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## Happy November!

### School Pictures at AFE

Nicola Percy, a Monarch parent, will take our school photos this year. Photos will be taken next week, so please check the schedule below to see when your child needs to be at school. This year there will be a \$5 charge for school ID cards with a photo. If you order a packet of photos from Nicola, the fee for the card is waived.

- **Tuesday Nov 4th:** Middle school students from 12:30-1:30 in **Monarch Garden**. Please arrive promptly. Students with volleyball go first.
- **Thursday Nov. 6th: Here in our lawn area.** K-2 will start around 11am. High school starting at 12:00-1:30 pm or until finished. Students with classes at 1pm go first. 3rd, 4th & 5th graders come at 1:30.

[Download the school photos flyer here.](#)

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### Quick Dates for November:

Date	Event	Time
11/1	<b>Last day</b> to sign up your Safeway Club card for eScrip <a href="#">[details]</a>	
11/4	Site Council Meeting	1:15
11/4-6	Picture days <a href="#">[details above]</a>	
11/19	The Teenage Brain	4:30
11/20	Class Dismissed <a href="#">[details]</a>	7 pm
11/26-28	Thanksgiving vacation	

**Schedule change:** AFE Family Art Night has been rescheduled. Please take November 21 off your calendar. The new date is **December 12**.

**Future dates:** Follywood submissions due **January 9**.

### Communication at AFE:

- [Staff directory with office hours](#)
- [Calendar](#)
- [Class information](#)
- [AFE Online Bulletin Board](#)

## This month at AFE Self-Defense for High School Students

High schoolers, you are invited to join the health class on **Monday, November 3 from 10-12** for SELF DEFENSE! Clara Minor, owner of Minorsan Self Defense and Fitness on Mission Street, is very generously and graciously offering us her class. We will meet at 10am PROMPTLY in the MULTI-PURPOSE room! Please wear comfortable and supportive clothing and practical shoes. I'm inviting all AFE high schoolers to join us for this class, so feel free to pass it along to a friend. This is a very valuable gift from Clara- so families, if you're looking for a fitness studio I strongly encourage you to consider Minorsan- emails of appreciation would be great too!

Contact Amanda with any questions at [ilovefog@sonic.net](mailto:ilovefog@sonic.net)

## AFE Site Council

**November 4, 1:15-2:15**

Our Site Council meets monthly as a liaison between parents and staff to inform and guide decision making, promote family and student needs, and organize family efforts in support of AFE. We meet on the first Tuesday of every month in Palazzo Studio. All students and family members are welcome! Current participants are Ellen Baker, Zan LaHara, Suzanne Tuescher, Ruthie Yarme, Meridith Cook,

## AFE Community News News from the Resource Center

Welcome new families! Fall is here and we are getting a lot of donations to get us started for a great year. If you haven't been to the Resource Center aka RC then by all means stop in and I will give you a tour!

- **Hungry Planet: What the World Eats** is a fantastic view of world food cultures.
- The fabulous magazine series **Make: Technology on Your Time** 1-35. This is a great series for DIY folks with reviews of useful gadgets, backyard monorails, helicopter rockets, ipod tips, it's got everything!
- **Great Courses: Geometry** Part 1,2, & 3 with the workbook is a great way for some students to understand geometry. We have a star theater with a halogen planetarium projector with 1-hour audio tour!
- For **Dear America** lovers we have a whole new set including the Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson & Amelia Martin, Voyage on the Atlantic

Nancy Aylsworth, Mollie Jarrow, and Daniel Denton.

Future Meetings are; 11/4, , 12/2, 1/6, 2/3, 3/3, 4/7, 5/5

## Presentation on the Teenage Brain

Are you ever left dumbfounded by your teen's behavior? Have you been frustrated with the amount of times you ask your teen to clean their room? How is it that they can make wise decisions one day and then a poor decision the next day? Tara Roddy, Delta school counselor, will be giving a presentation on the Teenage Brain on **Wednesday, November 19th at 4:30, AFE Room 2**. Find out the answers to these questions in addition to learning about recent research on teen brain development and the implications for parenting and teaching. This presentation is for staff and parents only.

