



Happy Autumn!

Quick Dates for October:

10/7, 10:30-11:30	AFE Herb Walk at the Pogonip, Spring Street entrance
10/10, 12-2	Parent Club meeting in the Textbook Room in the RC
10/20	Last day to buy Drive for Schools tickets
10/24, 1-2	Community Council meeting in the RC
10/27, 7-10pm	Halloween Dance, Multipurpose Room
10/29	Drive for Schools Drawing at the Boardwalk

This month at AFE

Drive for Schools

September 14 - October 20th

Drive for Schools is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Last year we raised over \$7,000 dollars! Buy tickets for yourself or sell them to others—100% of the proceeds go directly to the AFE Parent Club! Please help us support activities like Theater, Art Night, Clay Studio, classes and much more.

Grand Prize: New Toyota Prius, or New Subaru

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Outback, or \$25,000 cash! There will also be TEN \$1000 cash prizes, plus over 100 other prizes. Tickets are \$5/each or 6 for \$25 and will be for sale in the Resource Center from Sept 14 - October 20. Questions? [Click here for more details](#) or email [Zan](#).

Halloween Dance!

Friday October 27, 7 - 10 pm

AFE's annual Halloween Dance is coming right up! Taking place on Friday, October 27th, from 7:00-10:00 pm! Dress up, dance, and have a good time at this 'fun for all ages' event! Don't be shy to get dressed up in your amazing costumes and join us in the Multi Purpose Room for an evening of dancing, snacks, and fun! Everyone is invited to this fundraiser for scholarships for our teens who need financial support to attend JSA conventions. We ask for \$5/person or \$10/family, but no one will be turned away. We really want you there!!! Questions? Email JSA's [Aidan](#).

Herb Walk for AFE Families at the Pogonip

Saturday, October 7, 10:30 - 11:30am

Learn first-hand about the medicinal plants in Santa Cruz! AFE high school student Levi Glatt will be leading an herb walk especially for AFE families. We will start at the Spring Street entrance to the Pogonip, and discover these amazing plants as we journey forth. Levi is a certified herbalist and author and illustrator of the book *Medicinal Herbs of Santa Cruz County*, and would love to share these healing plants with all of you! Please email [Levi](#) to RSVP and for more details!

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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](#)

Enrichment Classes

See the August/September Issue for descriptions for additional AFE class offerings.

AFE Theater

Once again we are offering an age appropriate sequential theater experience to every student here at AFE. The K-2, 3rd - 6th, and Middle School productions are underway, with High School starting later this month. **Save the dates** and come support AFE actors in this year's productions!

At AFE:

Arty the Smarty, K-2

December 7 at 1pm (limited seating by invitation only)

At the Broadway Playhouse, [526 Broadway, Santa Cruz](#) (inside the SC Art League):

The Adventures of Robin Hood

3rd - 6th graders

Saturday, Nov 18 at 2 pm

Sunday, Nov 19 at 2 pm

Gulliver Unlimited

Middle School

A steampunk alternate history set in the industrial revolution based on the book Gulliver's Travels by Jonathan Swift.

Thursday, Dec 14 at 7pm

Friday, Dec 15 at 7 pm

Saturday, Dec 16 at 2 pm

Sunday, Dec 17 at 1 pm

The Canterbury Tales Or...Geoffrey Chaucer's Flying Circus

By Burton Bumgarner

High School

Saturday, Jan 27

Sunday, Jan 28

exact times TBD

Please email [Zan](#) or [Jasmin](#) with any questions.

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AFE Community Classes

See the August/September Issue for descriptions for additional community class offerings.

Underwater Robotics Class - Middle and High School

Fridays, 9:45 –11:15

Build an underwater robot capable of competing in the Marine Tech ROV competition in Spring of 2018.

Technologies and concepts to be learned include;

- Internet research, Buoyancy, propulsion, motor control, actuators, underwater cameras
- Electrical principles such as, wiring, switching, polarity, voltage, current flow,
- Electrical construction, such as soldering, wiring, terminations,
- Mechanical construction such as cutting, fastening, water proofing, aerodynamics

There will be a materials fee - TBD. If you are interested or have questions; Please contact Eric Lamascus by [clicking here](#).

Music at AFE

Wednesdays, 1 - 2

Please join us on Wednesdays from 1:00-2:00 in Room 2 for a Show Choir Class! We will be focusing on learning songs and choreography from various Broadway shows. Each week we will work on vocal/singing techniques, harmonies, as well as dance moves. The ultimate goal is to put on a fun performance for family and friends later in the school year. (Date of performance to be determined.) This class is open to High School and Middle School students. Questions? Email [Leisl](#).

Games & Puzzles Group

Fridays, 12 - 4

Come over to Classroom 2 every Friday from noon to four (or whatever part of those four hours work for you) for good times with friends old and new, and AFE's very large collection of award-winning, classic, and brand-new games for all ages!

Bring your own games and/or snacks to share as well! The youngest among us can often be found sitting in the middle of the room playing with Lego or blocks, or outside playing tag, in addition to the games, and parents can usually be found socializing, knitting, etc. while playing games, so truly something for everyone! Historically Games Group has also been a welcoming place for young artists who like to come and sketch and show each other their artwork in addition to playing games. Stay tuned for more information for the Games Group meeting times! Or contact [Dorothee](#).

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AFE Community News

News from the RC

Welcome to a new year at AFE, dear families!

