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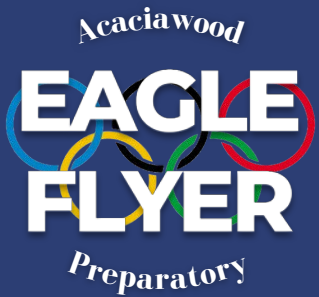
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THE MUSIC OLYMPICS

By: Silvia Aramburo, Lianna Alvarez-Sager



This year's music performance, "Music Olympics," involved students teaching the audience basic music theory concepts through a series of fun songs and each students' memorized scripts. In relation to this year's overall theme, the AWP Olympics, each grade acted as a team, training and practicing for their Music Olympics. Starting with the element of pitch, the first graders demonstrated how to sing a solfege scale, followed by the fifth graders who took it a step further with intervals. The fourth graders taught everyone how to read music notes through mnemonics, complete with visual aids, and featured solos and duets. The third-grade class displayed the use of dynamics, and the second graders' synchronized movements showed how articulation also plays a significant role. The fourth and fifth graders then sang a three-part piece detailing meter and rhythm, and the performance concluded with the entire elementary singing, "There is Music", in a melodious harmony.

We are so proud of the elementary for this informative and entertaining performance of the different elements of music. We would like to thank Mrs. Blatz and the elementary teachers for carrying out this amazing fall performance and can't wait to see what the spring performance will bring!





UPPER SCHOOL OUTING

By: Jeremy Bautista, Sam Berhe

On November 14th, AcaciaWood's upper school students visited Golf N' Stuff for their quarterly off-site outing where they bonded with their classmates and participated in a multitude of team building games: mini-golfing, go-karts,



bumper boats, and even an arcade.

The mini golf challenged the student's precision on the four different 18-hole golf courses that consisted of whimsical scenery and tricky obstacles. Halfway into the day, the



students raced around the go-kart track, overtaking their opponents in high flying racing action and exhilaration. Finally, the arcade provided a plethora of games and prizes to indulge in including Mario Kart, air hockey, Donkey Kong, and even DC's Injustice. This trip to Golf N' Stuff was truly an exciting experience and will remain a permanent joyful memory for AcaciaWood's upper school students!



JOG-A-THON

By: Sarah Bolton

On December 1st, the elementary once again ran their hearts out during the Annual Jog-A-Thon, organized by the elementary teachers to help raise money for the school. Within the set 30 minutes, all 50+ elementary students raced the clock and battled the heat to run as many laps as possible. Simultaneously, the rest of the AWP student body, faculty, and parents showed undying support with encouraging posters and consistent cheering. We are so proud of how well the elementary ran and can't wait to support them again next year!



THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

By: Sherlock Li



The annual AcaciaWood Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 17, the day before the week-long hiatus from school, provided an awesome Thanksgiving meal for students from kindergarten to 12th grade. Adorned with festive decorations, thanks to the seniors and Mrs. Orozco, the MPR welcomed students to this splendid feast. From the giggles of kindergarteners, to the conversations among high school seniors, laughter and joy filled the cold autumn air. Long tables covered in colorful tablecloths were filled with a bountiful spread of Thanksgiving delicacies, from succulent roast chicken and mashed potatoes to luscious pumpkin cakes and ice cream. The clinking of cutlery echoed through the room as everyone shared in the joy of this holiday.



Amidst the aromas, the music club added a special touch to the luncheon with a captivating performance. The musicians took to the stage, tuning up instruments, to create a melodic anticipation in the air. The performance

was a harmonious blend of piano, acoustic guitars, and a Fender Stratocaster electric guitar, adding vivid melodies to the piece. As this feast ended, the students and faculty were finally welcomed with the very well-deserved week-long Thanksgiving Break!



ALL SCHOOL BLENDER

By: Emmanuel Quinones

With their constant brainstorming of exciting activities for the student body, ASC hosted another Olympic-themed all-school blender on November 16th: Life-Sized Foosball! In this game, the students were given pool noodles to use to hit beach balls into their corresponding goals. It was an intense showdown as each class battled for gold, silver, and bronze medals. The 6th graders beat the 7th and 8th graders thanks to excellent teamwork and skillful coordination. The juniors



beat the freshmen in a tough match, and the seniors narrowly beat the sophomores in an exciting overtime battle! The seniors then faced the juniors in the semifinals, with the senior class getting another close win. In the final



match for the big prize, the seniors ironically competed against the 6th graders, and, in the end, ultimately seized the gold medal. The juniors secured 3rd place with a 6-0 sweep against the sophomores. Meanwhile, the elementary students also enjoyed the friendly and challenging game, competing against each other on separate courts. Overall, the event was a success, welcoming healthy competition and class bonding in the fight for the ultimate Olympic Gold Medal.

