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Welcome to November!

Quick Dates for this month:

Date	Event	Time
11/5	Follywood Planning Club [info]	9am
11/11	Veterans Day, school closed	
11/17	Parent Club Meeting	1-2
11/19	Ashland Trip Meeting [info]	12:10pm
11/25-27	Thanksgiving holiday, school closed	
12/6	Water the Weeds Teen Improv Show	t.b.a.
12/11-13	Middle School play	

This month at AFE Follywood Planning Club

Grades 9-12 welcome.

Are you interested in:

- Being a part of a legendary AFE event?
- Doing something creative with your friends?
- Getting yourself further integrated into the AFE

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community?

d) FUN?

If this sounds like you, join us on the first Thursday of every month to help organize for the BIG EVENT. Please click the hot button if you want to get involved and haven't already signed up, or if you have any questions about anything Follywood related whatsoever. See ya there!

-[Otto](#) (your friendly Follywood Director)

16th Annual Trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (OSF) and Dramatic Literature Class Info Meeting

All High School students interested in studying the plays and attending the trip to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland this spring, (Monday May 2nd - Thursday night May 5th) are invited to get information and/or sign up in Palazzo Studio on **Thursday November 19, 12:10-12:40 pm**. At lunch meeting, families and interested high school students* will get details, see pictures from last year's trip, hear from students who have gone in years past, and sign up for this year's trip.

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 \$480 or less, depending the number of students & parents attending. This includes all events and plays, three nights in The Bard Hotel with breakfast, and charter bus 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 -

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!



Making friends on Monday! To see more great Monday class photos, [click here](#).



Learning in nature. To see more photos from the high school Ecology class, [click here](#).

12:30.

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

Parent Club Meetings

The AFE Parent Club will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 1 till 2 pm in the textbook room at the RC. The next meeting will be **Tuesday, Nov. 17th**. All are welcome. We'll be discussing, among other things, fundraising, finding a new treasurer, and the rain catchment system that will be installed at the RC. [[More info about the Parent Club](#)]

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AFE Community News

News from the RC

Students' files of 2011/12 (and some older files) have been released and are available in boxes sorted by teacher next to Dorothee's desk at the RC.

We'll have some new arrivals soon! The New Arrivals shelf sits between the math and social studies sections. There are two shelves above the DVDs where adult books (no cards) can be borrowed, and good ones you've read dropped off. - :D

Note: RC will be Closed on Wed. Nov. 11th for Veterans Day and Wed- Fri. November 25th - 27th for Thanksgiving Break.

Help Needed: Parent Handbook

As part of my professional development this year, I'm working on creating an AFE Student/Parent Handbook with information about AFE and resources and suggestions for homeschooling. The handbook would be given to families who are new to AFE and made available to all electronically. Are you interested in helping, editing, adding graphics or art work, laying it out, and/or reviewing it for suggestions? If yes, please contact me at jgerer@sccs.net Thank you! –Jasmin.

Enrichment Classes

K-2 Enrichment

Kindergarten-Second Grade

Thérèse Johannesson

Contact Thérèse at tjohannesson@sccs.net.

Maker Monday Parent Co-op. With the help of Maria and her daughter Lily, teacher Joanne and help from Kathleen we did many Pumpkin Crafts, Made Fairy Houses and continued to grow as a community! Thanks to John Rible for fun awareness building games. This next month we will be making airplanes, circuits and felted soap. Thanks to all the parents who contribute to this rich coop experience. [\[Click here for photos\]](#)



Thursday Movers and Shakers w/Therese: We mounted our scarecrows in the garden! We had some fantastic songs and games this month. We continue our monthly trip to the library. We took a trip to the Rodoni Pumpkin Patch. We learned the broom dance a vine dance lots of cooperative games. We also harvested our tomatoes and peppers and baked our own Pizza with the help of many parents! What a great jPizza Party Celebration!

Next month we will be making Pumpkin Soup including our harvested "Spanish Music Beans" We'll be reading about different Native American Tribes

California History

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays 10:00–12:30

Nancy Aylsworth

In October we learned about life before Europeans arrived here in our state. We went on a field trip to Chitactac-Adams for a very thorough walk through the land where a tribe of Ohlone Indians lived for thousands of years. We saw the creek where they fished and bathed, the bedrock mortar where women ground their acorns, and replicas of a house and granary like the ones the tribe probably had. Some of us camped at Mt. Madonna the night before to put us in the mindset of living outside and under the oak trees. We also looked at the many natural resources of California that allowed native people to thrive here for so long, and later attracted immigrants from all over the world. We made our own talking sticks, and learned about the life of different tribes. Last week we looked into the motivations of the era of exploration, made hardtack, smelled spices, and played with magnets and needles to make our own compasses.

