

MARCH 2012 NOTABLES



WELCOME TO OUR NEW PART-TIME TEACHERS!

As second semester got under way, we welcomed three new part-time teachers to the Anacapa faculty: Ben Bycel (Law and Society, an afternoon elective), Esron Gates (Basketball, an afternoon elective), and John Luca (Geometry). In John's case, it was a "Welcome Back," as he taught science and math at Anacapa ten years ago.

PURCHASE YOUR AUCTION TICKETS BEFORE THE PRICE GOES UP MARCH 1!

Wednesday, February 29 is the last day to purchase your auction tickets at the reduced price of \$40. Ticket prices go up to \$50 on March 1. Send your RSVP card and payment to the school office OR purchase your tickets online via the school Web site (www.anacapaschool.org). Online ticket sales are quick, simple, and secure – and there is no service charge.

FIRST THURSDAY BREAKFAST CLUB SERIES CONTINUES THIS MONTH WITH FILM DIRECTOR (AND ANACAPA DAD) JOE JOHNSTON

Anacapa's Breakfast Club speakers bring high-level critical thinking opportunities to our students. Our First Thursday Open Breakfast Club series is open to prospective parents and students to see first-hand how a Breakfast Club works. This month's First Thursday speaker will be film director (and Anacapa dad) Joe Johnston.

Joe will talk about how he got his start in film by answering an ad on a bulletin board at college that just happened to be posted by George Lucas for a film called "Star Wars." as well as his work on effects-driven hits such as "Jumanji," "Jurassic Park III," and "Captain America: The First Avenger" as well as the critically acclaimed drama "October Sky." Join us for a fascinating and informative presentation about Joe's work in the film industry.

Anacapa parents are encouraged to bring prospective parents to First Thursday, but – of course – you are also welcome to come on your own. Breakfast Club will run from 7:50 to 8:30. Guests are invited to stay afterward for coffee with the speaker.

THANKS FOR THE GREAT AUCTION DONATIONS—WE'LL ACCEPT MORE UNTIL FRIDAY, MARCH 2

Thanks so much to all of you who turned in your auction donations before the February break. It was a big help to the committee to be able to start processing them. As we go to press, wonderful donations continue to stream in. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Although Monday, February 27 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 2. Please help us stay on schedule by getting your donations to us right away. Thanks!

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FRIDAY, MARCH 2
WILL ALSO BE
THE LAST DAY
TO TURN IN AUCTION
PROGRAM ADS



PARENTS WANTED—
AND GREATLY
APPRECIATED!
CAN YOU HELP?

MID-QUARTER
NOTICES WILL BE
MAILED AROUND
MARCH 6

DO YOU NEED
MORE AUCTION
INVITATIONS?

STUDENTS ARE
SELLING RAFFLE
TICKETS FOR SOME
COOL PRIZES

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 until Friday, March 2. 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 elizabeth@anacapaschool.org and then send in your payment.

Food! Music! Dancing! Casino Games! The student Senate and Mardi Gras committee will host Anacapa's eighteenth annual Mardi Gras celebration—a fun-filled social event for students and their guests on Friday evening, March 2 from 8 to 11 pm. Anacapa students are asked to let the office know the names of any guests they would like to bring. Tickets are \$8 in advance and \$11 at the door.

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*.

We could use a few parent helpers to help clean up after the Mardi Gras party on Friday, March 2. The more we are—the faster we finish! Last December's clean-up crew finished before midnight (and even had fun!) soooooo if you're a night owl (or if you're just up for helping), give the school office a call and let us know we can expect you when the dance ends at 11 pm. Special thanks to our teacher chaperones and clean-up committee for their assistance! It wouldn't be possible without you!

We're nearing the halfway point of the third quarter, and teachers will be sending home *Improvement Needed* notices about March 6 for students who need to make improvement in their class performance. Teachers may also choose to send *Commendation* notices for students who are doing particularly well.

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. The more, the merrier!

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 four fabulous prizes—a crisp \$100 bill, a \$75 gift card to Ticket Master, a Family Cruise on the Double Dolphin, or a dozen delectable cupcakes from Violette Bakeshop, owned and operated by Anacapa alum Samantha Eve! 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 8. The four lucky winners will be announced at the auction on Sunday, March 11. Winners do not have to be present.

