



Welcome to June!

Quick Dates for the summer:

Date	Event	Time
6/2	AFE Celebration and Potluck	6-8pm
6/8	High School Graduation/8th Grade Promotion	3pm
8/23	First day back at AFE!	
8/30	Welcome Back Gathering	2pm
9/11	AFE Enrichment Classes Start	
9/15-16	Campout at Camp Loma	

This month at AFE

AFE Celebration and Potluck

Friday, June 2nd 6:00-8:00

Though homeschooling doesn't "end" at the end of the school year on June 8th, it is a great time to acknowledge and celebrate both our individual and shared homeschooling. This year our homeschool celebration event for all students will take place at the Friendship Garden Picnic Area at the far end of Harvey West Park (drive past Costco and the pool to get there).

At this event we have the tradition of sharing food and appreciation as we gather to celebrate a year of growth in all of us. POTLUCK*: Please look at the list below and use your child's last name to determine what to bring. (This order rotates throughout the years). Please plan to bring enough to serve at least 12 people.

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Parent Club

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

• A-G Desserts • H-R Main Dish • S-Z Salad

Green Reminder for all: Please bring our own washable dishes so that we minimize our homeschool community's impact on the earth's resources and landfills! Thank you!

AFE High School Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion

Thursday, June 8th 3:00pm-5:00pm

Congratulations to our graduates! Graduation takes place in our Multipurpose Room on June 8th, the last day of school. Seniors plan to arrive by 2:15, 8th graders by 2:30. Given our large graduating classes, seating is limited and families of the graduates have preferential seating.

Save the Date Fall Campout

For those of you who like to plan ahead...

Be sure to save **September 15-17, 2017** for our fall AFE CAMPOUT!! It's fun, so tell your friends!!!

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This
month's photos!

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AFE events, students, and
projects](#)





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THANKS

GRAND THANK YOU

THANKS

to all who contributed to making this a great year!

ENRICHMENT CLASSES

- Learning Circle (K-2) with **Thérèse Johannesson, student and parent helpers**
- Maker Monday Co-op (K-2) with **Kerasha Durham and parents**
- Earth Science (3-5) with **Peter Deutsch**
- Fun with Physics (3-5) with **Mark Thomas**
- Ancient Civilizations (6-8) with **Nancy Aylsworth**
- Around the World Geography (6-8) with **Jasmin Gerer**
- American Government (9-12) with **Joanne Brown**
- Film and Literature (9-12) with **Mark Thomas**
- Health (9-12) with **Joanne Brown**
- Economics (9-12) with **Peter Deutsch** and to **all parents** who helped and supported our classes!



SPORTS

- Volleyball with Peter Deutsch, **Moondance O'Brien, and Leisl Ludington**
- Basketball with Mark Thomas, **Mike Burns, Dusten Dennis & Laura Lamascus**
- Soccer with coaches **Kris and Darla Damhorst** and staff support



FOR ALL AGES

- Theater at AFE directed by **Terri Steinmann and WEST staff**, coordinated by **Zan LaHara** with staff support from Jasmin Gerer

- “Jungle Book” (K-2) – **Hiranya Kliesch**
- “Adventure Kids” (3-5) – **Gwin Hight**
- “Around the World in 80 Days” (6-8) – **Meridith Cook**
- “The Mouse that Roared” (9-12) – **Leisl Ludington & Ruthie Yarmie**
- Open Clay Studio with **Kathleen Peppard**



STUDENT-LED CLASSES/GROUPS/EVENTS/CLASSES

- JSA Junior State of America — **Abe Jellinek & Jesse Steshenko** and Teacher Advisor Nancy Aylsworth
- Fall, Winter, & Spring Conventions — Thank you to all parent drivers!!!
- JSA Halloween Family Dance
- JSA 70's Decade Dance

ALUMNI/PARENT-LED CLASSES/WORKSHOPS/CLUBS

- Government taught by **Leisl Ludington & Ruthie Yarmie**
- Problem Solving taught by **Elizabeth Andrews**
- Filmmakers Club with **Nick Mullins**
- Global Environmental Challenges taught by alum **Barak Wouk**
- Rocketry with **Jay Friedland & Benno Kolland**
- TARC team led by **Benno Kolland & Keith Veditz and Jay Friedland**
- Science Fair Support! by **Patti Freedman & Jay Friedland**
- Fashion Club with **Laura Lamascus**
- Dances from Around the World led by **Rena Dubin & Aliya Glatt**
- Create Space Art Studio Time with **Karylann Love & Chris Burros**
- Reasoning & Logic taught by **Elizabeth Andrews**
- Washington DC. Trip – organized by **Ellen Baker, Ruthie Yarme, Meredith Cook**
- Games Group with **Tané Tachyon** and **Sam Shemitz**
- Thriller Dance Workshop led by **Zac Bauman**
- Graduation Lei making with **Meridith Cook** and other parents
- Celtic/Bluegrass Band taught by **Thérèse Johannesson**
- Madrigal Singers led by **Thérèse Johannesson**
- Hamilton Singers led by **Thérèse Johannesson & Leisl Ludington**
- Yearbook — editor **Zan LaHara** and contributors
- Adopt-a-Family – **Thérèse Johannesson, Hiranya Kliesch and the K-2 families**



