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## Welcome to April

Happy spring! Please note that the month starts with a week of vacation—some events and community classes may have special meeting notes below. Otherwise, you can see how busy we are this month! We are ramping up for our big Human Race fundraiser—[see the box at the bottom of this newsletter](#) for links and information. We are also starting work on our yearbook—[see the Yearbook box at the bottom of this newsletter](#) for details. And [check out information about the new governance model](#) for our school and the campus.

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### Quick Dates for this month:

Date	Event	Time
3/30-4/3	Spring Break, no classes	
4/7	AFE Community Council	1:15
4/16	Theater Meeting, room 1	1pm
4/17	Roaring 20s Dance	7pm
4/22	Info Meeting for Prospective Families	7pm
4/23	Kelly McCandless lecture on bats	1pm
4/29	Small Schools Site Council	6pm
4/30	Class yearbook pages due <a href="#">[info]</a>	
5/2	Small Schools Prom	7:30pm
5/9	The Human Race <a href="#">[info]</a>	

### Communication at AFE:

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

There are now two councils that serve AFE. Below are descriptions of the roles of the different councils.

### The AFE Community

## AFE Community News Enrollment for Next Year!

Dear Families,

**Council**(formerly Site Council) is made up of parents, teachers, classified staff, and students and serves as part of the governance of the school. Its main role is as a liaison between families and staff, providing guidance to the staff and administration at AFE. This group also organizes and facilitates our school Town Hall Meetings. Everyone is welcome to these meetings. You may attend one meeting or become a monthly participant. You can view the notes from previous meetings on our website to see what kinds of topics are covered in our meetings. The remaining meetings for the year are **4/7 and 5/5 from 1:15 to 2:15 in Palazzo Studio**. Come on by and learn more about your community.

**The Branciforte Small Schools Campus Site Council** is a newly-formed group with representatives from all four schools (teaching staff, students, parents, community and school administration) that help make informed decisions for school and campus planning. The goal is to have better communication between staff, parents and students among AFE, Ark Independent Studies, Costanoa High and Monarch. This group will next meet **Wednesday, April 29, 6pm-8pm**, in the BSSC Main Library. If you would like to take part in these meetings please feel free to contact your school's principal.

**Please let your consultant teacher know whether or not you are planning to return to AFE next year.**

We have a long waiting list of families wishing to enroll and need to know how many available spaces we will have.

We are hosting an **Informational Meeting for prospective families at 7 pm April 22nd** in Room 2. If you know of a family who has been planning to homeschool, please make sure they contact Jasmin at 429-3898 ext 328 to get on the waiting list.

**Interdistrict Transfers**—If you have an Interdistrict Transfer and plan on returning to AFE, please renew your transfer this month!

## Yearbook

[Please click here to get detailed information](#) about submitting your yearbook pages and helping out with production.

## Resource Center News

Hope you all had a wonderful Spring Break and were able to rest, relax and enjoy yourself!

The school year is flying by and we hope you will take advantage of the wonderful resources we have. Our new arrivals are on the top shelves around the library and the bookshelves in the center with a sign New Arrivals. Be sure to look!

The California Education Code requires the school site councils to:

- Measure effectiveness of improvement strategies at the school.
- Seek input from school advisory committees.
- Reaffirm or revise school goals.
- Revise improvement strategies and expenditures.
- Recommend the approved single plan for student achievement (SPSA) to the governing board.
- Monitor implementation of the SPSA.

Becky Steinbruner attended a recent meeting and reported, "I found it to be a really positive gathering, and inclusive of everyone's ideas and concerns."

## Theater Meeting

**Thursday, April 16 at 1pm in Rm 1**

Join us for a chance to reflect on this year's theatre experience—Night at the Wax Museum—as well as plan for next year. Everyone is welcome! Bring your ideas about what worked, what we could improve, and what you'd like to see next year.

## BSSC Library Book Fair

**Thursday, April 16th** is the annual **BSSC Library Book Fair and**

Another lesser-known spot to find materials is in our curriculum files in the textbook room. In the file cabinets, the drawers are maintained by subject area. You can even find vintage newsletters when they were printed!

Did you know we have a shelf just for parent reading enjoyment? It is located above the videos and DVD's on the top 2 shelves. There is a sign in/out red binder for borrowers. I try to put out donated books written by exceptionally good wordsmiths. Let me know if you have a good book to share.