## Parent Club

The AFE Parent Club and WEST Performing Arts present a fundraiser screening of

### ***Class Dismissed: A Film About Learning Outside the Classroom***

All across America, parents are becoming increasingly dissatisfied with the state of public education. The current state of our educational system & economy shines a spotlight on problems with traditional schools. *Class Dismissed* showcases a growing trend in alternative education

and more.

- **Exploring Lewis and Clark: Reflections of Men and Wilderness** is full of information about the explorers and the men and women who met them along the way.
- For fantasy and science fiction we have the **Skinjacker Trilogy**: *Everlost*; *Everwild*; and *Everfound* by Neal Shusterman.
- For our younger readers we have the *Bippolo Seed* by **Dr. Seuss**, *The Mixed-Up Chameleon* by Eric Carle and my favorite, *Stellaluna* by **Janell Cannon**. Come on in and see!

VOLUNTEERS! We need YOU in the RC to put books away and other library jobs! You will have fun and you may find all kinds of materials you never knew we had!

Looking forward to seeing you,

–Mollie

## Sweeten Up Your Calendar- Follywood Is On Valentine's Day!

AFE's annual student film festival is coming up in only a few months. All submissions are due by **January 9th**, so be sure to get a camera and some friends together over winter break. Help with organization, script writing,

strategies that are working for many families across America.

**Thursday, November 20 at 7pm**

Broadway Playhouse

526 Broadway Street (in the Santa Cruz Art League)

\$10/person

"Those who have homeschooled will enjoy it. It has many familiar moments and is packed with expert advice and inspiration from both adults and kids. It will give you renewed energy in your journey." — Jeremy Stuart Class Dismissed Filmmaker

The trailers and excerpts can be seen at <http://classdismissedmovie.com/about-the-film/>. Click on the playlist and view Teaser Trailer #1 to see parts of the interview with our very own Jasmin Gerer!

Be amongst the first to see this film and help raise money for AFE at the same time! Tickets are available in the RC.

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!

## Family Art Light Night

AFE FAMILY ART LIGHT NIGHT will be next month, so save the date: **December 12, 7-9 pm.**

We invite your whole family to come and create with us. We'll have art projects in 3 rooms with materials for you to explore with on your own your own as you sip a cup of tea and chat with others from our community. Call Nancy for more information 429-3898 x334

presenting, and decorating would also be greatly appreciated. If you are interested or would like more information feel free to talk to me in person email me

at: [afefollywood2015@gmail.com](mailto:afefollywood2015@gmail.com).

Let's make this a stellar festival!

-Oliver Mueller-Tuescher

## AFE T-Shirts for Sale

AFE T-shirts are now on sale in the Resource Center. You can buy one anytime the RC is open. T-shirts are in a box



clearly labeled next to Mollie and Dorothee's desk. They are \$15 and you can serve yourself. Just choose your size(s) and put the appropriate amount in the cardboard envelope which is inside the box.

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARDS AFE FUNDRAISING!**

Any questions, email [corymeyers@mac.com](mailto:corymeyers@mac.com) or call 252-0889.

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## AFE Community Classes

### AFE Volleyball

Practices and games continue to go very well with all players making individual progress in their skills and teamwork. Keep it up! A BIG THANK

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# Enrichment Classes

## Music, Movement and Art

Kindergarten-Second  
Grade

Mondays & Thursdays,  
10:00–12:30



Thérèse Johannesson

AFE's Kinder-2nd class includes MAKER Mondays and Thursday's MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR

**Maker Mondays** has been busy constructing box houses and villages that you can actually stand up in! We've also made Machines, Costumes and Props and mixed up gooey chemistry projects, like GAK, FLUBBER, SILLY PUTTY and OOBLECK. Thanks to AFE Teacher, Nancy for all of the fun MAKING. In November we will be making puppets and puppet theaters. We will soon hang our hardware snails in the garden along with our multicolored flies that we made in September with Teacher Therese. Click on the thumbnail to see more photos!

