

The Bridge ...between Home & School

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FALL FAIR FUN



This issue of
The Bridge
is dedicated to
Holly Braswell
(Fall Fair Coordinator)

Thank you for your
dedication to the Fall
Fair and to MGA.
You are an inspiration
to all of us!

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GOT CLASS SPIRIT?

If you happened to have been on campus a few weeks ago you may have noticed the majority of High School students looking a bit dressed up, sort of like they belonged on Wall Street instead of Fremont Street. Hey, wait a minute... Shouldn't they have been wearing their uniforms?... What's going on? Well, unless you have a student in the High School

(and even if you do), you may not know about something called **Spirit Day**.

To help promote "class spirit" the Student Association holds regular Spirit Days throughout the school year. Various activities are scheduled and criteria guidelines are given so that students can prepare for and participate in Spirit

Day. During a specified assembly, Faculty members judge each class and determine which class has the most "spirit". Points are awarded accordingly.

At the end of the year, the class with the most points gets one free day off school.

The free day may be taken at the end of the current school year or be saved for later. In the past, some classes have saved up their earned spirit day or days, putting it toward their senior trip thereby extending their trip.



Remember participation is the key here! Each class is judged based on the percentage of students participating who meet the required criteria. Example: To meet the criteria (on Wall Street Day), students were required to wear at least 3 items that one would wear if working on Wall Street... shirt, tie, suit ... etc.

But be aware there are various themes for spirit days, so the next time you happen to see a high school student dressed as a cowboy or a vegetable just remember these kids have CLASS SPIRIT!!!



Thank You

"To all those wonderful people that helped with the Fall Fair...
THANK YOU, THANK YOU,
THANK YOU! It takes all of us to make it happen; moms, dads, teachers, principals and don't forget our darling kids that attend this school! We do it with them and for them!"
- Holly Braswell



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**parent, Brian Daniel
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- Louise Holder



STUDENT PERFORMS AT LIFEHOUSE THEATER

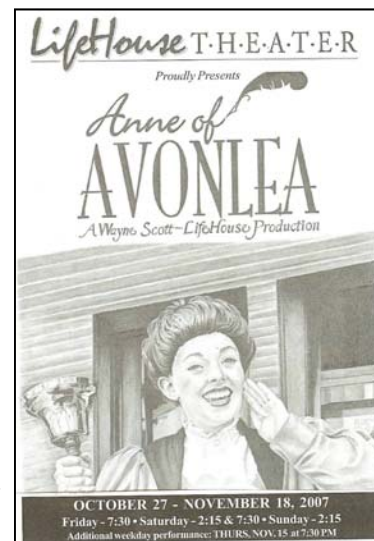
Congratulations to Austin Mock, one of our 7th grade students, who just finished playing the role of "Davy" in the play, *Anne of Avonlea* at the LifeHouse Theater in Redlands.



Austin is a seasoned performer, this being the eighth production he has participated in. Being part of a play is quite a commitment, requiring a lot of time spent in rehearsals and performances.

In *Anne of Avonlea*, Austin played the part of a rambunctious boy who, along with his

twin sister, comes to live with the main character, Anne Shirley, after the death of their mother. The play was fun to watch and had a great message. Of course we applauded loudest for Austin. If you are interested in being part of a play, I bet Austin would be willing to give you information on how to get involved. Great job Austin! Keep up the good work.



ANOTHER FABULOUS FALL FAIR

The annual Fall Fair at MGA was a day full of fun for all! A light rain the night before cleared the air of smoke from the recent fires and actually gave us a beautiful day to celebrate Autumn. Quite a few people came out to take part in the fun - enjoying games, contests and good food!

A booth decorating contest inspired many classes to go all out with their decorating to make this the most festive fair in recent memory! Congratulations to the winners of the booth decorating contest - First place went to the sophomore class Asian food booth. Close behind were the 2nd and 3rd place winners, the 6th grade gin-

gerbread house and the 2nd grade pumpkin decorating booth. The wonderful decorations certainly gave this year's fair a special touch! Thank you to all who worked so hard on their booth!

Congratulations also go out to the winner of the Strength Competition sponsored by the Freshman class. High School Senior - Jack Johnson - is now officially the strongest student at MGA!



Perhaps some of you were able to stop by and look at the display of photographs in the Pit. The photography contest brought out some pretty amazing work from our student photographers! Some of the winners in the photography contest were Trenton Thomson (sophomore), Paige Matsuda (sixth grade) and Victoria Rice (second grade).



There were many contests and events to keep people involved this year. Thank you and congratulations to all of you who participated. Your willingness to be involved is what makes our school special!



