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February 4, 2013

Reminders: **Tuition due on the 1st**, late after the 10th

Bake Sale for Legos T-Friday this week (donations gratefully accepted—see below); *please send snack money with your students* 😊

Final week to memorize poem, Still I Rise

Feb. 11 Full Day at Apple—please email to register by this week

SCIENCE: Lessons on cold, colder and coldest continue as we learn some amazing scientific facts again this week about a special place on our earth.

HINT: Ask your student: 1) where you can jog all the way around the world in 8 seconds flat, 2) where you can stand on 2 miles of snow and ice and yet it rarely ever snows, and 3) where $\frac{3}{4}$ of the earth's water is located but there's not enough to take a shower? You guessed it—**ANTARCTICA**. Why? 1) *remember all the lines of longitude meet at the South Pole so it's possible to cross all the lines in just a few steps* 2) *Incredibly Antarctica is a dessert. The climate is dry, the little snow that does fall just never melts, and 3) almost all the water in Antarctica is frozen solid fresh water is hard to get.* **COOL, HUH?** If only someone would sponsor a field trip . . .

DRAMA: This week our dramatically inclined students of all grades may choose to be in a great play, **"THE MAN WHO STOOD ON TOP OF THE WORLD."** We will learn about the incredible explorer of the North Pole from 1891-1909, the struggles he overcame to lead the expedition as the first black explorer, and how American honored his partner but him until 30-years later. We especially love plays that teach, and this exciting endeavor is no exception.

ELECTIONS were amazing last week; we couldn't have been more impressed by the level of work by our students. Posters were never more creative, speeches were well delivered (by students of ALL ages) and the

follow-up questions by the voters very appropriate and well thought out. It was a great experience for all and we were thrilled by how much our younger students gained in watching our experienced students campaign. When our presidential candidates showed up with lighted posters and 5 smaller ones, we began noticing with a smile similar versions among our younger campaigners.

POST ELECTION PLANS by our new officers are equally impressive.

LEGO HELPERS Matt Ramos and Kyle Hannigan have a bake sale planned this week to earn money to replenish our diminishing supply of school legos. *Many new officers volunteered to help bring something in (which could be news to you) for this week's sale Tues-Thursday; thanks for your help by sending snacks to sell and/or snack money to spend this week.*

STUDENTS AS TEACHERS: Our newly elected presidents and vice presidents at every level were challenged to take over teaching classes last week with great success. The rules were simple—any subject would be open but “teachers” had to prepare—they had to bring in lessons, props, equipment, etc. to show they had given thought to their classes. Incredibly, even some non-presidential students wanted to teach. Our students enjoyed creative classes about horses and saddles ([Kailea Zlatunich](#)), baseball facts and equipment ([Aidan Parker](#)), cooking cinnamon tortillas ([Ryder Brooks and Antonio Kuzio](#)) and friendship bracelets ([Ellia Borba, Maddie Hill and Rhyanna Florez](#)). Many more great classes were presented as well and our students loved learning and teaching their peers.

POETRY and HISTORY: This week is the last week for students to memorize, “Still I Rise”. We congratulate the many students who have accomplished this and are so proud of the many students who have volunteered to help others at our recesses ([special shout out to Abby Watkins and Abigail Irwin for creating movements to assist memorization](#)). We hope to arrange a special event for our poetry club members TBA.

HEROES OF HISTORY: In wanting our students to grasp the meaning behind the powerful poem, by Maya Angelou we have been sharing the slave experience. Last week's students were amazing in performing a play about Harriet Tubman and we all learned a great deal about this incredible woman. Ask your student to tell you how she risked her life to rescue 300

slaves, how she often had a sixth sense in avoiding capture, and how she fought in the civil war leading 9 spies and even carrying a rifle—a rare accomplishment in the civil war. This weeks students will learn about the amazing life of Booker T. Washington and the way he turned the cruelty of his master into a learning experience that enabled him to not only become a great teacher but found several institutions of learning as well.

ANIMAL OF THE WEEK: Creature differences will be the theme as students learn to tell the differences between animals that are often confused—moles and voles, mountain goats and mountain sheep, catbirds and mockingbirds, etc. Great information and fun—be ready to learn!

FEB. 11 FULL DAY SESSION AT APPLE: Next Monday public schools will be closed and Apple Afterschool will be open ([221 Thunderbird Drive, Aptos, Ca. 95003 685-0629](https://www.apple.com/education/afterschool/)). If you would like your student to attend an optional full day session (use of any hours between 8 and 5:30 for \$35) please email **BY THIS WEEK. Please see below for a description of the day:**

LITTLE RASCALS will be our theme as we celebrate inventiveness and practical jokes. *Please bring a lunch and snack, and a favorite game to share. OPTIONAL: Joke books, practical joke stories.*

Be prepared to join in on a crazy day. You may enjoy

- 1) joining a team to create a crazy never-before-seen obstacle course
- 2) trying to create a new recipe using a cooking creation contest using marshmallows, apples toothpicks, cheerios and peanut butter
- 3) joining in on a play based on Ray Romano’s hysterical book, Why I Love and Hate My Brothers
- 4) building a lego creation the world has never seen
- 5) and of course enjoying the funny film about the real Little Rascals

—it’s going to be a super fun day!

