

A Cool Way to End Finals

Submitted by Kindra Sampson



Campolindo High School STEM Club members, from left: Lauren Sampson, Devon Wood, Sophie Cortese and Emma McGonigle. Photo provided

Campolindo High School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) Club took a break from studying for finals to fundraise for the local charity, Trust in Education (www.trustineducation.org). Trust in Education is a grass-roots organization, providing educational, economic and health assistance to villages in Afghanistan. The STEM Club decided on an ice cream sale after finals and was aided by Loard's Ice Cream, which donated all the ice cream for their event.

Bookmark Contest a Success

Submitted by Kay Pekrul



Pictured, back row, from left: Pierre Jolin - St. Perpetua, Isabella Bartos - Stanley; middle row: Aarushi Jain - Stanley, Kaitlyn Yasumura - Happy Valley, Ava Curletto - Happy Valley, Sofia Bartos - Burton Valley, Kiley Schmidt - Stanley; front row: Lillian Polkinhorn - Burton Valley, Ella Del Rosario - Springhill, Sofia Cepeda - Lafayette Elementary, Hudson Cahoon - Lafayette Elementary, Lucas Dissman - Happy Valley. Photo by Frances Wallace

The Friends of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center's Bookmark contest was a resounding success with about 500 entries. Twelve winning students from Lafayette schools were honored at an Award Ceremony earlier this spring for their art work.

Three outstanding artists, Kaitlyn Yasumura and Isabella and Sofia Bartos, who have won in the past, are honored in the Hall of Fame this year.

The winning bookmarks are framed, compliments of Anthony Ruiz of FAST-FRAME of Lafayette, and are on display in the Lafayette Library and in the Friends Corner Book Shop. The business again offered to frame the winning bookmarks for the participants free of charge.

The winners each received gift certificates equal to \$10 from Friends Corner Book Shop and a \$25 gift certificate to Orinda Books.

Art and Animals Benefit from Girl Scout Silver Awards

Submitted by Yuka Akera



From left, Stephanie Friese, Makenna Ferguson and Chantal Hummel. Photo Mary Friese

Troop 32300 had several Girl Scouts who earned their Silver Award, which is the second-highest award that can be earned in Girl Scouting.

Chantal Hummel's project "Mosaic Stairs" was designing and installing a mosaic tile display on the stairs at Orinda Intermediate School. The mosaic depicts a river flowing down the stairs leading to the black-top.

Makenna Ferguson and Stephanie Friese's project supported animal rescue to the benefit of Animal Refugee Response in San Pablo. They organized a weekend work party to clean and paint the indoor dog kennels. Both girls individually designed and built cat towers for the cat area.

Stephanie, who attends Miramonte, and Makenna, who attends Campolindo, have been in scouting for 10 years, and Chantal, from Miramonte, has been in scouting for eight years. All are rising sophomores.

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Odyssey of the Mind Teams Show Their Stuff

Submitted by Karin Husch



The Lafayette Rotary-sponsored Odyssey of the Mind Team celebrated after taking third place in a division at the recent World Competition in Iowa. Photo provided

The Lafayette Rotary Odyssey of the Mind Team took third place in Problem 5 (Fins, Furs, Feathers, & Friends) at the Odyssey of the Mind World Competition in Ames, Iowa, on May 28. Orinda Rotary Team No. 42350 took fourth place in Problem 4 (Stack Attack!). The team Coach is Ian Kallen. Team Members in alphabetical order are Amin Edraki, Aneesa Edraki, Julia Husch, Jonah Kallen, Kate Kintner, Peter Kintner, and Sophie McGlothlen.

Orinda Academy Sends Off its Graduating Class of 2016



The Orinda Academy said goodbye to 22 graduates earlier this month. The graduates are heading off to colleges such as Cornell, CSU Chico, Liberty University, California Poly Pomona, California Maritime Academy, Saint Mary's, University of Arizona, Whitman College, Penn State University, Boise State University and University of Redlands.

Orinda Academy is a college preparatory school for students in grades 8 through 12 who are bright and creative but might learn differently. It has been serving a diverse population of Bay Area students since 1982. Its mission is to provide a structured, supportive college preparatory education that compassionately engages all learners as active members of its diverse community and empowers them to achieve their potential as successful, confident, self-reliant individuals.

Here are the members of the graduating class:

- Michael Bell from Antioch
- June Borgese from Pleasanton
- Inna Broadbent from Alameda
- Paula Fogel from Richmond
- Chris Hanna from Benicia
- Cameron Home from Moraga
- Michael Humphrey from Danville
- Alain Javier from Oakland
- Samantha Levy from Danville
- Michael Miller from Moraga
- Nicholas Mizin from Walnut Creek
- Julissa Molina-Vega from Oakland
- Ivan Monastirev from Concord
- Aniyah Morris from Oakland
- Junyi "Jimmy" Ruan from China
- Isaiah Salesian from Berkeley
- Dylan Seidler from El Cerrito
- Taylor Ungson from Albany
- Tereza Vankova from Czech Republic
- Karolina Vodrazkova from Czech Republic
- Siwei "Alex" Wang from China
- Peter Wright from Lafayette

Girl Scout Receives Silver Award

Submitted by Yuka Akera



Photo provided

Annie Hillhouse, from troop No. 31361, recently completed her Silver Award. She has been a Girl Scout for 10 years, and is currently a rising sophomore at Campolindo. Her Silver Award project was providing toiletries for the homeless. She collected items such as shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste, lotion, soap, and razors from friends and neighbors. These were then packaged for individuals to receive from the Monument Crisis Center. Annie oversaw the collection, packaging and distribution of the items. Annie says she is excited about continuing in Girl Scouts through her high school years, and is in the process of planning her Gold Award Project.