FIELD TRIPS

- SC County Fair
- Earth Dome Tour (Thank you to the **Turner Family** for their sponsorship!)
- JSA Fall, Winter, & Spring Conventions (Thank you to parent drivers!)
- K-2 Enrichment Class field trips
- American Government

- Pinnacles Citizenship Ceremony (thanks to the parent drivers!)
- County Board of Supervisors meeting with Ryan Coonerty
- Elections Office Tour
- Teen Peer Court
- Health
 - Nature Connections at Henry Cowell (thank you parent drivers!)
- Class field trips



AFE COMMUNITY EVENTS

- Welcome Gathering
- New Family Welcome Gathering
- Camp-out at Camp Loma
- Beach Bonfires
- Tea with our principal Lysa T
- AFE Fall & Spring Town Hall Meetings
- Family Art Night
- Halloween Dance
- Election Night Fundraiser at Bocci's Cellar
- Follywood Film Festival
- 70s Dance
- Pi Math Night
- Día de los Niños Celebration
- Talent Sharing and Celebration Potluck
- Info Evenings for New Families
- High School Prom
- Promotion Celebration & Potluck at Harvey West 6/2
- Graduation 6/8



FUNDRAISING

Special Thank You to:

- Parent Club (see below)
- Drive for Schools Fundraiser – **Zan LaHara** and all who participated
- Staff Scrip – **Sadie Reynolds** & participating families
- Whole Foods cards – **Ruthie Yarme** & supporting parents
- New Leaf eCards – **Victoria Harder, Linda Handley** & supporting parents
- Día de los Niños Rummage Sale – **Zan LaHara** and all who donated and worked on all aspects of this



COMMUNICATION

Tremendous Thanks to:

- Newsletter editor extraordinaire **Suki Wessling** for providing us with news and resources monthly!
- Online Bulletin Board founder **Tané Tachyon** for continuing to monitor and help with our bulletin board.

RESOURCE CENTER & CAMPUS

A Huge Thank You to:

Mollie Jarrow for volunteering at our library on Tuesdays.
Isaac Ludington, Julie Burros, Liv Staton, Jonah Paten, Lucy Ludington, and Julia Bell for volunteering many hours at our library.

Dara Jameson for weekly gardening, weeding, beautifying our campus.

Becky Steinbruner for building a rainwater catchment system.

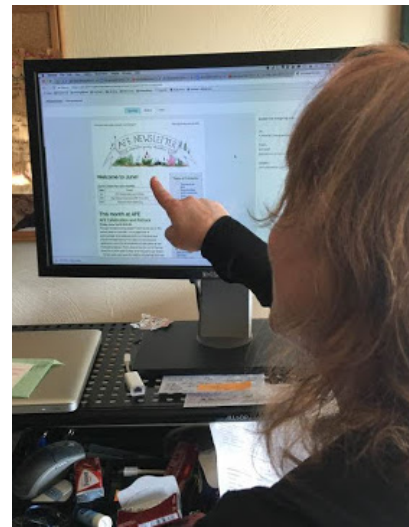
PARENT PARTICIPATION TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY

AFE COMMUNITY COUNCIL (formerly Site Council): Thank you for your leadership and year round meetings to increase communication between staff and families: **Lysa Tabachnick, Nancy Aylsworth and the many parents who attended meetings.**

PARENT CLUB: The Board: **Ellen Baker, Meridith Cook, Darla Damhorst, Zan LaHara and participating parents!** Thank you for coordinating fundraising and community building to support the staff and all families at AFE!

BSSC SITE COUNCIL

We appreciate **Lori Kintz and Haley Kintz** for attending meetings to represent AFE on our campus Site Council.



AFE Community News

FOUND: Newsletter Editor

WANTED: Photo Coordinator

Huge thanks to **Rena Dubin**, mom of **Levi** and **Aliya**, for stepping up to take on the job of Newsletter Editor next year. I'm glad to be leaving it in her capable hands.

We have decided to cut the job into bite-sized pieces, which means we need one more parent who wants to support the community while never leaving home.

Photo Coordinator Job Description

1. Create a Photo Page each month (I use Google Photos these days)
2. Ask people to submit to it
3. Send links to the Yearbook Staff in May

Wait, did I leave something out? No, I did not! **This is not a huge job, but it's important.** Lots of different people take oodles of photos at AFE, but they won't make it into the newsletter unless the best ones are compiled in one place. Please [email Suki](#) if you're willing to take on this job.

Thank you to everyone else—staff, parents, and community members—who have faithfully contributed to the newsletter.

Thanks! Suki

Leaving AFE?

We'll miss you! If your student is graduating or moving to a new school, **please remove yourself** from this email list by clicking the "Unsubscribe" link at the bottom of the page or [click here](#). Thanks! This will help staff keep track of current students.

AFE Talent Sharing 2017

Thanks so much to all who made this show a success! Special thanks to the stage crew, **Sophia Alexander-Sidholm** and her helpers, **Erik Ledbetter**, **Jasmine Russel**, **Parker Haney** and sound engineer, **Hayley Kintz**. Start getting ready for next year!

