



## Spring at AFE!

### Quick Dates for May:

- 5/1, 1-2pm Ending the Silence presentation, Room 2
- 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
- 5/20, 10:30 Beach Cleanup at Seabright Beach
- 5/21 - 5/25 Last week of classes at AFE
- 5/22, 1-2:15 Community Council meeting
- 5/25 Library materials due!
- 5/28 Memorial Day -- AFE closed
- 6/1, 5:30pm End of Year Celebration at Harvey West Park
- 6/7 High School Graduation and 8th Grade Promotion
- 6/7 Last day AFE is open until mid-August!

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### Ending The Silence Presentation

**Tuesday May 1st, 1-2pm, Room 2**

Speakers from the National Alliance on Mental Illness will be coming to AFE on May 1st to present

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"Ending the Silence." The presentation is "a 50-minute program designed for high school audiences .... This transformational program is devoted to giving students an opportunity to learn about mental illness through an informative PowerPoint, short videos, and personal testimony. Through the presentation, students learn symptoms and indicators of mental illness, and are given ideas about how to help themselves, friends, or family members who may be in need of support."

<https://www.namiscc.org/school-presentations.html>

Please let me know if your high schooler or middle schooler is interested in attending.

[Linda Handley](#) (Adrien Babet's mom)

## Small Schools Prom

**Friday, May 4th 7:30-11:00pm**

All AFE high school students are invited!

At the Portuguese Hall in Santa Cruz

Theme: Casino Royale!

Hosted by Delta High School

Bids will be on sale until **noon** on Friday May 4th (Prom day)

Purchase your bids from our school secretary, Gail, in the main building on our campus for \$25 single/\$40 pair.

Questions? Contact Joanne [jvbrown@sccs.net](mailto:jvbrown@sccs.net)

## The AFE Spring Festival

**A fundraiser for the Teenage Mother Program 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

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Circle Church on the Westside, [111 Errett Circle!](#)  
Questions? ask [Nancy or Peter](#)

## Maker Monday/Open Art Studio

May 14th 1:30 - 3:30

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Collage Theme, including retro & hybrid yearbook page making.

Would you like to paste your yearbook page together the "old-fashioned" way? Or maybe draw in your background but digitally insert your photos? Bring your own prints as we won't have a printer available. We will have a scanner available to scan finished pages and automatically submit them for you!

Already finished your yearbook page? Excellent! Come hang out and make collages of your choice! Palazzo Studio is chock full of fun art materials for your use. Facilitated by Zan ([link](#)) & Hiranya ([link](#)).

## Yearbook Deadline May 15!

The yearbook deadline is fast approaching! May 15th will be here before you know it. If you would like one-on-one help using AFE's resources to create your page please sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4aaba62fa4f85-afeyearbook> Remember to have your photos ready before the meeting starts.

Want to make a retro or hybrid page? Come to our Collage-themed May Maker Monday!

Have photos to share? Put them on the yearbook computer in the RC. Questions? Contact [Zan](#).

## Community Council Meeting

May 22, Tuesday, 1 - 2:15pm

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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](#)

Palazzo Studio

You are ALL welcome to attend the AFE Community Council!. 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.

## End of Year Celebration

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!

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## Preview: Fall 2018 Enrichment Classes!

**More information to come!**

### Elementary School

**Countries and Cultures**

**K-2 and Grades 3-5**

**Instructors: Therese Johannesson and Nancy Aylsworth**

In this class, we will explore countries around the globe learning about different cultures through stories, art, music, food, games, dance, and celebrations. We will also cover some geography as we "travel" around the world. Students will create travel journals to record their studies and be asked to share knowledge about their own heritage and/or country studies. We will occasionally invite guests to join us to share something from their cultures of origin. As always, opportunities to develop friendships and community will be built into our weekly classes, field trips, and family celebrations throughout the

semester/year.

## **AFE Volleyball for Middle and High School**

**Fall, Starting 8/27/18**

**Practices: Mondays 1:00 - 3:00, Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00**

**Games: Fridays 12:00 - 2:00**

The AFE Coed Volleyball teams compete in the Alternative Schools Sports League (mostly High Schools). The teams are open to students in 6th – 8th grade as well as 9th – 12th. Everyone is encouraged to come join us! The practices and games will be on the Main Beach courts between the wharf and the Boardwalk.

Questions? Contact Peter at 429-3898 ext 330 or [pdeutsch@sccs.net](mailto:pdeutsch@sccs.net).

## **Middle School**

**Science Fiction Literature**

**Grades 6-8, Fall or Spring semester**

**Tuesdays, 10:00–12:30pm**

**Peter Deutsch, Instructor**

We will explore the genre of science fiction literature and some classic stories and authors. We will look at the common questions and issues that are addressed in this genre (What might the future be like? How might technology and science discoveries affect us? What if...?). In class we will: read short stories, view science fiction films and shows, discuss and analyze the materials, work in teams to design alien worlds and fictional stories, and share this work through art, performance and writing. Students will be expected to read and analyze a novel, a tv show and a movie outside of class time. There will be time for games, PE and a short break for snacks during each class. Both middle school classes will continue to emphasize community building through shared activities and field trips.

