

# Words of Wonderland



May 6, 2009

## A Monthly Newsletter from Wonderland Ave. Elementary

In this issue you will find important information about upcoming events, basic procedures and ways to get involved in your school community. For more information and visit our website at [www.wonderlandschool.org](http://www.wonderlandschool.org).



“To infinity and beyond!” Every parent and student will recognize this great one liner by the famous

astronaut Buzz Light-year from the Disney hit Toy Story. Lately, I have found this line to be appropriate for what our community has been able to achieve this year and it’s ambitious plans for our children’s future.

Nowhere is this more evident, than in our incredibly successful beautification day. With Michael Rosner generously giving countless hours and taking the lead, we were able to harness the efforts of more than 200 volunteers who turned out for our annual Beautification Day on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you haven’t been to the Wonderland Campus lately, make time to stop by and see what our community’s efforts have accomplished. Students are joyfully hanging out and reading on the boulders beneath our new grove of twenty

trees, and spending time on our permeable and sustainable decomposed granite patio. New paint on the multipurpose room, main building, and columns has brightened up our campus, and the kids’ spring plantings and leafy mural are stunning.

A mighty, mighty thank you to all the young and old volunteers who turned out last Saturday to work tirelessly for hours on end.

Gratitude to everyone who contributed financially and materially to this incredible accomplishment, most notably: Jose Luis Nazar and Barbara Duncan for providing the amazing 14-member Houdini Estate Maintenance Crew, the Bobcat and disposal services; and landscape contractor Brian Diamond for contributing manpower, negotiating deals on trees, and providing materials free of charge.

Special thanks to the Beautification Day team members who spent many hours planning and soliciting donations from community members and companies; parent/ landscape architect Michael Schneider of Orange Street Studio for landscape design leadership and oversight; parent/designer Peter Bolton for

preparing and coordinating the painting; parent/Art Cadre Coordinator Michael Hancock for mural coordination and leadership; parent/Site Council Member Stacey Attanasio-Gonsalves for organizational assistance, coordinating food, activities, and eco vendors, and keeping us all on track; and parent/3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher/facilities committee chairperson Michael Rosner for design, planning, and fundraising coordination.

A famous Rabbi once said that “Charity transforms matter to spirit, it turns a coin into fire.” This project is a testament to the golden heart of this community. Matter has been transformed into a park and coins have been turned into a fire of passion that will carry our school into future projects and dreams.

I look forward to seeing all of you this Saturday at our Silent Auction, where we will raise a glass in honor of all we have accomplished and to our successes in the future. It’s worth repeating, “To infinity and beyond!”

## **WORDS OF WONDERLAND SAFETY COMMITTEE REPORT**

The SHAKE 2009 Drill held on Wed., April 22 was a great success! The school practiced procedures in the event of a real earthquake. Students got under their desks and covered their heads until the “All Clear” was announced by Principal Wilson. Then, each class filed out to the Lower Yard for a head count. The Search & Rescue teams, comprised of faculty & staff, scoured each classroom to ensure no one was left behind. Some students, pre-selected to act injured, were carried out on stretchers to the First Aid station for treatment. Meantime, parent volunteers arrived at the school’s front door to retrieve their children. All the while, our teachers & staff at the Command Center kept track of the missing, the injured, and those released to their families.

The students were calm and enjoyed the sunny break. We discovered some minor procedures that will be adjusted in time for our next drill in the fall. Big thanks to the parents who participated, the student “runners” who helped pass information from the Lower Yard to the Command Center, and those who were convincingly “injured”.

In the event of a real emergency, a parent or guardian listed on your child’s Emergency Card can come to the Request Gate at the school’s front door to retrieve your child. After showing your picture ID card, you’ll be instructed to go to the Reunion Gate at the corner of Wonderland Avenue & Laurel Pass to meet up with your child.

In the event of a real emergency, please remember to stay calm, line up in an orderly fashion, and be patient. Your children are safe. They’ve been well trained on what to do in an emergency.