Did we get any spring-cleaning done? Did you happen to find any overdue books? It would be great if you bring them back! The standard checkout time is thirty days for library (unless you need longer) and 6 months or 1 year for textbooks. We actually have many over due items dating back to 2012! So PLEASE look through your collections and see what you can bring back so others may use them. If you need to see what you have out, you can request a list by email or stop by and I'll print one for you. Thanks for your understanding. Our **deadline for returning materials is May 29th**. If you have any questions or special circumstances please let me know.

About donations: we will take donations until mid May but please let me see them first. If we cannot use

**Community Night at Bookshop Santa Cruz!** This is one of our biggest fundraisers of the year and this year we have expanded it to insure even more FUN! Dave Zeltzer (author of *Lug: Dawn of the Ice Age*) will be doing a book talk at 6:00 p.m. Bookshop is also supporting our library—purchases made during the week of 4/13 - 4/17 (with mention of the BSSC Library) will count toward our Book Fair Fundraiser! Any purchase counts. [Here is the BSSC Wish List](#) if you wish to purchase for BSSC.

## Roaring 20s Dance

Join us on **April 17th** for the AFE **Roaring 20s Dance** in the Multi Purpose Room from 7-10! Get ready for food, games and dancing at this all ages dance. Costumes are recommended but not mandatory. Admission is \$5 and all proceeds will go to the AFE JSA chapter.

## Parent Club

AFE Parent Club, Inc is now a **501(c)3 non-profit!** This makes donations tax deductible and will allow us to participate in more types of fundraisers. We also have created our own Paypal account and donate button. Starting right now you can make donations directly to the parent club via paypal. This is the best way to

them in the library, I put them in the FREE box that parents can go through. It is located under the counter by the sink. Have fun going through it! If you do bring in donations or use the free box I would love your help at the end of the year to give what is left to charity.

So stop by the RC, have a cup of tea and look for materials or sit and read one of the nature or technology magazines we receive. Mollie

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# AFE Community Classes

## Clay Studio

with Kathleen Peppard

**Tuesdays, 1-3 pm. NOTE: No clay studio 3/31 and 4/7.** Clay Studio is an open studio environment, all ages. Students under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. The materials fee is \$35 per student per semester (less than \$3 a week). This pays for the clay, glazes, and firings. Partial scholarships are available; talk to your consultant teacher—no one will be turned away.

## Soccer

**6th - 12th graders**

We have enough players committed for our games so soccer is a "GO"!

Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays from 2:00-3:30 **starting**

support the parent club online!

We are now looking to add Whole Foods to our everyday fundraisers. This program is similar to Staff of Life Scrip and New Leaf eCards where AFE will get a percentage of all purchases made. If you would like to volunteer to get this started please text Ruthie at 246-4491 or email Zan at [zannaboo@ymail.com](mailto:zannaboo@ymail.com).

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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## Upcoming at AFE Small Schools Prom

"Masquerade" is the theme for this year's Small Schools Prom, to be held at Portuguese Hall on **Saturday, May 2nd**, from 7:30-11:00pm. All AFE high school students are invited to attend. Prom bids are \$35 single or \$50 pair and will be for sale sometime after spring break. Hope to see you there!

## Human Race

AFE will participate in the Community Fundraiser, the Human Race. All proceeds benefit AFE. This year the Human Race will take place on **May 9**, the day before Mother's Day. [Check out the box at the bottom of this newsletter for details on how you can](#)

**on 4/6**. Bring a soccer ball if you have one, sunscreen, water bottle, cleats and shin guards too (or at least good athletic shoes). Games start on Friday 4/10. Hopefully most of the games will be between 12 and 2.

We have some parent and alumni help with supervision and coaching but can always use more support so please let us know if you are interested.

For all AFE sports the AFE Parent Club and AFE staff ask that all players and their families help with fundraising to meet the cost for our team participation in the league. The soccer team fee is \$600.

If you have questions or information to share please let us know. Anyone who has not checked in with Therese or Peter about soccer yet should get in touch now.

Looking forward to it! Peter and Therese

## Madrigal Singers

This group continues to meet informally at members' homes. Let us know if you have an event for which you'd like us to sing! We will be busking on the Mall during Spring Break. Huzzah! Please contact Therese with any questions: [tjohannesson@sccs.net](mailto:tjohannesson@sccs.net)

## Guitar Group

**Fridays 12:00-1:00** Palazzo studio

[participate.](#)

## Talent Sharing at AFE

**Talent Sharing, Friday, May 22:** It's time to start seriously planning your act!. Take out your guitars, ukeleles, dance routines, jokes, and skits!

