



# A Little HOOT

Parents Club Newsletter  
Austin Creek Elementary



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**NEXT PARENTS CLUB MEETING — THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2009, 6:30 P.M.**

## FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Go out for the fun and help our school at the same time. Put the following dates on your calendar:

### ➤ Thursday, February 19 – Pamposh

Enjoy dinner at this wonderful restaurant owned by an AC family. Generous percentage donated to AC.

“Pamposh Indian restaurant is a jewel in the crown”  
*Heather Irwin, North Bay Bohemian*



www.pamposhrestaurant.com

Pamposh Restaurant

52 Mission Circle, Suite 110

Santa Rosa, CA 95409

located in the Mission Plaza, off Hwy 12.

### ➤ March 24 – Mary’s Pizza Shack

On Summerfield – go to AC **website** to print flyer to **bring with you**.

➤ **May** – Let’s meet again on the patio at **Skyhawk Village Market** for fun, food and socializing. Date and more details to be announced.

~*Raylene Leavitt*

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

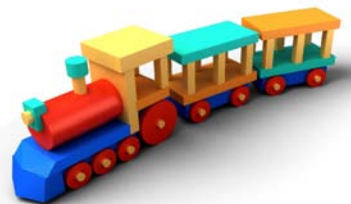
The auction was a huge success this year!! Thank you to all parents and volunteers who participated with the donation of time, ideas, auction items and bidding. Again, special recognition to **Yvonne Stillman**, who fearlessly chaired this event and **Lorie Banks**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President of the Executive Committee who assisted along the way. At the very well-attended Parent Club meeting in January and during the auction, parent **Liz Araujo** was so gracious with her time and explanation of Lego Robotics. Liz, everyone is still talking about your wonderful power point presentation and thrilled with the educational possibilities our children will have with Lego Robotics. **THANK YOU!!**

There will be at least two Executive Committee seats available to fill for next year, please do not hesitate to step up and participate in Parent Club leadership. Seats need to be filled by our May meeting.

Yearbook time is here. Please contact **Jen and Mark Brown** to volunteer to work on your specific class pages or **Diane Clark** if you’d like to help with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade pages. Deadline is fast approaching.

Thank you again for helping to raise money to fund the Austin Creek Parent Club goals for the 2009-2010 school Year.

~*Karen Grotte, ACPC President*



## THANK YOU

We want to extend a heart-felt thank you to all the families who contributed to our annual Santa Rosa Firefighter’s Toys for Kids drive. Austin Creek donated over 170 toys that were distributed to children around the Santa Rosa area. Our local firefighters truly appreciate our effort every year. Thanks again and see you next year.

~*Sincerely, the Bryars Family*



## FINE ARTS DAY – FRIDAY, MARCH 20

On Fine Arts Day 2009 our students will once again participate in artist-led lessons exploring dance, music, movement and art. We have invited artists who will instruct the students in a variety of projects using everything from clay to paint to recycled junk.



This is going to be a fantastic day and we need your help. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and concludes at 11:30 a.m. There will be two one-hour sessions. Volunteers will remain in the classroom for both sessions while the students rotate classrooms.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MARCH 20

► **Classroom helpers.** Please contact **Karen Gould**, 538-4610 or [gouldk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gouldk@sbcglobal.net), if you are able to assist an artist in the classroom.

► **Breakfast helpers.** Please contact **Leticia Sotelo**, 539-5071, if you'd like to bring a homemade treat for breakfast or pick up coffee at Starbucks.

Thank you very much for your time to make this day great.

~Karen Gould & Leticia Sotelo  
Fine Arts Day Coordinators

### ACPC Mission Statement

This club is established as an organization to provide service to the school community, to conduct activities to foster community spirit, involvement, and awareness, and to raise funds solely for the purposes of supporting school goals and programs.

### Executive Board

President: Karen Grotte,  
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Secretary: Raylene Leavitt, [raylene@sonic.net](mailto:raylene@sonic.net)

### ACPC Meetings

Mar 5, 2009 @ 6:30 p.m.  
May 8, 2009 @ 8:45 a.m.

### Hoot Deadline

March 13  
May 15

Please email newsletter submissions to Karen Gould at [gouldk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gouldk@sbcglobal.net).

## GO GREEN – USE OUR WEBSITE!

The ACPC website has been active for two years now, but it still seems like some parents don't know about it or what information is out there. The usage at our site has grown steadily since January of 2007 when we had 63 visits to the home page. This past January with the Silent Auction going electronic, we had 1073 visitors! This is about 30% more than our normal volume for this school year, and I am delighted that more committee coordinators are taking advantage of the website for convenience and to save paper.

For those of you not familiar with our website layout, the home page ([www.austincreek.org](http://www.austincreek.org)) gives a quick overview of current and upcoming school events. If there is additional information on an item, you will find a link from here. You can also get directly to the eScrip Online Mall from a link right on our homepage. You can also find information about:

► **School Calendar** – lists school events with links to more info, holidays, ACPC meetings, etc.

► **Lunch Menu** – updated monthly

► Read the **Hoot** online.

► **Board Members & ACPC Meeting Minutes**

► **Committees** – lists chairperson and info links, access electronic forms

► **Budget & Goals** – updated monthly to show ACPC income/expenditures and spending against club goals

The information at our site is completely dependent on information from the front office, the committee coordinators, and Austin Creek parents. We encourage you to submit information on events and activities at our school to the e-mail address below, and we want to encourage all of the ACPC committees to go electronic when you can! Maybe we can help save our planet by reducing the paper we distribute in the Thursday folder. We invite you to explore our website and ask you to help us make this a useful tool by sending your comments and/or suggestions to [brett@austincreek.org](mailto:brett@austincreek.org).

~Brett Bryars, Webmaster



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