Talent Sharing Videos

Hi talented families,

I have posted individual Talent Sharing acts on YouTube. You will find them by typing in "AFE Talent Sharing 2017." Please let me know if you DO NOT want your act to be publicly posted. I can upload it as an "unlisted" video (or change it to an unlisted video if it's already published) and send the link only to you.

Love,
:D



News from the RC



Thank you for returning books - please have everything you don't want to keep over the summer in by Thursday, 6/1. And you're welcome to check out books, DVDs, and games until the fall.

Thank you to our awesome library volunteers **Mollie, Isaac, Jonah P., Liv, Lucy, and Julie!**

Have a fun summer, y'all! I'm aiming to have a **summer Tuesday evening games group, 6:30-9:30 here in at AFE**. I'll keep you posted on the bulletin board!

Love, Dorothee [\[email\]](#)

WE WANT YOU TO JOIN PARENT CLUB!

The Parent Club is expanding.

We are looking for people from our community to fill our new positions.

Parent Club is our non-profit organization that supports activities like sports, clay and theater. We meet once a month.

Please contact Meridith Cook at (831)239-9065, or [by email](#) for more information. [\[Read more below.\]](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please make sure that all foods brought on the AFE campus and to all AFE events are **peanut and peanut oil free**. This includes lunches, snacks, food projects, bake sale items and all potluck dishes. Thanks so much for your cooperation. We strive to make all of our AFE events accessible to everyone.

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Enrichment Classes

K-2 Learning Circle

Kindergarten-Second Grade

Thérèse Johannesson [\[email\]](#)

What a beautiful community of friends. We closed our year with a harvest feast of our own AFE home grown vegetables deliciously presented in zucchini crepes. (Thanks for the labor and the recipe from Hiranya Kliesch!) We discovered that we had run 40+ miles this year in our "Run for Fun" and could have run all the way to Monterey! We celebrated music with our own class Talent Sharing and held a little ceremony for all of our students who will be doing different things next year, with a certificate and a reminder that "The Sky's the Limit" for them. Special thanks to our dedicated parent volunteers and to our student helper, **Dylan Ouse**.



Physics for Fun

Grades 3-5

Mark Thomas [\[email\]](#)

Around the World in 84 Days

Grades 6-8

Jasmin Gerer [\[email\]](#)

I'm so delighted by how much the students in the Around the World Geography class learned this semester as we looked at over 200 countries and territories in the world! Students researched countries, gave mini- presentations, took weekly map challenges, made slide presentations, drew maps, learned songs and dances, designed postcards, created rangoli, invented stamps, put together posters, enjoyed treats from various countries, learned about countries and the Cyrillic alphabet from guest speakers (Thank you to the **Franz Family, Jesse Steshenko** and **Janet Herman**), toured the Earth Balloon, wrote journal entries about our trip around the world and wrote and presented country reports. [See pictures of the students creating their rangoli designs and presenting their countries at our culminating event.](#) Thank you to parents for all your support, your presence at the event, and your scrumptious international foods contributions! A special thank you to **Rena Dubin** and **Aliya Glatt** for dancing around the world with us!

Ancient Civilizations

Grades 6-8

Nancy Aylsworth [\[email\]](#)

Economics

High School

Peter Deutsch [\[email\]](#)



Health

High School

Joanne Brown [\[email\]](#)

May health topics included nutrition, alcohol, tobacco, and drug awareness, CPR and nature connections.

Many thanks to nutritionist Erin Dawn for her class presentation. Erin focused primarily on the effects of increased sugar consumption in our diets. Related to this topic, she discussed diabetes, nutrition basics and the effect of sugar consumption on many aspects of health, including insomnia, weight management, carbohydrate cravings and hormonal regulation.

Also this month, a big thank you to Esther Greenburg for finishing up our CPR training. We have nine students now officially certified!

Representatives from Santa Cruz County Friday Night Live visited our class. Their focus was alcohol, tobacco & drug awareness and creating a safe community environment. FNL works locally to create safe environments, promote leadership & advocacy, build connections to community & school and work on youth skill building. For more info, upcoming events & summer internship opportunities, you can contact FNL directly by [email](#) or phone: 454-4974.

Last week our class spent a relaxing morning at Henry Cowell. Students participated in a silent hike, spent time by the river and went on a nature scavenger hunt. Congratulations to the winners of the most beautiful rock category, the most banana slugs category, and the randomly chosen overall scavenger hunt categories. Spending time in nature—it's a healthy choice!

For our final health class, students will choose a health-related environmental problem to investigate. Each student will research a topic and present a 2-3 minute Lightning Talk to share with our class.

Thank you to all our guest presenters, including parent volunteers, who added their expertise to our class this semester! I appreciate your ongoing support and wish you a fun summer!

- Joanne



Soccer

Dear past and present soccer players and supportive parents,

Congratulations to **Jasper Langridge** and **Jackson Damhorst**, this year's AFE All-Stars! They will be playing with a team of all-stars against the coaches.

We've had a really fun soccer season! We want give a shout out to **Kris and Darla Damhorst** who have volunteered to coach both our practices and our games for our 8 week season. Their



skill and commitment enriched the whole soccer experience. We are very grateful to them!

