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Welcome to October!

Quick Dates for this month:

Date	Event	Time
10/13	BSSC 100th Anniversary	12pm
10/17	Backyard Olympics	
10/18	Drive for Schools ends [details]	
10/22	Picture Day	
10/24-25	Zap High School play	
10/30	Halloween Dance	7pm

This month at AFE 100th Anniversary of BSSC!

Celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Branciforte Small Schools Campus **noon to 2:00 Tuesday Oct 13th!**

The proposed (tentative) schedule is:

12:00-12:45: Lunch. All schools and our guests
BBQ/Picnic

12:45: Ceremony: Costanoa Rumsen Carmel trive

1:15: Mayor's Proclamation and dedication of the

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plaque

1:30: Group photo out front

2:00: Tours inside with student guides for guests from the community

Backyard Olympics

Hey AFE Families!

Come on out for our first annual AFE BACKYARD OLYMPICS!

WHEN: **Saturday, October 17 from noon to 4:00 p.m.**

WHERE: **BSSC Field**

More importantly here is the WHAT:

This will be a fun day filled with backyard games. There will be tournaments for PING PONG, LADDER BALL, BADMINTON and BEAN BAG TOSS. Don't worry if you have never played before. There will be time to learn and practice before the tournaments begin. There will also be more informal games (sans tournament) like HOPSCOTCH and a "TRIATHALON" (WHEELBARROW RACE, THREE-LEGGED RACE and HULA HOOPING).

Fee for entering the tournament will be \$5 per game.

Concessions will be sold that include hotdogs (turkey, beef and veggie) with both traditional and gluten-free buns, chips, drinks and more.

What to bring: Water in a water bottle (we will bring large jugs of water for refills), sun protection, blankets and/or chairs for lounging and a good attitude! :)

This is a fundraiser for our AFE Community! All proceeds will help with classes, materials and other AFE needs. Non-AFE friends and family are welcome and encouraged to come.

A sign-up sheet will be posted in the RC to help us get an idea of attendance. Please sign up if you plan

- [Online Bulletin Board](#)

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!



The Matthews family was recognized in the Sentinel for their participation in the Save our Shores Beach Clean-up. Go AFE families! [Click here for photos.](#)



[Check out photos](#) of our Opening Day Celebration!

to attend!

RAIN CANCELS.

THANK YOU from the 2015 AFE Backyard Olympic Team.

Email questions to corymeyers@mac.com

Picture Day

Save the Date: **Oct 22nd** - details regarding time and place will be posted on our bulletin board.

This year Life Touch is taking the photos and providing a free student ID to all who get their picture taken and there's no need to purchase a packet to get a free ID. ID's can be used for ticket discounts and for admission to school dances. Having an ID can also come in handy to prove that you are not truant if you happen to be off campus and are stopped by police during school hours. In addition, you have the option of using the photo for the yearbook or you can submit your own picture.

Those who wish to have an alternative to Life Touch photos can have their photo taken by last year's photographer Nicola who can be contacted at nic@nicolapercy.com.

Zap: A Play

This is not your typical high school play! Come see our talented AFE High School cast perform this funny and unique play written by local author Paul Fleischman and directed by Terri Steinmann.

Zap leads actors, and audiences on a wild and hilarious ride through theater history as seven plays collide to form an unforgettable spoof on life and social conflict.

October 24 at 7pm

October 25 at 1pm and 4pm

Advance tickets: Students \$6, Adults \$10; All tickets



Don't forget to submit photos to our newsletter! Everyone loves to see our kids in action.

are \$10 at the door
Broadway Playhouse, 526 Broadway, Santa Cruz.

Halloween Dance

Come have a wonderful time at AFE's annual Halloween Dance, taking place from **7:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday October 30th!** Dress up, dance, and pig out on all the gluten free candy you can eat! Fun for all ages, special rate for families and groups! Come enjoy a healthy scare and don't be shy to come decked out in your best costumes! More information will be available in the R.C. in the coming weeks!

