FEBRUARY 2015 NOTABLES















WELCOME TO ANACAPA'S NEW 7TH GRADER! Please extend a warm Anacapa welcome to our new seventh grade student, **Alexis Constable**. Before applying for mid-year admission at Anacapa, Alexis was enrolled in the Santa Barbara Home-Based Partnership. We are delighted that Alexis and her parents, Laurie and Mark Constable have joined the Anacapa community! Welcome!

A DIRECTORY
UPDATE

Included with this issue of *Notables*, you'll find a new update for this year's 2014-2015 school directory. Please note the additions and changes in your directory. If any contact information changes for you or your student, please be sure to let the school office know right away. Thanks.

COLLEGE COUNSELOR MEETS GRADES 9 AND 10 College counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with ninth and tenth graders on campus at 12:45 pm on Wednesday, February 4. Students in those two grades are asked to bring their lunch <u>and</u> their questions for this meeting with Lynn!

OPEN HOUSE: IT'S ALL ABOUT FINDING MORE GOOD KIDS!

Our next Open House for prospective students and their families is scheduled for the evening of Thursday, February 5. Campus tours will be held from 5:00 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program. Help us spread the word! We want more good kids like <u>your</u> good kids!

THE STUDENT TALENT SHOW!

To help kick off the second semester, the much-anticipated annual talent show will take place on Friday afternoon, February 6. The student Senate plans and produces this event. It's always a ton of fun, so we hope your student will share a talent—or even a "talent" with us!

REPORT CARDS
AND TEACHERS'
COMMENTS: PLEASE
SHARE THESE WITH
YOUR STUDENT

We expect to mail first semester report cards <u>and</u> teachers' written comments to parents sometime during the second week of February.

When you receive these, please sit down with your student to review these together. Teachers invest a great deal of care, thought, and time in writing their comments, and we think they are a valuable tool in helping students sharpen their study skills and enhance their academic performance. Students do not see their comments before they meet with their advisors, so we count on parents to share them with their student at home. Thanks!

TELL SOMEONE
THEY'RE SPECIAL
(AND HELP SUPPORT OUR TWO
TIBETAN REFUGEE STUDENTS)

To help raise money for the Tibetan refugee students Anacapa has sponsored for many years, the student Senate will once again sell candygrams for Valentine's Day. Contact Senate Tribune Emilia Artusio if you'd like to order one for your student or sweetie.

A REMINDER...
WHAT DO PARENTS
DO FOR AUCTION?



SURF'S UP, ANACAPA!

The theme of this year's auction, to be held on the Anacapa campus on Sunday, March 15, is *Surf's Up, Anacapa!* The auction will feature delicious food, fun entertainment, great company, and fabulous donations! Anacapa's Auction is a FAMILY event with the emphasis on FUN, SCHOOL SPIRIT, and COMMUNITY-BUILDING TEAMWORK. The Parent Leadership Team (PLT) is working hard to make this year's Auction a success! The auction is a parent-sponsored event, and **EVERYONE** is asked to participate in FIVE WAYS:

- Securing three donations for the Live and/or Silent Auctions
- Donating an item for your student's grade-level basket
- Working on an Auction committee with other parents
- Purchasing your Auction tickets and selling a few others
- Attending the Auction with your family!

AUCTION COMMITTEE YET?

CALL US BEFORE

WE CALL YOU!

Parents who haven't signed up yet for an auction committee are asked to call parent Julia Alcerro (570-4881) ASAP to let her know which committee you'd like to work with. (We still have openings on some of the auction committees.) If we haven't heard from you soon, we'll give you a ring to let you know what's still available.

We'd Love To Have As Many Auction Donations As Possible Before The Break Auction donations have started to roll in, so we know many of you have been out in the community soliciting items. Thank you, thank you, thank you—and, please, keep up the good work! Although the last day to turn in donations is Monday, February 23, please don't wait until the last minute. We'd love to have as many donations as possible before the break, so we can catalog them during the break! It makes the auction committee's job so much easier! Thanks!