**PTA News; May, 2009:**

**PUT YOUR COMMENTS IN THE BOX!!**

'08/'09 has been a great school year filled with renewed energy and exciting ambition. Our Wonderland community is strong and getting even stronger. Our children are happy, educated and engaged. INPUT is very important to being a successful community. On that note, we would like to introduce our new Celebrations and Concerns boxes, located in the main office. Certain to increase communication and effectiveness at Wonderland, we invite you to put your comments in the box!! We want to hear your celebrations; the things you like about Wonderland. We want to hear your constructive concerns; ideas you think would improve Wonderland. Please write your **anonymous** comments on index cards or pieces of paper and deliver them to the boxes. You may even send it to school with your child and have him/her put your comments in the box. Your comments will then be fielded to the appropriate person who can act upon your ideas. Thank you Jane Rafael and Community Council for this valuable communications tool.

**A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR DROP-OFF/PICKUP HELPERS:**

Fearless and reliable, they show up every morning and afternoon to help manage a frustrating situation inherent to Wonderland - the drop-off/pickup lines. Despite the hurdles (crazy drivers, stuck buses, slow children, bad weather, angry parents), these parent volunteers have managed to SAFELY expedite traffic.

We want to give special thanks to our patient traffic heros and heroines for keeping Wonderland safe and functional!

**Morning Drop-off Volunteers:**

Mindy Danna, Iona Brindle, BJ Loberman, David Beron, Michael Hancock, Lynn Gjertson, Peggy Pierce, Steven Melnick, Melissa Burton, Pilar Calandra, Cinnia Finfer, Yeon Jeong Choi, Jeoung Kim, Jenny Kim, Nikki Knorr, Jennifer Jhu

**Afternoon Pickup Volunteers:**

Mindy Danna, Teri Levy, Paula Janos, Julie Frank, Karyn Balzary, Jillian Guarascio, Margot Lachman, Laura Turkel

**Upcoming Events:**

5/4 - PTA meeting; 8:30am, teacher's lounge  
5/7-5/8 - Wonderland Theater group presents The Hobbit  
5/9 - Silent Auction - VEGAS BABY!!  
5/28-Open House/Renaissance Fair/Art show  
6/10 - Teacher's Appreciation  
6/11 - Sports Day

Have a wonderful month,  
Judy Cohen and Teri Levy; PTA co-presidents  
[judy3400@gmail.com](mailto:judy3400@gmail.com)

# May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> * PTA at 8:30 a.m.	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> * Hobbit Assemblies 10:30 a.m. – Grade 4 1:00 p.m. – Grade 5	<b>7</b> * PDLT Committee Meeting * The Hobbit Performance 7:00 p.m.	<b>8</b> * Midterm Progress Reports go home * Spirit Day: Crazy Hair Day * Grade 2 to Will Geer * FOW Budget Proposals Due * The Hobbit Performance 7:00 p.m.	<b>9</b> * Silent Auction at CBS Radford at 5:30 p.m.
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> * CA Standardized Testing Window (5/11-5/22) * SSC Meeting at 3:00 p.m.	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> * Art Cadre Meeting at 8:30 a.m. * Library Event: Hey There, Cupcake	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> * Rm 4 in MPR at 8:30 a.m. * Rm 1 in MPR at 9:15 a.m.	<b>20</b> * Rm 3 in MPR at 9:00 a.m. * Budget Meeting at 2:45 p.m. * Safety Committee Meeting at 3:00 p.m.	<b>21</b> * PDLT Meeting at 3:00 p.m.	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> No School – Memorial Day	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> * Open House/Renaissance Faire/Art Show	<b>29</b> * ELAC Meeting at 9:00 a.m.	<b>30</b>

# 2009

# Clare Crespo is coming to Wonderland!



Clare Crespo, author of *Hey There, Cupcake* and *The Secret Life of Food*, is coming to Wonderland for a family night on **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup> , 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in the MPR.**

We will decorate some cupcakes and learn about cooking.  
**Absolutely free and fun for the entire family!**

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Please detach and return to the library by May 13<sup>th</sup>, if you plan to attend.