We would like to participate in soccer again next year, but we will need to have a better showing of players at the games. Please consider joining this fun sport and coming to the games next year. Without a firm commitment from players we will not be able to field the team.

Have a great summer!

- Thérèse and Peter



2017-18 Enrichment Class Descriptions

It's official! Below is our class schedule as far as we know. Read the list and think about whether or not these enrichment classes will meet your family's needs for learning opportunities. As you know, our classes are optional, but we ask that if you decide to participate in a class that you attend and complete assignments regularly for continuity of learning, as well as skill and community building for students.



There may be other parent- or student-led classes offered that are being planned and will be announced at our **Welcome Back Gathering 2:00pm, Wednesday, August 30th.**

We hope to see you in these classes or at events organized for the community throughout the year!

Let your consultant teacher know if you have any questions.

Happy planning.

Fall Semester

High School

High school students may choose one per semester:

Psychology of Success

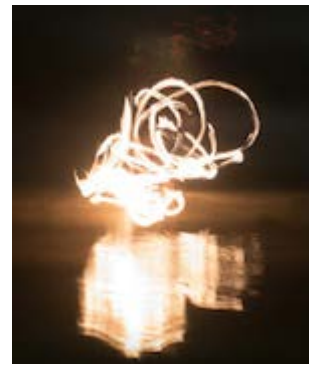
High School

Fall 2017, Thursdays 10:00-12:00, beginning September 14th

Instructor: Jasmin Gerer

How do you define success? How can you cultivate what is best within yourself, learn about and

increase life skills, set goals, and achieve them? What helps you have positive relationships? How can you identify and nurture your unique spark? What habits and strengths enable individuals and communities to thrive? How can you make a difference and contribute to your community? How can you lead a fulfilling and meaningful life? Learn what scientific studies in these areas have shown. Bring initiative, willingness to read, do research, write, self reflect, discuss and engage in community service. This is a 5 credit course which may be applied to Elective credits, Community Service credits or partial English credits.



Creative Writing

High School

Fall 2017, Thursdays 1:00-3:00, beginning September 14th

Instructor: Joanne Brown

Here's your chance to sharpen your creative writing skills by exploring and practicing writing techniques from successful authors. You'll learn how to engage your readers in new and exciting ways. Class activities will include:

- reading and discussing well-known short stories
- practicing strategies to create well developed characters, plot, setting, and dialogue
- participating in writing workshops to give and receive helpful feedback on your writing

Earn up to 5 high school credits in English. Plan to spend at least three hours per week on writing assignments. We'll have an end of semester Reading Event.

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

[Joanne Brown](#), 429-3898 ext. 237

"If you want to be a writer, you must do two things above all others: read a lot and write a lot."

--Steven King--

Middle School

Middle school students may take either class in the fall or in the spring. Between the two classes we will strive for a balance of numbers, grade levels and genders.

Ink and Action

Middle School

Fall/Spring, Tuesdays 10-12:30 am, beginning September 12th

Instructor: Nancy Aylsworth

Ink and Action is a one-semester class for middle schoolers with a focus on writing, leadership and community building.

In this class, students will participate in weekly writing exercises which they will elaborate and edit at home in order to create a bound book of their writing at the end of the semester. Students will have opportunities to improve their writing skills along with the underlying curriculum of supporting their development in communication and collaboration skills. In addition, we will work with the other middle school class to create a dynamic middle school program with shared community service projects, field trips, and social activities.



Environment and Action

Middle School

Fall/Spring, Tuesdays 10-12:30 am beginning September 12th

Peter Deutsch

Environment and Action is a one-semester class for middle schoolers with a focus on environmental science, leadership and community building.

In this class, students will participate in weekly science exploration and activities that they will continue to pursue at home and in the community. Students will develop greater understanding of environmental science and the many phenomena, processes, issues and possible solutions along with the underlying curriculum of supporting their development in communication and collaboration skills. In addition, we will work with the other middle school class to create a dynamic middle school program with shared community service projects, field trips, and social activities.

Elementary School

Bugs Among Us

Grades 3-5

Fall 2017, Wednesdays 10-12:30, Starts September 13

Instructor: Mark Thomas

Let's explore the wild and crazy world of insects. Bugs are a wonderful topic to study hands on because they are not only fascinatingly diverse, but also abundant and accessible. We will study inside and outside of class and share our discoveries. Students will be required to keep a field journal and complete a homework assignment each week. The culmination of the semester will be an Insect Fair: a room filled with bug themed dioramas and reports on the inhabitants therein.



K-2 Learning Circle

Fall/Spring, Thursdays 10-12:30

Instructor: Therese Johannesson

Come Join the Fun!

Our K-2 class will have opportunities for learning about the Santa Cruz community through hands-on educational activities and field trips. A large part of our class includes gardening, nature study, interdependence and life cycles, through our weekly garden work. We enjoy music, movement and even mathematics through songs, dances and partner games. We practice mindfulness through our mindful moments. We grow our friendships through games and cooperative activities. Join us!

