the boys from the basketball team, a few alums and friends, gave up their summer days to do the exhausting work to move the heavy pieces of wood, measure and shape the pieces, and install the wood over the concrete floor. The boys and various helpers continued to work hard on this project until the completion of the first phase on October 7th. Over 20,000 pounds of wood have been placed over the concrete floor. Phase two consists of refinishing the floor and striping it for basketball, volleyball, and badminton. This project would not have been possible without the able guidance and sacrifice of Mr. Duddy, Mr. Tucker, Mr. Jones, Robert Buntain, Peter Towle, and Mr. Miyake. The Orange County Register heard about the project and featured it in an article that appeared in the Register on October 15th. **Any time or materials that you can donate to this project would be appreciated - please check with Mr. Duddy or Mr. Miyake.** We are grateful to all of those who have worked so hard on this project!

SUMMER BASKETBALL UPDATE

In addition to their hard work on the gym floor, during the summer, the boys from both the JV and varsity basketball teams spent several weeks in 2-hour practices, beginning bright and early at 6 a.m. Recent graduates of Acaciawood also helped at the practices. The varsity played a schedule of practice games against other schools and participated in a tournament where they went to the finals, losing a close one to Capistrano Valley Christian, a Division IV school. Several of the boys participated in basketball camps as well.

LADY EAGLES SOAR TO NEW HEIGHTS

Volleyball season is coming to an end with the girls' volleyball team making history by upholding an undefeated record of fourteen wins and no losses at press time. Coached by Miss Huong Nyugen and Mrs. Duddy, the 18 girls are

soaring onward to an undefeated season. The fans and players both have enjoyed many action-packed volleyball games, including two matches determined by the fifth game and narrow victories with scores of 26 to 24. The Lady Eagles have shown remarkable improvement in their volleyball skills, honed their coordination as a team, and have demonstrated the consistent ability to spring back from being behind as much as 10 points. Come out and watch the Lady Eagles serve you up some extraordinary volleyball! Soar on Ladies! The last few games of the regular season are: 10/28, 11/1 and 11/03. Directions and times are posted on the school bulletin board. **The biggest game of the regular season is coming up.** It's the non-league game on 10/28 against Tarbut V Torah (TVT), our archrivals that the Lady Eagles have never beat. Don't miss this one. It's at 4:00 pm, Sa-Rang gym. Then the CIF playoffs will begin on November 9. Stay tuned for times and locations of the games. CIF playoffs require a \$7 entry fee at the gate. A discount for students will apply for pre-paid tickets purchased at the school during the week of November 7.

PLAYGROUND EXPANSION

Plans are in the works for the elementary school play area to be enlarged and upgraded. The existing climber and slide have been removed and new equipment will replace them. The area will nearly double in size and be covered with a fresh layer of wood chips. The elementary school is recycling plastic water bottles and aluminum cans to fund the project. Please send your empty cans and water bottles (No glass containers.) to school. Cash donations are welcome too.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS KIT

The school is in the final stages of updating an emergency supply kit (ESK) for the new school year. The kit consists of food, water, medical supplies, and safety equipment for use during an earthquake or other major disaster. By now all parents or guardians, should have prepared a care package for their child for inclusion in the ESK. Contact the office if you have not sent a care package to school for your student.

COLLEGE AWARENESS DAY

On October 20th all of the high school students visited nearby college campuses. They received tours and admission presentations by college staff members. There was also the opportunity to have students and representatives from the college work meet and have lunch with the AWS students. The campuses visited were as follows;

9th Grade: *UCI* and *OCC*

10th Grade: *Cal Poly* and *Claremont McKenna College*

11th Grade: *CSULB* and *CSUDH*

12th Grade: *UCLA*, *USC*, *CSUF* and *Fullerton College*

CRICKET MAGAZINE COMPETITION

This past September the 5th and 6th grade students entered a *Cricket Magazine* creative writing contest. Dana Martin and Crystal Allison received an honorable mention for their stories. Their names will appear in an upcoming *Cricket* issue. Congratulations girls!