Peter will teach both fall and spring sessions. Questions? Contact me at 831-429-3898 ext 330 or [pdeutsch@sccs.net](mailto:pdeutsch@sccs.net).

**Art of the Americas**

**Grades 6-8, Fall or Spring Semester**

**Tuesdays 10:00-12:30 pm**

**Joanne Brown, Instructor**

Explore the Art of the Americas, past and present. We'll focus on selected cultural areas of North, Central and South America. These will include the Arctic, Northwest Coast, California, The Southwest, The Great Plains, The East Coast, Olmec, Mayan, Aztec, Nazca and Incan cultures. The class will feature both traditional and current art, stories, poetry and music, such as street art, activism art, hip hop, and alternative metal. Activities will include weekly art projects, films, music videos, field trips and more! Students will be expected to complete weekly written assignments, a research paper and an end of

semester project. There will be time for games, PE and a short break for snacks during each class. Both middle school classes will continue to emphasize community building through shared activities and field trips.

Joanne will teach both fall and spring sessions. Questions? Contact me at 831-429-3898 ext 237 or [jvbrown@sccs.net](mailto:jvbrown@sccs.net).

## High School

**Leadership & Communication (Fall 2018)**

**Grades 9–12. Thursdays, 10am to noon, Room 2**

**Jasmin Gerer**

Would you like to communicate with greater confidence and make a difference in life? If yes, join this course to become a more effective speaker, listener, and writer. Learn how your own and others' communication styles influence your relationships. Gain more confidence and skills for job interviews, learn how to present your ideas persuasively, and focus on developing communication skills that are of particular interest to you. To receive 5 English credits, at least three hours a week of research, reading, writing, and speaking practice outside of class will be part of the course. For questions contact Jasmin Gerer at 429-3898 x332 or by email at [jgerer@sccs.net](mailto:jgerer@sccs.net).

**Dramatic Literature (Spring 2019 Semester)**

**Grades 9–12, Thursdays, Room 2**

Jasmin Gerer

In the spring we will be continuing our AFE tradition of studying and then seeing plays performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland. Students who do not wish to attend the four day trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival are still welcome to enroll in this English course. The plays we will be reading will be announced in October and will include Shakespeare's comedy *As You Like It*. 3-5 hours each week of reading, research, written analysis are integral to preparing us for the performances and earning five English credits.

**Community Led Class:**

**Time Travelers' Academy World History Class**

Have you ever wanted to travel back in time and view historical events as they unfold? In this class you'll plunge into the past by watching movies, reading fiction and nonfiction, and completing quizzes and written assignments. Then we'll explore each week's theme in class through discussions, activities, and games. Buckle your seat belt. The time machine is about to take off.

Details:

- For grades 9-12

- Satisfies the AFE world History Requirement of 10 units
- Preparation for the SAT Subject Test in World History
- Class meets once a week during Fall 2018 and Spring 2019
- Weekly homework required to support in-class activities
- Limited to 20 students (Priority to those in higher grades who have not yet completed their World History requirement)
- Date and time to be determined based on participants' availability
- Email [Bryn](#) if you're interested

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## AFE Community Classes

### AFE Soccer Players

AFE Soccer is going strong! What a fun team and fun season. Continuing thanks to Kris and Darla Damhorst for their indispensable support by coaching practices and games.

We couldn't do it without you!

We will continue to hold practices all through May at our regular times, with the exception of the last week of May. Our Soccer Championship Game will be held on Friday, May 25 and the All Stars Game on June 1. Come support your AFE team at the Polo fields in Aptos!

### 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

### Community Beach Cleanup!

**Sunday, May 20th, 10:30am - 12:30pm**

Come join Earthbound, an organization run by students, at Seabright Beach for a trash

cleanup! We will be on the right side, and have multiple signs pointing the way. Free child care will be available with lots of activities for the little ones. Gloves will be provided, but feel free to bring your own. Please note that hydration and energy is very important, so bring a water bottle and some snacks. Contact AFE student [Rosalie Baron](#) (the event coordinator) if you have any questions. We hope to see you there!

## News from the RC

I will send out your list of overdue materials soon; **please return by Friday, May 25**. You're welcome to check out books, DVDs, audiobooks, texts, and games over the summer.

Lots of interesting materials to check out in our RC! Our awesome volunteers and I are working to put the library online - so watch the online bulletin board! It'll take probably all of next year to finish the job with bar codes etc, but you'll be able to see all our newer materials plus what you have checked out, hopefully still this school year.

We now have a STAR WARS shelf in the science-fiction/fantasy section. The LGBTQ fiction section has been marked with big rainbow dots and is integrated into the high school fiction.

Love, Dorothee

~Dorothee Ledbetter, Resource Specialist

## Congrats to Makenna, Regional Beam Champion!

An AFE student, Makenna Damhorst went to AZ to compete with the top competitors of the states of CA, AZ, UT, and NV. She clinched 1st on Beam and is the Region 1 Beam Champion. She also placed 5th on Bars, 6th on Floor, 8th on Vault, and took 3rd on All Around. She finished with her season high of 38.

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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](#).