Child's/Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Classroom: \_\_\_\_\_ How many will attend: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to buy: *(optional)*

Hey, There Cupcake! \_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each

The Secret Life of Food \_\_\_\_ @ \$15 each

*If you wish to buy a book, please enclose cash or check made payable to Book Soup.*



Join Wonderland Avenue Elementary as we help set the World Record for summer reading! Visit the site [www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/record/](http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/record/) to find out how you can record your reading minutes starting in May and lasting all summer long, plus other tips on how to set the World Record. The best part is the record will be published in the **2010 Scholastic Book of World Records!** The top 20 schools with the most minutes read will also be featured in the book.

If we reach the top 20, our principal, Mr. Wilson, has promised a really special celebration when we come back to school in the fall.

**Spend your summer reading and set a World Record!**



# Thank you!

This is not DeJa Vu, but many of our wonderful families who have greatly contributed to our school community were inadvertently left off our original list of donors. We would not be the school we are without all of your support and I thank you all, on behalf of our students and staff for your generous contributions. Your generosity brings art, technology, music, P.E., curricular trips, and much more. Thank You!

## Family Name

The Adrianson Family	The Calandra Family	The De Santo Family
The Afifi Family	The Ji Hyon Cha Family	The Diamond Family
The David Ahn Family	The Dae Yong Cha Family	The Dios Family
The Altschwager/ Bozigian Family	The Charalambous Family	The Dizon/Huang Family
The Arana Family	The Chavez/Gast Family	The Joan Douglas Family
The Bader Family	The Esther Eunhea Choe Family	The Embry/Smith Family
The Balk Family	The Christopher/Yang Su Choe Family	The Evans Family
The Bangalore Family	The Sarah Choe Family	The Evashchen Family
The Basset Family	The Yeon Hee Yi Family	The Feldman/ Rothschild Family
The Bauer Family	The Seo Young Kim Family	The Julia Feldman Family
The Bernard Family	The Helen Choi Family	The Benjamin Fields Family
The Berger Family	The Johan Choi Family	The Finfer Family
The Beron/Kling Family	The Sandeep Chordia family	The Fox Family
The Berruto/Lennon Family	The Ciancia/Shafer Family	The Frank Family
The Bertellotti Family	The Cintron Family	The Fraiman Family
The Bissell Family	The Co Family	The Fries Family
The Bittel Family	The Cobeaga/Cueto Family	The Frucht Family
The Blitz Family	The Cohen Family	The Fuchs Family
The Bondeson Family	The Crockett Family	The Garbus/Carr Family
The Boone/Bonetti Family	The Croel Family	The Roxanne Gardner Family
The Borba Family	The Daly Family	The Garreton Family
The Bouza Family	The Danna Family	The Garrick Family
The Bourassa/Barton Family	The Darwen/Baskerville Family	The Garza/de Blois Family
The Bowden / Balzary Family	The Dejong/Banas Family	The Gasser-Brennan Family
The Brogan Family		The Gelfer Family
The Brownell Family		The Gliksman Family
The Butler-Jones Family		
The Calamar Family		

The Gold/Neunsinger Family  
The Goldberg Family  
The Gomez Family  
The Gonsalves Family  
The Green Family  
The Gregori Family  
The Grinstein Family  
The Gruskoff/Meisinger Family  
The Guarascio Family  
The Hambrick Family  
The Hancock Family  
The Jong Y Han Family  
The Haydon-Wilson Family  
The Hirschhorn Family  
The Hochhaus Family  
The Houston Family  
The Ibgui-Avgi Family  
The In Family  
The Jang/Kim Family  
The Hanna Jang Family  
The Janos Family  
The Jhu Family  
The Jones Family  
The Jones/Hannan Family  
The In Chul Jung Family  
The Kazim Family  
The Katie Kang Family  
The Keating Family  
The Keer Family  
The Keer Family  
The Ketchian Family  
The Han Joon Kim Family  
The Charles Seamus Kim Family  
The Dayeon Kim Family  
The Jun Hyuk Frederick Kim Family  
The Hansub Kim Family  
The Miyoung Kim Family  
The Hyung Sik Kim Family  
The Jae Young Family