Call Nancy Aylsworth for more information at 429-3898 x334.

Marine Science

Grades 6-8

Tuesdays from 10-12:30

Mark Thomas

Marine Science for grades 6-8 continues to meet on Tuesdays from 10-12:30 in the Palazzo Studio. This month we will delve into sustainable resource management of fish and marine mammals. Students will also share their Research Reports with the class. These reports will then be published in a class Research Report book that will be available to all at the RC.

Any questions, drop me a line or give me a call, 566-0631.

Science Fiction Literature

Grades 6-8, fall or spring semester

Tuesdays, 10:00–12:30pm in Room 2

Peter Deutsch

October finished with our fun Intergalactic Assembly and party. In addition to our in class work and short story readings students continue working on reading a novel at home as well as analyzing a Sci Fi Movie. This month students will also be working on a creative story at home to share in early December.

We are looking 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. Active learning, games and some PE will be a regular part of the class. We will also have a short break for snacks in the middle of the class time.

Questions? Contact Peter at 429-3898 x330 or pdeutsch@sccs.net

Topics in Ecology, Part 2

High School

Thursdays, 1-3pm AFE Room 2

Joanne Brown

Up to 5 high school credits in life science upon completion

Contact Joanne Brown jvbrown@sccs.net 429-3898 ext. 237.

Topics in Ecology this month featured Tyrel Bernardini's (Felidae Conservation Fund) presentation on cougar and bobcat conservation in California. He also shared a multitude

of career possibilities related to the environment, including his volunteer experiences in Africa. To find out more about Felidae Conservation Fund, go www.bapp.org. In January our class will join Tyrel again for wildlife tracking. Tyrel shared that our class was the most attentive group that he has ever visited!

Many thanks to Allison Pfeiffer, UCSC Phd. candidate in geomorphology, for today's presentation, "From Plate Tectonics to Fish Habitat." Allison shared her study of the San Lorenzo watershed and how the slope of the land affects stream flow which affects particle (gravel, sand, etc.) size which affects salmon habitat. Allison led a field trip to Fall Creek where students collected data on gravel size and salmon habitat along Bennett Creek.

This week Diana Baetscher will present "Linking fish to ecosystems, and digging into their DNA." Diana is a graduate student in the Ocean Science Department at UCSC studying fish genetics.

Upcoming topics will include fire ecology, marine ecosystems, and field trips to Natural Bridges and Neary Lagoon.

Field Trip to Fall Creek: The main idea covered was that tectonics (and geology in general) shape landscapes and rivers, which in turn form the physical architecture for habitat. At Fall Creek the students started out by doing a quiet observation walk of a small stretch of the creek. After that we talked about salmon habitat and lifecycle. Then we broke into 2 groups, one measured grain size and observed how it varied within the channel. The other group measured channel slope. [[Click for more photos.](#)]



Leadership & Communication

High School

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

Jasmin Gerer

Congratulations to the students for giving their Icebreaker speeches last month! It was a positive experience that brought us closer together as we learned about each others' experiences, families, passions, fears, and memories. This month we'll continue getting to know each other more as students present informative speeches on topics they care about, read *Success for Teens*, discuss the importance of gratitude in our lives, hone listening skills, and work on our leadership projects.

Thank you to alum Kyle Thierman, activist, filmmaker, founder of Surfing for Change for sharing what he learned through his sudden fame, how our egos can impede us our creative process, and the importance of being open and unafraid.

For questions contact Jasmin Gerer at 429-3898 x332 or by email at jgerer@sccs.net.

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AFE Community Classes

Family Art Studio

Palazzo Art Studio

Fridays noon - 3pm

Feel like exercising your artistic muscles and getting those creative juices flowing? Then come join us in the Palazzo Art Studio on Friday afternoons from noon until 3. Family Art Studio is set up as a non-structured time for all members of the AFE community to come together and pool our creative juices. Each week I will have something set up to draw from life, whether it be a still life, a model, an interior scene or some interesting or unusual object. If drawing from life is not your cup of tea, there will also be plenty of space and supplies available to work on anything that may interest you. All the supplies in the Palazzo studio will be available to work with: watercolor, colored pencils, shrinky plastic, zentangles, collage, paints, pastels, and more. Whether you're a student, parent, or teacher, whether you're a seasoned artist or "can't draw a stick figure", you're all encouraged to participate! Come for 3 hours or 30 minutes, whatever works for you. I hope to see you there!