Talent Sharing will take place on May 22th this year. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for how you can sign up, individually or in groups!

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## Enrichment Classes

### Music, Movement and Art

**Kindergarten-  
Second Grade  
Mondays &  
Thursdays,  
10:00–12:30**

Thérèse  
Johannesson



[Check out Maker Monday pasta-making photos!](#)

**Maker Monday:** In March we've had fun with Joanne Brown and Kathleen Peppard. Leprechaun Traps, Paper Making with the flowers we pressed last month, In April we will take a field trip to Wilder Ranch and continue our creative flower craft, painting and planting succulents with Kathleen and Joanne.

### Magical Mystery Tour

**Thursday:** We've had several Family Heritage Presentations in March. Our families have taken us to New

Our family guitar group is going strong. We have added ukeleles to the group. We are working on simple chords to accompany us as we sing fun songs, like "Big Yellow Taxi," and "Under the Boardwalk." We're also learning some Blues progressions. Please feel free to come and join us!

## Rainbow Alliance

The Rainbow Alliance has been postponed until further notice.

## Basketball

AFE Coed Basketball is underway! Come join us! 6-12 graders are all welcome! We are doing well in our league and having lots of fun. You may join just for practice only, or jump in and play in our Friday games. Practices are **Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3** at our campus & **Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3** at the PCS gym. Games are on Fridays for an hour sometime between 10-1. Carpool for the Weds practice leaves AFE at 1:15 and returns to AFE at 3:15. Carpool for Fridays games in Watsonville always leaves 45 minutes before gametime and arrives back at AFE about 1 1/2 hours after the game begins. Thanks, Mark

## AFE TARC Team



Orleans, Canada, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Ireland. It's been a great tour! In April we will continue to explore shadow and mirror dancing, line dancing and even the Maypole dance! We're adding accompaniment to our songs and exploring improvisation. We'll continue with Hopscotch games from around the world.

**K-2's In the Garden:** We will continue our work in the garden with soil testing, adding amendments as necessary and planting as we watch our Spring Vegetables and Flowers seeds begin to sprout . **If anyone has any extra soil that they can contribute to our garden we would be grateful.**

## Animals

**3rd–5th Graders**

**Wednesdays 10:00–12:30**

Mark Thomas

## The Brain Explorer

**Middle School**

**Tuesdays 10:00–12:30**

Peter Deutsch

First a great deal of appreciation and deep thanks to Ayala for being such a fantastic substitute teacher!! In addition I want to share my thanks with Milton and am excited to continue to have him share his expertise with our group! I am looking forward to

The AFE TARC (Team America Rocketry Challenge) team flew their challenge rockets



(uniquely named X, Y, & Z) over 3 weekend launches at Moffett Field in March. After several practice flights, they called their first qualifying flight on Saturday the 21st, with an altitude of 801 feet (the challenge was for 800 feet) and time of 55.35 seconds (the challenge time is 46-48 seconds). That put them in a good position for their next flights. Their 2nd "qual" flight turned into a learning experience, as it spiraled across the sky reaching only 687 feet in a flight of 47 seconds. After careful inspection of the rocket, they noticed that it had been damaged in a previous flight, which explained the odd (and violent) trajectory it had followed. Wish them well, as their final chance for qual flights comes on Sunday, 3/29 at Moffett. Over 50% of TARC teams don't get through qualification, so they're already winners for getting their rockets built, flying to spec, and already being in the top 50% of the national teams!

If you'd like to support the AFE TARC team, you can purchase a t-shirt, with art created by Keith V. and Theo L. for a \$25 donation to defray the costs of all of those expensive



joining you on 4/8 after our Spring Break and being part of this group exploration! The human brain is such a complex and amazing organ and there are many interesting aspects for us to continue to learn about.

In April students will continue their work on the mental illness research and the written reports. As a class we will also investigate more aspects of depression, mood, sleep, brain health, addiction, creative thinking, and study skills. Some of these topics will also continue into May as they are complex and layered.

