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## Girls' Volleyball Perseveres

This volleyball season was a difficult one. After last year's perfect season, the AcaciaWood Lady Eagles were moved up from the Express League to the San Joaquin. With only nine players, less than a month of practice before the beginning of the season, difficulties finding a coach, and the injury of a very strong player, Dana Martin, the Lady Eagles had quite a few obstacles to overcome. Despite their many losses the team did their best to remain positive and continued to fight to the very end.

Due to the small team size, many players showed much

improvement, especially Ann Huang and Jessica Miao, the team's setters. Rachel Nash proved herself to be quite a capable player, able to complete perfect passes and hit accurately. Henna Shin and Sarah-Gail Permantier were team captains this season. Henna, with her undaunted spirit, helped the rest of her teammates to persevere. Sarah-Gail was named Most Valuable Player.

Although there were disappointments throughout the season, the Lady Eagles continued to overcome the adversity placed before them.

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## Fourth Annual Spelling Bee Contest

AcaciaWood School's Fourth Annual Spelling Bee Contest was held Monday, October 25, 2010, with great enthusiasm and zeal. The main objectives of this contest are:

1. To develop the skill of spelling commonly used words quickly and accurately.
2. To provide an opportunity for students to compete with their peers in an atmosphere of fun and friendship.
3. To expand the students' ability to express themselves in public communication.

Eighteen students from grades 4-12 participated in the contest. The junior division participants were Emma Chen, Victor Sin, Rachel Chen, Anna Lou, Melissa Calvillo, Christian Cheng and Aletheia Wang.

The contestants for the senior division were Jerome Lee, Brandon

Valdez, Kyle Cheng, Jasper Shin, Jessica Miao, Joana Morales, Rachel Nash and Ruthannah Wang.

All students proved to be excellent spellers, but the winners were Anna Lou in first place and Rachel Chen in second place for the junior division. The winner for the senior division was Ruthannah Wang and Rachel Nash came in second.

## Eagles Take on Alum for the Win

With two minutes to go and down by ten, the Acaciawood Golden Eagles found themselves in a sticky situation. Their opponents, a no-nonsense, rough-and-tumble mishmash of faculty, parents, and alumni, had beaten the Eagles up for most of the game and were going into the last minutes confident of a win. The seconds quickly ticked down, but the Eagles' hopes remained high. In the core of their being, the resilient Eagles knew what it took to win. Deftly, they turned up their defensive intensity, swooping down in a coordinated effort to pressure the offense, and causing a flurry of turnovers late in the game. Giants

though they once were, now stunned and wearied, the Alumni desperately tried to hold onto the lead, but to no avail. Ultimately, with stamina, intensity, and tactical maneuvering, the Eagles were able to pull off an enormous win against a worthy opponent, winning by two points.

The Acaciawood/Alumni basketball game proved to be a morale booster, not only for the high-soaring Eagles as they tasted the savory dish of victory, but also for the school. Parents, friends and family all gave their Saturday morning to come out and support both the athletic program and

Acaciawood School. Thank you.

The team has been practicing daily and has made significant progress, with the view that teamwork, intense defense, speed, and strategy will make up for the inexperience and lack of size on the team.

With nine games and one tournament behind them, the team invites all the students, families, and friends to come support your Acaciawood School varsity basketball team. Support from the fans really makes a difference to the team. Check the AWS calendar for more details and this season's schedule.

## ASCD Summer Conference

During the days of June 20 through 22, 2010, Mrs. Romero and Mrs. Quiñones had the opportunity to attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development Conference held in Orlando, Florida.

Acaciawood School was among representatives of more than 100 different countries. District and state-level administrators, staff developers, university professors, principals, school coordinators and teachers from around the world gathered to learn how to support schoolwide efforts to close achievement gaps and to find out about different ideas for leading their schools to higher levels of effectiveness. In addition, leaders and teachers who wanted

to help improve practices at their school attended different conferences and workshops. Leading experts and educators such as Robert J. Marzano, author of *What Works in Schools* and *A Comprehensive Approach to Vocabulary Development*; Robin Jackson, author of *Strategic Conversations for Instructional Leaders*; Maria Molina, consultant for *Differentiated Instruction for English Language Learners*; Heidi Hayes Jacobs, author of *Curriculum Mapping*; Everett Klein, author of *Assessing for Understanding*, and many others were speakers at the conference. All this information was shared with our teachers during teacher training week at the beginning of the 2010-2011 school year.



# Museum of Tolerance Field Trip

On November 12th, 2010, our seventh and eighth grade students, along with Mr. Miyake, Mr. Cope, Mrs. Kuai, and Mrs. Quiñones, had the opportunity to visit the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. This trip was designed to help strengthen our compelling world history thematic unit on one of the world's most horrible atrocities, the Holocaust. Students

went through a guided tour of the Holocaust Exhibit at the Museum. In addition, they listened to firsthand accounts from two Holocaust survivors. This trip was an eye-opening experience for the students.

The museum serves as a human rights laboratory and educational center to help visitors understand

the Holocaust in both historic and contemporary contexts and confronts all forms of prejudice and discrimination in our world today.

The trip left a lasting impact on the lives of everyone who visited, encouraging them to become advocates for never allowing such things to happen in history again.

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 26 End Q2
- 27-28 No School, No Homework/Make-Up Work Weekend
- 28 Teacher In-Service
- 31 Semester 2 begins

### February

- 10 Edline Updated, Upper School Grades
- 14 Awards Assembly for Q2 & Elementary Music Performance
- 14 Begin Registration for 2011-12
- 20 Open House for prospective AWS families

### February

- 21 No School - Presidents Day
- 28 AWS History Day Competition

### March

- 10 AGATE Writing Contest Essay Prompts Distributed
- 11 No School - NHD Weekend; No Homework/Make-Up Work weekend
- 13 Daylight Savings (move clocks ahead 1 hour)
- 19 OC History Day
- 25 Jr. High Conferences - Tentative no homework for Jr. High

### April

- 1 End Q3
- 4-11 Spring Break (School resumes Tuesday 4/12/11)
- 11 No School, Teacher In-Service
- 12 AGATE Writing Entries Due
- 15 Elementary: No Homework/Make-Up Work Weekend
- 18-20 Modified Homework
- 18 OC Science Fair - Tentative Date
- 19-21 Standardized Testing Grades 1-11
- 21 Edline Updated - Upper School Grades