Volleyball

6th - 12th grade

Fall

Practices: Monday 1:00 - 3:00, Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00

Games: Fridays 11:30 - 2:00

Peter Deutsch

Other Activities

JSA - Wednesday afternoons, 2:30-4pm

Clay studio - Wednesdays 1pm-3pm

Theater - Tuesday afternoons - Middle School 1pm - 3pm
High School 3pm - 5pm

K-5 Rehearsal Time and Day To Be Determined

Spring Semester

K-2 and Middle School classes continue

Fun With Nature & Art

Grades 3-5

Spring 2018, Wednesdays 10:00-12:30

Instructor: Joanne Brown

We'll have fun with nature through art projects, learning about local plants and animals, and monthly field trips.



Feel free to contact me with any questions. Joanne Brown jvbrown@sccs.net 429-3898 ext. 237

"Let Nature be your teacher." – William Wordsworth

High school students may choose one per semester:

Dramatic Literature

High School

Spring 2018, Thursdays 10:00- 12:15

Instructor: Jasmin Gerer

Spring semester we'll be continuing our AFE tradition of studying and seeing plays performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland the first week in May. The repertoire we'll be studying this year includes Shakespeare's Othello and other plays yet to be determined. 3-5 hours each week of reading, research, written analysis are integral to preparing us for the performances and earning five English credits. If you are interested in joining, plan to attend the informational evening that will be scheduled in November.

Career Explorations

High School

Spring 2018, Thursdays 1-3:00

Instructor: Mark Thomas

- What are you going to do with your big, wonderful life?
- How can you make it interesting, fulfilling and worthwhile?
- Is college in your future?
- Job training?
- Creating your own job?

In this class we will explore these possibilities and more. Guest speakers will offer perspectives on their career experiences & students will share their career hopes and dreams. There will also be an option to perform community service if it aligns with your career ideas.

Plan to spend at least three hours per week on writing assignments, which will include writing and editing two reports that analyze possible career choices, as well as an interview that profiles a worker at work.

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AFE SCHEDULE FALL 2017

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:30-10:30 Comic Art & Storytelling Bryn (5-10 th) Palazzo (10 max., sign up)	10 - 12:30 Ink and Action Nancy (middle school) Room 2	10 - 12:30 Bugs Among Us Mark (3-5 th) Palazzo	10 - 12:30 Come Join the Fun! Therese (K-2) Palazzo, Rm. 1	
	10 - 12:30 Environment and Action Peter (middle school) Palazzo	10-12 Volleyball Practice Peter (6-12 th) Main beach	10 - 12 Psychology of Success Jasmin (9-12 th) Room 2	11:30 - 2 Volleyball Games Peter (6-12 th) Main beach
1 - 3 Volleyball Practice Peter (6-12 th) Main beach	1 - 3 US History Rena (9-12 th) Palazzo	1 - 3 Clay Studio Kathleen (all ages) Portable 22	1 - 3 Creative Writing Joanne (9-12 th) Room 2	12 - 3 Games Group Tamé (all ages) Room 2
	afternoons Theater Terri Room 2	2:30 - 4 -JSA Aidan & Jacqui (9-12) Room 2		
<u>Colors:</u> K-2	3-5	middle school	high school	middle & high school

AFE Community Classes High School Classes Next Autumn!

US History and Literature

Just a heads-up for Fall 2017: I am planning on teaching a US history class for high schoolers, meeting weekly for 2 hours at AFE. I am also considering teaching a companion US literature class, studying classics such as *The Grapes of Wrath*. The literature class would meet once or twice a month, with sizable reading assignments. Please email me if y'all might be interested in the literature portion next semester, as it will help me see if there are enough students to warrant a class! ~Rena, Levi and Aliya's mom [\[email\]](#)

Comic Art and Storytelling

We all have stories inside us waiting to come out. In this class we'll learn how to bring those stories to life in pictures and words. We'll look at examples of comic art, go over different ways to depict characters, and delve into comic conventions such as panels and word balloons. Join us and set your stories free.

Instructor: Bryn Kanar is an AFE parent and a writer and draw-er who has self-published several books.

Details:

- Fall 2017
- Mondays 9:30 to 10:30 am
- For 5th through 8th graders
- 10 students max
- No drawing experience required
- Let me know if you're interested [by email](#)



JSA

JSA (Junior State of America) is a high school club (8th graders also welcome) where participants gain valuable public speaking, critical thinking, and leadership skills. Through chapter debates, thought talks and other activities, students develop their public speaking skills in a relaxed environment. The emphasis for the students is on communicating their own opinions, persuading their peers and learning by listening to the opinions and thoughts of others. Our meetings will be on Wednesdays 2:30-4 in Room 2.

Goodbye from Spring, 2017:

Clay Studio

Clay is over for this year. You can pick up your finished pieces in the R.C. after Monday, May 29th; anything left on the cart when school ends will be sacrificed to the clay goddess, that's me! Thanks for a great year of clay fun and exploration, see you next year, same time, same clay place!

- Kathleen

Music at AFE

Thank you to **Thérèse** for making these wonderful opportunities available to AFE!

Hamilton Singers

We had such a fun time! Thanks to all who came to support our Dessert Theater Hamilton Review on May 15. Special thanks to choreographer **Leisl Ludington**, and to all of the students and parents who contributed to our dessert theater. Much gratitude to Dorothee Ledbetter for filming and creating CDs for the cast! And finally, a deep bow to Lin Mañuel Miranda for igniting a generation with passion for our country's history.

