

# Forestville Schools

News from the Principal  
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## News from the Academy:

It's hard to believe the school year is over already. It's been an exciting one here in Forestville. We are graduating our first class from Forestville Academy. I am going to miss the students from the Class of 2007. We know they are moving on to great things and we wish them the best of luck with all of their endeavors.

It's been a true honor to be the Principal of the Academy. I enjoyed working with the parents, teachers, and students. This is a remarkable school with so many talented and dedicated people. I can't wait to see what next year brings!

We have created a new administrative structure that we hope will bring improvements. I will be the Principal of the entire school, Forestville Elementary-K-3, and the Academy- 4-8. I will be focusing on Curriculum and Instruction and developing new programs. We are also going to have an Assistant Principal that will focus on student services. Mrs. Kathy Olmsted has had many years of experience working with students and is also a parent of one of our 2007 graduates and an upcoming 6th grader. Mrs. Olmsted has been in charge of our Special Education Department and our Student Study team. She will be a valuable addition to the administrative team. Mr. Don Hack will return as our Superintendent. He also brings many years of experience to our district. We think that this new structure will help better support students, parents, and teachers as well as allow for more time to work with parents and community members to revitalize the school. The Forestville Academy Advisory Committee (FAAC) has been working diligently and has come up with many

exciting ideas. We hope to be able to bring back some programs and get going on some new ones.

There are things already in the works. On September 27 and 28, we are starting our Safe Schools Ambassadors program. We will be working on further empowering students. I will also be meeting with teachers during the summer to plan for the upcoming year. We will focus on mathematics as a curricular area. It is a textbook adoption year for math, so we will be looking at the latest textbooks and discussing how to improve our instruction and delivery. Another area of focus will be how to get more community members involved in the school. If you have any ideas for us or would like to volunteer your time next year, just give us a call at 887-2279.

I want to thank everyone for their support of the new Academy. This year would not have been impossible without the hard work, talent, and incredible patience, of our Academy secretary, Fran Oliver. Thank you Fran! You are the glue that held it all together. I also want to thank Diane Hughes and Gaylynne Sword for all of the countless hours you put into helping with everything at the school. You went way beyond your duties as Activities Directors. Lastly, I want to thank every single student in the Academy. You reminded every day what it was all about.....

## Caring About Community

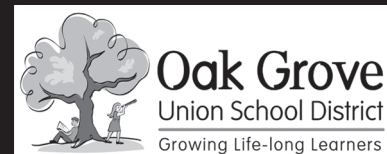
The Forestville Planning Association presented their first Caring About Community Award to Erik Fowler, Vice President of V. Dolan Trucking Company of Pengrove as appreciation for the company's decision to utilize biodiesel fuel in their trucking fleet. With more and more information available about long-term hazards inherent in diesel fuel, especially the concern regarding small particulate matter for young and developing lungs, Forestvillians who are most impacted by gravel mine truck traffic are relieved and thankful that V. Dolan Trucking Company has chosen this path.

The FPA is a 501c3 non-profit educational corporation which acts as

an advocate and voice for the citizens of Forestville. Their Good Neighbor Working Group was formed last year to work with Blue Rock Quarry to serve as a bridge for communication and to develop constructive ways to work in concert for the good of the Forestville community regarding gravel truck traffic. Through that group the FPA learned of V. Dolan's commitment to use biodiesel as part of a solution to local and global concerns. They presented V. Dolan with a certificate of appreciation as recognition to "individuals and businesses who care about community" and who help ensure a cleaner and safer environment everyone.

# Oak Grove Messenger

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## Willowside Principal Selected

We are excited to announce the selection of Adam Schaible as the new principal for Willowside Middle School. Adam has been the Assistant Principal at El Molino High School for the past two years and prior to that position, he was the English Department chair at El Molino. During our reference checking with other people who have worked with Adam, we learned that he is very collaborative in his decision making process and he is respected by students, parents and peers. He is an excellent communicator and an effective listener. He was named teacher of the year in 1997 and is very knowledgeable in technology. Adam and his wife Sasha have a 2 year old daughter Sophia and they live in Sebastopol. Welcome Adam!!