In **Magical Mystery Tour** with Teacher Therese we continue with ORFF inspired Music and Movement. We've learned songs from Kenya, Morocco, Israel, Jamaica, Native American Chants, Gardening Songs. We've played sticks to the "Russian Dance," from the Nutcracker Suite. We acted out/danced big scary monsters and creepy crawlies for Night on Bald Mountain, by Mussorgsky. We practiced our Pumpkin Patch chant with

YOU to Kathleen and Ayala for doing some great coaching in my absence and to the parents who have been helping to support the teams and players! We are heading into the playoffs on 11/21 and the All-Stars game on 12/5 so it is time to rise to the challenge and play our best team volleyball.

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 Tuesday 1:00 – 3:00. These practices and our games will be on the beach courts between the wharf and the Boardwalk. Games are on Fridays between 12 and 2 and players need to arrive by 11:45. Games start on 9/12 and go through 12/5.

I really encourage any parents who can to volunteer and assist with practices and/or coaching. It makes a big difference!

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.

Any questions contact me directly at 429-3898 ext 330 or [email](#). Thanks, Peter

one voice, then two voices then four voices, then eight etc. We learned a song/proverb about the "Wise Old Owl,"

In the Garden portion of our MMT, we are reading about pumpkins, about planting and harvesting. We've planted flowers, herbs and vegetables. Come to our AFE garden and see how it has improved! To complete our tour for October we will take a trip to the Rodoni Pumpkin Patch and enjoy the many varieties of pumpkins and the corn maze and each others company..

## A Journey Through the Incredible Human Body

**3rd–5th Graders**

**Wednesdays 10:00–12:30**

Peter Deutsch

This month our class will focus on body systems beginning with the nervous system, including the brain, the senses and our sense organs. I am sending a big thank you to the students and to Ayala for having such successful classes while I was out.

Please remember that parents need to sign their student in and out of class. It really helps me if you can do that in a timely way. We will continue to take a short break for nutrition in the middle of class each week so please send a healthy snack for your child. Students should also wear comfortable clothes and shoes since we will play active games and some PE every



## Theater

Our AFE theater program under the direction of Terri Steinmann is underway. This year Terri has the ambitious undertaking of producing an ALL-SCHOOL play! A cast of 55 actors in grades Kindergarten through 12th grade have begun rehearsing for the AFE production of *A Night in the Wax Museum*. Actors meet in smaller groups to play theater games, develop their characters, and grow as a troupe. This play will be performed on our multi-purpose room stage on campus in January. for more information call Nancy at 429-3898 x334

## High School Health

**Mondays from 10-12 in room 2,** taught by Amanda Clark. We explore physical and mental health issues including strategies for managing stress as well as finding personal balance and physical fitness, healthy eating habits, drug issues, relationships, reproductive health and many other things. This is a candid and honest class and I ask that any interested students be willing to help create a safe environment for all participants. Amanda Clark, [ilovefog@sonic.net](mailto:ilovefog@sonic.net)

## Rocketry BASICS at AFE



class.

[Click on the thumbnail](#) to see some of the great Human Body-themed snacks families brought to our class party.

## The Brain Explorer

**Middle School**

**Tuesdays 10:00–12:30**

Jasmin Gerer

A great group of enthusiastic interested students are exploring the inner workings of their brains!

In October we learned about and developed learning styles, multiple intelligences, creative and logical thinking. In November we will be working on how to increase our study skills while researching mental illness.

For questions contact Jasmin at [jgerer@sccs.net](mailto:jgerer@sccs.net) or leave a message at 429-3898 ext 332.

## Express Yourself

**Middle School**

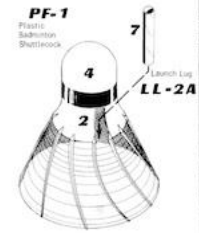
**Tuesday 10-12:30**

Nancy Aylsworth

Students have been expressing themselves in many ways in our class. They each created a poster reflecting some of their personal qualities and favorites. We have looked at the work of Kandinsky and created art pieces in his art style. We have also looked at the work of artist Lea Anderson and made our own circular art pieces. Students have begun



After a first rocketry build session on 9/17, students launched on Saturday 9/20. A dozen AFE students (aged 8 to 16)



launched what they had built. Our launches were some of 450 rocket launches at Moffett Field that day, with rockets ranging from 1 oz. to 60 oz. An added bonus was getting to watch the take-offs and landing of V-22 Ospreys and the takeoff of a C-17. [Click on the thumbnail](#) to see a larger diagram and photos.