## Express Yourself

### Middle School

**Tuesdays 10:00–12:30**

Nancy Aylsworth

Students have been expressing themselves through words and art this month. Each class we work



on an aspect of writing and experiment with an art medium or materials found in the Palazzo Studio. We looked at the work of Kandinsky and created oil pastel art pieces in his art style, which you can see on the wall in our classroom. ([Click on thumbnails to see a few.](#)) Students have begun writing stories embedded with figurative language using their own invented

motors. Thank you all for your support! [Click here for photos.](#)

## Global Environmental Challenges

**10th-12th Grade**

**Monday & Wednesdays 10:30-11:45**

Taught by AFE Alum Barak Wouk

How might climate change affect you? What could it mean for society? How might society respond to this kind of challenge? In this class we will explore these types of questions using the latest science.

Barak studied Sustainable Development at Columbia University and Ecological Design at Prescott College. Contact him at [barakwouk@gmail.com](mailto:barakwouk@gmail.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 class is FREE. Parent contact: Lucia Paxton

characters. We have learned about writing dialogues and dabbled in science fiction writing too. In small groups, students created space ships out of recycled materials. Class resumes after spring break. For more information please call Nancy at 429-3893 x334.

## Topics in Ecology

### High School

#### Thursdays 1-3:00

Joanne Brown

Topics this month ranged from California biodiversity hotspots to Antarctica. Geologist Carolyn Branecky shared her recent field work in Antarctica. Each student chose a world biome to research and presented their findings to the class. We learned about the taiga, tundra, grasslands, forests, and various aquatic ecosystems. Amphibian conservationist, Dr. Kerry Kriger, visited the class and discussed global impacts on amphibians and the work his organization is doing to protect amphibian populations worldwide. Next week our first field trip will be to Elkhorn Slough, where we'll hike and spend time in the lab checking out plankton and macroinvertebrates from the Slough.

Upcoming topics will include ecosystem change in California, marine mammal adaptations, local ecosystems, and bats.

([luciasciarpa@yahoo.com](mailto:luciasciarpa@yahoo.com)) If there are any questions, please connect with me directly.

## Extra Games Group!

(For adults too!) Can't get enough of games group? Or maybe Fridays don't work for you? Come to the extra games group to play games and meet with friends. (Non-AFE people who are friends and family of AFE people are welcome.)

**Where:** Tomas and Kristin's (and Katherine and John's) House 209 Majors Street Santa Cruz, CA 831-466-9223 831-207-6172

**What:** Games! Board games, role-playing, cards?

**When:** Late in the month **Sundays, April 19, May 17, June 14**

2:00 PM to about 6:00 PM

Bring a potluck snack or dish to share, as well as any game you might want to play!

## 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 **Thursdays 1:00 to**

We'll have a lecture on bats by AFE's own **Kelly McCandless** on **April 23rd at 1:00** -- all are invited to attend. All are also invited to a lecture on **May 7th**(1:00pm, AFE room 2) on condors by John Moir, author of "Return of the Condor."

[Click here to read Frog Poetrywritten in our class.](#)

## Dramatic Literature

**Shakespeare Class and Ashland Trip**

**High School**

**Thursdays 10-12:00**

Jasmin Gerer

Only one more month before we head to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival **Tuesday May 5th - Thursday May 8th!**

Reading *Pericles* we have been analyzing father daughter relationships, following our characters' tempestuous adventures, discussing anachronisms, and puzzling over the plot improbabilities presented in this play.

Later this month, we'll become familiar with the gamblers, singers, sinners and saviors found in the famous musical *Guys and Dolls*. Thank you to **Cheyenne Loftus** and **Cameron Myers** for sharing their expertise and passion for musical theater with the class!

For more information about our trip

**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.

## High School A Cappella

Our High School A Cappella Group is an audition group for students who are really interested in singing in harmony. We will do songs from other a cappella groups such as "Pentatonix," Please contact Therese if interested. Together we will create a rehearsal schedule.

Please contact

Therese: [tjohannesson@sccs.net](mailto:tjohannesson@sccs.net)

## Games Group

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

or the class contact Jasmin Gerer at [jgerer@sccs.net](mailto:jgerer@sccs.net) or leave a message at 429-3898 x332.

