

ACACIAWOOD SCHOOL NEWS

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COLLEGE PREP MEETS ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL

The Acaciawood Associated Student Body (ASB) Leadership members had a groundbreaking experience on Thursday, November 11th, when they visited Polaris Alternative High School. They met with the leadership class taught there by Mr. Duddy. The main topic of conversation was community service opportunities in Anaheim. The contrast between the two schools served to broaden the perspectives of the students from both sides. A resolution was made to work together on a joint community service project. Both schools will be collecting blankets, clothes, etc. to be distributed to the homeless and needy in Anaheim. A follow up meeting will be held at Acaciawood in December. If you would like to participate in donating items for this project please contact the ASB at shen_and_oah@hotmail.com.

ORANGE COUNTY YOUTH EXPO CLIP ART CONTEST

Each year the elementary students enter artwork in the Orange County Youth Expo. We are pleased to announce that we have winners again this year.

Ben Hsu 1st Prize - \$25
Division winner: 4th-6th grade

Winners whose work is published in this year's catalog:

Isaac Morgan	3 rd Grade
Faith Huynh	4 th Grade
Gerardo Padilla	6 th Grade
Janis Freeman	5 th Grade
Joana Morales	5 th Grade
Michael Liou	5 th Grade

AGATE, JR. AGATE OUTINGS

The 42 students who maintained AGATE status for 1st quarter were treated to an IN-n-OUT lunch and a trip to Seal Beach. The recent rains freshened the air and created visibility to the east that revealed the mountains lightly dusted with snow. It was the perfect backdrop for the students to play ball games on the beach or stroll along the pier. There were 18 elementary students who maintained their Jr. AGATE status for 1st quarter. These students went to a park to play games such as "Capture the Flag" and then dined at the Jack in the Box. Thank

you all for your positive attitude and effort; it really helps to uplift the atmosphere here at AWS!

VOLLEY BALL NEWS

The volleyball season ended with an unprecedented 18-1 season. The team went on to the playoffs for the second time in AWS volleyball history. They first faced Liberty Christian who they had previously met in their 2002 playoff debut. It was a tough battle but the Lady Eagles soared to victory, breaking new territory by advancing onto the next round of the CIF playoffs. The playoff journey ended there with a five game match against fourth seed Bethel Christian. This year was another first in AWS history – Melissa Jones was awarded MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the CIF Express League. Leslie Martinez and Shenandoah Yang were awarded as First Team All League. Sarah Lyon and Anna Cheung were awarded Second Team All League. We are so proud of our team and wish them continued success next year! Congratulations Ladies!

In order to commemorate their season, a volleyball banquet will be held at Pat and Oscar's restaurant located at the Buena Park Mall on La Palma Avenue, December 12th at 5:30pm. All are welcome to join them; ticket information is in the office.

BASKETBALL SEASON HAS BEGUN

It's now officially basketball season and we anticipate many rewards from the crack-of-dawn summer training and grueling practices. Come join the fun and show your support of the Golden Eagles. A few of the games are listed below, and a complete schedule with directions to the games are available on the school website: www.awschool.org.

12/3/04	4:00pm	Crystal Cathedral
12/6 – 12/10	Tournament	TBD
12/14/04	4:00pm	Sa Rang (Home)
12/16/04	4:00pm	Sa Rang (Home)

UPCOMING ESL WINTER CAMP 2005 HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

The school is in need of host families for housing the ESL Winter Camp students. Winter Camp (WC 2005) will run January 8–February 5, 2005. Families will essentially "adopt" a child for a month and provide total care for the student. Families will receive remuneration for their care. An estimated 30 students are expected to

come, primarily from Korea. The students (ages 12-16) will attend special English classes at AWS in the morning and participate in cultural activities in the afternoons. On Saturdays the school will take the students to local attractions such as amusement parks, museums, and university campuses. Please contact the office if you can be a host family.

JUNIOR HIGH PARENT MEETING

On Monday, December 6th, AWS will hold a meeting for parents of the junior high school students and their teachers at 7:00pm. The purpose of the meeting is to assist parents help their junior high students understand and manage the growing "pains" of the teenage years. Drs. Rick and Blanca Scatterday, who have years of experience in teen medicine, will be the guest speakers. Parents with students of any age are also welcome.

FEEL GREAT! – AN ELEMENTARY MUSIC PERFORMANCE

The elementary students joyfully participated in their first music program of the school year at the 1st quarter awards assembly on November 10th. They made us all FEEL GREAT as they sang about healthy habits. They reminded us all to *shape up, eat right, scrub clean, and sleep tight!* It put a smile on our faces as they sent that "chicken fat" away.

RECYCLE YOUR CELL PHONE

AWS has found a great way to raise funds – recycling old cell phones. Your retired old phone may have a value of up to \$100! Please send your old phone to the office to help support the school.

COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB GOES SOUTH OF THE BORDER

The AWS Community Service Club (CSC) woke up at 5:00am on November 13th to begin their journey to Tijuana. There they visited a small orphanage crowded with many children. This was the fifth visit of this kind for the AWS CSC. On these visits they play with the children, entertain them, give them candy, and care for them by paying them the much needed attention and love which they crave. The children always welcome our students with joy and follow them around eagerly. We are so proud of our students and of the work they accomplish with this voluntary service.

CONCESSIONS HELP NEEDED

Biannually we have the opportunity to fund-raise for the school by operating the food concessions at the LSM trainings. This is a great school fund-raiser and it meets the needs of the training attendees. We have begun planning for this event and need many helpers. If

you can serve in any capacity, please fill out a form available in the office. If you have students who would like to help you, we welcome them, but you need to let us know and give us their names as well. They will need a name badge in order to serve. Please let us know your availability no later than December 6, 2004.

QUARTER 1 AWARDS ASSEMBLY

Student achievements for the 1st quarter were recognized at the quarter awards assembly on November 10th. Students were recognized for academic excellence, service, leadership, and overall character. Fifty-two percent of the upper school had grade point averages of 3.5 or more. For character and effort, 56% of the upper school students made AGATE and 64% of the elementary school Jr. AGATE. Philip Combiths and Isaac Lee were awarded the *Principal's Leadership & Service Award* for their participation in Summer Camp 2004. Philip Combiths was named a *National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholar* by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation for ranking among the nation's top Hispanic students who attained high PSAT/NMQST scores. Ja Min Koo received the *Golden Eagle* award for the 1st quarter. Congratulations to all for your hard work!

LOST&FOUND SOLUTION FOUND

The upper school students proposed a method of solving the lost and found problem that persists to occupy office staff time. The junior class will now manage the lost and found by collecting and holding articles left outside student lockers after regular school hours. Items with a name on it can be claimed for a flat fee. Fees will be announced at an upcoming upper school assembly. Articles without identification (name) will be auctioned off and sold to the highest bidder.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- Dec. 6 Jr. Hi Parents Meeting, 7:00 pm
- Dec. 10 Last PE day of quarter, 3:10 pm
- Dec. 12 Volleyball Banquet, 5:30pm
- Dec. 17 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Dec. 18- Jan.2 Winter Break
- Dec. 20 Registration deadline for SAT given on January 22nd
- Dec. 20-25 Concessions at LSM
- Jan. 7 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Jan. 8- Feb. 5 Winter Camp 2005
- Jan. 14 Min. Day, 1:10pm dismissal
- Jan. 19-21 Final Examinations
- Jan. 21 Semester End, 1:10pm dismissal
- Jan. 24 Teacher In-Service, No School
- Jan. 28 PE begins, 3:10 dismissal
- Feb. 7 Science Fair/Awards -7:00pm
- Feb. 21 President's Day, No School