



## Spring at AFE!

### Quick Dates for March:

- 3/7, 1-2pm Yearbook meeting for interested 6 - 12th graders, Room 2
- 3/10, 5pm Santa Cruz County Science Fair in the Fairgrounds
- 3/10, 7pm Follywood! in the multipurpose room
- 3/23, 3pm Talent sharing submissions due!
- 3/23, 7pm All-ages AFE Spring Dance, fundraiser for JSA \$5/\$10 family of 3
- 3/23 Deadline for Soccer Team signups
- 3/30 Soccer games begin
- 4/2-4/6 Spring Break -- AFE closed
- 4/13, 7pm Talent Sharing, multipurpose room
- 4/28, 10-2 Dia De Los Ninos and Rummage Sale at Branciforte Small Schools
- 5/4 Small School Prom for High Schoolers
- 5/5, 11-2 Spring Festival, Middle School Fundraiser for Homeless Garden and Teenage Mother Program at the Circle Church

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## This month at AFE

### Follywood!

I can hardly believe that Follywood 2018 is almost upon us! Here is all of the information you need about this event:

- Follywood is on Saturday, March 10th in the Multipurpose Room. Socializing, hobnobbing, and paparazzi photos will

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begin at 7:00pm, and the program will begin at 7:20pm.

- Our theme this year is Starstruck, so you can use that to influence your outfit if you so desire. We encourage you to come dressed up in your finest evening wear or as your favorite star!
- If you are able, we ask that you to bring a plate of finger foods to share with everyone.
- Please eat dinner beforehand. The foods offered at Follywood are just snacks.
- If you are a presenter, please arrive at 6:00 pm. If you are a filmmaker, please arrive at 6:45 pm.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You can contact us at [follywood2018@gmail.com](mailto:follywood2018@gmail.com).

Thanks, and I hope to see you at Follywood!  
-Isaac & the Follywood Team

## AFE Spring Dance

Get ready for a fantastic time at AFE's annual Spring Dance! This year's dance theme is Fantasy, so feel free to dress up in any mystical, mythical, or magical way! Come to the Multipurpose room on March 23rd, at 7pm for a great time filled with music, food, and fun! This is an all-ages dance, admission is \$5 each, \$10 for a family of 3. All proceeds go towards AFE's JSA scholarship program. Hope to see you there!

## AFE Talent Sharing Submissions Due

Talent Sharing sign-ups and forms will be up in the RC by Tuesday, March 6th. Please fill out your Talent Sharing Form complete with the way you'd like to be introduced and drop it in the

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### Parent Club

Support AFE! Visit [the Parent Club box](#) at the bottom of this page.

### Community Photos

[Click here for photos](#)

envelope next to the sign up outside of office #1  
(Therese and Joanne's office).

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS FRIDAY,  
March 23, 3:00! All acts subject to approval by the  
AFE staff so we need to see lyrics, scripts, etc by  
March 23, in order to give approval in a timely  
way for any necessary revisions.

## Mark Your Calendars!

### Talent Sharing

Save the date! Friday, April 13th, 7:00! Dancers,  
Musicians, Martial Artists, Comedians, Actors,  
Mathematicians, Scientists, Magicians, Jugglers,  
and talents of all stripes welcome! Step right up to  
one of the greatest Variety Shows on Earth!

### Small Schools Prom

All AFE high school students are invited!  
Friday, May 4th, Portuguese Hall in Santa Cruz  
Theme: Casino Royale  
Hosted by Delta High School  
More info soon!

## The AFE Spring Festival

**A fundraiser for the Teenage Mother Program  
and the Homeless Garden Project**

May 5th, 11:00 - 2:00

The Alternative Family Education middle school  
group invites you to our fundraising festival at the  
Circle Church on May 5th. Our goal is to help the  
homeless and teen mothers in our Santa Cruz  
community. All proceeds will go to the Teenage  
Mother Program (TAM) and the Homeless Garden  
Project. The festival will feature food, drinks,  
crafts, and much more. We need your support to  
help those who need it most. According to the  
Santa Cruz Sentinel, only 2% of homeless youth  
are sheltered. You have the power to make a  
difference in your community. Come to the AFE

Spring Festival on May 5th and show your support.

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## Enrichment Classes

for detailed descriptions, see the Jan/Feb 2018 Newsletter.

