

MARCH 2015 NOTABLES



**PURCHASE YOUR
AUCTION TICKETS
BEFORE THE PRICE
GOES UP FEB. 28!**

Friday, February 27 is the **LAST DAY** to purchase your auction tickets at the **REDUCED** price of \$40. **Ticket prices go up to \$50 on February 28.** Return your Auction RSVP card and payment to the school or make your reservations online (with no service charge) via the school's secure Web site at the following link: <https://anacapaschool.ejoinme.org/?tabid=581034>

**DO YOU NEED
MORE AUCTION
INVITATIONS?**

When it comes to the auction, **THE MORE THE MERRIER!** Last month, the auction committee mailed all parents a packet including three auction invitations. If you haven't done so already, please use one of these for your family and then use the other two to invite your friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to join us. If you need extra invitations, just call the school office. Also, feel free to email the link to our Web site's auction information to your friends and relatives:

<http://www.anacapaschool.org/2015/02/10/save-the-date-surfs-up-anacapa/>

**THANKS FOR THE
GREAT AUCTION
DONATIONS—WE'LL
ACCEPT MORE UNTIL
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4**

Wow! We have some great donations for the upcoming auction! Thanks so much to all of you who have already turned in your THREE donations. Although Monday, February 23 was the original deadline for donations, we could still use some more items—so feel free to take a few more days to turn in your donations. Because each item needs to be catalogued, priced, and prepared for display, we really must have all auction items turned in to the school office **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4.** Please help us stay on schedule by turning in your donations ASAP.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
WILL ALSO BE
THE LAST DAY
TO TURN IN AUCTION
PROGRAM ADS**

The school's auction program is a great place to advertise a business or service—or to just send a message to your student, a teacher, or to the whole school! We will continue to accept camera-ready artwork and payments for ads until Wednesday, March 4. Here are the rates:

Business Card = \$35 Half Page (4½ x 3") = \$55 Full Page (4½ x 7½ ") = \$75

You may drop off your ad and payment in the school office or e-mail your ad to anacapa@anacapaschool.org and then send in your payment.

PARENTS AND (ADULT) GUESTS

**COME ENJOY HAPPY
HOUR WITH PIZZA,
WINE, AND SLIDES
FROM THE SICHIS'
RECENT TRIP TO
SICILY, SOUTHERN
ITALY, AND SPAIN**

A NOTE TO PARENTS FROM GORDON SICH:

Suzie and I had the most amazing trip to Sicily, Southern Italy, and Spain! Thank you very much for your support during our first-ever extended absence from Anacapa! The school ran seamlessly while we were gone, and we thank our fantastic teachers and staff for covering our backs so well. We are also very grateful to have had solid Board support during the planning phase of this mini-sabbatical.

We have reduced our slides from close to 3,000 down to 300+ slides, and we will be showing them to parents and their guests (adults only, please) on Thursday, March 5, from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. We'll have some good pizza, rare Sicilian red wine, and a Spanish white to go with the show. We look forward to sharing our trip with you! Please **RSVP to the office**, so we can order the right amount of pizza. *Grazie!* (over please)

MARDI GRAS:
LET THE GOOD TIMES
ROLL!



STUDENTS ARE
SELLING RAFFLE
TICKETS FOR SOME
COOL PRIZES—AND
THERE'S A GREAT
INCENTIVE PRIZE FOR
THE STUDENT WHO
SELLS THE MOST!

HELP US REACH
OUR GOALS OF
100%
PARENT
PARTICIPATION

Food! Music! Dancing! Casino Games! The student Senate and Mardi Gras committee will host Anacapa's 21st annual Mardi Gras celebration—a fun-filled social event for students and their guests on Friday evening, March 6 from 8 to 11 pm. The student Mardi Gras committee will set and announce ticket prices later.

Students and their guests are expected to stay on campus during the dance, which means no leaving the dance and coming back onto campus. Students who leave the dance may not be allowed to return. Students and their guests are expected to follow all school rules as stated in *The Anacapa School Handbook*.