WHAT DOES SCRIP DO FOR MGA?

Do you realize that every time you purchase SCRIP you are financially supporting MGA? Because of your support MGA has been able to do projects they otherwise may not have been able to. We thought you might like to know what kinds of things the SCRIP program has done for your school.

The following includes some, but not all, of the ways SCRIP has helped MGA. Over the years SCRIP dollars have helped us purchase:

- School desks for ALL the

high school

- Bose speakers in the PTT
- Carpet for the High School
- Bleachers in the gym
- Part of the elementary playground
- Volleyball equipment
- Wood flooring in the gym
- School Bus

Louise Holder, the SCRIP coordinator, wants to remind you to buy SCRIP for your holiday shopping. She will be taking special orders on December 10.

There are hundreds of merchants not on our regular list that are still available to you by special order. Check the school website or the SCRIP desk for a listing that includes stores like Disney, Pottery Barn and Best Buy! Special orders will be available by December 17.

Also thank you to those who use E-SCRIP and School Pop. \$309.00 in rebates have come in since July!

For more info please stop by the SCRIP window in the elementary building. Open every day 8-8:30am and most afternoons. Questions? Call Louise Holder @ 909-795-7136.

LIBRARY HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER



Mrs. Nelson's Book Fair Company is coming to MGA to assist Mrs. Bryson, the school librarian, in a fundraiser to benefit our school library. Proceeds earned will go toward upgrading library books and equipment.

This is a great opportunity for you to get some Christmas shopping done without having to go to the malls and you will be helping your school at the same time! There will be books of all kinds available for purchase. With a wide assortment of books on hand you will find something for everyone on your list. **The book fair will be located in the school cafeteria on the following dates: Dec 13 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm; Dec 14**

from 12:00pm to 1:00pm; Dec 17 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm and from 5:30pm to

6:20pm; Dec 18 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm; Dec 19 from 2:30pm to 4:00pm and from 6:00pm to 6:50pm. Plan to stop by and take a look! For more info call Mrs. Bryson at 795-1112 x244.

HOME & SCHOOL WANTS TO THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who have participated and supported the Home & School Association this year by attending H&S functions... Ice Cream Social, Movie Night, Friday lunch sales, ... We are working to raise money to pay for our corn dog machine which will bring many fun and yummy memories for years to come! Take a look at the Home & School calendar on the next page for more fun opportunities to support your H&S Association throughout the rest of the year!





BREAKFAST IS SERVED...



Save the date of Sunday, December 9 and plan on attending a **Christmas Pancake Breakfast** sponsored by the Home & School Association.

Bring your appetite and come dressed for family photos... You will have the opportunity to get your holiday photo taken! Digital photos will then be available for order/purchase on discs.

And of course children of all ages will be delighted by the visit of a special guest! Tickets will be sold at the office for \$5.00 each through December 7 and then will be \$6.00 each at the door on December 9.

Breakfast will be served in the Pit.

Contact Jennifer Gorton @ 790-8835 with any ???



CLASSIFIED ADS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

PARKING: Parents, please DO NOT use any numbered parking spots as these are reserved for students. Each numbered spot is assigned to a specific student. If you take their spot they do not have one!

STUDENT DROP OFF: Please help the flow of traffic in the morning by pulling your car as far forward as possible when dropping off your student. DO NOT block any parking spaces or cause a back up so that others are hindered from dropping off their students.

REMINDER: If you have not already done so, please pick up your directory from the school office.

REMEMBER: The dates for the *Christmas concerts* are - Dec 17 for grades 9-12/ Dec 19 for grades K-8.

FOR SALE: 20" wheel Gary Fisher kids BMX bike - like new \$75.00 - Call Todd or Starla Nelson @ 790-8285.

FOR SALE: '01 Volvo S40 - well equipped, great condition, 76,000 miles. \$7500.00 Call Judie 909-795-3478

H&S Association Calendar of Events

- December 9 - Christmas Breakfast at 9:30am
- December 17 - 9-12 Christmas Concert Refreshments / Food
- December 19 - K-8 Christmas Concert Refreshments / Food
- January 26 Movie Night
- March 15 Game Night
- March 21 Grandparent's Day
- May 6 - Teacher Appreciation Day

SCRIP TIP...

SCRIP cards make great Christmas gifts and BUY great Christmas gifts! Shop early to avoid the rush! Visit the MGA website for information on special orders we do not keep in stock.

- Louise Holder, SCRIP

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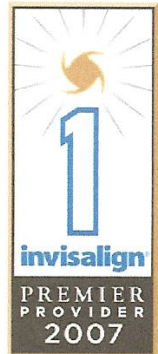
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