### **NEXT BUILD CLASSES:**

**Wed. 10/29, 1:30pm - 3pm/Palazzo Room**

Water Rocket Build and Launch: Bring a carbonated bottle (1 or 2 liter) to build and launch a water rocket. We'll launch on the playground at AFE to see how they fly.

**Wed. 11/12, 1:30pm - 3pm/Palazzo Room**

Custom Build: We'll bring the parts and you'll turn a harmless little badminton birdie into a minirocket that can almost hit the LUNAR ceiling limit on an A10-3T engine! Now that you've built rocket #1, build #2 will be easier. No parachute needed ;>. (If time allows, we'll haul out the water rockets again.) [Click on the diagram above](#) to see a larger version.

### **NOVEMBER ROCKET LAUNCH:**

**Sat. 11/15, 9:30am - Noon-ish**



writing stories using their own characters, and played a variety of writing games including making our own "Bubble Talk" speech bubbles. For more information please call Nancy at 429-3893 x334.

[Click on the thumbnail to see Kandinsky style art](#) from Express Yourself.

## The Plot Thickens—Creative Writing

### High School

**Thursdays 1-3:00**

Joanne Brown

*Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass.*

—Anton Chekhov

Protagonists, antagonists, conflict, plot, setting, mood, and point of view were some of the topics this month in creative writing. It is exciting to read the students' writing as they gain confidence in their skills. So many fascinating characters, story lines, and plot twists are being created. The students have formed a supportive writing community. Featured author works for discussion in October included Alice Walker, Jack London, Edgar Allan Poe, and Sue Grafton. Stories written by students in the class will be the focus of upcoming writing workshops.

## American Government

**11-12th grade**

**Thursdays 10-12:00**

Mark Thomas

American Government continues to meet

LUNAR Launch at Moffett. The November monthly launch at Moffett. Bring your birdie and your kit rocket and fly again.

## ADVANCED Rocketry

ADVANCED Rocketry Class/Club begins **Wed. 11/19 at 1:30pm** and will be every other Wed. Grades 7-12. This class will focus on building mid-powered rockets (engines ranging from E-G), advanced build techniques, and simulation for motor selection and NAR safety.

Questions?

Email: [jay@cinemagic.com](mailto:jay@cinemagic.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.

Thanks to the AFE Parent Club for allocating funds for us this year! Glee Club is currently looking for a piano accompanist for the year. Parent contact: Lucia Paxton



Thursday mornings from 10-12. The election is right around the corner and we will focus on the issues and candidates up for grabs. The US Senate may switch from Democratic party control to Republican party control! We will continue to read, discuss and take a quiz on 2 text chapters each week as well as read and reflect on the role of the government in a current event of your choice. This month we will begin research to complete 3-5 page published persuasive essays. Any questions or concerns, contact Mark. Thanks!

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## Around Town Cabrillo College and Career Night Monday

**November 3rd 6-8 pm**

This is a great opportunity to meet college representatives from public, private and out-of-state colleges and universities who will be there to answer questions. The evening will also include:

- College and career planning presentations (Library, Room 1054, 2nd floor) for parents and students.
- Academic career program planning (Library, Building 1000, Cafeteria, Building 900) Instructors and counselors will be there from programs throughout the County, including ROP, academic, and career programs.
- Financial Aid

([luciasciarpa@yahoo.com](mailto:luciasciarpa@yahoo.com)) If there are any questions, please connect with me directly. [Click on the photo for a larger view!](#)

## Economics for 11th and 12th graders

**Thursdays 1-3pm. Fall only. Room 4, big building**

In our second month, students played with candy competition, a chewing gum oligopoly, and a water monopoly, explored which services should be supplied by the government and which by private business, swung up and down with 100 years of business cycles, asked whether we really need growth and what GDP actually measures, compared incomes and taxes of rich and poor people, tried to cut the country's budget to reduce the deficit, learned about unemployment, labor, and poverty, and guessed (more realistically than most Americans) at the very unequal wealth distribution. Now we're off into global economy!

Contact: Dorothee

Ledbetter, [dledbetter@calcentral.com](mailto:dledbetter@calcentral.com)

## 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

Presentations, Library, Room 1050 (2nd floor). How do I pay for college -- financial aid and scholarship staff will walk you through the financial aid process. Workshops in the library at 6:15pm and 7:15 pm.

