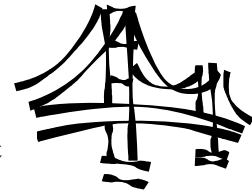


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Remember – STAR testing next week!

Exciting French Events!

This week some exciting trips are planned for the French exchange students. On Wednesday, they will be taking a trip to Prairie Creek and Fern Canyon to go on a lovely hike. On Friday, they will be taking a cruise of Humboldt Bay on the Madaket, a local tour boat. Finally, over the weekend they will be visiting San Francisco and touring Alcatraz. Have fun! It has been fabulous having you here!

Some Honest Thoughts from Our French Exchange students!

--When we arrived in Arcata, we thought it was very small and boring. But we were pleasantly surprised by the welcome and the quality of life. We discovered people cared about nature and their community.
 --People in Arcata don't live next to their neighbors, like everywhere else, but they really have a strong sense of community.
 --We enjoyed going to Petrolia. We had fun cooking marshmallows. It was very beautiful. We went on a nice walk. We played basketball at the school. It was fun. Most of all, we love the ice cream at Bon Boniere.
 --The plaza is so small with lots of homeless people. We don't like the clothes and punk music. We miss the clubs SO MUCH!!! We definitely have a very different way of having fun.

The French Dinner is usually the biggest fundraiser of the year for NPA, and it proved to be so again this year. A record amount was raised, and though it's still being counted, we suspect that profits total more than \$6,000. The evening was beautiful, and everyone worked together to create an elegant and inviting atmosphere. Many enjoyed the delicious food and dancing to the music of the Delta Nationals. Another highlight was an energetic performance by Rhythmically Challenged. The entire event would not have been so successful without the help of volunteers, especially Nancy Stephenson (an organizing genius) and Sherry Dammann (decorating magician) --plus many, many others in the NPA community who worked hard in various capacities. Marceau Verdier, chef extraordinaire and NPA French teacher, also organized the event and prepared the delicious fare with the help of Lauren Sarabia, our school chef and owner of Comfort Of Home Catering (see www.comfortofhome.com).

Let's Get This Show on the Air

Blue Ox Community School has invited NPA and other schools in the community to be a part of their new low-watt radio station KKDS-FM, 97.7. They plan to go on-air within the month and are eager to get 1) creative materials for airing, and 2) people to do the engineering. We'll be brainstorming about what we can do to be a part of this exciting project at the next school meeting.

Please come to our annual NPA Maypole Celebration and Dance, Friday at 1:30.

Friendly Reminder – If you haven't paid your school lunch tab please get a check to Lauren ASAP. Thank you.

Do you feel that the United States has created a positive public image for itself in the world? Why, or why not?
