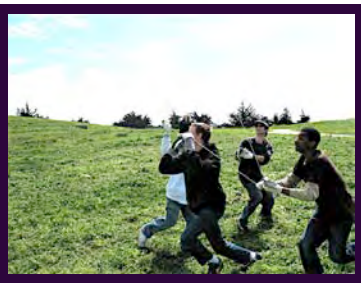
MAYBECK HIGH SCHOOL

Community Newsletter



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Supporting Heifer International

Maybeck Community Raises More Than $900 Providing Animals and Vegetables Largely to Rwandan Families

This year, the community at Maybeck High School - students, parents, staff, and charitable visitors - began donating money to Heifer International, an organization that provides families in need, usually in Africa, with the animals or vegetables their community lacks. The program also provides whatever training is required. Heifer practices "Passing on the Gift," where "recipients agree to share the offspring of gift animals with others in need." This sharing of animals and knowledge is helping to nurture the recipient communities, allowing them to sustain their growing self-sufficiency.

Juniors Sophie Smyer and Zach Fleig, who began the school year as supporters of Heifer International, inspired Maybeck students to donate to the project by setting up a collection point near the drinking fountain. Most of the $900 in contributions came in the form of quarters, nickels, and dimes. At practically every Wednesday meeting, Zach and Sophie kept our goal alive through their impassioned announcements and "Heifer pep talks." The contributions from Maybeck have been consistent and generous, so far totaling over $900. The Maybeck funds join others in providing a sustainable future in farming for many Rwandan families, who only sixteen years ago faced one of the most horrific genocides in recent history. Zach and Sophie expressed the awe, gratitude, and humility of many in the Maybeck community around the Heifer contribution: "To be able to give, if only a little, to such significant and honorable endeavors comes back tenfold to our community with this wonderful joy of providing compassion in the face of suffering. We have already seen what our community can do. We look forward to the continued commitment, and are so grateful for this unique opportunity which we've all been a part of these past months. It begins each day anew with something as insignificant as loose change, and in the end becomes something much larger than ourselves."

Maybeck Calendar Reminders

May 7:	SAC Day
May 14:	ACT Outing – *Round and Round the Garden*
May 15/16:	"Half Moon" Trip (final date tba)
May 18:	MPA meeting
May 20:	Maybeck Board meeting
May 21:	Film and Art Night
May 22:	Open House for prospective students and families
May 23:	Pick-a-Party: An Afternoon in the Hills
May 29:	Prom

Yearbook News: Get Your Pages in Now!

Yearbook is coming together, but the yearbook staff needs your help! Seniors should have turned in their own special senior page by now: if you have not yet done so, you have almost missed the boat entirely! Check in with Iris or Joaquin and get it done RIGHT NOW. Your friends want your page to be included. Those making Special Program and club pages need to get those turned in very soon as well,(by May 7). You may deliver pages to Iris or Joaquin to upload onto the yearbook computer, or you may email them to jessiek@maybeckhs.org (put your name and "YBK Senior Page" in the subject line of your email). Finally, consider helping the tiny but dedicated yearbook staff put together yearbooks at crunch time at the end of May. Listen for announcements at Wednesday All-School Meetings for details.

Friday, May 7

SAC Day Trip to Stinson Beach

Maybeck's annual SAC day festivities will be taking place at Stinson Beach on Friday, May 7. We'll be playing games, sharing dinner and watching the sun set from one of the prettiest places on the coast. Students should plan to meet on campus at 1 PM. Remember to dress in layers and eat your lunch beforehand! We'll be returning to campus at 10 PM.

'Half Moon' Trip Coming Soon

Attention, Maybeck campers! An infelicitous combination of standardized test dates, holidays, and other issues precludes the standard overnight "Full Moon" trip. Naturally we don't want to cancel the trip, so we will be offering what we're dubbing a "Half Moon" trip to include a day-long hike in the Bay Area. We are aiming for the weekend of May 15 or16. If you are interested in a beautiful hike in the company of friends, mark your calendars for that weekend. More details soon!

AP Testing Schedule

Keep an eye out for these upcoming tests:
Calculus AB: May 5, 8 AM
English Literature: May 6, 8 AM
European History: May 7, 8 AM
Biology: May 10, 8 AM
Chemistry: May 11, 8 AM
Psychology: May 11, noon
English Language: May 12, 8 AM

Friday, May 14

Sign Up Now for Final A.C.T. Outing of the Year: *Round and Round the Garden*

The last A.C.T. Outing of the 2009-2010 school year is on May 14. We'll be going to see Alan Ayckbourn's *Round and Round the Garden,* a classic English farce of ill-considered seduction. The cost for these outings, billed by Maybeck, ranges from $25 to $35 and includes BART fare and a balcony seat. Students who wish to go should sign up on the sheet outside the office by noon on Friday, May 7.