OLYMPIC MEDALISTS

By: Sarah Bolton

After a semester's worth of challenges and games, from sports game attendance, to school wide games, the ASC Olympic Medalists have finally earned their title and well deserved prizes! Congratulations to the Gold, Silver, and Bronze winners:

Elementary Upper School



4th

12th

3rd

6th

2nd

11th

Prizes

Gold: Movie Night with snacks
Silver: Casual Day
Bronze: Candy Packet

ASC can't wait to watch the competition for the esteemed olympic medals unfold through the fun games and challenges this new semester will offer. Good luck!



TICKING TIME

Rough Beginnings, Promising Finish

By: Emmanuel Quinones, Sarah Bolton

With the start of the new year, the Golden Eagle's winter basketball season finally began. The team stood their ground in the first few non-league games, facing the strains of illness and injury. Although having a bumpy start in the first 5-day, 4-game tournament, the team's true potential began shining during their following league games.



During their annual trip to the LA Crypto Arena, the team won a great game against John Glenn, with a score of 46-36 leading from wire to wire. They were encouraged by the undying support of close to 200 fans and enjoyed a Clippers vs. Knicks game shortly after. Most recently, the team enjoyed a two day getaway where, although they sadly lost against the Avalon Lancers, they enjoyed rich team bonding activities. The Eagles, under the leadership of Vincent Chiang, the toughness Daniel Nicasio, the consistent scoring of William Chiang, the smarts of Emmanuel Quinones and the determination of the young but improving bench, have since demonstrated their impressionable abilities. Making their mark, so far, the team finished 6-4 in league. After the wildcard game on February 6th, the team officially made it to their 4th consecutive year to CIF!



TEACHER TESTIMONY: MS. NANCY WU

By: Karissa Lim, Anamaria Viana



Q: When did you start teaching, and why did you want to be a teacher?

A: This year is my first year of teaching; previously, I had student-taught and substituted for two years. I have wanted to be a teacher since the second grade. I had an amazing second-grade teacher who made learning fun and engaging. She had us do meaningful projects such as writing to senior citizens from the local senior center, building gingerbread houses, writing our own mysteries to publish and display, etc.

Q: What has been the highlight of teaching at AcaciaWood so far?

A: I love how the school feels like one big family, and the parents are willing to play a large role in their children's learning. For example, there were parents coming up with ideas for Heritage Friday, and they would come in to show the students how to make a particular dish or put together a specific craft.

Q: What are your hobbies outside of teaching?

A: I love to bake (especially things with a theme), hike, travel (I have been to nine countries and want to visit a lot more), and paint.

Q: How do you motivate your students?

A: I motivate my students by showing excitement and positive reinforcement while they are completing their assignments, and giving them personal goals for them to work toward. I also point out to them that there is real-life value for the projects we finish in class!



Q: What do you love about teaching?

A: I love coming up with ideas that make learning fun and meaningful for the students. For example, we have Heritage Fridays: every Friday, we focus on a different country related to the students' backgrounds. Parents help come up with ideas for crafts or cooking. I decorate the classroom to represent that particular country. For example, when we did Korea, a mom came in to show the kids how to roll their own kimbap and how to fold origami hanbok. When we did Colombia, a grandma came in to teach them how to make arepas and they folded origami toucan birds. When we did Puerto Rico, we made Pina Colada and simple maracas. Students also bring in items that they own to show the class such as jerseys, flags, stuffed animals, instruments, etc. Heritage Fridays have really involved the parents to be part of their children's learning. Moreover, the students have learned to respect and celebrate the different cultures and traditions that are represented in the classroom.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: DANIEL NICASIO

By: Esther Jou, Alethea Fong



Q: When did you come first to AWP?

A: I first came to AcaciaWood when I was in second grade.



Q: What are three words you would use to describe yourself?

A: Three words to describe me would be: amusing, genuine, and sensible.

Q: What are your hobbies and extracurriculars?

A: My hobbies currently include running, reading, meeting new people, and serving.



Q: What words of advice would you give to younger students?

A: Listen and learn from those who have gone before you.
OR Be brave enough to ask for help and learn things right the first time around.

Q: What are your plans for the future (college acceptance, location, career, goals, etc.)?

A: I currently plan to go to community college for two years studying kinesiology (most likely Cypress College) and, after that, transfer to a 4-year school with suitable programs for kinesiology (hopefully out of state). Then, putting academics on pause for a little while, go get married and attend the FTTA. A few goals I have right now would be to graduate in a timely manner, get married before 27, start my own business/clinic as a chiropractor/P.T. (physical therapist).

Q: What is your favorite memory over the years?

A: I remember when I was in elementary, there was a thing called "Lunch Buddies" and "Pen Pals" which really brought the students together. Lunch Buddies is where one upper school student would get assigned to an elementary student(s) (their "buddy") and get to eat lunch with them once a month. Pen pal's were throughout the month when the upper schoolers would "write" cards to their buddies. I remember my first buddy was Fernando Vargas and when I would get to eat lunch and receive letters and candy from him, that, as an elementary student, was the coolest thing that could ever happen to me.



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