The Joshua Kim Family  
The Jung Min Kim Family  
The Kyong Pyo Robin Kim Family  
The Jin Kim Family  
The Samuel Kim Family  
The Sharon Kaung Kim Family  
The Sung Min Kim Family  
The Yu Jin Kim Family  
The Yuen Wook Daniel Kim Family  
The Knorr Family  
The Jessica Ko Family  
The Krajcsik/Somlo Family  
The Lachman Family  
The Lanter Family  
The Anika Lee Family  
The Seung Yup Lee/Kim Family  
The Augustine Lee Family  
The Christina Seo Hyun Family  
The Daniel Sang Min Lee Family  
The Hee Jun Daniel Family  
The Janet Lee Family  
The Jason Lee Family  
The Jonathan Lee Family  
The Kenneth Lee Family  
The Sophia Lee Family  
The Lekhtgolts Family  
The Lerner/Markel Family  
The Ocean Lewis Family  
The Lichtstein Family  
The Ellen Lim Family  
The Lobermann Family  
The Logevall/  
Sigurdardottir Family  
The Macaray Family  
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The Marcil-Green Family  
The Masee Family  
The Matheos Family  
The McIlwaine Family  
The McKnight/Talwani Family  
The Melnick/Burton Family  
The Meschin Family  
The Milito Family  
The Minser Family  
The Mintz/Kingston Family  
The Montrone Family  
The Morris/Greene Family  
The Mount Family  
The Musen Family  
The Mushkatblat Family  
The Mutchnick Family  
The Nagappan Family  
The Nakash Family  
The Bae Hyun Nam Family  
The Su Jin Nam  
The Nichols Family  
The Odegard Family  
The James Oh Family  
The Brenda Jeehyun Family  
The Orlova Family  
The Ott/Carroll Family  
The Paik-Kamarck Family  
The Christina Park Family  
The Eunice Park Family  
The John Jun Yeon Park Family  
The Naomi Park Family  
The Pascal Family  
The Pellegrini Family  
The Amelia & Arabella Peters Family  
The Petties Family  
The Plotch  
The Posner Family

The Postman Family  
The Procino/Davis  
Family  
The Raccah Family  
The Raimondi Family  
The Rolston / Barry  
Family  
The Ramer Family  
The Rasmussen Family  
The Reilly Family  
The Reinhold Family  
The Reisig/Taylor  
Family  
The Rothermich Family  
The Royzman Family  
The Salem Family  
The Salomon/Daily  
Family  
The Scanlon/Pringle  
Family  
The Schnapp Family  
The Schwarz Family  
The Seireeni Family  
The Settimio Family  
The Sha Family  
The Shapiro (O' Rourke)  
Family  
The Seung/Jo Family  
The Jeana Shin Family  
The Matthew & Kelly  
Shin Family  
The Shlapobersky  
Family

The Shramkovsky/  
Masenko Family  
The Siegel Family  
The Sloan Family  
The Alexander Smith  
Family  
The Shoheit/Fried  
Family  
The Song Family  
The Song, Nam Family  
The Spivak Family  
The Stark Family  
The Stoutenberg Family  
The Strassman Family  
The Sun/Ancheta  
Family  
The Ramos-Sutherlin  
Family  
The Swischuk/Savage  
Family  
The Talwani/McKnight  
Family  
The Taplitz / Brindle  
Family  
The Tappan / Boorman  
Family  
The Thomas Family  
The Tokar/Vulman  
family  
The Spencer Towne  
Family  
The Tsimmerman  
Family

The Turkel Family  
The Tzanetopoulos  
Family  
The Vairavaraj Family  
The Viscomi Family  
The Wallace Family  
The Collie/Webb Family  
The Wess Family  
The Williams Family  
The Handong Wu  
Family  
The Jennifer Yang  
Family  
The Raymond Yang  
Family  
The Emily Yanover  
Family  
The Yashruti/Jorda  
Family  
The Yi Family  
The Esther Yom Family  
The Jean Hee Kim  
Family  
The Zell Family  
The Zerouni Family

If your name has been left off this list, please call our office and let me know. 323-654-4401