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## Happy October!

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## Win a New Toyota Prius, a New Subaru Outback, or \$25,000 cash!

By the time you receive this the Parent Club will already have kicked off our annual **Drive for Schools** fundraiser—[click here for details](#). Tickets are \$5/each or 6 for \$25 and are for sale in the Resource Center until **October 17**. Buy tickets for yourself or sell them to others—purchases support the parent club for your child's participation in theater or other activities. Questions? [See below](#) for details or [email Zan](#).

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### Quick Dates for October:

Date	Event	Time
10	cAFE in the courtyard	4-6pm
17	Last day! Drive for Schools	
23	Ashland Trip Informational Meeting <a href="#">[details]</a>	12:15- 12:45
11/1	<b>Last day</b> to sign up your Safeway Club card for eScrip <a href="#">[details]</a>	
11/1	JSA Halloween Dance and Carnival	7pm

**Save the date:** AFE Family Art Night is **November 21**

### Communication at AFE:

- [Staff directory with office hours](#)
- [Calendar](#)
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## This month at AFE

### cAFE (Café AFE)

Friday, October 10th from 4 to 6

AFE Campus

Our AFE community is hosting a new event called

## AFE Community Classes

cAFE (Café AFE). This is a chance to gather together in our makeshift cAFE (the patio area on campus) for the purpose of connection and enjoyment. There will be music and other entertainment by members of the AFE community (students, staff, parents are all invited to participate\*). We will be selling pizza slices and homemade Italian Sodas. You may also bring your own food if you wish.

Representatives from various fundraisers will be available to explain programs, sell scrip and Drive for School tickets, sign you up for the online mall and answer any fundraising questions. All proceeds from cAFE will go to the Parent Club fundraising effort.

*\*Anyone interested in performing, please contact Ruthie at [yarme@mac.com](mailto:yarme@mac.com). If this is a successful and fun event, we hope to continue cAFE events throughout the year and have plenty of opportunity to enjoy the talents of everyone who wishes to share.*

## **Dramatic Literature and 15th Annual Trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF)**

All High School students who are interested in studying the plays and attending the trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland this spring are invited to an informational meeting in Room 2 on **Thursday, Oct 23rd** (Shakespeare's half birthday ), **12:15-12:45 pm**. At this 30-minute meeting families and interested high school students\* will get information about our 15th annual trip. Depending on which tickets OSF gives us, we will departing Monday May 4th or Tuesday May 5th and returning Friday May 8th.

## **AFE Volleyball**

Practices and games have started out really well with all players making individual progress in their skills and teamwork. Keep it up!

Our 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 our highschoolers.

The practice schedule is **Monday 1:00 – 3:00** and **Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00**. These practices and our games will be on the beach courts between the wharf and the Boardwalk. Games are on **Fridays between 12 and 2** and players need to arrive by 11:45. Games start on 9/12 and go through 12/5.

I really encourage any parents who can to volunteer and assist with practices and/or coaching. It makes a big difference!

To support AFE and AFE sports, including Volleyball, we ask students/families to help with AFE fundraising efforts to cover the costs for our league dues. Any questions contact me directly

This year we are planning to see:

- Much Ado About Nothing and Pericles by William Shakespeare
- Guys and Dolls - Music and lyrics by Frank Loesser
- Secret Love in Peach Blossom Land—by Stan Lai

In addition to seeing the plays our group will have the opportunity to participate in an 'Actor's Workshop, attend prologues, ask questions during post show discussions and have a discussion with one of the actors. Cost of the trip will be around \$350 depending on transportation costs and number of students & parents attending. This includes all events and plays, 4 nights hotel, breakfast, and transportation.

Starting in February, high school students will prepare for the trip by studying the plays in a Dramatic Literature class which will meet **Thursday mornings 10:00 - 12:30**.

*\*Mature younger students are welcome to attend the trip, if they have studied the plays and are accompanied by an adult chaperone.*

For further information, please contact Jasmin at [jgerer@sccs.net](mailto:jgerer@sccs.net)

## JSA Halloween dance and carnival

Hey everyone!