If you have any questions or if you would like to donate supplies to the art studio, contact Karylann Love at karylannlove@gmail.com.

AFE Theater

- Rehearsals for our 3 - 6th grade play, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*, start this month on Nov 10. Sign up in the RC or contact Zan at zannaboo@ymail.com by Nov 7th.
- Our K-2 play will start in Feb and perform late March or early April. Contact Zan if interested.
- Save the dates for our Middle School play! Two different casts will perform *A Midsummer Night's Dream* next month **Dec 11 (7pm)**, **Dec 12 (7pm)**, and **Dec 13 (1 and 4pm)**.
- Congratulations to our high school ZAP cast for three fantastic performances!

Please email Zan at zannaboo@ymail.com with any questions.

AFE Volleyball

Our season is finishing up quickly, with the championships planned for 11/20/15 and the All-Star games on 12/4/15. Practices and games have been going well with many returning players as well as a great group of beginners!

Great thanks to the parents who are helping with coaching!!! It makes such a huge difference for all the players!

The practice schedule is **Monday 1:00 – 3:00** and **Wednesday 10:00 – 12:00**. Games are on **Fridays between 12 and 2** and players need to arrive by 11:45.

Due to serious allergy issues we need to be sure to not have any peanuts or food with peanuts or made with peanut oil at any practices or games. This is really important and your support is greatly appreciated!

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. A great goal for fundraising is \$60 to cover each player.

Any questions contact me directly at 429-3898 ext 330 or pdeutsch@sccs.net. Thanks, Peter

AFE Guitar/Ukelele Group

Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 Palazzo

This is a parent led class. Please consider joining us! We are continuing with our October repertoire and adding. "12 bar blues" "Count on Me" and "Let it Be."

AFE Madrigal Singers

We've begun singing in Italian and will continue with some Spanish Villancicos (Carols). If you are an experienced Choral singer with an affinity for early music and would like to join our group, please contact Therese at tjohannesson@sccs.net

AFE High School Acapella Group

We will get started. My goal was to start after the High School Play, but now we are running in to a facility use problem. Sigh. Look for a start date second semester. Are you a moderately experienced High School singer that would like to branch out into more challenging music, like covers that the group "Pentatonix" does? Please consider joining this group. We have enough interested singers for a strong group, but we need more and will need to schedule a rehearsal time when we know all of the participants available times.

Clay Studio

CLAY STUDIO for ALL AGES, **Tuesdays from 1-3pm!!** If you like to get your hands dirty then this is the place for you! AFE's open clay studio meets once a week for 2 hours. You can come every week, you can come for half the class, you can bring your parent, or NOT, unless of course you are under 9 years old then they have to tag along.

The class is unstructured which allows you to work on whatever project you like once you have the basics down, which most of you do. For newbies to clay I will get you up to speed

and you will be making cool sculptures or cups or bowls in no time at all. The class is mostly hand building, we have a slab roller and lots of texture tools and we do have wheels that you can try, and try, and try until you are throwing like an animal. Of course wheel work brings the hands dirty up another level, sometimes to head to toe messy.

The cost is \$35 per student per semester, which pays for clay, glazes and firings. However, no one will be turned away. Any questions, you can call me at 818-8660. Ciao, Kathleen

Defying Physics

Designing and Constructing Catapults, Bridges, and Towers

Grades 6-8

Mondays 9:30-11:20

In this class we will use creativity, engineering, and hand tools to overcome the force of gravity and build a variety of small projects following a design challenge. There will probably be catapults to launch projectiles, bridges to hold up mass, and towers to lift a precious cargo. Bring your ingenuity and resourcefulness to come up with solutions to these challenges. Grades 6th-8th.

Contact Dusten at: dustend@gmail.com

Sustainable Design

The course explores whether society could fulfill our needs in ways which regenerate the environment we depend on. We will focus on water systems, but will also explore topics such as solar energy, sustainable architecture, restorative food systems and alternative social institutions. Fridays, 9:15

For more information, [email me](#) or call 831-334-2750. Thanks! Barak Wouk

Games Group

Come over to Classroom 2 every **Friday from noon to three** (or whatever part of those three hours work for you) for good times with friends old and new, and AFE's very large collection of award-winning and classic 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! There is also a group of young artists who like to come and sketch and show each other their artwork in addition to playing games.

