

INSIDE EDUCATION

MES 1st grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIRST GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR DECEMBER ARE JADEN DUBOIS, DAMION FARIAS, JULYANA JARILLO-PANTOJA AND RILEY MAYES.

MES 2nd grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SECOND GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JANUARY ARE MIKE BAILEY AND COLBY FOGH.

MES third grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THIRD GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JANUARY ARE PAYDEN JONES, ETHAN KING-WOOLSEY, MARINA RICHARDS, SAVANNAH SMITH AND SAMANTHA VENTERS.

MES fourth grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOURTH GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JANUARY ARE EMILY DONLEY, REIGN HOGAN, KARINA RODRIGUEZ AND LILLY SPARKS.

Elementary students act out

CONTRIBUTED BY MATTHEW MARCIS

Presenting the pro-social skills of teamwork, friendship, loyalty, and integrity to the Mariposa and Lake Don Pedro communities became an activity of oral expression and the opportunity to "act out" for many students. On Friday, Dec. 11 at Mariposa Elementary School the after school "Kids Club" performed three Reader's Theatre pieces with several narrators and characters while six days later on Dec. 17 at Lake Don Pedro a performance included poems, short stories acted out by the K-3 classes, and 10 Reader's Theatre pieces which involved the entire school.

Weekly rehearsals for these performances began in the middle of October intending to implement the basic principle of Project Respect: educating students in

social-emotional skills like compassion, problem solving, and anger management, can be content rich and standards based within the school day. The goal of Project Respect is to "foster children's lifelong learning to become healthy, responsible, and productive members of society."

Reader's Theatre "is an activity in which students, while reading directly from scripts, are able to tell a story in a most entertaining form, without props, costumes, or sets. This is a reading activity, and students are not asked to memorize their lines. They are, however, encouraged to use intonation and gestures appropriate to their characters and their characters' words." It requires practice and repetition of the script and thus improves reading fluency and confidence to the student.

It is a common language arts

content activity utilized by many Mariposa County classrooms and in most literacy programs around the country. The two schools performed to a collected community audience of near 100 people and included over 200 student performers. Numerous parents approached the organizers of the events and expressed their appreciation for the drama program and the performances.

Instrumental in organizing these performances were Alison Tudor (Mountain Crisis Services), Audrey Davis (community member and drama coach), principals Ron Henderson and Anna Lindsey-Comstock, Marty Livingston (MES after school teacher), Michele Beebe (LDPE administrative assistant), the teachers at both sites, and especially the encouragement of the parents.

CVES plans Sweetheart Dinner

Cathey's Valley Elementary Parent Teacher Improvement Committee is holding its annual Sweetheart dinner, raffle and dessert auction at McKay Hall on Saturday, Feb. 6, from 5 to 8 p.m. The price of dinner is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets can be

bought in advance or at the door.

The dinner includes deep-fried beef served with new potatoes, baby carrots, salad, choice of lemonade, water, or coffee. "We want to keep the dinner price low so that everyone can come," said

PTIC President Annette Palmer. "We typically just make back what we spend on the dinner part of it."

The real fund raising begins with the dessert auction starting at 5:30 p.m. "We used to call it an old-fashioned pie auction, but the variety of desserts has branched out considerably in recent years" said Palmer.

The fund raiser is well attended not only by elementary school families, but the community at large. "Some families are known to bring certain desserts," said Palmer, "and other families want to be sure to bid high enough to get them." Last year, desserts sold from \$20 to the top seller of \$170.

The children walk around with the desserts during dinner, enticing bidders with their goods and their personalities. "Who can resist these children when they smile sweetly and say 'Wouldn't you like to bid on this special dessert I made?'" said Principal Carol Fincham. "It really is difficult to refuse. The children are what make this such a successful fundraiser for us." The auction will continue until all the desserts are gone.

Another popular aspect of this fund raiser is the raffle. This year, Cathey's Valley PTIC is raffling a navigation system, a \$100 gift card, and \$100 cash. The children start selling the raffle tickets now for \$1 each. Tickets are also sold at the dinner itself. The winners, who need not be present, are picked at the end of the evening. "As added incentive," said Palmer, "for every five tickets the children sell, we're giving them a free ticket of their own for a chance to win a separate, student \$100 gift card. A lot of the kids really want that gift card."

For more information, or to purchase dinner tickets or raffle tickets, contact Palmer evenings at 374-3470.

MES fifth grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JANUARY ARE PAIGE CROWDER, KIRSTEN DUBBERKE, BRITANI HOPMAN, ORACIO LARA, PATIENCE MCCOY, AUTUMN SMITH, ASHLEY STEWARD, CODY WILSON AND WILLOW ZOLLER.

MES sixth grade Terrific Kids



THE MARIPOSA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SIXTH GRADE TERRIFIC KIDS FOR JANUARY ARE KAYLA CAMACHO, DIEGO ENRIQUEZ-PEREZ, LUKAS HART, KYLE KING AND NELLIE TUCKER.