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Spring at AFE!

Quick Dates for April:

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| 3/26 | Soccer begins! |
| 4/2-4/6 | Spring Break -- AFE closed |
| 4/11 | Submission Deadline for SC Art League's High School Show |
| 4/13, 7pm | Talent Sharing, Multipurpose Room |
| 4/24, 1-2:15 | Community Council Meeting |
| 4/28, 10-2 | Dia De Los Ninos and Rummage Sale at Branciforte Small Schools |
| 5/4 | Small School Prom for High Schoolers |
| 5/5, 11-2 | AFE Festival & Fundraiser for Homeless Garden and TPP at Circle Church |
| 5/15 | Yearbook page deadline |
| 5/22, 1-2:15 | Community Council Meeting |
| 6/1 | End of Year Celebration at Harvey West Park |
| 6/7 | High School Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion |
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Mark Your Calendars!

Talent Sharing

Friday, April 13th, 7:00

We have a wonderful line up of Dancers, Musicians, Martial Artists, Comedians, Actors, and much more! Don't miss one of the greatest Variety Shows on Earth!

Performer Information: Individual Acts can have a sound check by appointment between 4:00-6:00pm. **Performer's Meeting is at 6:30 pm!** All performers meet in the auditorium ready to perform. At 6:45, doors open, and at 7:00pm, the Talent Sharing starts.

Please note: There will be no potluck this year, but please contact Therese if you can bring finger food before the show for people to munch while waiting for the show to start and for after during our final act "cleaning up."

Community Council Meeting

You are ALL welcome to attend the AFE Community Council meets Tuesday, 4/24 and 5/22, in Palazzo Studio from 1-2:15. This is an opportunity to talk with our principal in a small round table meeting. Parents and students are invited. Bring your questions, concerns or suggestions to the table. Email [Nancy \(naylsworth@sccs.net\)](mailto:naylsworth@sccs.net) if you have any questions. Come on by and learn more about your community.

Dia De Los Niños

BSSC All Campus Event- Día De Los Niños is coming April 28th 10:00-2:00, and the Rummage Sale!

From Zan and the Parent Club: The Parent Club is trying to decide if there is enough interest and help to join in the rummage sale that happens on

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the lawn of the “big building” during the Día de los Niños Celebration on April 28th. While I can help co-ordinate people, donations, storage, etc. I am not able to be at the actual sale. We are looking for one or two people to step forward and be point people on the day of the sale. It is well advertised and attended, and could be a nice fundraiser for the AFE Parent Club. Please contact me ([Zan](#)) by clicking [here](#) if you can help.

From BSSC Principal Lysa: Come join us for our biggest all-site event of this year! It's community building, fundraising and celebrating international children's day all rolled into one. We always have great performances /presentations at this event. **If there is a group you know of or your child wants to perform** please let Lysa, ltabachnick@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us, know. We have had martial arts, storytelling, dance, participatory dance, spoken word, music and singing. Sign ups for volunteers and food donations will be posted in soon in the RC. Talk to Miriam Campos, mcampos@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us, or Reyna Ruiz, ruiz@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us, (our school community coordinators for BSSC) for more details. You can also talk to your consultant teacher or an AFE Parent Club representative to discuss how you can be involved. ~Lysa

Small Schools Prom

All AFE high school students are invited!
Friday, May 4th, Portuguese Hall in Santa Cruz
Theme: Casino Royale
Hosted by Delta High School
Prom bids will go on sale after spring break!

The AFE Spring Festival

A fundraiser for the Teenage Mother Program

Communication at

AFE:

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Parent Club

Support AFE! Visit [the Parent Club box](#) at the bottom of this page.

Community Photos

[Click here for photos](#)

and the Homeless Garden Project

May 5th, 11:00 - 2:00

AFE middle schoolers have been collaborating on a fundraiser for the Teenage Parent Program (TAPP) and the Homeless Garden Project. They are working hard to make this a successful and FUN event.

Please come and support them and our greater community on May 5th, 11:00 - 2:00 pm at the Circle Church on the Westside, [111 Errett Circle!](#)

Questions? ask [Nancy or Peter](#)

End of Year Celebration

Save the date! All AFE families are invited! Friday, June 1st, at Harvey West Park!

AFE High School Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion

June 7th at 3pm in the multipurpose room on our campus. More details as the event gets closer!

Enrichment Classes

for detailed descriptions, see the Jan/Feb 2018 Newsletter.

Elementary School

K-2 Learning Circle

Instructor: Therese Johannesson

Fun With Nature and Art, Grades 3-5

Instructor: Joanne Brown, jvbrown@sccs.net

Middle School

Ink and Action, Grades 6-8

Instructor: Nancy Aylsworth

Environment and Action, Grades 6-8

Instructor: Peter Deutsch

High School

Dramatic Literature for High School, Grades 9-12.

Instructor: Jasmin Gerer

Career Explorations, High School, Grades 9 - 12

Instructor: Mark Thomas, mthomas@sccs.net

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AFE Community Classes

AFE Soccer Players

All 6th - 12th graders are invited to join us!!

Practices:

Starting 3/26/18

Monday 2:30 - 4:00 and Wednesday 1:30 - 3:00 (This time slot may change after practices start up)

Games:

Fridays at 12:00 or 1:00 - starting 4/13/18

Big thanks to Darla and Kris Damhorst for their awesome volunteer coaching!

Games Group

Join us for fun and games on Fridays, from noon to 3!

Maker Monday/Open Art Studio

Hiranya and Zan are promoting all-ages projects and art activities on select Mondays. We did a lovely Valentine making day last month and are planning some animation and yearbook page making activities in April and May. Stay tuned for future dates and more details! Maybe you would like to lead something like a fiber arts project, scratchboard, automatons, motor driven scribble art, jewelry making? Please contact either of us with ideas or for help! [Hiranya](#) and [Zan](#).

