



January 2010

Nicasio School News

From the Principal

The parent-teacher conferences in early December provided an opportunity for valuable dialogue between parents and staff regarding each child's academic progress. We appreciate the time and input that each parent devoted to these meetings, and were pleased that so many middle school students participated in their conferences this year. As the New Year begins, our goal is to maintain the communication link between home and school so that we can all work together to support each student on his/her path to academic success.

We hope everyone finds time this holiday season to spend with their family and loved ones. This year, especially, however, there are many people for whom the holiday season is not an occasion to celebrate. Our Student Council has tried to assist those in need by conducting a food drive to benefit the Marin Food Bank and by raising money for the Heifer Project during this "season of giving." Thank you for your generous support.

During Winter Break, many of you will be on the roads and in the air. We wish you safe travels filled with love and joy.

Happy Holidays!

Christy Stocker



Jack Frost paid a visit to Nicasio in early December with freezing temperatures and a crystalline coating on the terrain.



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~ Winter Break ~
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1



Parent Club Happenings

by Tory Grady

Gift Wrap Fundraiser a Big Success!

The numbers are in and the profit from the **Fall Fundraiser** (holiday item sales) was **\$1,200** (including a \$40 donation from a generous member of our community)! We are very pleased with the outcome of this fundraiser and hope you and your friends are putting the wrapping paper (and other items) to good use. Again, thanks for your efforts (over 60% participation).

Hot Lunch Session Starts Jan. 5

The next **Hot Lunch** session (**Jan. 5-March 18**) is beginning soon! Hot and

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Kim Wallach and Madeleine Sloane Re-Appointed to Governing Board

The annual organizational meeting of the Nicasio School District **Board of Trustees** on December 9th was highlighted by the appointments of **Kim Wallach** and **Madeleine**

Sloane as governing board members for renewed four-year terms. **Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal** administered the oaths of office to Kim and Madeleine, both of whom have served on the board since 2005.



Superintendent Stephen Rosenthal (r) prepares to deliver oaths of office to Board Trustees Madeleine Sloane (l) and Kim Wallach.

No election was required for the board vacancies due to the fact that the incumbents were the only candidates to file for the two available seats.

Congratulations to both trustees on your reappointments, and continued appreciations from the entire Nicasio School community for your dedicated service — past, present and future.

In Appreciation for the Gift of YOU

To all members of the Nicasio School community who give so generously of their time and talents for the benefit of our students, we extend a heartfelt thank you, especially to:



- **Chris Mothersill** - Food preparation on Spanish Parent Night
- **Pete Casartelli** - Hauling material off campus
- **Whit & Marnie Jackson** and the **Jensen Family** - Christmas tree donations
- **Susan Stewart** - Art materials for holiday art gifts and the 3/4/5 family history project
- **Tory Grady** - Coordinating the Parent Club Gift Wrap fundraiser



Middle School Learns Marine Science in Bodega Bay

Mr. Williams' 6/7/8 grade class got a first hand look at the world of marine science when they toured the **Bodega Bay Marine Lab** on December 10th. During the visit, the students were able to hold live star fish and sea urchins, and they observed crabs, eels and other sea life in the facility's simulated tide pool.

Later, they braved the cold winter storm front at Bodega Head and futilely scanned the horizon for whales, which were probably en route Hawaii or some other warm, tropical locale.

Local Firefighters Help the Stars & Stripes Fly above Campus

Many thanks to Marin County firefighters from Woodacre and Pt. Reyes who volunteered manpower and ladders for scaling the flagpole and securing new ropes for the school's flags. **We appreciate the help of our neighbors!!**



Flagpole climber
Tony Soule.



Engineer Soule reaches the top of the pole.



Crew stabilizes ladder for Pt. Reyes Fire Dept. Engineer Tony Soule.



Old Glory waves again.



Woodacre Engineer Brian Burkhard anchors the safety line.



Crews from Pt. Reyes and Woodacre county fire stations aided in the flagpole re-ropeing project.



Marin County Fire Captains Todd Overshiner (l) and Bill Vieira re-attach flag.

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healthy lunches will still be served by Rancho Nicasio on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you would like your child to participate, please be sure to put a check and order form in the "Hot Lunch" folder in the office as soon as possible.

Got Ideas? Enthusiasm? Spirit? The Parent Club (that is you) would love to support any activities or fundraising ideas that you might have. Our mission is to support and enrich Nicasio School (students, staff, families) and strengthen our school community spirit. We are here to help you bring your ideas to life. If you do, please email Tory at tory-grady@yahoo.com. We will be having a Parent Club meeting this spring to brainstorm on new ways to ensure we are fulfilling this mission. Stay tuned.