



Connecting Waters Charter School Student Newsletter

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Hey Everyone,

Thanks for all the feedback for the Student Newsletter! We've received a lot of emails from students and parents full of great ideas for our very first, student-run newsletter, and with your help, we know it will be a success.

The best way you can help now is to send us your very own creations. We are looking for artwork, short stories, poems, articles about activities you do or school events you have participated in; anything that students have made, or done, and would like to see in the next Newsletter. Submissions will be sent to studentnewsletter@yahoo.com on a word document. For those of you who have already made entries, look for them in next month's Student Newsletter.

Once again, thank you for all your great ideas, and remember; this is your newsletter, so get creative.

From,
The Editor



Prom Committee News



By Judy Orr

The Prom Committee is busy hammering out details for the Prom. Please watch future Parent and Student Newsletter announcements and Listserv notices for a date and location. If you would like to be a member of the Prom committee, please email Judy at jorr@connectingwaters.org for more information.

Sweatshirt Committee News

By Sana Saifuddin

Connecting Waters's sweatshirt committee has designed their new sweatshirt! The committee members Alexandria Garcia, Kathleen Jelley, Adriana Garcia, and Sana Saifuddin have put their best effort in designing the sweatshirt. Without their effort and time it would have been impossible for the sweatshirt committee to compose an awesome sweatshirt. Also, a big round of applause goes to Cheryl Huth, a very dedicated parent who has been helping with the sweatshirt committee. Keep an eye out for sweatshirt orders this winter!



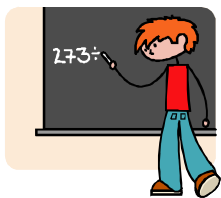
CSF Community Service Project News

By MaKenzie Paine

Last semester, our local CWCS CSF club planned a community service project "Scarves for the Homeless". We collected fleece fabric donations and saved our recyclable bottles for cash. We made over 130 scarves and delivered them to homeless shelters in Modesto, Stockton, and the Bay Area. This coming semester, our California Scholarship Federation team is partnering up with Operation Give to bring joy to those less fortunate around the world. Operation Give is a humanitarian aid organization that not only helps civilians in combat zones, but also provides military personnel the opportunity to connect with those civilians.

California Scholarship Federation is an organization throughout California composed of high school students who desire to make a difference in our world. Alongside Operation Give, these students hope to help eliminate poverty and give back to the world. According to operationgive.org "The mission of Operation Give is to bring hope and happiness to struggling people the world over by helping them to gain access. Through servicing the requests of caring soldiers and civilians, we are working towards bringing disconnected economies into the global community, that all may experience the benefits and the peace that comes from economic connectivity and world-wide trade. As a bastion of freedom we, through kind and generous donations will provide the U.S. soldiers and indigenous civilians with the resources they need. Our focus will be greatest on children in these areas."

You can help Operation Give and our California Scholarship Federation team by donating money and items in the jars and boxes placed at the Connecting Waters Learning Centers. Every little bit counts! All of your donations and support will be greatly appreciated and will bring joy to those a world over. Operation Give is about bringing peace by eliminating poverty and our California Scholarship Federation students are excited to take part in that.



By William Jefferson

Ever wondered who invented Algebra? How to draw an ellipse? What exactly is arithmetic? If so, you should come down to the Modesto Learning Center to participate in the "Math Club". At math club we solve puzzles, discuss ancient mathematicians, and even have math contests to see who can solve the most problems. These activities are fun and educating, plus their the added bonus of getting to hang out with fellow math loving students. We're even working towards professional math competitions this year, so math club would be a good place to train if you want to compete against other schools in the county, state, or even country. So if you have a love of learning, and an appetite for arithmetic, then come on down and we'll show you around. Our next meeting is on January 22, 2010, from 1:45-3:00 PM at the Modesto Learning Center so be sure to stop by.

Parent Workshop/pizza social

[Calling all High School Students!](#) Attend the Parent Workshop on Friday, February 19th in Modesto with your parent and join the Student Council and CSF club with a Pizza Social for teens. Enjoy games and activities with other CWCS students, purchase a pizza lunch, and have a great afternoon. 'Hope to see you there!

Student Entries

Next month we will be featuring work submitted directly from the students of Connecting Waters Charter School. We've Received lots of great entries already, and look forward to receiving more. Here's a sneak peek at what we will be featuring next month. Look for the rest of your entries then!

A History Poem by,

Anna Mae Tippett
Age 12

The Ancient World

Mesopotamia, with two calmly flowing rivers, rushing over sand
And towering majestic ziggurats standing very grand

Egypt, with strong minded powerful pharaohs buried deep
in tall triangular pyramids forever asleep

Israel, with their God's law held for centuries
in the holy temples locked with golden keys

Babylon, with smartly fashioned Ishtar Gate
And lush hanging gardens doomed to fate

Greece, with their many pagan gods walking the land
And strong athletes taking a stand

Rome, with powerful iron handed emperors reigning for years
And mighty armies bringing about tears

The Ancient World

Memorable, interesting, and breath-taking