HAVE FUN, MEET
OTHER PARENTS,
HELP TRANSFORM
THE CAMPUS FOR
**OUT OF THIS
WORLD**

Even if you didn't sign up to be on the Decorations or Set-Up committees, you are MORE THAN WELCOME to join in the fun on Saturday, March 10 and/or Sunday morning, March 11. 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—**OUT OF THIS WORLD**.

DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME BEGINS

Be sure to set your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday night, March 10 because Daylight Saving Time begins that night and you won't want to be late for the auction on Sunday afternoon.

AUCTION
SUNDAY, MARCH 11



**OUT OF THIS
WORLD**

The 28th annual Anacapa School auction will feature all the things you've come to expect from this event—friendly people, fabulous food, fantastic student 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 has had fun planning the auction with its outer space theme, 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 11!

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. We are firming up plans and will send details about the March Special soon.

WASHINGTON SIXTH
GRADE CAMP CABIN
LEADERS CHOSEN

Congratulations to the following Upper Schoolers who have been chosen by the faculty to serve as Cabin Leaders for the upcoming Washington School sixth grade camp March 13-16: Grayson Baggiolini, Sophie Crane, Chris Eckert, Zinnia Gonzalez, Gazal Homayouni, Emily Johnson, Timmy Johnson, Sam Robertson, and Diego Villarreal.

RE-ENROLLMENT:
LET US KNOW
YOU'LL BE BACK!

We want you back next year! Re-enrollment letters were mailed at the beginning of the February break, and re-enrollment forms and tuition deposits for the 2012-2013 school year are due later this month. Please let us know your plans for next year as soon as possible but no later than Thursday, March 15. If you have any questions, please call Sheryn in the school office (965-0228).

2011-2012 SCHOOL
DIRECTORY UPDATE

Enclosed in this mailing are copies of a directory update, which can be stapled into parents' and students' 2011-2012 Anacapa School directories. Please be sure to let the school office know if any of your family's directory information changes during the year.

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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 Wednesday, March 21. Campus tours will be held from 5 to 5:30 followed by a one-hour program beginning at 5:30. Help us spread the word! We want more good kids like your good kids!

SYNTHESIS UNIT
WRITTEN WORK
DUE MARCH 23

Students have begun work on their Synthesis Unit products and will continue to meet in their groups throughout the month of March in order to make the March 23 due date for turning in Synthesis Unit written work, including their group's menus, recipes, shopping lists, nutritional analysis, and other required information.

EARLY DISMISSAL
FRIDAY, MARCH 23

The third quarter will end on Friday, March 23. We will have an early student dismissal that day at 12:25 pm. Work/Study students will complete their chores from 12:30 to 1 pm. And then it's spring break!

SPRING BREAK:
MARCH 24-APRIL 1

School will be closed for spring break from Saturday, March 24 through Sunday, April 1. We look forward to seeing everyone back when classes resume on Monday morning, April 2. Have a safe and fun break!

THIRD QUARTER
REPORT CARDS

Third quarter grades are due from teachers after spring break, and report cards will be mailed home by the end of the first week back.

ANNUAL GIVING
HELP US REACH
OUR TWO GOALS:
\$40,000 AND
100% PARENT
PARTICIPATION

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

The goal set by the Board of Trustees for the 2011-2012 Annual Giving campaign is \$40,000. To date, we have raised \$14,430, so we have more work to do! With help from current parents, alumni, alum parents, grandparents, board members, and other Anacapa friends, we intend to meet our monetary goal, as we did last year.

Our second goal is a community-building one: 100% parent participation. We appreciate knowing that ALL 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 2011-2012 Annual Giving campaign:

**Peter Artusio & Sonja Winter, Jon & Liz Brady,
Stephen & Shauna Cazabat, Russell & Christa Crane, Eryn Eckert,
Jairo & Thrisha Francia, Joe & Lisa Johnston, Alicia Lancashire,
Hugo Macario & Lucia Torres, Bill & Kathy Reish, Marlene Roberts,
Marty & Megan Robertson, Raul & Maya Rutten,
Tom & Alison Strellich, and Pedro & Silvia Trujillo**

Tax-deductible donations may be made online via the school's Web site (www.anacapaschool.org) or sent directly to the school. Gifts of ALL sizes are important to us. Please let us know you're on board.

FACULTY CORNER
LOOKS AT SCIENCE

This month's *Faculty Corner*, written by Megan Nesland, focuses on science. Be sure to check it out!