"I had so much fun, while also learning lots about dynamic, harmonies and teamwork. Something I really delighted in was sharing the experience with peers who all shared the same passion for musical theater as me. As a homeschooler, it's typically hard to get that opportunity, but because of this group I was able to find it. As for what, I'm not sure, but I would love to be able to do something like this again next year; it was remarkably enjoyable and brought excitement, fun, and creativity into my school year." - Sophia

Bluegrass and Celtic Band

This awesome group did a marvelous job at the AFE Talent Sharing. Look for a similar string band in the fall!

"Because music and creativity is so important to me, I would love to have another class like this at AFE next year where I can improve my music skills and practice something that I love along with my peers." - Sophia

Reasoning and Logic

Final meeting date for Reasoning and Logic is **June 5**.

JSA

JSA is done for the year!

Games & Puzzles Group

Last meeting is **Friday, June 2**. Please stay tuned to the Bulletin Board to find out about summer game nights.

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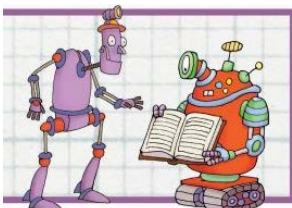


Join local teacher and author Suki Wessling for
Goal-Setting Workshops ←
for parents and teens
Monday, June 5 and other dates t.b.a.
own your education!
www.SukiWessling.com/goal
ART FACTORY

Around Town This Summer!

Mathnasium

Hi all, looking for help in math? Or perhaps just enjoy the math Game Hour! We feel that Mathnasium has been positive in that each child is working on what they need to be working on. We see many homeschoolers there and it is a safe environment. One of the tutors is a post homeschooler math wiz. The students can see their progress and also attain rewards. It is appropriate for those struggling with math or doing well and is never a waste of time. The owner, Peter, is committed to students learning. [See their website for more info about the summer!](#)



Library Summer Reading Program

This year our theme of Reading by DESIGN celebrates our ability to create wonders from our imaginations. From arts and crafts, to science and technology; spend your summer discovering the wide range of fun and educational experiences you can design. [Visit the website.](#)

Music Lessons

Summer is a great time to start learning a musical instrument, or to improve on one you have already started. I am available for lessons in flute (beginner - advanced), recorder, penny whistle, Irish music, beginning piano and violin (fiddle). I have been teaching for more than 20 years and am an active professional performer. For more information contact [Lars Johannesson](#). [My website.](#)

Jay Rosencranz House and Pet Sitting Service

--as supervised and sponsored by his parents!

Jay is available to tend to your house, water your plants, take care of your animals, and bring in your mail this summer if you need house and pet care while you take a much-needed vacation.

We are also available to clean vacation rentals, water gardens, and wash windows if necessary!

You can reach Jay at 831 706 6775.

Please call at least 2-3 days in advance to book. References available upon request.

Thank you!

Outdoor Science Education Summer Day Trips

Have FUN learning PHYSICS and CHEMISTRY with a Master Science Teacher at parks and beaches! Our Adventure Trips are from 10 AM - 4 PM during the summer, with your choice of weeks, days or all 5 weeks. [Visit website.](#)

Athena's Fall Classes Open for Registration

Athena's Advanced Academy is a provider of online classes. It is a homeschool-mom-owned business, and most of the instructors (including Suki) are homeschool moms ourselves. I

highly recommend all the courses. However, here are a few that I teach: If you have a child who loves to play with words

and learn their meanings, **Vocab Madness** is a fun romp through English vocabulary and word history. My **Goal-Setting**

for Homeschoolers course is an energetic, 6-week course in

taking ownership of your education. **From Literature to Film** pairs books with films that were made of them. You can also find social studies, science, current events, and other subjects at

Athena's. [Visit the website.](#) - Suki



Summer Farm Camp

This year Farm Camp sessions begin on June 19th and run through August 18th. As usual we feature lots of child led fun, arts & crafts, outdoor play & imagination, and encounters with friendly farm animals, plus some cooking projects, hands-on science, and a sprinkling of fun field trips.

[See my website for more details.](#) Ask about the virtual "coupon" for \$5 off for half day and \$10 off for full day during EITHER week 1 or week 2.

I know that Summer can be a busy time for homeschoolers and you may be already booked up with classes and trips and what not. So feel free to forward this info on to in-schooler friends -- especially the ones who say "I wish we could do what you do". Little Garden Patch provides an awesome opportunity to kids who might otherwise be stuck indoors during the summer in a conventional child care program or class to experience an old fashioned childhood with child-led play and pretend, messy hands-on learning, and lots of opportunities to experience nature and social learning.