## Elementary Administrator of the Year - Jim Waliszewski

The Sonoma County Association of School Administrators selected Jim as the Elementary Administrator of the Year. He was selected over 5 other nominees for his outstanding service to the children and staff of Oak Grove School. Each year the Association honors 13 administrators throughout the county. He was recognized at a reception held at the Paradise Ridge Winery in front of over 200 people, many of whom were his colleagues at Oak Grove School. Congratulations Mr. W.

## SCIENCE NEWS:

Congratulations to Sonoma County Office of Education Science Fair Participants this year! We're proud of them: 6th grade: Mary Hauf, Rose Paneno, Joe Calahan, Ellie Paul, Adrian Shader, Angie Halverson, Megan Yancey, and Alice Kern, 7th grade: Izzy Rendon, Carly Graves, Karolina Madden, Jose Arriola, Jack Hampton, Alyssa Herr, Jordon Calderon, and Melanie Rains, 8th grade: Tenzing Sherpa, Kaitlin Jann, Zari Cyrus, Olivia Allen, Naomi Bosch, Kelsey McDonald, Emily Berry, and Kasey Groth. Thanks to our outstanding science teachers too, especially those who accompanied our students to the event for the day: Scott Carlson, Deb Grima-Lowe, and Sarah Wilmarth.

**State Competition:** Of these school representatives, another three students were chosen to represent Willowside at the State Science Fair, held in Los Angeles: Ellie Paul, Karolina Madden, and Kelsey McDonald. We're so proud of you all!

**Congratulations** to our Oak Grove District Science Olympiad Team: Students practiced weekly for months in anticipation of the May 12th event at Creekside Middle School

in Rohnert Park. Our team won 1st place in "Picture This," and 4th place in two events; "Structures" and "What Went By." We're proud of our young scientific minds! Thank you to district coordinator, Donna Langerman, parent helpers, Judy Berry, Angela Campbell, Karen Brown, and Mattie Bosch, and Alumnus Coach, Naomi Bosch. Many thanks too, to all who helped with snacks and supervision. Our esteemed team: 6th grade: Mary Hauf, Rose Paneno, Simon Puckett, and Jacob Walker, 5th grade: Cheyenne Sanchez, Joel Gutierrez, Nathan Berry, Taran Sokolov, Sophia Rubin-Davis, and Austin Morris, 4th grade: Anna Belli, Kelly Nagle, Matthew Brooks, Sam Krauskopf, Samantha Brown, Sydney Saxon, and Nicholas Campbell.

**Math Field Day:** These 8th grade students attended Math Field Day at Ragle Park on Friday, May 11. Thanks to Donna Langerman for accompanying them, and to our students for representing us well: Emily Berry, Morgan Fritz, Naomi Bosch, Nicole Ochoa, Haily MacDonald, Jackson Thomas, Joe Douglass, Julian Castro, Nick DeMello, Sebastian Birlhelmer, and Zach Yancey.

**A message from Vicki Arden,** our district's Fine Arts Coordinator: What's happening in The Fine Arts Program? Community service and the arts. Performances. Artists in the classrooms.

Willowside's Open House/Showcase featured artwork by 6th - 8th grade and was highlighted by an 8th grade poetry reading with poet-in-residence Gwynn O'Gara. Sixth grade students once again held an Empty Bowls Project bowl sale, donating all proceeds to the local food bank.

Master Storyteller David Ponkey returned to tell Greek Myths to the 6th grades, who are embarking upon the study of Greece in social studies. Mr. Ponkey then moved on to Oak Grove where he took the 2nd - 5th grades on a World Tour of Folk Tales.

Kindergarten and first grades watched actor Derique McGee perform Slapstick, his unique blend of physical comedy, "hambone" body percussion and circus arts.

Oak Grove Education Partners hosted the current Kindergarten parents at a Welcome/Walk Through the Arts morning. OGEP members greeted parents, talked about their foundation's mission of supporting the arts and invited parents to observe classrooms where Fine Arts Program artists were at work teaching students ceramics, dance and music.

Thank you again, parents and faculty, for helping support the Arts and Music at Oak Grove and Willowside Schools!