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Drive for Schools Annual Car Giveaway

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

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

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

Ticket sales are from September 16 - October 18, 2014.

The drawing is 1pm on October 25, 2014 at the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

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

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



Friday, October 16, 3 pm.

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

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

Need more information? Contact Zan (zannaboo@ymail.com) or [see the official rules](#)

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

–Zan

AFE Community News

News from the RC

The roster is almost ready to be printed, so please let me know if you want no address, phone, or email on there (or be omitted altogether). It only goes out to AFE parents in a printed version, never online.

Then we'll be ready to process some new materials and cull old! If you want to help in the RC, please let me know! There are always books to shelve and sort, and small actions to make our RC a more welcoming and usable place.

Love,

Dorothee

PSAT/NMSQT

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) will be administered on **Wednesday, October 14**, during the school day at Santa Cruz High School. Each year, **all 11th graders** are provided the opportunity to take the test.

Interested 8th, 9th, and 10th graders may take the PSAT 8/9 or the PSAT 10 at Santa Cruz High School for a \$20 charge, payable in the Finance Office by January 21, 2016. The PSAT 10 is the same exam as the PSAT/NMSQT. The exam for 8th, 9th, and 10th graders will be administered at 12:30 PM on **Wednesday, March 2, 2016**.

For more info on the Costanoan Rumsen Carmel Tribe, [visit their website](#).

Enrichment Classes

K-2 Enrichment

Kindergarten-Second Grade

Thérèse Johannesson

Maker Monday Parent Co-op: Making Scarecrows! Thanks to John Rible for fun awareness building games.

Thursday Movers and Shakers w/Therese: Our class is focusing on getting acquainted and learning how to work cooperatively with each other. We are talking about what it looks and feels like to "be a good friend." We play cooperative games and make music together. We'll be acknowledging Fall celebrations and doing some Pumpkin chants as well. We'll be playing some instruments during our music time. Thanks to John Rible for fun awareness building games.



K-2's In the Garden: Our class continues to tend our AFE garden. Our tomatoes are going strong and our "musical" beans have gotten a second wind. We will be mounting our scarecrows in the garden. [Click here for photos!](#)

Contact Thérèse at tjohannesson@sccs.net.

California History

Grades 3-5

Wednesdays 10:00–12:30

Nancy Aylsworth

We have begun our exploration of California by looking at our Geography. Students created flour relief maps and located the many bodies of water, mountains and even deserts in our state. It's a pretty amazing state with both the highest and the lowest points of all of the 48 contiguous states. Add to that a very fertile central valley and the long coast and we've got a winner! We are looking forward to many field trips where we can explore first hand the history and natural beauty of our state. For more information call Nancy 429-3898 x334

Marine Science

Grades 6-8

Tuesdays from 10-12:30

Mark Thomas

Marine Science for grades 6-8 continues every Tuesday from 10-12:30 in the Palazzo Studio. This month we continue to examine the purpose and promise of the scientific classification system as it pertains to marine plants & animals. We head back to library to choose Marine Science books to read and begin to prepare for our variegated book reports. After our last field trip exploring the Monterey Bay by water, it makes perfect sense to focus some elements of study on the kelp forest and the organisms therein. Please also remember to complete your Species Accounts each & every week.

Our next, last Tuesday of the month Field Trip will be to hike & lunch at Franklin Point just north of Ano Nuevo. We will meet at AFE at 9:30. Finish field trip forms (if need be). Carpool north at 10. Hike, explore, lunch. Return to AFE at 2. Hope you can make it! Mark
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

Our class has really “taken off”! We have jumped into some stories about time travel and technology. Students are working on reading a novel at home as well as analyzing Sci Fi TV shows. Everyone is also developing a character to be for our Sci Fi themed “Intergalactic Assembly” costume party for Tuesday 10/27 (just in time for your Halloween preparations).