The JSA annual Halloween dance and carnival for all ages is coming up! Make sure to mark your calendars and join us on **Saturday, November 1st from 7 to 9:45 pm!** There will be lots of great drinks, snacks, dancing and more! It will cost \$5 per person and \$15 for a family of 3 or more, although, of course, no one will be turned away for

at 429-3898 ext 330 or [email](mailto:).

Thanks, Peter

## Theater

Our AFE theater program under the direction of Terri Steinmann is underway. This year Terri has the ambitious undertaking of producing an ALL-SCHOOL play! A cast of 55 actors in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade have begun rehearsing for the AFE production of *A Night in the Wax Museum*. Actors meet in smaller groups to play theater games, develop their characters, and grow as a troupe. This play will be performed on our multi-purpose room stage on campus in January. for more information call Nancy at 429-3898 x334

## High School Health

**Mondays from 10-12 in room 2**, taught by Amanda Clark. We explore physical and mental health issues including strategies for managing stress as well as finding personal balance and physical fitness, healthy eating habits, drug issues, relationships, reproductive

lack of funds. We look forward to seeing you all there!

## AFE T-Shirts for Sale

AFE T-shirts are now on sale in the Resource Center. You can buy one anytime the RC is open. T-shirts are in a box clearly labeled next to Mollie and Dorothee's desk. They are \$15 and you can serve yourself. Just choose your size(s) and put the appropriate amount in the cardboard envelope which is inside the box.



**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS AFE FUNDRAISING!**

Any questions, email [corymeyers@mac.com](mailto:corymeyers@mac.com) or call 252-0889.

## Parent Club

Don't forget to visit [the Parent Club box](#) at the bottom of this page. Parent Club supports theater, music, clay studio, sports, and more!

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## Enrichment Classes

### Music, Movement and Art

Kindergarten-Second Grade

**Mondays & Thursdays, 10:00–12:30**

### A Journey Through the Incredible Human Body

3rd–5th Graders

**Wednesdays 10:00–12:30**

This month our class will focus on bones and the skeleton that hold us up as well as the muscles that let us move. The class will have a Human Body

health and many other things. This is a candid and honest class and I ask that any interested students be willing to help create a safe environment for all participants. Amanda Clark, [ilovefog@sonic.net](mailto:ilovefog@sonic.net)

## Rocketry BASICS at AFE

After a first rocketry build session on 9/17, students



launched on Saturday 9/20. A dozen AFE students (aged 8 to 16) launched what they had built. Our launches were some of 450 rocket launches at Moffett Field that day, with rockets ranging from 1 oz. to 60 oz. An added bonus was getting to watch the take-offs and landing of V-22 Ospreys and the takeoff of a C-17.

Click on the photo thumbnails to see larger versions.



### Next for ROCKETRY BASICS:

Build class #2 is **10/29 at 1:30pm.**

Build class #3 is **11/12 at 1:30pm.**

themed Halloween party on 10/29. The costume, decorations and potluck food items are the first at home project for our class. We are lucky to have Ayala Younger as the guest teacher for our class on the last 3 Wednesdays of October.

Please remember that parents need to sign their student in and out of class. It really helps me if you can do that in a timely way. We will continue to take a short break for nutrition in the middle of class each week so please send a healthy snack for your child. Students should also wear comfortable clothes and shoes since we will play active games and some PE every class.

## The Brain Explorer

### Middle School

**Tuesdays 10:00–12:30**

A great group of enthusiastic interested students are exploring the inner workings of their brains! We started by looking at perception, how our senses process



information, and learned about the different parts of the brain in the process. Students are getting to know each other, strengthening their memory through mnemonics, and practicing creative thinking and problem solving while working in groups. [[Click on the thumbnail to view photos.](#)]

A huge thank you to AFE parent Dr. Milton Huang for volunteering to co-teach this class. His expertise in bio and neurofeedback is a great addition.

This month we will explore different learning styles, assess our multiple intelligences, and work on cultivating a growth mindset of intelligence through Stanford's Brainology program.

Launch #2 is Sat. **11/15 at 9:30am.**

## ADVANCED Rocketry

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Rocketry Class/Club begins **Wed. 11/19 at 1:30pm** and will be every other Wed. Grades 7-12. This class will focus on building mid-powered rockets (engines ranging from E-G), advanced build techniques, and simulation for motor selection and NAR safety.