JSA

JSA (Junior State of America) is a student-run organization focused on politics and current

events, and AFE students can participate! Our chapter meets **every Wednesday at 1:00pm** in Room 2, with a variety of activities such as debates, thought talks, and crisis scenarios. JSA is predominantly a high school club, but interested eighth graders are welcome to attend!

Photography

Mondays 11:30 - 12:45

September 21 - December 14; No class November 23 (Thanksgiving week)

Grades: 7 - 12

AFE Room 2

Instructor: Zan LaHara zannaboo@ymail.com

The class will consist of 10 - 11 demo/lecture/practice sessions where we will cover standard photographic concepts such as exposure, composition, lighting, processing, and output for various media including print. Special consideration will be given to event photography to help students gain experience and confidence taking photos for the AFE yearbook. But shooting for and sharing pictures with the yearbook is not a requirement.

An Introduction to Money

Time: Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Instructor: Elizabeth Andrews

Price: Free. Students should bring a scientific calculator to class.

Course Description: In this mixture of personal finance and economics, we will explore how money moves through our lives, businesses, and societies, through hands-on activities, real-world simulations, and class discussions. Because the class is designed to be a challenging and engaging application of mathematics to social science, it is open to middle school and high school students who are already proficient with prealgebra skills including exponents, the use of variables in equations, and calculations with negative numbers and percents. Optional homework will consist of videos and/or podcasts reinforcing the topics discussed in class. Topics will build on each other, so it would be best if students can plan to attend regularly. Feel free to email me with questions: elizandrews24@gmail.com.

Water the Weeds Improv

9 classes and a show \$100, \$80 each for siblings. The show is on Sun Nov. 15. Adults/\$5 Teens and Under/FREE. There's one class after the show so we can reflect on it . There will be 3 10-week sessions, one in each season. Questions? Call me, Joya, 831-426-2935. [Email Joya](mailto:Joya@watertheweeds.com).

Water the Weeds Teen Improv Show is **Sunday Dec. 6** Location TBA

3-5 Adults/\$5 Teens and Under/FREE

Actors please come at 2:30 to warm up. Solids no prints in the clothing.

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Thanks

COMMUNICATION

Kudos and appreciation to:

Our Newsletter editor extraordinaire **Suki Wessling** for her way with words, attention to detail, organization, patience and flexibility!

Our Website designer and websitemaster **Cindy Baxter**, whose daughters Atea and Danu graduated many years ago, for continuing to maintain our site!

GROUPS AND CLASSES

THANK YOU to:

Elizabeth Andrews for leading a informative and eye-opening **Introduction to Money**class (that adults say they could also benefit from)!

Dusten Dennis for inspiring kids to engineer and build things in his **Defying Physics**class!

Thérèse Johannesson for bringing more **music** to our campus, leading a Madrigal Singers choir and Guitar/Ukulele Class!

Benjamin Kolland and **Jay Friedland** for showing students how to build and safely launch **rockets**. What fun!

Zan LaHara for teaching our middle and high school students **Photography** and working on the yearbook again!

Karylann Love for organizing the materials and restarting the **Friday Open Art Studio**this month!

Tané Tachyon, mother of Sam and Arthur (who both graduated from AFE), for continuing to host Friday's **Games Group** for all our families!

Alum **Barak Wouk**, who is, yet again, inspiring high schoolers to think deeply about human use of our planet in his **Sustainable Design** class!

And thank you to all families who have helped as **co-op parents** in AFE classes!

FUNDRAISING

With great appreciation and gratitude to:

Zan La Hara for the many hours she dedicated to spearheading the **Drive for Schools** fundraiser and thank you to all who supported it by generously buying and selling tickets!

Gratitude to the parents who manage our various ongoing fundraisers:

Victoria Harder - for managing our ongoing New Leaf fundraiser

Melisa Schwarm - for managing our ongoing Staff of Life, Whole Foods

fundraiser

Cory Meyers - for our ongoing fundraiser selling AFE t-shirts and to those parents who participate!

A big thank you to **Ellen Baker**, **Ruthie Yarme**, and **Zan LaHara**, for donating hours and effort to manage our **AFE Parent Club** (now incorporated), and keeping track of all funds in and out!

THEATER

With great appreciation to:

Zan La Hara for getting the word out about ZAP and all her behind the scenes support and organization with the AFE's theater program.