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. Students will be expected to read and analyze a novel and a movie outside of class time. 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. Peter will teach both fall and spring sessions.

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

We began Ecology 2 with a review Ecology Basics Really Fast and the Biogeochemical Cycles. Students created unique interpretations of the carbon, nitrogen, phosphorus, and water cycles. Each student designed their own unique ecosystem, using both real and

invented components.

We investigated water quality at 5 sites along the San Lorenzo River. From our test results for dissolved oxygen, nitrate, pH, phosphates, turbidity, conductivity, and color, most students agreed that the site near Highway 1 seemed to be the best location for (somewhat) healthy fish habitat. Students determined that water quality decreases as the river flows through Santa Cruz. The data indicated that the collection site near the ocean at the Trestle Bridge has the least favorable environment for fish. Thankfully all the tests using AFE tap water indicated that our water is safe to drink.

Next week we'll explore regenerative agricultural practices and do some tests on local soils. It's especially appropriate for us to study soils since the United Nations declared 2015 as the International Year of Soils.

Upcoming speakers will include Tyrel Bernardini from the Felidae Fund. He will share his conservation work in Africa, as well as puma and bobcat conservation in our area. Our first field trip will be to Fall Creek on **October 22nd**, where we'll focus on how stream morphology affects fish habitat.

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

Leadership & Communication

High School

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

Jasmin Gerer

In September we discussed leadership traits, what makes leaders effective, and whether or not leaders are born or made. (Research with 12,000 identical twins in Sweden found that genetics accounts for only 40%, while 60% are learned skills.) Check out the photos and descriptions in Room 2 of leaders that the students found inspirational.

We also looked at the communications process and deepened our understanding of the importance of listening with intention. A huge thank you to former Bay Area Governor of Toastmasters Russell Brown, aka Joanne's husband, for sharing his expertise and thoughts about listening skills with our class.

In October we'll be determining our leadership projects and learning about speaking skills as we prepare and give our first speeches.

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

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AFE Community Classes

AFE Theater

We have four fun and exciting plays picked out for this year!

- High School: Zap: A Play by Paul Fleischman (see performance times in **Newsabove**)
- Grades 6 - 8: A Midsummer Night's Dream (performs December 11 & 13)
- Grades 3 - 6: Where the Mountain Meets the Moon (starts in November)
- Grades K-2: Two Left Feet (Spring Semester)

AFE 6* - 8th Graders Theater Meeting

Rehearsals for A Midsummer Night's Dream start this month! The deadline to sign up is **October 10th!** (Sign up sheet is in the RC.) There will be an important meeting with the director on: **Tuesday, October 13** 12:45 - 1:45 pm Palazzo Studio All actors and at least one parent should come to this meeting to:

- Meet with our director, Terri Steinmann
- Go over the rehearsal process and schedule
- Get relevant Parent Club information
- Sign up to help

6th graders may participate in this play OR the 3 - 6th grade play: Where the Mountain Meets the Moon. Email Zan at zannaboo@ymail.com with any questions.

Follywood Planning Club!

Grades 9-12 welcome.

Are you interested in:

- a) Being a part of a legendary AFE event?
- b) Doing something creative with your friends?
- c) Getting yourself further integrated into the AFE community?
- d) FUN?

If this sounds like you, then be in the RC at 9:00 a.m. on the first Thursday of every month, starting October 1st, to start organizing 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)

AFE Volleyball

Practices and games have been going well with many returning players as well as a great group of beginners!

Our Coed Volleyball teams compete in the Alternative Schools Sports League (mostly High Schools). The teams are open to students in 6th – 8th grade as well as our

highschoolers.

The practice schedule is Monday 1:00 – 3:00 and 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.

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

There are still a couple of spots left in the photography class, so please contact Zan asap if you are interested in joining in. It is geared towards students grades 7 - 12. To get the most out of the class (and elective credit for high schoolers) students need regular access to a 5+MP camera but it is not required to take the class.

