MAY 2014 NOTABLES











We're Counting On Everyone Doing Their Part For Annual Giving As We Move Toward

100%

Participation!

Our school community's support of the recent auction was awesome. The success of our Annual Giving campaign is <u>also</u> crucial to keeping Anacapa strong. **The school appreciates – and our budget relies on – Annual Giving donations from ALL of our families.** Soon, you will be receiving a letter requesting that you help us reach our goal on this budgeted line item. **Gifts of ALL sizes are valued greatly.** With all of us doing the best we can, together we will help Anacapa continue to improve the lives and futures of students.

As we go to press, we have not yet reached our Annual Giving goal of 100% participation from currently enrolled families. By this time next month, we hope to see the gap closed on that goal, and we'd like to see YOUR name included in our June list of much-appreciated parent donors. We can do it!

A TASTY AND FUN CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION ON FRIDAY, MAY 2 We plan to get a head start on Cinco de Mayo this year! Our May 2 Friday afternoon activity will be our traditional Cinco De Mayo lunch and celebration complete with fabulous food, music, and a very festive atmosphere. Special thanks to teacher Hugo Macario for once again organizing this fun event.

SYNTHESIS UNIT PRESENTATIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 7 Synthesis Unit groups have been busy "synthesizing" what they learned in our world religions unit earlier this semester. Now it's time for them to report on their findings during an all-school meeting. We've set aside the morning of Wednesday, May 7 for these Synthesis Unit presentations. Please note that regular morning classes will not meet that day.

ANACAPA WILL BE GUESTS AT D-DAY 70TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON ON THURSDAY, MAY 8 The Pierre Claeyssens Veterans Foundation and its founder, John Blankenship, have generously invited Anacapa students and teachers to be their guests at a special luncheon on Thursday, May 8. (John helped us find many of our esteemed speakers for our 2008-2009 World War II Synthesis Unit.)

On May 8, in partnership with the Channel City Club, the Foundation will be commemorating the 70th anniversary of D-Day at Normandy as part of their World War II symposium series. Santa Barbara veterans who were actually involved in the June 6th, 1944, Normandy invasion will be honored, and Consul Generals from four Ally nations—Belgium, Canada, France, and the United Kingdom—will be introduced.

We are grateful for this rare opportunity to experience a piece of living history. Students and teachers will be transported by bus from campus to The Fess Parker Double Tree Resort for this luncheon. Students are encouraged to dress appropriately for the occasion.

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We'll NEED SOME DRIVERS FOR THE ALL-SCHOOL SWIM PARTY The traditional end-of-the-year swim party will take place at Hidden Oaks Club (courtesy of Candi Corbani) from 12:30 to 3pm on Friday, May 9. If you can help with the driving, please call Bekah in the school office. The Senate will supply the lunch – so there is no need for students to bring food. Just bring your swimsuit, sun screen, and a towel!

PERFORMING ARTS
CLASS PRESENTS



Anacapa School's Performing Arts class will present a musical stage performance of "Seussical The Musical" with performances on Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17 at 7:00 pm at the Center Stage Theater in Paseo Nuevo.

Tony Award-winning musicians Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie, La Bird, and Jojo, a little boy with a big imagination. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos. It will be great fun for Seuss fans of ALL ages! We hope to see you there to cheer on our talented students!

TICKETS: \$12 adults, \$7 students, and FREE for Anacapa students. Advance tickets are available online at www.centerstagetheater.org or by calling Center Stage Theater at (805) 963-0408. Tickets may also be purchased at the door on an as-available basis; seating is limited.

ATTENTION, CLASS OF 2014!

It's time for seniors to begin working on their individual talks for this year's graduation. To help seniors get started, we've scheduled a special session with Peggy Lauer during the Club period on Thursday, May 22. Final drafts of talks are due to Peggy the last day of final exams—Wednesday, June 4.

AND AN IMPORTANT NOTE FOR SENIORS AND JUNIORS!

ON ANOTHER NOTE: Seniors are also reminded that they will go to the Santa Barbara Woman's Club – Rockwood with the junior class at 12 noon on Friday, June 13 to have lunch and rehearse before that evening's commencement ceremony. Seniors <u>and</u> juniors should <u>not</u> make other plans from noon to 2:30 that very important day. Thanks!

BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST: KAYAKING AT REFUGIO You may remember that our kayaking adventure last fall was postponed. Now, by popular request, we are re-scheduling this much-anticipated event! On Friday, May 23, students and teachers should be on campus at the regular 7:50 am starting time. We'll leave by bus soon afterward for the short drive to Refugio Beach. We plan to return to campus in time for a regular dismissal at 3:00 pm (no Work/Study that day).