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AFE Community News

Message From Our Principal

Dear AFE Community,

It is with very mixed emotions that I need to tell you I will be taking a personal leave next year. I need time to take care of myself and my family. It is difficult for me to do what I need to outside of school because I am so committed to the BSSC Community, including AFE. Self care is not something we are encouraged to pursue in our culture and I

appreciate that the district is supporting me in trying to do this for myself. I am not retiring and I plan to be around to consult with parents or teachers on academic or social emotional development issues. But I need a break from the ten - twelve hour days so I can focus on other commitments in my life.

Steve will continue on and the district will hire an assistant principal to work with him. Parents will be included in the interview process and I am sure they will look for the best match. BSSC- AFE is a strong community and I am sure it will continue to grow and flourish into the future.

I am proud that I have been part of this amazing community and as I said I hope to stay connected.

I hope you can support me in this transition. It was not an easy decision to make.

With Gratitude,
Lysa (your principal)

AFE Student Art at 63rd Annual High School Show

Friday, April 27 – Sunday, May 20, 2018

Reception: April 28th, Saturday, 3-5pm

Since 1955 the Santa Cruz Art League's High School Show has been providing one of the only professional gallery exhibitions for high school age artists in our county. Students from local public, private, charter, and homeschools are invited to benefit from the Art League's state-of-the-art space and give the audience a preview of the next generation of local artists.

If you are a high school student and wish to enter a piece contact your consultant teacher. **The submission deadline is Wed. April 11th.** All artwork must be dropped off Tues & Wed. April 17th from 3-6 @ The Santa Cruz Art League, 526 Broadway.

Yearbook Info

It's time to start thinking about this year's AFE Yearbook. Every student is encouraged to make a personal or family yearbook page. Take a look at past year's yearbooks in the RC for inspiration.

Page Submission deadline—Tuesday, May 15

[Click here](#) for detailed instructions. Any questions? email [Zan](#).

AFE Scholars heading to OSF

Huzzah! Excitement is building for 24 students in Dramatic Literature, some parents, and

their teacher, Jasmin Gerer, who are heading to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) in Ashland, Oregon on the last day of this month. They'll be spending four days together seeing five innovative plays performed by one of the top acting companies in the nation: An adaptation of Jane Austen's *Sense and Sensibility*, Shakespeare's *Othello*, *Destiny of Desire* a recent play by Karen Zacarias, A World Premiere of *Manahatta* by Mary Nagel, and a modernized version of the musical *Oklahoma*- directed by Bill Rauch.

In addition, students will be participating in workshops, learning about Renaissance and Regency Period dance, seeing prologues, attending post-show discussions with actors, and taking a behind the scenes tour of the three OSF theaters, traveling to Ashland by bus and spending three nights in the Stratford Inn! Check out pictures on the AFE Facebook page when they return in May!

News from the RC

Lots of new books, DVDs, and games to check out! Look for them on the New Arrivals shelf or on the two games shelves (next to both copiers). **Volunteers for the library needed!** If anyone has an hour or two a week, I'd love to introduce you to the varied and interesting work of keeping this library going and making it better every day.

Love, Dorothee

~Dorothee Ledbetter, Resource Specialist

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AFE Parent Club

What's the Parent Club?

The AFE Parent Club financially supports AFE, enabling or enhancing programs, activities, events, supplies and resources. Some of the things that have been supported by the AFE Parent Club in the past include: Theater for all ages, sports teams for grades 6-12, Clay Studio, Games Group, Orff music, family poetry workshops, field trips, staffing for the resource center, Family Art Night; resources—books, games, audio CDs, DVDs—for the resource center; classroom supplies for teacher-led classes; art supplies for the Palazzo Studio; and lots more.

The Parent Club relies on donations and fundraising in order to offer support for all these things. **Without fundraising, these programs, classes, activities, and resources will no longer be available at AFE.** Please take the time to see how you can help by reading and following the Everyday Fundraising Checklist below that will help you help the Parent Club with as little hassle as possible.

Thank you for supporting the AFE Parent Club. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit!

—The Parent Club Board

AFE's Everyday Fundraiser Checklist

Our ongoing fundraisers are all ways to make money for AFE doing the things you already do! We believe that if everyone at AFE participates in and encourages their friends and family to participate in these easy programs, it will go a long way towards our fundraising needs. Click [here](#) for details.

- **New Leaf eCard:** Every time you order or fill a New Leaf Gift Card through AFE, New Leaf Markets donates 5% of the order value to our school. That means if you order a \$100 card, you get \$100 worth of groceries and AFE gets \$5 from New Leaf. It's like free money! And if lots of us do it, it adds up! Linda will be putting the orders in on the 1st Tuesday of each month. To be included in the order, simply drop a check into the New Leaf Gift Card envelope by Dorothee's desk anytime before 10am of the 1st Tuesday of each month. More info [here](#). Contact [Linda here](#).
- **Staff of Life Scrip:** Contact Sadie [here](#) to purchase green paper credit slips in \$20 denominations. Staff of Life will give AFE Parent Club 5% with your purchases!
- **eScrip and eScrip Online Shopping Mall**
- **Whole Foods Gift Cards**
- **ScripNOW Electronic gift cards**

More information about these and other fundraisers is available [here](#).

Newsletter submissions

Parents, staff, and students are encouraged to submit content for our newsletter.

The submission deadline is 1 week before the first day of each month. We especially need content from parents about their children's activities. [Email Rena](#).

To submit photos, please [email Gabriella](#).

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