Questions?

Email: [jay@cinemagic.com](mailto:jay@cinemagic.com)

## Glee Club

The goal of Glee Club is to have fun by creating a safe environment for self



expression. Under the guidance of an AFE parent, Glee Club participants have the opportunity to sing each week, perform together as a group, learn about movement, and support others in their experiences. Grades 5-12 are welcome to participate. **Wednesdays from 1:30-3:15pm** in the Multi-Purpose Room. This



This class for middle schoolers meets Tuesdays 10:00-12:30.

For questions contact Jasmin at [jgerer@sccs.net](mailto:jgerer@sccs.net) or leave a message at 429-3898 ext 332.

## Express Yourself

### Middle School

#### Tuesday 10-12:30

Self expression is as vital to living as breathing. It is how we interact with others and the world. It can be supremely fulfilling or irritably frustrating. Self-expression takes place through communication, body language, artwork, and even the way we dress or decorate ourselves. In this class we began our journey into self expression with a little color theory. You can find our color wheels on the wall of the Palazzo Studio. We are playing with found poetry and looking for words that we enjoy. We will be exploring a variety of art modalities and playing with writing in the weeks to come. For more information please call Nancy at 429-3898 x334.

## The Plot Thickens—Creative Writing

### High School

#### Thursdays 1-3:00

Adventure! Romance! Suspense! Grammar! All this and more await those hardy explorers who have embarked on the 2014 fall creative writing class, The Plot Thickens. Students are reading and discussing short stories by famous authors. They are learning the skills necessary to bring their own stories to life through hands on practice of the story writing process. Our current focus is creating multidimensional characters. Here's a writing warm up from our class for you to try at home. Write a hairstory. Enjoy!

class is FREE.

Thanks to the AFE Parent Club for allocating funds for us this year! Glee Club is currently looking for a piano accompanist for the year. Parent contact: Lucia Paxton ([luciasciarpa@yahoo.com](mailto:luciasciarpa@yahoo.com)) If there are any questions, please connect with me directly. [Click on the photo for a larger view!](#)

## Economics for 11th and 12th graders

### Thursdays 1-3pm. Fall only. Room 4, big building

We explored different market forms by playing a trading game. We learned about supply & demand and market equilibrium by simulating a bakery startup, and discussed the way consumers choose what to buy. In October, we'll play with market structures and dive into U.S. economics. Contact: Dorothee Ledbetter, [dledbetter@calcentral.com](mailto:dledbetter@calcentral.com).

## Games Group

Come over to Room 2 every Friday between 12 and 3 for good times with friends old

## American Government

11-12th grade

Thursdays 10-12:00

American Government continues to meet Thursdays from 10-12 in Classroom 1. Each week students will participate in a government role play simulation with students working together to resolve salient issues. In addition we will study the Magruder American Government text as follows:

10/2 Chapter 3, 10/9 Ch 4, 10/16 Ch 5-6, 10/23 Ch 7-8, 10/30 Ch 9

10/30 we will welcome US Congressman Sam Farr as a guest speaker. The entire AFE community is welcome to attend. Thank you, Mark Thomas

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## Around Town

### Tickets for "I Am Eleven" Screening

AFE mom Kristin Heitzler is working on setting up a screening of *I Am Eleven* on **Friday, October 24, 2014** at the Nickelodeon Aptos Cinema. In order for the screening to happen, 60 tickets must be purchased prior to the show. Tickets will not be sold at the theatre. Please [contact Kristin](#) to purchase. Kristin will post a direct website for purchasing the tickets next week on AFE Yahoo group. [More info about the movie.](#)

### Bookshop Santa Cruz Young Writers Contest

Bookshop Santa Cruz is celebrating the talents of young writers in our community with a contest designed for writers ages 6–17. First-, second-,

and new, and AFE's very large collection of award-winning and classic games for all ages (K - 100+)!

Games Group is facilitated by emeritus mom Tané.

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!

High schoolers, please sign yourselves in and out on the form at the checkout counter in the RC.

