

Spring Semester at AFE!

Quick Dates for January/February:

1/22 - 1/26 No AFE Classes

1/27 - 1/28 *Canterbury Tales* play with AFE High Schoolers at the Broadway Playhouse

1/29 onwards AFE classes begin for second semester

1/30, 1pm AFE Community Council

This month at AFE

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

Performed by AFE High Schoolers

Saturday, Jan 27 at 7 pm

Sunday, Jan 28 at 2 pm & 6 pm

Written by Burton Bumgarner

Directed by Terri Steinmann

Combine the great literature of Chaucer and the humor of Monty Python and you get this silly yet educational comedy that is sure to delight intellectuals and peanut galleries alike. Join us for a fun night following Chaucer's characters through multiple tales filled with insight and laughter. AFE's High School Theater group is always entertaining for the whole family, but get your tickets quick as shows will sell out.

Advance tickets: \$6 Youth, \$8 Adults

At the Door: \$10

**At The Broadway Playhouse, 526 Broadway,
Santa Cruz**

Produced by special arrangements with Pioneer Drama Company, Inc., Englewood, Colorado
Questions? Contact [Zan](#).

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Enrichment Classes

High School

High school students may choose one per semester:

Dramatic Literature for High School, Grades 9–12.

Thursdays, 10 am to 12:25, Room 2

Starting Feb. 4

Instructor: Jasmin Gerer

We are continuing our AFE tradition of studying the plays performed at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival and then traveling to Ashland in May to see them. This year we'll be studying:

- Othello, a Shakespearean tragedy
- Sense and Sensibility, an adaptation of Jane Austen's novel
- Destiny of Desire, a colorful telenovela themed play, by Karen Zacarias
- Manahatta, a world premiere that uncovers Native American history, by awarding winning playwright 'Mary K. Nagle
- Oklahoma with a modern twist on this 75-year-old Rogers and Hammerstein musical

Our class meets 12 Thursday mornings 10:00 - 12:35 Feb.1st through May 12th.

3-5 hours each week of reading, research, vocabulary study, written analysis, and exploring the text are integral to preparing us for the performances and earning five English credits. Students can take the class for English credit and not attend the trip which departs Monday April 30th and returns Thursday/Friday night May 4th. If you are interested in joining the trip but did not attend the December information meeting, please contact Jasmin Gerer for more information at jgerer@sccs.net. There will be a mandatory parent/student lunch meeting for participants on Feb 8th to sign paperwork and behavior

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Communication at AFE:

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Parent Club

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Community Photos

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contracts.

Career Explorations, High School, Grades 9 - 12

Thursday 1pm - 3pm, Rm 2

Starting Feb. 4

Instructor: Mark Thomas

What would you like to do with your unique & wonderful life? Here's your chance to consider which career or careers might be of interest. The course will offer you the opportunity to converse with local guest speakers from a variety of professions and trades. Coursework will include a survey of careers, a survey of colleges, interviewing strategies, developing a resume, as well as writing research papers on career choices and/or college choices.

For more info email Mark, mthomas@sccs.net. Middle school students may take either class in the fall or in the spring. Between the two classes we will strive for a balance of numbers, grade levels and genders.

Middle School

Ink and Action

Middle School

Tuesdays 10-12:30 am

Instructor: Nancy Aylsworth

Ink and Action is a one-semester class for middle schoolers with a focus on writing, leadership and community building.

In this class, students will participate in weekly writing exercises which they will elaborate and edit at home in order to create a bound book of their writing at the end of the semester. Students will have opportunities to improve their writing skills along with the underlying curriculum of supporting their development in communication and collaboration skills. In addition, we will work with the other middle school class to create a dynamic middle school program with shared community service projects, field trips, and social activities.

Environment and Action

Middle School

Tuesdays 10-12:30 am

Peter Deutsch

Environment and Action is a one-semester class for middle schoolers with a focus on environmental science, leadership and community building.

In this class, students will participate in weekly science exploration and activities that they will continue to pursue at home and in the community. Students will develop greater understanding of environmental science and the many phenomena, processes, issues and possible solutions along with the underlying curriculum of supporting their

development in communication and collaboration skills. In addition, we will work with the other middle school class to create a dynamic middle school program with shared community service projects, field trips, and social activities.

Elementary School

Fun With Nature and Art

Grades 3-5, Palazzo Studio

Wednesdays 10:00-12:30, January 31st-May 23rd

Instructor: Joanne Brown, jvbrown@sccs.net

Have fun experiencing the beauty of nature through art projects and nature journaling. We'll explore and observe the world of plants, animals and local habitats. The class will include four field trips. In the words of naturalist and artist John Muir Laws, hopefully we will "observe more carefully, pay attention to the world and slow down to notice details that we might not have otherwise seen."

"Let Nature be your teacher." – William Wordsworth

Feel free to contact me with any questions. Looking forward to our time together!

K-2 Learning Circle

Thursdays 10-12:30

Instructor: Therese Johannesson

Come Join the Fun!

Our K-2 class will have opportunities for learning about the Santa Cruz community through hands-on educational activities and field trips. A large part of our class includes gardening, nature study, interdependence and life cycles, through our weekly garden work. We enjoy music, movement and even mathematics through songs, dances and partner games. We practice mindfulness through our mindful moments. We grow our friendships through games and cooperative activities. Join us!