Friday, May 21

Student Creations On Display at Ninth Annual Film and Art Night

Maybeck's Film and Art Night is almost here. Join us on Friday, May 21 at 5 PM to admire the work of our talented students, from visual art to short films to performances. Another wonderful pot-luck dinner.

May Pick-a-Party: An Afternoon in the Hills

Pick-a-Parties continue to draw members of the Maybeck community together for a variety of activities. Contact Sue Miller at smiller@library.berkeley.edu to sign up for any Pick-a-Party. Fees will be added to monthly statements, or may be paid in advance by check payable to Maybeck. Keep an eye out for more Pick-a-Parties in June!

An Afternoon in the Hills

Date	Sunday, May 23
Time	3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Location	Sharon Pancio's house, 1 Tisbury Lane, Richmond
Price	$10

An afternoon of hiking will be followed by a barbecue and hot tubbing. All will meet at Sharon, Misha and Simone's home near Tilden Park and head up one of several hiking trails. Hikes can be as gentle or as grueling as you'd like. So put on your hiking shoes, pack up your swim suit and towel, and join the Maybeck group for some exercise and relaxation.

Sunday, May 23

Maybeck Outing to the Maker Faire

We're inviting students and parents to join us on Sunday, May 23 for a trip to the Maker Faire (http://makerfaire.com) at the San Mateo Fairgrounds. The Maker Faire is "a family-friendly annual event for creative, resourceful people of all ages and backgrounds who like to tinker and love to make things." Students who choose to attend should sign up in the office no later than Wednesday, May 12 and bring $10 for a ticket (or $15 at the door). We'll carpool together from the school at 9 AM, and return by 6:30 PM. Additional parent drivers are wanted, and all ages are welcome.

Save the date: the next MPA meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 7:15 PM in Room 204.

Saturday, May 29

Ticket Discounts for Prom Setup Assistance

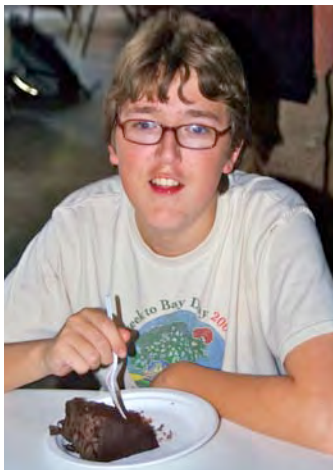
The magnificent 2010 Maybeck Prom will take place on Saturday, May 29 at the Fourth Street Studio (fourthstreetstudio.com). Tickets are $10, and you can get a discount if you help to set up. Contact Vlad, Vanina, Bryn or Yvonne to volunteer your valuable services, and look for more details soon!

Maybeck Drama will present Moliere's *Tartuffe* on June 4 and 5. This will be an outdoor production in the Courtyard - not to be missed! Keep an eye out for details.

Spring Slide Night: A Tour Through Maybeck's Special Programs and Accompanied by Tasty Home Cooking

This year's Spring Slide Night and Home Cooking Extravaganza was a huge success! The food was not only delicious and plentiful, it was also creative. In honor of the Italy special program, one parent made cupcakes that looked like spaghetti and meatballs. Thank you, families, for your culinary contributions.

A extensive collection of photos and movies allowed the Maybeck community to join the students making and flying kites, exploring the diversity of the Bay Area, reliving California history, playing steel drums, enjoying South Indian food and culture, and appreciating the beauties of New Orleans, Italy, Vietnam and El Salvador.



Maybeck Grad Founds School Non-Profit

Benito Delgado-Olsen ('02) visited our All-School Meeting last week to tell us about his non-profit organization, "K to College." The all-volunteer organization provides SAT test-taking scholarships and school supplies to low-income students. This past spring, the program served over 26,000 East Bay students, donating $1.7 million of school supplies. K to College is on track to serve more than 100,000 students with $6.5 million in school supplies in the fall. For more information, go to:

http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=14220404319

Kristin Nelson Joined Staff as Part-Time Administrative Assistant in Main Office

Although a California native, Kristin took her English major bachelor's degree at Exeter and master's at Oxford in the UK. An excellent writer, a quick learner of technical and structural skills, Kristin works three days a week and says she is "enjoying the environment at Maybeck." She is considering an eventual return to academia for a Ph.D.