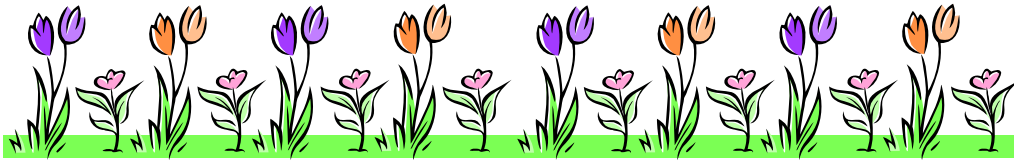
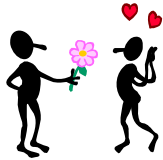


APRIL 2012 NOTABLES



THANK YOU,
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THANK YOU!



What a fantastic, fun, fabulous auction we had on March 11—and didn't we luck out on the weather, especially given the rain of the next two weekends! Thanks to all of you Anacapans for making this year's auction *Out of This World*! The decorations were delightful; the food and drinks were delicious; the student band and singers were awesome; the auction donations were plentiful and varied; the bidding was lively and generous; and the auctioneer was very entertaining!

It was wonderful to see Anacapa parents, students, teachers, staff, trustees, alumni, grandparents, and other friends out to support our school! It was truly a group effort to benefit our great Anacapa students. Thanks a million to everyone who served on the Parent Leadership Team, worked a shift on an auction committee, solicited donations, brought guests, entertained, advertised in our program, made a monetary donation, helped with set-up, or restored the campus to order afterward. In other words, thanks to EVERYONE! We couldn't have done it without you

WE'LL BE BACK
IN SESSION ON
MONDAY, APRIL 2

We hope your family is enjoying a happy and safe Spring Break this week (Saturday, March 24 – Sunday, April 1). We're looking forward to welcoming everyone back to campus on Monday, April 2. Our first order of "business" that morning will be the annual multimedia show by Living Voices Theater. The title of this year's extended Breakfast Club presentation is "Our Revolution: The Meaning of Liberty from the Perspective of an African-American Soldier."

IMPORTANT NOTE
EARLY DISMISSAL ON
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Because the faculty will be having a special afternoon meeting on Wednesday, April 4 to prepare for our upcoming WASC re-accreditation site visit, students will have an early dismissal at 12:25pm, followed by an early Work/Study session from 12:30 to 1pm.

FIRST THURSDAY
BREAKFAST CLUB
SERIES CONTINUES
THIS MONTH WITH
SHAUN TOMSON,
WORLD SURFING
CHAMPION



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 their students to see first-hand how a Breakfast Club works. This month's First Thursday speaker will be world surfing champion, author, and entrepreneur Shaun Tomson.

In his First Thursday presentation entitled "Lessons for Riding Through Life," Shaun will talk about the influence of positive values on success in life and business based on his own experiences of overcoming seemingly insurmountable challenges, in and out of the surf. Shaun believes strongly that "every moment holds the possibility of failure and tragedy, every moment the promise of success and happiness."

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.

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MONTECITO UNION
6TH GRADE CAMP
THIS MONTH

Congratulations to the six Upper School students who have been chosen to serve as cabin leaders for Montecito Union School's sixth grade camp after Spring Break: Grayson Baggiolini, Brenda Gutierrez, Henry Johnston, Shayna Smith, Douglas Throop, and Haley Yuhasz. They will depart for camp on Tuesday morning, April 3 and return on Friday afternoon, April 6, when they will be honored at our traditional welcome-back celebration!

SIXTH GRADE CAMP
FUN CONTINUES
AT SLIDE SHOWS
THIS MONTH

Anacapa will host two sixth grade camp slide shows this month: one at 7pm Monday, April 9 for Washington sixth graders and their families and another at 7pm Thursday, April 12 for MUS sixth graders and their families. Anacapa cabin leaders and their sixth graders from camp will have a chance to re-connect at the slide show created by Jake Cryan from the photos that he, Gordon, the cabin leaders, and sixth grade teachers took at camp. It was fun to host Peabody Charter School earlier this year after their camp, and we look forward to these two evenings, as well!

THIRD QUARTER
REPORT CARDS

Parents can expect to receive third quarter report cards by mail within a week after we return from Spring Break. Students will meet with their advisors on Tuesday morning, April 10 to review their grades, attendance, and personal goals. Parents are welcome to contact teachers if they have questions or concerns. Teachers' email addresses and phone numbers are published in the school directory, or the school office is happy to take messages for teachers.

MARK YOUR
CALENDARS:
JUNIOR DINNER
SCHEDULED
FOR APRIL 10

The Junior Dinner will take place on campus at 5:45pm, Tuesday evening, April 10. This traditional event is a time for juniors to begin a conversation with the faculty about their post-secondary plans. After sharing some of their hopes, dreams, and questions about the college application process, the Class of 2013 will join their teachers to feast on Gordon's homemade lasagna – and other goodies! Juniors, please plan your schedules so you can join us that evening!

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11
THE UPPER SCHOOL
IS HEADED TO THE
GETTY VILLA
(AND THE LOWER SCHOOL
WILL HAVE A REGULAR
SCHOOL DAY)

To enrich their studies of early world history this year, the Upper School will travel to the Getty Villa in Malibu on Wednesday, April 11, to see its exceptional collection of antiquities from the Etruscan, Greek, and Roman eras. We will also be able to see a special exhibition on Aphrodite.