DRESS AND OTHER SUPPLIES / FOOD AND WATER:

Wear a <u>swimsuit</u> and <u>layered clothing</u> including a <u>windbreaker</u> (essential to keep you warm in case of wind or fog). Also, be sure to bring a second <u>change of clothes</u> –WARM ONES—to wear after we kayak (essential to keep you warm and dry). You'll also need a <u>towel</u>, <u>sunscreen</u> and <u>lip balm</u>, a <u>cord for eyeglasses</u> (if you will be wearing them), a <u>sack lunch</u>, <u>snacks</u>, and <u>water</u>.

COME SEE OUR
SQUARE AT THE
I MADONNARI
CHALK ART FESTIVAL

Anacapa student artists will once again participate in the *I Madonnari* chalk painting festival over Memorial Day weekend. We hope many of our families will stop by to watch our artists work at the Santa Barbara Mission on Saturday, May 24 or to check out their completed masterpiece on Sunday, May 25 or Monday, May 26. (Look for the HUB Insurance square. Our thanks to HUB for sponsoring our block once again!)

BRING THE
WHOLE FAMILY

- AND PROSPECTIVE
ANACAPA FAMILIES TO ENJOY OUR
STUDENT ART SHOW
AND CONCERT
AT 5 PM MAY 28

Our fabulous student artists and writers will display their work, and our talented Ensemble Music class will perform on campus at 5 pm on Wednesday, May 28. We invite you to bring the whole family and join us! Paula Campanelli, Suzie Sichi, Alison Strelich, and Peggy Lauer have assembled students' art and writing; and Hugo Macario is rehearsing his musicians. All YOU need to do is come and enjoy some tasty treats, a glass of wine, and our students' art and music! You'll be amazed at their abundant talent and creativity!

We also encourage you to bring along grandparents as well as friends, neighbors, or others who might be interested in Anacapa for their student. This will be a great way to introduce them to our lovely campus and our friendly school community—and to see the fruits of our students' labors! You'll also have some bragging rights: this year, Anacapa students garnered a record 14 Best of Show Awards at the Fair & Expo!

THE LAST DAY
OF CLASSES AND
FINAL EXAMS

Thursday, May 29 is the last day of regular classes before final exams and the whirlwind of our end-of-the-year activities. Final exams begin on Friday morning, May 30. Exams for other classes will be scheduled Monday-Wednesday, June 2-4. **The final exam schedule will be sent to you later this month.**

FACULTY CORNER: FOREIGN LANGUAGE

Be sure to check out this month's *Faculty Corner* from Italian teacher Suzie Sichi and Spanish teacher Hugo Macario.

LOOKING AHEAD TO (CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?)

JUNE...

Here's a heads-up on what's happening as we close out the school year:

- June 2-4 Final Exams Continue... (They begin on May 30.)
- June 5 Lower School: Promotion / Potluck Salad Lunch (12 noon)
 Upper School: No School But You're Welcome to Attend!
- June 6 Grading Day and Trip Prep. (No School)
- June 7-11 Upper School: End-of-the-Year Trip to Boston (Boston trip details to be mailed later...)
 Lower School: No School
- June 12 Trip Recovery Day (No School)
- June 13 Last Day of School for <u>ALL</u> Students (9 am-12 noon)
 Rehearsal for Seniors and Juniors (12 noon-2:30pm)
 Graduation Reception (5:30pm)
 Graduation Ceremony / ALL-SCHOOL Awards (6:30pm)

AT ANACAPA, GRADUATION IS NOT JUST FOR SENIORS! We appreciate having <u>ALL</u> of our students and their families in attendance at this very special event. Please make plans to join us at Santa Barbara Woman's Club – Rockwood on Friday evening, June 13.

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PRELIMINARY CALENDAR LOOKING AHEAD TO 2014-2015

Enclosed in this month's mailing is a copy of the Anacapa School calendar for the 2014-2015 school year. Please note that our first day of school next fall will be **THURSDAY**, **September 4**. That's when we'll have our first day of orientation on campus followed by our traditional family picnic at Leadbetter Beach later in the day. (Please note that the family potluck will be on THURSDAY this year.)

Our second day of orientation (kayaking and team-building activities at the beach) is scheduled for Friday, September 5.

Classes will begin on Monday, September 8.

As always, next year's seniors will play a crucial leadership role as we welcome new students and launch the new school year. That means the Class of 2015 will be meeting sometime <u>before</u> September 4 to partake in some special activities and to organize the orientation. Suzie will be in touch with rising seniors this summer with specific dates and times, but the Class of 2015 will need to please be available by September 2 (the day after Labor Day).