As our middle schoolers and younger students need to be supervised by an adult while they are at AFE and not in a class, we need 2 parents to sign up for every Games Group to hang out in the yard, keep an eye on the kids, and have fun themselves (getting to know other parents, play a game themselves, knit...).

There will be a sign-up sheet at Games Group, or you can sign up online



and third-place winners from each age group will receive Bookshop Santa Cruz gift certificates. Plus the winning entries will be published together in a collection this November. Past winners include AFE students Leif Frazer, Mira Huang, Malakai Wade, and graduate Abe Karplus.

**Deadline: Sunday, October 12, 2014**

[Click here for more information.](#)

## Science Expo at Cabrillo College

Explore the Baskin Center. Hands-on and displays for all ages. **Saturday, October 11, 11-1pm.** [More information.](#)

## Santa Cruz County Spelling Bee Championship

**Saturday, January 31, 2015**

12:00pm – 3:30pm, UCSC

- All public and private schools in Santa Cruz County can register their top two spellers.
  - Spelling bee championship has two divisions in which to participate: Elementary Division – 4th – 6th grade, Junior Division – 7th – 9th grade
- Participating Schools MUST:
- Register your students on-line.
  - An adult proctor needs to register and attend the day of event.

Online Registration Opens: **Monday, October 6, 2014**

Registration Deadline: **Monday, December 15, 2014**

AFE parents: If your child would like to participate, please contact Jasmin at [jgerer@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us](mailto:jgerer@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us).

## Homeschool Parent Support Group

with [Sign-Up Genius](#).

## AFE Family Choir

If you love to sing in harmony and would like to work with some exciting chorale literature for the beginning to experienced choral singer please consider joining AFE Family Choir. Some of the songs we are doing this year are "Breaths" by Sweet Honey and the Rock, "La Andina," a rhythmically challenging Nueva Canción song, "One Voice," made popular by the Wailin' Jennies, and "True Colors." We will have a couple of performances in the year. Our Choir rehearses on **Fridays from 3:15-4:30**, conveniently scheduled right after games in the Palazzo Studio. This group is best for middle school-high school and adults and alumni are more than welcome! Please contact Therese with any questions: [tjohannesson@scs.net](mailto:tjohannesson@scs.net)

## Madrigal Singers

Our Madrigal Singers group is for more experienced singers and focuses on music literature of the Renaissance,

The Homeschool Parent Support Group is free and open to all homeschooling parents in the Santa Cruz area. It is an adults and babies in arms event. Monday, **October 13, 7-9 pm**, The Discovery Learning Center. <http://www.dlcsantacruz.org/>

## NASA Ames Research Center Open House

Tickets for the first Open House in 17 years at NASA's Ames Research Center are now open for reservations! Visit this website for more information: <http://www.nasa.gov/ames/openhouse2014/>. Tickets are free. The event happens on **October 18**.

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## Online Resources

### Test Preparation

- [SAT practice from the College Board](#)
- [SAT practice from Khan Academy](#)
- [ACT practice questions](#)

## To homeschool or not to homeschool?

### Recent articles on homeschooling

[HOME-SCHOOLING: Socialization not a problem](#)

[Why are homeschooled kids so annoying?](#)

## Teen Literature Circle openings

Suki Wessling has room for more avid teen readers in her Teen Literature Circle at Athena's online.

More info

at <http://www.athenasacademy.com/mod/page/view.php?id=35522>. Email [suki@sukiwessling.com](mailto:suki@sukiwessling.com).

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with composers like Dowland, Morley, Vittoria, etc. We usually rotate rehearsals in people's homes. We are a performance group and our mission is to have fun, share music from the Renaissance, raise money for the AFE Ashland Trip in Spring! Please contact Therese with any questions: [tjohannesson@sc.cs.net](mailto:tjohannesson@sc.cs.net)

## Scottish Country Dance

**Wednesdays 3:30-4:30**, in the Branciforte multi-purpose room. Come try it once for free! Ages 8 and up. It's great exercise for the brain and the body, and fun too!

Contact: [meridith.a.cook@gmail.com](mailto:meridith.a.cook@gmail.com)

## Daydream Club

How often do you lay under the sky and daydream?