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## Homeschool Highlights Science Fair Winners

Three AFE students won big at the SC County Science Fair. **Max**

**Freedman** won Third Place in Energy and Transportation for *KAPower Ball*:

*Generating Power From a Soccer Ball.* **Benjamin Kolland** placed First in Senior Division Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and also won awards from Plantronics and the US Air Force, for his project *Separation Anxiety: A Plan for Safer Model Rocket Deployment.* **Abe**

**Jellinek** won first place in Senior Division Computer Science as well as the IEEE and Intel Excellence in Computer Science awards for his project *Lingua: Programming for the Uninitiated*. All three are headed next month to the State Science Fair in Los Angeles. [\[Click for photo.\]](#)

## *Budding Naturalist's Guide Now Available*



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 with [Sign-Up Genius](#).

## Scottish Country Dance

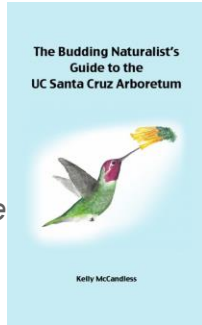
**Wednesdays 3:30-4:30**, in the Branciforte multi-purpose room. Come try it once for free! Ages 8 and up. It's great exercise for the brain and the body, and fun too!

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

## Water the Weeds Teen Improv

**4-5:30 on Wednesdays**, Room 2 at AFE. **Now registering for Spring Session, \$90/70, with a show on May 23.** 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

AFE's **Kelly McCandless** has released her new book, *The Budding Naturalist's Guide to the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum*. Kelly has studied the plants and animals of the Arboretum for the past three years and consulted with Professor Todd Newberry of UC Santa Cruz while writing the book. The book is geared toward beginning naturalists of any age, but Kelly especially hopes it will reach young people and lead them into lifelong explorations and appreciation of the natural world.



The book includes many of Kelly's own photographs as well as those of several local photographers who donated their work for the project. Professor Newberry adds his own unique perspective in notes throughout the book. *The Budding Naturalist's Guide to the UC Santa Cruz Arboretum* is available at the Arboretum gift shop, local bookstores, and on Kelly's [Keep Santa Cruz Wild](#) website.

## Long Live Follywood!

Alumnus and Follywood founder, **Connor Quinto**, shared the Follywood film made by AFE alum and Halo fan, **Marshall Brekka**. Since being uploaded to Youtube in 2006, it has gotten over 2,900,000

you're new to Water the Weeds.

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## Volunteer Creek Cleanup

AFE student **Bria Steinbruner** organized a trash clean-up effort on Valencia Creek in Aptos for the Spring Equinox (3/21/15). **Oliver Mueller-Tuescher** and **Suzanne Mueller** joined Bria and her Mom, **Becky**, to clean up the Creek. The group succeeded in removing two of the four shopping carts found, lots of empty spray paint cans (there is some pretty artful graffiti inside the large cement culverts!), plastic bags, and recyclable glass and plastic beverage containers. Bria and Oliver worked really hard to get the mud-caked shopping carts pulled back through sand and up the slope to Spreckels Drive, where everything got loaded into the Steinbruner's trusty pickup truck.

Bria and Becky returned the shopping cart to the local grocery store, then went to the Buena Vista Landfill to recycle as much as possible before dumping the rest in the landfill. Yuk. Everyone ought to go to their local landfill to really understand why recycling is so important!

Many thanks to Bria, Oliver and Suzanne for this great clean up effort!

If you would like to join Bria and

views! [Watch it!](#)

## Chasing Mavericks

AFE alum **Kyle Thiermann** has a Youtube channel devoted to his endeavor to compete in the Mavericks surf competition. [View it here.](#)

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## Around Town

### Attention Engineers

The public is welcome to a free Engineering Night presentation for students and families to be held on **Thursday, April 16** from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Soquel High School. The presentation will include speakers from two college admissions offices plus a panel discussion.

### From Earth to Mars, a Study in Astronomy

Monday, April 2nd, 4-8pm at the [Discovery Learning Center](#). A four hour class for ages 9 - 14, but other ages accepted with interest. Info and RSVP to [mrsstippy@yahoo.com](mailto:mrsstippy@yahoo.com).

### Marine Labs Open House

The 2015 Moss Landing Marine Labs Open House is April 11th and 12th, 9AM to 5PM. [Click here for more info.](#)

### Youth Artisans Wanted!

Live Oak Family Resource Center is

Becky for the next Creek Clean Up on **April 10** (10am-noon), please contact Bria c/o [ki6tkb@yahoo.com](mailto:ki6tkb@yahoo.com) or 831-685-2915.