The class consists of ten demo/lecture/practice sessions where we will cover standard photographic concepts such as exposure, composition, lighting, processing, and output for various media including print.

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

AFE Guitar/Ukelele Group

Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 Palazzo

This is a parent led class. We have had one meeting with 4 ukelele players and 7 guitar players. Please consider joining us! We are starting with the song, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

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

To date our group has yet to meet. Thanks for all of you that expressed interest. WE WILL GET STARTED 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. Learn more about it and look for sign ups at the Back to School Gathering in September. 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.

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. It meets **Fridays, 9:15-11:15**.

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

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

Shawn's Super Sewing Class

Canceled for fall semester. For more info, email Shawn at shawnlorette@mac.com.

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

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!

An Introduction to Money

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

Instructor: Elizabeth Andrews

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

Wednesdays, 4-5:30 Rm 2

9 classes and a show \$100, \$80 each for siblings. The show is on Sun Nov. 15 Location TBA. 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@scspca.org).

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Around Town

P.A.W.S.

(Promoting Animal Welfare with Students)

The Santa Cruz SPCA is happy to announce that we now offer P.A.W.S., a youth volunteer program for students age 7 through 15. (Students over the age of 16 can sign up for our regular volunteer program.) Program participants may help with the care, cleaning, socializing and training of the shelter animals.

Students interested in P.A.W.S. [must first fill out an on-line application](#) and sign up, via education@spcasc.org to attend a general volunteer orientation with a parent or guardian.

College Night at SCHS

Exploring University & College Options is the theme of the evening. Representatives from UCSC, CSUMB, Lewis & Clark and Cabrillo College will be presenting highlights, admission requirements and college opportunities.

Parents and high school students are invited to attend this informative evening.

Thursday, October 8th from 6:30 to 8:30

Santa Cruz High School Auditorium, 415 Walnut Avenue

Open Streets Santa Cruz on West Cliff Drive

Sunday, October 11, 9am-2pm

Come bicycle, walk and play in the 2-mile Pop-up Street Park with no cars! West Cliff will be closed to traffic from Lighthouse Field to Natural Bridges State Park. Bring your bikes, skateboards, and a picnic to this do-it-yourself FREE event. More info at www.scopenstreets.org.

Volunteer Orientation Meeting: Tuesday, October 6, 5:30-6:30pm at Loudon Nelson Community Center. Email mira.michelle1@gmail.com if you are interested in attending.

Sister Cities Exchange

Are you an 8th, 9th, or 10th grader in Santa Cruz who might like to visit Japan for 9 -10 days in Spring, 2016? The Sister Cities of Santa Cruz is currently accepting applications for the student delegation to our sister city of Shingu, Japan. Applications are due **October 16, 2015**.

Students should have an interest in Japan and/or travel, be flexible, and have the potential to be culturally sensitive ambassadors of our country.

Applications are online and can be found at: www.cityofsantacruz.com Put "Sister Cities Committee" in the Search Box, go to that page, and then scroll down to "current projects" to find the application.

Our Sister Cities relationship with Shingu, Japan has been going strong for many years, and it has allowed hundreds of Santa Cruz young people to travel to Japan to stay with families and participate in cultural exchange. It has also allowed

Santa Cruz families to host Japanese young people, giving them an opportunity to experience American life.

Want more information? Call Gayle McCallum at 831460-0675, and come to the slide show on October 3rd at 1:00 PM at the downtown branch of the Santa Cruz library.



Museum of Natural History

Free first Fridays

Explore their new interactive gallery activities! Get up-close with Museum specimens and artifacts to investigate what it means to be a naturalist. Test your keen observation skills and learn more about our region's unique natural history. [More info](#).

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 (Do you want to go to Cabrillo?)

[\[More info\]](#)

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.

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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



—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 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

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