When you get a chance to relax, feel the breeze, and listen to the birds tweet, do you find yourself saying, "gee, I wish I could do this more often." We may have a club for you!

We meet at AFE to lie on

# Traveling Homeschoolers

## Theo and Dylan Wilmers in Kenya



Here are AFE students Theo and Dylan Wilmers with their new friends in Kenya where they are homeschooling while their scientist father does some research. Click the photo to see a large version!

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the lawn and daydream. Bring a blanket or towel & your dreams and join us to watch the clouds travel by, relax, and daydream!

More information: Nicole or Hana Gardner 831-295-6239, [nicolekgardner@icloud.com](mailto:nicolekgardner@icloud.com)

## Origami Club

Please drop in to the Origami Club **Fridays 12–3** during Games Group. Rowan will be there with a fabulous collection of origami books, plenty of paper, and awesome sample models. Fold everything from penguins to bunnies to winged unicorns -- and many more. No experience necessary; Rowan will guide you through fold by fold if desired!

## Shawn's Super Sewing Class

Do you have an interest in learning to sew using a sewing machine? If you have never sewed before but want to...this is the class for you. We start with paper sewing and move slowly from there. Projects include coasters, to

fabric shopping sacs to jammie pants. Shawn's Super Sewing Class is scheduled for **Fall, Thursdays 1:00 to 3:00**. Please contact Shawn by email, [shawnlorette@mac.com](mailto:shawnlorette@mac.com) or by phone, 831-426-2004. Students provide their own sewing machines, scissors and fabric. There is a small class fee of \$5.00 each class.

## **Water the Weeds Teen Improv**

**4-5:30 on Wednesdays** until Nov. 19, Room 2 at AFE. Show on **Sunday Nov. 16**, location TBA. There's one class after the show. \$100 (\$80 each for sibs). It's liberating, social and fun! To register, call Joya at 831-426-2935. This art form is personal, collaborative, tender, playful, relaxing, adventuresome and a true gift to the audience. The first class is free if you're new to Water the Weeds.

## **Rainbow Alliance**

The Rainbow Alliance meets Fridays from 3-4 pm at the

Branciforte Small Schools main building in room #9. All teens from the Small Schools (including AFE, Ark, Costanoa, Delta, and Cypress) are welcome! This club is for all students interested in discussing issues important and/or related to LGBTQIA rights and expression, and that want to get involved in the community. Come and check it out! [E-mail Caitlin](#) or check out the "[Small Schools Rainbow Alliance](#)" Facebook page for more updates!

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## Homeschool Highlights

### Graduate Ian Janco gets kudos on his album

2014 AFE Graduate Ian Janco got a great review of his debut album, *Stronghold!* Check out <http://www.onsetmusic.co.uk/?p=2039>.



### Homeschool success stories

Siblings Jackson and Makenna Damhorst did well at the County Fair. Jackson entered an organic whole wheat apple raspberry hand pie in the fair. He won first place and best of section, with a score of 99 out of 100.



Makenna entered a watercolor of a parrot and received an honorable mention. She also made a necklace, which she titled the midnight sky. The necklace received a third place. [Click on the photo to see our gallery.](#)

On the weekend of September 19, Makenna competed in her home meet, the Begonia Gymfest at the Kaiser Permanente Arena. She was very excited with her scores, and her team took second place over all. She received a 9.3 on bars placing her in 2nd. On floor, she placed 2nd with a 9.45. She placed 6th on beam with a 9.0 and 7th with an 8.9 on vault. Finally, she won 2nd in the all around competition with a score of 36.675. This was super exciting, because in order to qualify for States she needed to have an overall score of 34 over the course of the season. She will continue her season until she competes at States in November. Good luck Makenna!! (Mom Darla adds, "Both kids helped me make late night runs to the homeless shelter after the last sessions for the Begonia Gymfest Sat and Sun. There was tons of food and coffee left from feeding the judges and coaches. It was a great experience to see how fortunate they are and how appreciative others are for a little help.")

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# AFE Parent Club

## Drive for Schools—Annual Car Giveaway

*Sponsored by The Capitola Auto Mall Dealer Group and the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.*

**Grand Prize:** New Toyota Prius, or New Subaru Outback, or \$25,000 cash!

There will also be TEN \$1000 cash prizes! Plus over 100 other prizes.