Ruthie Yarme being part of the planning team with Zan and our director **Terri Steinmann**

Becky Steinbruner for going above and beyond in so many way with transport, prop collection and being all around yes to everything person!!

Stu Steinbruner for building set pieces,

Lucia Paxton for being the coordinator for the high school play Zap,

Dorothee Ledbetter for videotaping all three shows and putting together a DVD so the actors can see themselves,

and to **all the parents** who helped with sets, props, refreshments, and photography!

CAMPUS

We love seeing **Mollie Jarrow**, our now retired Resource Librarian of 24 years, continue to come in and help out at the RC!

Thank you to **Becky Steinbruner** for working on a rainwater catchment system for our campus!

SPORTS

Thanks to the great parents who contribute to volleyball!

Doug Schwarm, **Moondance O'Brien**, **Leisl Ludington**, **Ginaia Kelly**, **Mike L'Heureux**, **Ellen Baker** and **Jeffrey Hoover** for helping with coaching, and all the parents who helped w/snacks, washing the team jerseys, and support for the teams on Fridays.

EVENTS

In appreciation of **Cameron** and **Cory Meyers** for the vision and execution of a great idea - the **Backyard Olympics**! We could not have made it happen without the awesome contributions of teens: **Rachel Menge**, **Otto Schwarm**, **Jonah Harder**, **Hana Francis**, **Abe Jellinek**, **Shelton Brown**, **Hayley Kintz**. Thank you to all of the parents who also contributed in many ways to our event and to those who came out to enjoy it.

Great appreciation to **Cameron Meyers**, **Abe Jellinek**, **Shelton Brown**, and the rest of the cabinet and members of **JSA** for organizing another rockin' **Halloween Dance** this year.

If we've forgotten anyone, please know that it was not intentional, and let us know so that

we can appreciate you next month!

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Around Town

Cabrillo College & Career Night

Monday, November 2, 2015

6:00 - 8:00pm

College and Career Night is a chance to meet College Representatives from numerous public, private, and out-of-state colleges and universities. It is also an opportunity to meet Instructors and Representatives from academic, career and ROP programs will answer your questions and help you plan your career path.

College and Career night is an opportunity for High School students, Parents and Transfer students to talk with representatives from over 55 Colleges as well as Career professionals.

- Gym (Building 1100) College Information including college reps. and Transfer
- Library (Building 1000) Career Information including Financial Aid
- Cafeteria (Building 900) Cabrillo College Programs

[\[More info\]](#)

Santa Cruz Youth Symphony Concert

Sunday, Nov 8th, 3pm UCSC Recital Hall

The Youth Symphony is celebrating its 50th Season and are preparing a wonderful program including Gershwin's *An American in Paris*, and Dvorak's *New World Symphony, mvt. 1* for their fall concert.

Historical Sailing Ship

The historical sailing ship, Lady Washington, will be docked at Moss Landing during November. They have one reservation remaining for an Educational Sail: **Wednesday, November 18th, 12:30-3:30pm**. I have reserved the spot and have room for more families. The cost is \$35 per person. More information about the program can be found [here](#). If you're interested then please send me an email. I'll need a check or cash to reserve your place. [Julie Koontz](#)

Children's Holiday Gift and Food Fair

Saturday, December 5, 11 to 2 pm

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz invites all creative and entrepreneurial children who enjoy crafts, cooking, selling and raising money, and all who appreciate youthful creativity and originality. [Click here for details on how to reserve a table.](#)

Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose

Monthly Homeschool Discount Days

Nov.4th, Dec, 2nd, Jan 6th, Feb 3rd, March 2nd, April 6th, May 4th, June 1st

If there are fewer than 10 individuals in your homeschool family, Homeschool Discount Days are your opportunity to visit the Museum and take advantage of discounted admission (\$7 vs \$13for adults and children) normally reserved for groups of 10 or more. To receive discounted admission, you must enroll as a homeschool family with Children's Discovery Museum a minimum of 2 weeks in advance. Offer restricted to California residents.

Enrolled homeschool families are eligible for discounted admission on all Homeschool Discount Days; no reservations are required. [More details here.](#)

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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!

[Donate](#)



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 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 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:**
 - Pre-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

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 Melisa Schwarm to buy Staff of Life Scrip: Use the contact info on the roster for Otto 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

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:

- Felton
- Halfmoon Bay
- Boulder Creek

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.

This month's deadlines are: [Contact Victoria]

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

Victoria Harder, vlharder@yahoo.com

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 Melisa](#).

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 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 Suki](#).

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