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## Thanks

- Thank you **Becky Steinbruner** for working on grant writing for our school this year. We are grateful for your application to the Charlie Lovett Fund which gave us \$300 towards theater!!!
- Huge thanks to **Ellen Baker** for her hard work on the application for our AFE Parent Club which now has its own 504c3 non-profit status. Yeah!
- Site Council hosted two cAFE events this year. This event was created to support community building at AFE. Thank you to **Meridith** and **Ruthie** for the yummy Italian sodas, and **Cory** for pizza. It was great to hear our students at the mic, but a fun surprise to hear some of you parents sharing your talents as well. We appreciate all of the parents and students who helped with set up and clean up, and all of you who came to participate as well.
- **Lucia Paxton** your enthusiasm for our Human Race fundraiser



offering a limited number of youth vendor spaces at 1/2 price--only \$15 for early registration--for their Mother's Day Gift Fair on May 2. For more information, contact [Kate Hinnenkamp](#).

## Have you made it to the Maker Faire yet?

Tickets on sale now

The Maker Faire takes place **May 15,16,17th** in San Mateo. [Buy advance tickets here](#)—note that



the Sunday "family" pass does not specify a nuclear family!

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is contagious. Thank you from all of us!!!

- JSA teens thank **Doug Schwarm**(Otto's Dad) and **John Meyer**(Cameron's Dad) for their willingness to be chaperones at the recent Winter Congress in Sacramento. You guys rock!!!
- **Karylann Love**, the Pysanky eggs are gorgeous and fun to make. Thank you for offering us an entire month of egg decorating. We've had a blast.

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## Yearbooks!

The yearbook will once again be in color! We haven't determined a definitive price but expect it to be around \$25. All pages have the same technical requirements listed below. If you need any help with these guidelines please ask Zan, our technical editor.

### AFE Yearbook Guidelines

- Page size: 8.5 x 11 inches
- Margin/white border: at least 1/4 in. on all sides. (3/8 to 1/2 in. is better)
- File Format: jpg (max. quality) or pdf
- Resolution: 300 dpi
- Submit as email attachment to [afeyearbook2015@gmail.com](mailto:afeyearbook2015@gmail.com)

### Individual pages

Every student has the opportunity to create a page of pictures and text to commemorate their year! Follow all the guidelines above plus:

- File name: Lastname\_firstname\_YB15.extension (i.e. John Smith's file would be Smith\_John\_YB15.jpg)
- Deadline: **Monday, May 18th**

### Events/classes pages

If you are submitting a page for an event or class please let us know! Follow all the general guidelines above plus:



- File name: Event/class\_YB15.extension (i.e. the Glee club file would be Glee\_YB15.jpg)
- Deadline for finished events or classes completed by April 1: **Thursday, April 30th**
- Deadline for in progress events or classes: **Friday, May 15th.**

## Help Wanted

- We need your photos. You can email photos to the submission address or place them on the computer in the RC.
- Making pages—If you have the time and know how to make a few pages please let us know.
- Theme—We are looking for a few students who would like to share the task of developing and implementing a theme throughout the yearbook. This would entail creating up to ten pages. Contact us at [afeyearbook2015@gmail.com](mailto:afeyearbook2015@gmail.com) if you are interested.

—The Yearbook Team

## 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.

—The Parent Club Board

Donate



### 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 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.

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](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

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*





2. Do you have a business? Sign up your business for the Human Race and raise funds for your favorite non-profit AFE Parent Club, Inc!!! This is a fun way to get exposure for your business and raise money for AFE as well. Once you register your business, you can collect funds at your store front, send direct emails to clients from your Human Race page as well as get your employees involved.
3. Make a donation directly on our AFE Human Race page OR pick one of the AFE team members and sponsor them ( pick a bunch if you want)! Here is a link to our webpage : <http://www.humanracesc.org/goto/AFE>
4. Share the AFE Human Race page on social media. I also created a Facebook Event page for us to join and share information on. Add your own friends and family to the group: [www.facebook.com/events/948597435158925/](http://www.facebook.com/events/948597435158925/)

**PLEASE become an AFE Team Member TODAY.**

If you need help setting up or have any questions contact me via my cell 334-7378 or email me @ [luciasciarpa@yahoo.com](mailto:luciasciarpa@yahoo.com). Thank You!!!!

## 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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