



March 2010

# Nicasio School News

## From the Principal

We have nearly wrapped up one more trimester this school year. Monday, March 8th officially kicks off the 3rd and final trimester of 2009-10. This spring season ushers in exciting, alternative learning experiences for all.

Students always look forward to trips off campus. However, nothing compares to the year-end fieldtrips teachers plan for them. Everyone is already abuzz about their year-end adventures. Accompanied by **Mrs. Rogers**, the **K/1/2 class** will show off their knowledge about animals during their visit to the **San Francisco Zoo** in early June. **Mrs. Doss's 3/4/5 class** is gearing up for an adventure in the **Monterey Bay** area where students can expect a week of camping, tide pool exploration, hiking, kayaking and a trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium. Led by **Mr. Williams**, the **6/7/8 class** will head to **Yosemite National Park** for a week to camp, hike, and gaze at the stars.

Here at Nicasio School we value providing students with rich and stimulating learning experiences—what a great way to keep students (and their teachers) motivated and loving to learn up through the end of the school year!

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## BINGO Night March 19th

Yes, folks, its time once again for an evening of raucous fun at Nicasio School's annual **BINGO Night!**

Please mark your calendars for **Friday, March 19th from 6 -8 pm**, for all-you-can-eat dinner, prizes galore, raffles and BINGO!

Nicasio's own **Mike Duke** will once again lead the excitement as our special guest BINGO caller. Watch for volunteer sign-up sheets and prize collection bins in the office soon.

**Leanne Greentree** will once again serve as Bingo Night Coordinator on behalf of the **Parent Club**. This is an event not to be missed! All proceeds from BINGO Night go towards funding the **Nicasio School Parent Club**.



## Variety Show April 1st

It's time to start

rehearsing for the Variety Show!

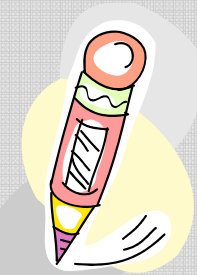
Brush up your Shakespeare soliloquies, dust off those tap shoes, tune that fiddle, or otherwise GET READY for your five minutes of fame!

If you need help deciding on how you can be a part of this fun evening, please call **Lizzie Evans** at 662-2408.



## Standardized Testing for Seventh Graders in March

The STAR writing assessment for 7th grade students will take place on Tuesday, March 2nd. Please make sure your children are well rested, and that they have a substantial breakfast this day.



**Read Across America Week**  
*Celebrate reading with your children  
March 1st—5th*



Jack Kuhn and Dave Goelz prepare for curtain installation.

### Stage Curtain Project

The MPR curtain project has really been shaping up!

A big round of applause goes to **Dave Goelz, Jack Kuhn, Robert Meckfessel, Dwight Plunkett, John Stewart, Don Stader** (*Stader Construction*), and **Munah Fuad Tarazi** (*MFT Consulting Engineers, Inc.*). The new stage curtains will make their opening debut at the **Variety Show on April 1st!**

### 3/4/5 Class Gets a Lesson in Fine Art

On Friday, February 5<sup>th</sup> the 3/4/5 class visited the Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco. **Jane Casner Mothersill** led a personal tour of paintings and sculptures through the ages - highlighting artistic, cultural and historical themes for the students.



The students had some fun searching and finding key items in paintings in each room – and then discussing what significance each item had. The students also completed drawings of their favorite paintings and got to see a real Egyptian mummy up close at the end of the tour.

Many thanks to **Dorothy Drady, Andreas Kohlbrenner** and **Susan Stewart** who drove, **Holly & Eric Blantz** for snacks, and to **Laura Rogers** who agreed to accompany the group at the very last minute when Elaine Doss was unable to chaperone due to sickness.



The K-1-2 students lead the school in a celebration of **The Year of the Tiger**. The K-1-2 class also created special Chinese New Year flags which were proudly displayed in the office.

### S.F. Drake High School Open House

On Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at **6:30 pm**, Drake High School will hold an **open house** in the **Drake Gym**.



### It's a Boy!

Congratulations to **Amanda Hahn** and her husband, **Kevin**, on the birth of their new baby boy, **Owen Kipling**. The stork arrived on January 28<sup>th</sup>.