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AFE Community Classes

Writing for the Stage

8th graders and up

Mondays 9:30am to 11:00am

February 5th - May 7th (no class 2/19 and 4/2)

AFE Room 2

Learn to bring stories and characters to life through action and dialogue. We'll do writing games to get your creative juices flowing, read and discuss some one-act plays, and then write one-act plays of our own.

Let the action begin...

Instructor: Bryn Kanar is an AFE parent and a writer. To sign up send an email to [Byrn](#).

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AFE Community News

Theater News

Congratulations to our Arty the Smarty cast! This small K-2 group put on an adorable and fun performance. For many it was their first show. They were the cutest fish, whales, and crabs ever! Thank you to our parent assistant, Kristy Amory and to Isabella Yarme, our teen assistant.

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Congratulations to our Gulliver Unlimited casts! Everyone had a fantastic fun time at the World Premiere of Gulliver Unlimited. Six performances in four days and every single one was a treat to attend. Thank you to Jasmin Gerer, the AFE staff, and our Middle School Parent-Coordinators: Leisl Ludington & Ruthie Yarme!

News from the RC

We have many new materials on the New Arrivals shelf! Please check them out. And it is not too late to wish for additions to our library - let me know at dledbetter@sccs.net.

Staff scrip and Levi Glatt's herb book are also available, please ask. Love, Dorothee

~Dorothee Ledbetter, Resource Specialist

Underwater Robotics Class -- Help Needed!

The ROV class got off to a great start in the fall. We're up to 21 Students now, entering our 2nd semester, and we are excited about preparing for the MATE ROV competition on May 12th in Watsonville.

We have a lot of work to do to get our ROVs ready for the 20+ underwater tasks that have to be completed. This year's MATE mission is to identify and recover a vintage WWII airplane from Lake Washington and while we're there, to install seismology equipment in the Lake bed. Fortunately, we don't have to travel to Washington, only Watsonville, and we don't have to recover a real airplane— just simulated airplane parts.

We are in real need of some materials or donations for materials that we can use to continue building the ROVs. Here is a partial list of materials we need:

Double Pole Toggle switches (DPDT) with On / Off / On positions

Small 12V Bilge pump motors (300-500 Gallon per hour is a good size)

2 conductor Speaker wire (14 or 16 Gauge)

Underwater video camera with live feed cable that can be mounted on ROV (GoPro's with the cable outlet work great.)

Display that can work with the camera.

Handheld Trash picker upper (We disassemble it and use for picking up parts)

We are also looking for someone to help students wanting to do more elaborate ROVs set up GoFundMe accounts.

If you can help with GoFundMe set up, would like more information about parts needed, or how to contribute to the class feel free to contact me, Eric Lamascus at

EL@DiscoverElite.com or [831-234-5052](tel:831-234-5052).

Dia De Los Niños

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

Our biggest all site event of this year. Its 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, 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, or Reyna Ruiz, rruiz@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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Around Town

Homeschool Research Study

I homeschooled my girls, one of whom is now in her final year of highschool. The other has just moved to Montana to finish her degree and follow her dreams. I'm the last homeschooler at my house, and I need your help. I'm completing my Master's thesis on homeschooling, especially on the parent perspective. What little research exists often looks at homeschooling from a very narrow, sometimes distorted lens. I want my lens to incorporate what I know to be a complex, rich experience. If you would be willing to complete a short survey, I would very much appreciate your time and expertise. Your responses will remain confidential.

To participate, follow this link: <http://bit.ly/2B90LNU>

The survey should take about 10-12 minutes to complete. For further information, contact

Alberta James (email: alberta_james@my.hnu.edu or (831) 685-2453).

Thanks for your time and sharing your experiences. ~Warmly, Alberta

34th Annual Martin Luther King Jr Memorial Convocation

Thursday, February 8, 2018, 7pm

Santa Cruz Civic Auditorium

The annual convocation celebrates the life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. by presenting speakers who discuss the civil rights issues of equality, freedom, justice, and opportunity. The convocation also seeks to build partnerships and develop dialogue within the campus community and with the local communities served by the university. This year's speaker is Kimberlé Crenshaw, professor of law at UCLA and Columbia Law School, leading authority on civil rights, black feminist legal theory, and race, racism, and the law. The event is free and open to the public.

Progressive Sex Education

Luma Yoga

February 3 and 10th, 2:00-6:00pm

Luma invites you to join Gina Lepore and Amy Baldwin for a radical approach to sex education. Become an ally for your teenagers as they learn about their sexuality. In this 2-class intensive for parents and young teens (ages 11-14, open to all genders + orientations), we will break through the intimidating conversations around sexual health and pleasure.

These classes will give you the tools to work through your own fears with the intention of becoming your teen's most trusted resource. The material will be age-appropriate, and covered with sensitivity for varying preferences, orientations, perspectives, and levels of experience. Classes will include insightful lectures, fun exercises, and opportunity for discussion within a safe container.

Artful Yoga with Ami Cayton

Thursday, February 1, 4:00 - 5:20 pm

Come get creative through movement! Let's find our creative center with yoga, and explore the artistic possibilities when we're mindful. Join this FREE SESSION of Artful Yoga, developed to create art with materials, as well as with our bodies. Students will explore their inner world through quiet space created by movement and creativity.

Class time will be spent: reflecting and creating in art journals, enjoying collaborative and individual art projects, practicing yoga & breathwork. This class has been developed for ages 8+. Class will conclude with calming guided visualization and/or meditation during savasana.

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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