Our library houses over 10,000 materials for you to check out - books, texts, games, DVDs, audio, equipment. Look for shelf maps to locate what you want, or ask me, Mollie (who ran our RC for 24 years and still comes in on Tuesday afternoons), or Isaac and Lucy (library interns). There's a special shelf for new arrivals, and a couple of shelves for adult books to bring in and check out. We have growing sections for sci fi/fantasy, LGBTQ, and neurodiversity materials. And please let me know of anything you'd like to add to our library!

This year, we're going to focus on updating our textbook section and bringing the library online. We always need dedicated or hourly volunteers, helping with library activities or keeping the RC shipshape, so please contact me. (Trading for community service credits and cookies!) Dorothee, dledbetter@scs.net. (Work schedule: Mo & Wed 10-1, Tue 10-3, Thu 10-4, Fri 12:30-3:30)

Middle School Yahoo Group

In addition to the all ages Bulletin Board we have started a Middle School yahoo group. The purpose is to help Middle School families connect and plan activities specific to their age group. Contact [Zan](#) to request an invite!

Theater Committee Forming

Theater is the biggest budget item for the AFE Parent Club and one of the highest participation activities at AFE. The Parent Club is creating a Theater Committee to help it determine the needs and desires of our community and steer our theater plans and productions for the coming years. To get more information or join the committee please contact [Zan](#).

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Prepare for College and Careers!

Free Personal Statement Workshop

October 7, 10:30 - 2

The Young Writers Program is holding its third annual, free Personal Statement Workshop for high school juniors and seniors on Saturday, Oct. 7 at the County Office Education, [400 Encinal St.](#), from 10:30 to 2:00. Registered students will work with trained community members and YWP volunteers to develop a personal statement for inclusion

in their college application. One-on-one attention will be provided by writers, high school counselors, community members, and Santa Cruz City officials including the mayor and city council members. Two, 90-minute sessions will run from 10:30 to noon and from 12:30 to 2:00. Students are welcome to attend one or both sessions. Snacks and lunch will be provided. To register, go to the Young Writers Program website, youngwritersssc.org, and click on Events & Workshops. For more information, call [831-466-5810](tel:831-466-5810) or email info@youngwritersssc.org.

Cabrillo College's College & Career Night

Monday, October 30th, 6-8 pm

College and Career Night is a chance to meet university representatives from numerous public, private, and out-of-state colleges and universities. It is also an opportunity to meet instructors and representatives from academic and career programs who will help answer your questions as you plan your career path. Cabrillo offers workshops on transfers, financial aid, and career opportunities. Highly recommended! Flyer: [here](#) or https://www.cabrillo.edu/services/transfercenter/documents/CCN_8x11Flyer-1.pdf

College Admissions Case Studies Night

Wednesday, November 1st, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm

Have You Ever Wondered How College Admissions Decisions Get Made? If so....please attend the College Admissions Case Studies Night in the Santa Cruz High Auditorium.

RSVP REQUIRED BY 10/25/2017 -- <https://goo.gl/FZcNzw>

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Around Town

November is National Novel Writing Month!

Have you ever wanted to write a novel? Do you have the world's best story idea, but have never been able to get it on paper? Or are you just severely behind in your English credits and need a boost? Any and all of these can be solved this November! National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo for short) is an exciting challenge to write 50,000 words in the span of thirty days. While this may seem an impossible feat, it can easily be accomplished with fast and carefree writing, a can-do attitude, and (for some) copious amounts of caffeine. All you need to take part in this madness is paper and an internet connection. You must be 13 or older to participate, although NaNoWriMo does offer a Young Writer's Program for anyone younger than that. Through the NaNoWriMo website, you have access to a simple word-count tracker and a good set of forums to answer any of your questions should you get stuck. You will also have access to the wisdom and madness of any of your fellow peers that participate. Overall, NaNoWriMo is an enjoyable event, and I highly recommend it to anyone who would like to write a novel! (For more information, visit their website at nanowrimo.org. Also, I have participated multiple times in the past,

and would love to answer any of your questions or give you pointers. You can [contact me](#). ~ [Isaac](#)

Hans Christian Andersen writing contest for all ages

Write a fable or fairy tale and possibly win a prize! For more details, please visit:

<http://www.cityofsantacruz.com/home/showdocument?id=62900>

Open Studios in October

Open Studios Art tour is your opportunity to explore creativity in Santa Cruz County. The 2017 Open Studios Artist Guide is now available! The FREE Artist Guides are being distributed by our partner, Good Times – find your copy alongside the Good Times in all of their delivery locations. Dates for 2017 Tour: October 7th & 8th North County; October 14th & 15th South County; October 21st & 22nd All County. Studios open 11:00AM to 5:00PM.

Santa Cruz Film Festival

The 15th Annual Santa Cruz Film Festival takes place at the Tannery in Santa Cruz, on October 11 - 15th. <https://www.santacruzfilmfestival.org/>

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AFE Parent Club

AFE's Parent Club meeting

The AFE Parent Club usually meets on the second Tuesday of every month, from 12-2. We usually meet in the textbook room. All are welcome!

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.** Read the Everyday Fundraising Checklist [here](#).

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

AFE's Everyday Fundraiser Checklist

Our ongoing fundraisers are all ways to make money for AFE doing the things you already do! Click [here](#) for details.

- **New Leaf eCard:** New Leaf Markets donates 5% of the order to our school! More info [here](#). Contact [Linda here](#).
- **Staff of Life Scrip:** Contact Sadie [here](#) to purchase green paper credit slips in \$20 denominations and Staff of Life will give AFE Parent Club 5%!
- **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](#).