### High School

**Dramatic Literature for High School, Grades 9–12.**

Instructor: Jasmin Gerer

**Career Explorations, High School, Grades 9 - 12**

Instructor: Mark Thomas, [mthomas@sccs.net](mailto:mthomas@sccs.net)

### Middle School

**Ink and Action, Grades 6-8**

Instructor: Nancy Aylsworth

**Environment and Action, Grades 6-8**

Instructor: Peter Deutsch

### Elementary School

**Fun With Nature and Art**

Instructor: Joanne Brown, [jvbrown@sccs.net](mailto:jvbrown@sccs.net)

**K-2 Learning Circle**

Instructor: Therese Johannesson

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## AFE Community Classes

### AFE Soccer Players

We are hoping to start our Soccer Team this month! Please sign up if you're interested by contacting Peter or Therese or by signing up on the clipboard on the sign up wall in the RC. Based on the number of sign-ups we will choose whether to field a team, or not this year, so it is important to sign up as soon as possible so we can see if we have enough players.

In part due to the broad age range of our players, we need at least 15 committed players who will come to play in the games, not just the practices. It is okay to come to the practices only, but those players do not count in our decision to field the team.

Deadline to sign up is March 23.

Games may start on March 30.

Practice times to be determined.

Let's do it!

Peter and Therese

## Join the Yearbook Team!

Do you have or would you like to learn skills in photography, design, and/or project management? I am looking for self-motivated students in grades 6-12 to help with the 2017-2018 AFE Yearbook. Our first meeting will be **Wednesday, March 7 from 1 - 2 pm in Room 2**. We'll see what the interests and needs of the group are and make plans from there. Can't make this time but still interested in helping? Contact [Zan](#).

## Maker Monday/Open Art Studio

Hiranya and Zan are promoting all-ages projects and art activities on select Mondays. We did a lovely Valentine making day last month and are planning some animation and yearbook page making activities in April and May. Stay tuned for future dates and more details! Maybe you would like to lead something like a fiber arts project, scratchboard, automatons, motor driven scribble art, jewelry making? Please contact either of us with ideas or for help! [Hiranya](#) and [Zan](#).

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## AFE Community News

### Theater News

Congratulations to our stellar High School cast, who put on three hilarious performances of *The Canterbury Tales* or *Geoffrey Chaucer's Flying Circus*! It was our last sponsored theater production for this school year and was the last AFE Theater performances from AFE students: Zephyra Paxton, Theo Littlestone, Dylan Slaven, and Bria Steinbruner. We wish them the best of luck in their future theatrical endeavors!

A huge thank you to our AFE Theater Co-ordinators —Jasmin Gerer (staff) and Zan LaHara (parent); AFE Staff; and to the High School Parent Co-ordinators: Darla Damhorst, Leisl Ludington, and Cory Meyers.

Theater Survey—We will be sending out a theater survey later in March. If you would like to be included in the work meeting crafting the survey please email [Zan](#).

### Yearbook Info

It's time to start thinking about this year's AFE Yearbook. Every student is encouraged to make

a personal or family yearbook page. Take a look at past year's yearbooks in the RC for inspiration.

**Page Submission deadline—Tuesday, May 15**

[Click here](#) for detailed instructions. Any questions? email [Zan](#).

## Science Fair - What a night for Science!

On February 5th, we held the annual AFE Science Fair and showcased work from AFE students pursuing independent research projects. This year students investigated a huge range of questions like: how fast do banana slugs go? what's the best temperature for growing crystals? can you tell when a person is lying? AFE students showcased some the best aspects of homeschool education; curiosity, self directed learning, and academic excellence. Special thanks to John Rible, Joanne Brown, Jasmine Greer and the other families who came out to support these students, and especially to parent Patty Freedman.

AFE Science Fair Students:

Jonah Bell, *Are Your Pants On Fire?*; Palauma Durea, *Go Slug Go*; Nyaumi Durea, *Tasty Taste Buds*; Jiraum Durea, *Crystal Curiosity*; Aumar Durea, *To Bow or Not to Bow*; Kumalo Alm, *Bicycle Wheel Wind Turbines*, Scout Bauman, *Stress Balls: Stress Breakers or Stress Makers?*; Simon Filner, *Which tape is the strongest: testing adhesive strength of 3 tapes*.

Come out to the Santa Cruz County Fairgrounds on March 10 @ 5:00PM for the public viewing of all the projects. You'll be amazed at the work students are doing and maybe even be inspired to do your own project next year. AFE will be sending 8 students onto the next fair competing with students K-12 in the county.