Before the February break, each student received ten raffle tickets to sell for the auction. Each \$5 ticket gives the ticket holder a chance to win one of three fabulous prizes—a crisp \$100 bill, a \$75 TicketMaster gift card, or a cruise on the *Double Dolphin* for two adults and two children! Students are expected to sell their allotted tickets soon. Students who wish to sell more than the allotted ten tickets may get additional tickets from the office. ALL raffle ticket stubs, money, AND unsold tickets are due in the school office no later than Thursday, March 12. The three lucky winners will be announced at the auction on Sunday, March 15. Winners need not be present. The student who sells the most raffle tickets AND turns in the ticket stubs and money by the March 12 deadline will win a \$50 gift card to the store or restaurant of his or her choice. Go for it!

One of Anacapa's "bread and butter" income streams comes from our Annual Giving campaign. Donations made to Annual Giving directly fund expenses for the current school year, and, collectively, they ensure the school's fiscal well-being.

As you know, we've set a community-building goal of 100% parent participation this year. We appreciate knowing that ALL of our Anacapa parents ARE WORKING WITH US on this important endeavor. 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 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,
Jairo & Thrisha Francia, 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,
Victoria Dean & Trevor Pritchard, Megan & Marty Robertson,
Maria Rodriguez, Seungsoo Roe & Kyungson Kwon,
Henry Rousso, Lanny & Holly Sherwin, Alison & Tom Strellich,
and Zoraida (Toshiko) Yoneyama.**

Tax-deductible donations may be made online via the school's Web site at the following link:

<https://anacapaschool.ejoinme.org/MyPages/DonationPage/tabid/81042/Default.aspx>
OR sent directly to the school. Gifts of ALL sizes are important to us. Please let us know you're on board.

MID-QUARTER
NOTICES EARLY
THIS MONTH

We're nearing the halfway point of the third quarter, and teachers will be sending home *Improvement Needed* notices for students who need to step up their class performance. Teachers may also choose to send *Commendation* notices for students who are doing particularly well.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS

DON'T FORGET TO SPRING FORWARD! Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 7 because Daylight Saving Time begins that night.

HAVE FUN, MEET
OTHER PARENTS,
HELP TRANSFORM
THE CAMPUS FOR
Surf's Up, Anacapa!

Even if you didn't sign up to be on the auction Decorations or Set-Up Committees, you are MORE THAN WELCOME to join in the fun on Saturday, March 14 and/or Sunday morning, March 15. We guarantee there will be plenty to do and plenty of fun—and the more willing hands we have, the more fun it will be! You are welcome to bring your son or daughter because we always have jobs for student workers, too. So come on out to lend a hand and get to know other Anacapa parents as we set the stage for Sunday's fabulous party—**Surf's Up, Anacapa!**

AUCTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 15



The 31st annual Anacapa School auction will feature all the things you've come to expect from this event—friendly people, fabulous food, lively entertainment, great buys, and the satisfaction of supporting our wonderful students! **The funds raised by the auction are essential to balance our budget each year.** We depend on the auction's success to help us finish out a positive school year. ALL proceeds directly benefit YOUR students THIS YEAR!

The Parent Leadership Team (PLT) has had fun planning the auction, and we think you'll have just as much fun attending it! We're looking forward to seeing ALL Anacapa parents and students and your friends, neighbors, and relatives on Sunday afternoon, March 15! Rain or shine, we'll be cozy under the tent—though a sweater or jacket is recommended if it's cool or breezy that day.

MARCH SPECIAL:
AN OFF-CAMPUS DAY
FOR STUDENTS
AND TEACHERS

It's time for our March Special, a long-time tradition of taking a day off from classes and doing something together. Since the auction was brought to campus, we have been scheduling the March Special to coincide with the removal of the big tent and campus clean-up the day after the auction. This year's March Special will be a day hike in the local area. We are firming up plans and will send details soon.

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, MARCH 27

We will have an early student dismissal at 12:25 pm on Friday, March 27. Work/Study students will complete their chores from 12:30 to 1 pm. And then it's spring break!

SPRING BREAK:
MARCH 28-APRIL 5

School will be closed for spring break from Saturday, March 28 through Sunday, April 5. Have a safe and fun break! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday morning, April 6 when classes resume.

FACULTY CORNER
HIGHLIGHTS
THE VISUAL ARTS

This month's *Faculty Corner* takes a look at the many ways Anacapa promotes cultural literacy and appreciation in its visual arts classes. Be sure to check out what teachers Paula Campanelli, Alison Nigh Strelch, and Suzie Sichi have to say about their dynamic program!