School will begin at the regular time (7:50am) with grades 9-12 leaving campus about 9:45 that morning. Transportation will be via a chartered school bus from Santa Barbara Transportation. Students are asked to **bring a sack lunch**. We plan to **return to campus about 5:00pm**. The cost of this excursion (\$20 - \$25, depending on attendance) will be added to students' second semester book bills.

Please note that the Lower School will have a regular school day.

HEALTH DAY
IS IN THE WORKS

As we go to press, the schedule of speakers for this year's Health Day is being finalized for the morning of Thursday, April 12. Local psychiatrist Dr. Glenn Miller, who has spoken at Anacapa before, will talk to us on the important topic of sleep. We are also expecting to have a cardiologist talk about heart health. We look forward to an informative and health-promoting session for students and teachers alike.

**JSA SPRING STATE:
APRIL 13-15**

Upper School students who have registered for the JSA Spring State convocation in Los Angeles will be leaving from campus on the afternoon of Friday, April 13. After a weekend of debating current issues and socializing with other high school students from Southern California, our group will return to campus at approximately 5pm on Sunday, April 15. Good luck to our contingent of delegates!

**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 Monday, April 16. 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!

**FIELD TRIP TO THE
HAPPE FAMILY FARM
AND FARMERS' WEST
WILL BE A GREAT
FOLLOW-UP TO
THE RECENT FOOD
SYNTHESIS UNIT**

Anacapa parent Wilja Happe has invited the school to visit Happe Family Farm and Farmers' West Flowers and Bouquets in Carpinteria on Tuesday, April 17. We will leave campus at 10:45 that morning and return about 1:15 in time for afternoon classes. **Students should wear good walking shoes (no open-toed sandals) and bring a sack lunch.**

We'll visit the vegetable- and herb-growing operations to see the full spectrum from seed to planting to transplanting to growing to loading on a truck bound for Home Depot. Afterward, we'll tour the gerbera-growing and packing facility, including the well, fertilizer injectors, and warm water and natural gas generators. After lunch on the lawn of the main facility, we'll walk through a 15,000 square foot cooler and the bouquet manufacturing department.

We're delighted to have this opportunity to get an inside view of this major facility. (Thanks, Wilja!) The Synthesis Unit beat goes on...

**WASC SITE VISIT:
APRIL 23-25**

Thanks to Peggy Lauer's able leadership and the hard work of the Anacapa faculty, the school's WASC re-accreditation report was recently shipped off to the three educators who will be conducting a site visit later this month. The visiting committee includes Ms. Anna-Lisa George (committee chair), who teaches English at Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana; Dr. Elizabeth Ashforth, who teaches science at Marlborough School in Los Angeles; and Dr. Peter Mikulecky, who is Head of School at Fusion Academy in Mission Viejo. Anacapa will host a reception for faculty, staff, and the WASC committee on Sunday evening, April 22. This will be followed by the committee's three-day visit at Anacapa.

**FAIR & EXPO VISIT—
WE'LL NEED SOME
PARENT DRIVERS**

We'll make our annual trek to the Santa Barbara Fair & Expo on Thursday, April 26 to see our students' art and other entries — and the awards they've garnered. We need a few extra drivers, so please call Elizabeth in the school office (965-0228) if you are available. We'll leave campus at 11:30 that morning and return at 12:30.

**JUNIORS & SENIORS:
SAVE APRIL 27 FOR
A SPECIAL EVENING**

SAVE THE DATE! This year's special dressy event for juniors and seniors and their guests will be held on Friday evening, April 27. The student committee will be finalizing the details of this annual tradition sometime after break. Details will follow...

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COLLEGE
COUNSELOR TO
MEET WITH JUNIORS
AND THEIR PARENTS

Class of 2013 Families: Please circle this date on your family calendars: **5:30pm, Monday, April 30.** That's when College Counselor Lynn Hamilton will meet with juniors and their parents for her annual group meeting with the junior class. Lynn has already been meeting individually with the juniors, and she looks forward to this opportunity to meet with the class AND their parents. Bring your questions!

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

As we mentioned last month, one of Anacapa's "bread and butter" income streams is our Annual Giving campaign. Annual Giving donations directly fund expenses for the current school year, and, collectively, they ensure the school's fiscal well-being.

To date, we have raised \$15,040, meaning we have more work to do to reach our budget target of \$40,000! With help from current parents, alumni, alum parents, grandparents, board members, and other Anacapa friends, we'll do it — as we did last year!

Another equally important goal is a community-building one: 100% parent participation. We appreciate ALL Anacapa parents 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! Gifts of ALL sizes are important to us.

Thanks to 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,
Melissa Erickson, 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 Strelch, 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. Please let us know you're on board. Thanks!

FACULTY CORNER
SPOTLIGHTS THE
VISUAL ARTS

Be sure to read this month's Faculty Corner written by our visual arts teachers. It may just make you wish you were back in school when you read about the exciting cross-curricular projects going on in Anacapa's Ceramics, World of Art, and Digital Voyage: Media Studio classes!

PRELIMINARY DATES
LOOKING AHEAD
TO 2012-2013

Here are some preliminary dates for the upcoming 2012-2013 school year for your family calendar:

September 6	First Day of School
September 11-15	Beginning-of-the-Year Trip
September 17	Trip Recovery Day (No School)
December 21-January 6	Winter Break
January 7	Classes Resume
January 18, 22-24	First Semester Final Exams
March 23-31	Spring Break
April 1	Classes Resume
May 31 / June 3-5	Second Semester Final Exams
June 7	Lower School Promotion
June 9-12	End-of-the-Year Trip
June 13	Trip Recovery Day (No School)
June 14	Last Day of School / Commencement and All-School Awards Ceremony