Kuumbwa Summer Jazz Camp

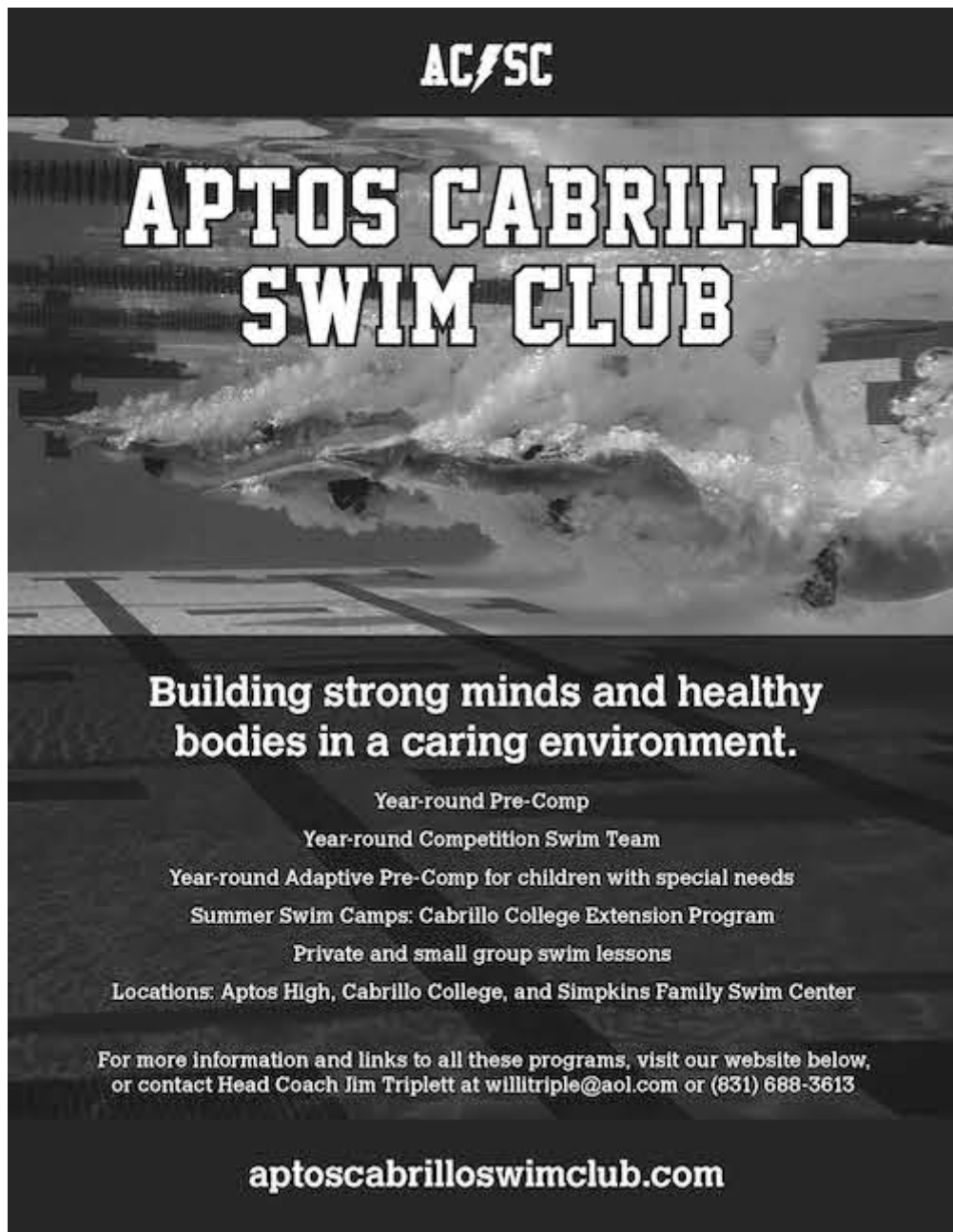
My kids have enjoyed Kuumbwa Summer Jazz Camp for years. Very nurturing and the camp ends with a gig at the Kuumbwa. [Visit their website](#). Michelle Ouse

River Fridays

"River Fridays" are free events I've been hosting for a number of years to give families of the NBOG, Monarch, and AFE classes in which I teach or volunteer another way to connect over the summer, as well as enjoy some of my favorite spots on the San Lorenzo River.

This year's River Fridays will be every other week of June, July, and August, starting June 9th, from 11am to 3pm. [Email John Rible for more information](#).

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AFE Parent Club

What's the Parent Club?

The AFE Parent Club financially supports the AFE community. In the past, we have provided funds to enable or enhance programs, activities, and events. We also help with supplies and resources.

Some of the things that have been supported by the AFE Parent Club in the past few years include: Theater for all ages, sports teams for grades 6-12, Clay Studio, Games Group, Economics class for high schoolers, Orff music for elementary students, family poetry workshops, field trips, staffing for the resource center. We also have donated supplies for 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.

- **eScrip and eScrip Online Shopping Mall:**
 - Register online so that a portion of your purchases is donated to AFE. *See details below.*
- **Staff of Life Scrip:**
 - Use Staff of Life Scrip whenever you shop there. *See details below.*
- **New Leaf eCard:**
 - Purchase a New Leaf eCard. *See details below.*
 - Ask your friends and family to purchase Staff Scrip or eCards from AFE.
- **Whole Foods Gift Cards:**
 - Buy \$100 gift cards to pay for groceries
- **ScripNOW Electronic gift cards:**
 - Use or gift these electronic gift cards to raise money for AFE. *See details below.*

More information about these and other fundraisers is available on the [AFE Website's Fundraising page](#).