Parking is available in student parking areas, no permit needed.

## Lego Club

When: **Tuesday, November 4**, 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Where: [Discovery Learning Center](#)

Join our monthly Lego Club, a supportive gathering of local Lego-lovers. We meet the first Tuesday of the month at the DLC in the church gym. Suggested donation: \$2-5/family or Lego bricks for the DLC collection

Most updates and discussion will happen on the [Lego Club Homecruzers Event Page](#).

## How Will You Pay for College?

Concerned about rising college costs? Steve Shapiro will present, "How Will You Pay for College?":

Date: **November 13, 2014**

Time: 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: Santa Cruz High School Library

Steve is a CPA and a Certified Financial Planner. He speaks to parents at many local high schools each year.

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!

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](#).

## AFE Family Choir

We meet every Friday from 3:15-4:30. It is not too late to join! We are singing rounds and Winter songs, including the famous Who-ville song from the "Grinch who Stole Christmas," "Fa who daraze" We're

He'll explain:

1. Financial Aid Basics - how the system works; who gets the money and who does not .
2. Strategies - for low income families and high income families.

This presentation is not just about financial aid - reducing the impact of college costs depends on planning ahead and doing your homework. Even high-income families can reduce the impact.

Please mark your calendar and attend this important meeting. All grades are invited and students from all grades (and their parents) will benefit.

## Dickens Fair Homeschool Tickets

Special pricing for homeschoolers to attend the Dickens Fair, **11/22-**

**12/21:** [www.dickensfair.com](http://www.dickensfair.com). These tickets are good for any one day of the fair. \*\*Your code for this year is HSA2014DCF. There are 400 \$18 Adult tickets available and 200 \$8 child's tickets available. Limit is 4 per person of each type.

## Folk music ensembles

Community Music School is forming these musical groups:

- Thursday afternoons 3:30-4:30 PM: Children's Folk Choir for ages 7-11.
- Friday afternoons 5 PM-6 PM: Teen Trad Band for ages 13-17 (2 years playing a folk instrument required; if

singing, "My funny Valentine." If you love harmony, come join us for some beautiful music! Please contact Therese with any

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

## Madrigal Singers

Our Madrigal Singers group is for more experienced singers and focuses on music literature of the Renaissance, with composers like Dowland, Morley, Vittoria, etc. We usually rotate rehearsals in people's homes. We are a performance group and our mission is to have fun, share music from the Renaissance, raise money for the AFE Ashland Trip in Spring! Please contact Therese with any

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

## 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)

## Origami Club

Please drop in to the Origami Club **Fridays 12-3** during Games Group. Rowan will be there with a fabulous collection of origami books, plenty of paper, and awesome sample models. Fold everything from

you've attended our camps you're eligible)

- Saturday mornings 11-noon: Intermediate Intergenerational Recorder Ensemble - Renaissance repertoire mostly. Instruments available to borrow.

[Contact Shelley Phillips](#) for more information.

## Children's Holiday Gift and Food Fair

**Saturday, December 6, 11 to 2 pm**

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz invites all creative and entrepreneurial children who enjoy crafts, cooking, or selling and have a need to raise money, and all who appreciate youthful creativity and originality. [Click here for more information.](#)

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## Testing California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE)

All high school students must pass both the English and Math sections of the CAHSEE to receive a high school diploma. The CAHSEE was adopted by The State Board of Education to improve student achievement in high school, and to help ensure that students who graduate from high school can demonstrate competency in the California academic content standards for English-Language Arts and

penguins to bunnies to winged unicorns -- and many more. No experience necessary; Rowan will guide you through fold by fold if desired!

## 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 Fall, **Thursdays 1:00 to 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.

## Water the Weeds Teen Improv

**4-5:30 on Wednesdays** until Nov. 19, Room 2 at AFE. Show on **Sunday Nov. 16**, location TBA. There's one class after the show. \$100 (\$80 each for sibs). 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

Mathematics. For more information visit the CAHSEE web site and explore the release questions and study guides at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ta/tg/hs/resource> [S](#).