AFE Students Competing at Santa Cruz County Science Fair:

Jonah Bell, Palauma Durea, Jiraum Durea, Aumar Durea, Kumalo Alm, Scout Bauman, Simon Filner, and Phoenix Rumbaugh.

## News from the RC

Lots of new books, DVDs, and games to check out! Look for them on the New Arrivals shelf or on the two games shelves (next to both copiers). **Volunteers for the library needed!** If anyone has an hour or two a week, I'd love to introduce you to the varied and interesting work of keeping this library going and making it better every day.

Love, Dorothee

~Dorothee Ledbetter, Resource Specialist

## Día De Los Niños

**BSSC All Campus Event- Día De Los Niños is coming April 28th 10:00-2:00, and the Rummage Sale!**

From Zan and the Parent Club: The Parent Club is trying to decide if there is enough interest

and help to join in the rummage sale that happens on the lawn of the “big building” during the Día de los Niños Celebration on April 28th. While I can help co-ordinate people, donations, storage, etc. I am not able to be at the actual sale. We are looking for one or two people to step forward and be point people on the day of the sale. It is well advertised and attended, and could be a nice fundraiser for the AFE Parent Club. Please contact me ([Zan](#)) by clicking [here](#) if you can help.

From BSSC Principal Lysa: Come join us for our biggest all-site event of this year! It's community building, fundraising and celebrating international children's day all rolled into one. We always have great performances /presentations at this event. **If there is a group you know of or your child wants to perform** please let Lysa, [ltabachnick@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us](mailto:ltabachnick@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us), know. We have had martial arts, storytelling, dance, participatory dance, spoken word, music and singing. Sign ups for volunteers and food donations will be posted in soon in the RC. Talk to Miriam Campos, [mcampos@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us](mailto:mcampos@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us), or Reyna Ruiz, [r Ruiz@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us](mailto:r Ruiz@sccs.santacruz.k12.ca.us), (our school community coordinators for BSSC) for more details. You can also talk to your consultant teacher or an AFE Parent Club representative to discuss how you can be involved. ~Lysa

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## AFE Parent Club

### What's the Parent Club?

The AFE Parent Club financially supports AFE, enabling or enhancing programs, activities, events, supplies and resources. Some of the things that have been supported by the AFE Parent Club in the past include: Theater for all ages, sports teams for grades 6-12, Clay Studio, Games Group, Orff music, family poetry workshops, field trips, staffing for the resource center, Family Art Night; resources—books, games, audio CDs, DVDs—for the resource center; classroom supplies for teacher-led classes; art supplies for the Palazzo Studio; and lots more.

The Parent Club relies on donations and fundraising in order to offer support for all these things. **Without fundraising, these programs, classes, activities, and resources will no longer be available at AFE.** Please take the time to see how you can help by reading and following the Everyday Fundraising Checklist below that will help you help the Parent Club with as little hassle as possible.

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

–The Parent Club Board

## AFE's Everyday Fundraiser Checklist

Our ongoing fundraisers are all ways to make money for AFE doing the things you already do! We believe that if everyone at AFE participates in and encourages their friends and family to participate in these easy programs, it will go a long way towards our fundraising needs. Click [here](#) for details.

- **New Leaf eCard:** Every time you order or fill a New Leaf Gift Card through AFE, New Leaf Markets donates 5% of the order value to our school. That means if you order a \$100 card, you get \$100 worth of groceries and AFE gets \$5 from New Leaf. It's like free money! And if lots of us do it, it adds up! Linda will be putting the orders in on the 1st Tuesday of each month. To be included in the order, simply drop a check into the New Leaf Gift Card envelope by Dorothee's desk anytime before 10am of the 1st Tuesday of each month. More info [here](#). Contact [Linda here](#).
- **Staff of Life Scrip:** Contact Sadie [here](#) to purchase green paper credit slips in \$20 denominations. Staff of Life will give AFE Parent Club 5% with your purchases!
- **eScrip and eScrip Online Shopping Mall**
- **Whole Foods Gift Cards**
- **ScripNOW Electronic gift cards**

More information about these and other fundraisers is available [here](#).

## Newsletter submissions

Parents, staff, and students are encouraged to submit content for our newsletter. The submission deadline is 1 week before the first day of each month. We especially need content from parents about their children's activities. [Email Rena](#). To submit photos, please [email Gabriella](#).

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