Escrip

Escrip is an easy way to donate to AFE. Follow these instructions to get registered:

- **eScrip:**
 - Register your credit, debit, and grocery cards so that a portion of your purchases is donated to AFE. Go to www.escrip.com to register your cards. The AFE Parent Club's group # is [500007112](#).
 - Ask your friends and family to register their cards for AFE.
- **eScrip Online Shopping Mall:**
 - [Sign up and go through the eScrip online portal whenever you shop online](#) and up to 16% of purchases will be donated to AFE. You can also sign up for Auto Earn so you don't have to go through the Mall every time.
 - Ask your friends and family to use the [Online Shopping Mall portal for AFE](#).

Staff of Life Scrip

Please contact **Sadie Reynolds** to buy Staff of Life Scrip: Use the contact info on the roster for Rowan H. or [send email](#). I am happy to answer any questions and explain how you can contribute to AFE fundraising just by using scrip to buy anything from Staff. There is NO cost to you, the donation to AFE comes from Staff of Life when you use scrip for your purchases!

New Leaf eCards

Every time you order or fill a card, New Leaf Markets donates 5% of the order value to AFE (on orders of \$100 or more). 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!

So if you ever shop at New Leaf, please order a Gift Card!

The cards can be used just like debit cards at Westside, Downtown, Capitola, and Half Moon Bay New Leaf Markets.

New Leaf is currently only processing orders once a week, so for these next couple of months, I will be putting the orders in on the 3rd Monday of each month. But, to make it easy, you can drop a post-dated check into the New Leaf Gift Card envelope by Dorothee's desk anytime before noon on Monday, April 17th for the April order, or Monday, May 15th for the May order.

So, if you would like to purchase a new gift card OR add value to a card you already have, **please bring a check into the AFE Resource Center by noon on Monday, April 17th.**

Dollar Amount: \$100, \$250, or \$500 denominations to get 5% for the school, or \$50 denomination to get 4% for the school.



Payable to: AFE Parent Club

To Credit Your New Leaf Card #: please write NEW CARD on the memo line of your check if you are purchasing a new card **OR** write the last 6 digits of your current Gift Card if you are re-loading your card.

Thanks for supporting our school! And feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Linda Handley [[email](#)]

Whole Foods Gift Cards

The Parent Club sells Whole Foods gift cards for \$100 each. The value on the card is \$100 so there is no additional cost to the buyer for supporting AFE. Use the card to pay for any of your purchases at any of their stores. Please keep the card and load more money onto it with a check or on-line transfer, up to \$400 at a time.

AFE gets 3% of the money our community members pay for gift cards and loading them. If you shop at Whole Foods, this is a great way that you can contribute to AFE. [Contact Ruthie](#).

ScripNOW! Electronic Gift Cards

INSTRUCTIONS to sign up & shop the GLSC retailer fundraiser:

[Click here for a list of businesses](#) that offer electronic gift cards & the percentage of your purchase that will go to AFE.

How to:

Set up your Family Account so that you can get started with this program:

1. Go to www.ShopWithScrip.com and click 'Register', then click 'Join a Scrip Program'.
2. Enter our enrollment code (**7L9B8E8F45328**). By entering this code, your account will be associated with our non-profit organization so you can begin earning kickback percentage for AFE!
3. Fill in brief personal information (there is no financial information asked) and click 'I Accept.'
4. Choose two security challenge questions from the list and provide answers.
5. If you want to pay with a check to the AFE Parent Club then you are done with the enrollment process and you can start shopping (see instructions below). If you want to pay online for faster access to your electronic gift cards, sign up for "Presto Pay".

How to:

Shop for electronic gift cards "ScripNow":

1. [Click here for a list of businesses](#) that offer **ELECTRONIC** gift cards.
DO NOT ORDER PHYSICAL GIFT CARDS! Physical gift cards come with an additional fee to AFE. (If you want a physical gift card to Whole Foods, see above.)
At some point in the future AFE may make a large order of physical cards from other businesses if we have a high enough interest to justify the cost. For now it is **ONLY** electronic gift cards "ScripNow" that you can order for yourself online. If you

- do want a physical gift card for Whole Foods, buy that directly from AFE, NOT online.
2. Open another tab and go to www.ShopWithScrip.com. Click on 'Shop' at the top of the page & the alphabet will appear across the top. Clicking on any letter will take you to the page with all the businesses that start with that letter. (There are hundreds & hundreds of retailers in this program but only about 150 of them offer electronic gift cards, so you want the list mentioned above handy when browsing!)
 3. Scroll over the business you're interested in and click on the exclamation point to start your order for an electronic gift card from that business. (If the exclamation point is grey it means that business does not offer electronic gift cards - refer to the link of businesses that do offer them). Add the \$ amount you want to buy from that business and click on 'Add to Cart'. Keep shopping and adding gift cards to your cart until you have all that you want for now.
 4. When you're done shopping, go to your cart by clicking on it at the top of the screen. For Payment Options, if you don't have a Presto Pay account click 'Check' on the tab above the 'Order Summary' then click 'Submit Order'. When I get your check I'll approve the order and an email will be sent to you with confirmation your electronic gift certificates are available.

THANK YOU ALL FOR HELPING TO SUPPORT
THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THAT WE LOVE AT AFE!

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. **Photos are always appreciated**— contact me to get the upload link. [Email Suki](#).

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