A few CAHSEE study guides are available in the RC. It is recommended that each student become familiar with the test and take the test at the earliest possible date. Testing begins in 10th grade. All test days will begin at 9:00 a.m., in the basement, Room 4. Each test is untimed, usually taking about 3 – 4 hours. Students need to pass each test only once during high school. The test days, start times, and grade designation are mandated by The State Board of Education.

The schedule for the CAHSEE this school year is:

**Tuesday, Nov. 4,** 2014 Make-up test, English Language Arts 11th & 12th graders

**Wednesday, Nov.5,** 2014 Make-up test, Math 11th & 12th graders

**Tuesday, Feb. 3,** 2015 English Language Arts 10th graders Make-up test, English Language Arts 12th graders

**Wednesday, Feb. 4,** 2015 Math 10th graders

Make-up test, Math 12th graders

*\* Please note the February tests for both 10th and 12th graders will be in the same room/time*

**Tuesday, March 17, 2015** Make-up test, English Language Arts 10th ,11th & 12th graders

you're new to Water the Weeds.

## Rainbow Alliance

The Rainbow Alliance meets **Fridays from 3-4 pm** at the Branciforte Small Schools main building in room #9. All teens from the Small Schools (including AFE, Ark, Costanoa, Delta, and Cypress) are welcome! This club is for all students interested in discussing issues important and/or related to LGBTQIA rights and expression, and that want to get involved in the community. Come and check it out! [E-mail Caitlin](#) or check out the "[Small Schools Rainbow Alliance](#)" Facebook page for more updates!

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## Thanks!

A big thank you to **Benno** and his parents, **Melissa** and **Jay**, for another fantastic rocket build and launch last Wednesday. About 20 students built rockets and launched them successfully on the lawn! It was an educational, projectileastic time. We can't wait for the next one!

*-Rocket Club Fans*

Lots of thanks for **JSA's Halloween Dance**: Kudos to **JSA members** for their planning and creating another wildly wonderful evening for



**Wednesday, March 18, 2015** Make-up test, Math 10th, 11th & 12th graders

**Tuesday, May 12, 2015** Make-up test, English Language Arts 12th graders

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015** Make-up test, Math 12th graders

*\*Please note the May test results arrive in July, hence, 12th graders needing to take the May tests will not be eligible to receive a diploma at Graduation.*

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our AFE Community! A special thank you to alumna **Breana De Jesus** for once again bringing huge boxes of decorations and helping to transform the Multipurpose Room with lights and creativity. Thank you also to teacher **Joanne** for being there to help with set up, decorating and staying all the way till 11:00pm along with teacher **Therese**, to help clean up. Your dedication to AFE students is much appreciated! A we-think-you-are-fabulous shout out also goes to **Jeff Hoover** for setting up special strobe and disco lights and to **Shawn** for taking pictures! [Click on the thumbnail to see the costume contest winners](#) and more photos.

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## Homeschool Highlights

### Film to be presented at youth film festival

AFE high schooler Abe Jellinek made a film about homeschooling as his eighth grade project at Ocean Alternative. The documentary has been chosen to be screened at this year's [International Family Film Festival](#) on November 8. The festival takes place in Los Angeles. If you know any SoCal homeschoolers who would be interested in attending a film about homeschooling, please [send them this link to purchase tickets](#). If



you'd like to watch the film  
online, [click here](#).

## Gymnastic excellence

At her last meet  
Makenna scored her  
highest score of a 9.6  
on bars. She placed  
second, missing first by .05, which  
was taken by her team mate. She also  
took 4th on floor and all around. The  
team took first.



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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.

—The Parent Club Board

## 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:**
  - 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:**
  - 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: [www.afe.santacruz.k12.ca.us/website/fundraising/fundraising.html](http://www.afe.santacruz.k12.ca.us/website/fundraising/fundraising.html)

## Staff of Life Scrip

Please contact Melisa to buy Staff of Life Scrip. My contact info is on the roster. 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. I'll be placing the order on Thursday, September 11th. Payment must be in by Wednesday, September 10th no later than 3pm.

Please respond by email directly, NOT TO THE BULLETIN BOARD.

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

Victoria Harder, [vlharder@yahoo.com](mailto:vlharder@yahoo.com)



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## 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!

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