Tickets sales are from **September 17 - October 17, 2014.**

The drawing is 1pm on October 26, 2014 at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

**Tickets are only \$5/each or 6 for \$25. All of the proceeds from ticket sales goes directly to the AFE Parent Club!**

**Where do I get tickets to buy or sell?** Tickets are available in the Resource Center. There are two envelopes on Mollie's desk: one for buying, and one to pick-up tickets to sell. If you take tickets to sell you must return all money, unsold tickets, and ticket stubs by Friday, October 17, 1pm.

**I want to contribute to the parent club for my child's participation in theater (or other activities), can I buy or sell tickets instead of a donation?** Yes! It doesn't matter if you buy the tickets yourself or sell them to others.

**Can I sell them to people from out of town?** Yes. You can use social media or other online venues to sell tickets to locals or non-locals alike. See the official rules (link below) to see who is eligible to purchase tickets.

**Need more information?** Contact Zan (zannaboo@gmail.com) or see the official rules: <http://beachboardwalk.com/driveforschools/>

This fundraiser is a great way to help the AFE Parent Club. Please don't wait until the last minute and find out your friends and family bought tickets from someone else!

## 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.

—The Parent Club Board

## AFE's Everyday Fundraiser Checklist

Our ongoing fundraiser are all ways to make money for AFE doing the things you already do! We believe that if everyone at AFE participated in, and encouraged their friends and family to participate in these easy programs it will go a long way towards our fundraising needs.

- **eScrip:**
  - Register your credit, debit, and grocery cards so that a portion of your purchases is donated to AFE. Go to [www.escrip.com](http://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:**
  - Use Staff of Life Scrip whenever you shop there. *See details below.*
- **New Leaf eCard:**
  - Pre-purchase a New Leaf eCard. *See details below.*
  - Ask your friends and family to purchase Staff Scrip or eCards from AFE.

More information about these and other fundraisers is available on the AFE Website's Fundraising page: [www.afe.santacruz.k12.ca.us/website/fundraising/fundraising.html](http://www.afe.santacruz.k12.ca.us/website/fundraising/fundraising.html)

## Staff of Life Scrip

Please contact Melisa to buy Staff of Life Scrip. My contact info is on the roster. 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

Leaf Community Markets offers natural and organic foods and a convenient way to raise money for our school. Use your eCard when paying for groceries and feel good knowing you and New Leaf are supporting the education of our children. There are 3 New Leaf stores where your cards will work:

- 41st. Ave., Capitola
- Pacific Ave., downtown Santa Cruz
- Fair Ave., on the Westside

There are 3 NL locations your card will NOT work:

- Boulder Creek
- Felton
- Halfmoon Bay

This is how it works...

Purchase a New Leaf Gift Card (eCard) from me (with a check made out to the AFE parent club or cash) and a percentage of that amount goes directly back to AFE:

- 4% on \$50
- 5% on \$100,\$250,and \$500

You may also order \$150, \$200, or even \$1,000. The amount must be in increments of \$100's or \$50's.

I will place the order, deliver your card to the RC, and maintain the last 6 digits of your card number. When you use your card, select gift card as your method of payment. Once your card is empty DON'T THROW IT

AWAY. Your card may be refilled with those 6 digits.

Orders will be placed once a month. Please email or call when you are ready to order or refill your card. Payment must be received ASAP. You can put a check or cash in the New Leaf envelope at Molly's desk in the resource center. Please make checks out to AFE PARENT CLUB. I'll be placing the order on Thursday, September 11th. Payment must be in by Wednesday, September 10th no later than 3pm.

Please respond by email directly, NOT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD.

Thank you very much for participating, we can use every bit of support right now.



Victoria Harder, [vlharder@yahoo.com](mailto:vlharder@yahoo.com)

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## Newsletter submissions & subscription

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 for **AFE News**, **Homeschool Highlights**, **Homeschoolers Abroad**, and **Student Showcase**. If you would like to write a short piece on any homeschooling-related topic, please do! [Email content to Suki](#). If you are not receiving this newsletter by email, [please visit the AFE website to subscribe](#).

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