STUDENTS SUPPORT AUCTION BY SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS Watch for raffle tickets coming home soon! For the last ten years, the student body has played a very important role in boosting the bottom line for our auction fund-raising efforts, making the last ten auctions some of the most successful ever! And we're hoping for a repeat this year. Once again, students will be asked to sell auction raffle tickets for some great prizes. The Parent Leadership Team (PLT) plans to distribute the tickets to students before the Presidents' Week break. Raffle ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned to school no later than Thursday, March 12.

FEBRUARY 13
IS THE LAST DAY
TO ADD TO YOUR
GRADE'S AUCTION
THEME BASKET

Thank you to all who have already dropped off a donation for your grade's basket for the auction! The baskets are looking great, and we'd like to wrap them up soon, so **FRIDAY**, **FEBRUARY 13 WILL BE THE FINAL DAY** to turn in a donation to your student's grade-level theme basket (see themes below). Please remember to <u>include a name</u> on your donation so we can check your student off the list.

Grade 7-8 Baby Boy Grade 9 A Taste of Santa Barbara
Grade 10 Teen Girl Grade 11 Baby Girl
Grade 12 Teen Boy

If you have a question or need a suggestion for your grade's basket, you can call Julia Alcerro at 570-4881 or e-mail her at heydr.rey@hotmail.com.

ANOTHER WAY FOR PARENTS TO HELP...

We're looking for a few parents who would be willing to be "on call" to pick up auction donations if donors ask us to provide that service. Please call the school office if you can help. Thanks! AUCTION PROGRAM
ADS: A GOOD PLACE
TO DO BUSINESS—
OR TO SEND
SOMEONE A FUN
MESSAGE

The school's auction program is a great place to advertise a business or service. If you—or anyone you know—is interested in having an ad in our program, please let us know. Camera-ready artwork and payments are due in the school office **by Tuesday**, **February 24**. Here are the rates:

Business Card (horizontal or vertical) \$35
Half Page (4½ x 3½ inches) \$55
Full Page (4½ x 7½ inches) \$75

The next time you're in for a haircut or taking your student to a music lesson or having dinner at your favorite neighborhood café, ask if they'd like to run an ad in our program. Or if you have a business yourself, consider promoting it with our auction guests—you can't beat the price AND the targeted audience! Some of you may also want to use ad space to send:

- A congratulatory note to the Class of 2015
- A thank-you to someone special
- A "message" to your son or daughter or to a teacher(s)
- Insert your own idea here...

The possibilities for creative fun are endless—and every ad helps us increase the auction's bottom line to BENEFIT OUR STUDENTS!

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PEABODY CABIN LEADERS!

The following Upper School students have been chosen to serve as Cabin Leaders for Peabody Charter School's upcoming Sixth Grade Camp February 9-12: Emilia Artusio, Francis Brand, Elise Goodell, Lottie Johnston, Rufus O'Dea, Neeva Pradhan, Sam Robertson, and Diego Villarreal. We look forward to hearing about their adventures at our traditional Cabin Leader Welcome Back on Thursday afternoon, February 12. No afternoon classes that day!

WE ♥ VALENTINE'S DAY AT ANACAPA

We'll enjoy a low-key celebration of Valentine's Day on campus Friday, February 13. Bags will be available for students and teachers to decorate for our annual Valentine exchange.

EARLY DISMISSAL ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Students will be dismissed at 12:25 pm (after morning academic classes) on Friday, February 13. Please note that Work/Study will take place from 12:30 to 1 pm that day.

PRESIDENTS' WEEK BREAK: FEB. 14-22



As is the case with many independent and private schools, Anacapa takes a week break for the Presidents' holiday in February. This year, school will be closed from Saturday, February 14 through Sunday, February 22. We do this to give students a full week to visit colleges, take family vacations, go skiing or snowboarding, or just catch their breath. We look forward to having everyone back on campus Monday morning, February 23!

STUDENTS TO MEET WITH ADVISORS

Students will meet individually with their academic advisors on Wednesday afternoon, February 25 to review semester grades, goals, etc. These advisor meetings are for students and their advisors. If a parent would like to talk to an advisor (or any other teacher), please email the teacher directly (teachers' email addresses are listed in the school directory) OR call the school office to leave a message.

ANACAPANS TO HELP HONOR WORLD WAR II VETERANS

Once again, John Blankenship has invited Anacapa students and teachers to be guests of the Pierre Claeyssens Veterans Museum and Foundation in conjunction with the Channel City Club at a luncheon honoring World War II veterans. The event will take place at the Fess Parker Doubletree Resort on Thursday, February 26 and will include a program commemorating the 70th anniversary of Iwo Jima.

1ST SEMESTER BOOK BILLS WILL ARRIVE THIS MONTH First semester book bills will be mailed to parents soon, and we appreciate your prompt payment. Please contact Sheryn in the school office if you have any questions. Thanks.

AUCTION INVITATIONS:
IT'S TIME TO
"GET OUT THE VOTE"
FOR THE AUCTION

In addition to securing donations and serving on an auction committee, we all need to be sure there are plenty of enthusiastic bidders in the audience on Auction Day. Please start spreading the word among your friends and relatives that Anacapa will be hosting a fabulous auction on campus on Sunday afternoon, March 15.



The auction committee will mail auction invitations to all parents soon. **Each family is asked to buy or sell six tickets.** Adult admission is \$40 through February 27. After that date, the price goes up to \$50, so <u>make your reservations early and save \$10</u>. That will help you stretch your dollars for shopping at the auction!

NEED SOME MORE AUCTION DONATION IDEAS? Because we encourage you to bring the WHOLE FAMILY for this event, we are offering a reduced rate of \$15 for those who are 18 or younger, and Anacapa students who sign up to work at the auction will be admitted free.

Getting donations for our auction is easier than you may think: the next time you're at the cleaners or eating dinner at your favorite restaurant or having a haircut or working out at the gym, ask them if they'll support your school! Don't forget: we're the school auction that tries to appeal to everyone's tastes, pocketbooks, and interests! We want and need big and small items, goods, and services for both the live and silent auctions.

Each donation needs to be accompanied by a donation form. These forms were mailed to all families in early January, and an additional copy is enclosed for your convenience in this mailing. The form may also be downloaded from the school Web site at the following link: http://www.anacapaschool.org/2015/01/20/save-the-date-surfs-up-anacapa/

Thank you, parents, for working to make the auction a success! We appreciate all your efforts on behalf of our great Anacapa kids!

WORKING TOWARD

100%

PARTICIPATION: HELP US GROW OUR LIST OF ANNUAL GIVING DONORS! We appreciate knowing that ALL Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US ON ANNUAL GIVING. Each year, this fundraising endeavor is critical to the school's fiscal health. If you haven't made your donation yet, please do so soon and help us reach 100% parent participation this year!

We thank the following Anacapa parents who, as we go to press, have already made their donations to the 2014-2015 Annual Giving campaign:

Peter Artusio & Sonja Winter, Matthew & Debby Brooke,
Ponciano Casas & Leticia Mejia, Tracy & Loren Colahan,
Leda Cosmides & John Tooby, Lauren Emma, Danna English,
Modesto & Teresa Gonzalez, Peter & Laura Goodell, Ali Ironside,
Rick Knowles & Erin Eamer, Gerry & Ashleigh Lamberti,
Avanthi & Colin Masthoff, Carol & Bart Millar, Susannah O'Dea,
Lisa Pedersen, Juli & George Powell, Megan & Marty Robertson,
Maria Rodriguez, Seungsoo Roe & Kyungson Kwon,
Henry Rousso, Lanny & Holly Sherwin, Alison & Tom Strelich,
and Zoraida (Toshiko) Yoneyama.

We look forward to seeing even more names listed next month! Tax-deductible donations may be made online at www.anacapaschool.org or sent directly to the school. Gifts of all sizes are important to us. The goal is 100% participation. Thanks for your support!