



MAYBECK
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Community Newsletter



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November 2010

November Brings Special Program Selections, SAC, Moments Musicaux, and Second Quarter

November is a short but very important month. We completed the first quarter on October 29, and will take Fall Break starting on November 20. SAC Day at the Exploratorium will be held on November 9. An all-school evening event, Moments Musicaux, will be held on November 20. Additionally, there is a very important deadline: the 2011 Special Program Ballots are due by noon on November 15. More details on all these happenings can be found in the rest of this newsletter.

Most importantly, these three weeks set the stage for the second quarter of the semester, which consists of three weeks in November, two in December and two in January. It is easy for the quarter to slip, slide away - so stay focused.

Wednesday, November 3, 6:30 PM

College Financial Aid Workshop Provides Info For All Students Exploring College Options

On November 3, Maybeck will host a workshop led by members of Bay Area College Planners, who will focus on strategies for saving money and finding college funding - even for those who think they won't be eligible for aid. Parents and students from all grades are welcome to attend this evening workshop. Anyone who wants to attend should **RSVP to College Counselor JT Thomas** at jtt@maybeckhs.com or call her at 510-841-8489 ext. 206.

Friday, November 5, 6:40 PM

ACT Outing: Marcus

Maybeck's next ACT Outing will take us to the West Coast premiere of *Marcus*; or *The Secret of Sweet*. The third in Tarrell Alvin McCraney's acclaimed *Brother/Sister Trilogy*, the play stands on its own as a story of identity and community. ACT calls it the "provocative, poignant, and fiercely humorous coming-of-age story of a young gay man in the South." Students who would like to see *Marcus* should **sign up on the bulletin board outside the office by noon on Friday, Oct 29**. Tickets and transportation will come to \$35-\$40, which will be billed to students' Maybeck accounts. On the evening of the play, students and teachers will **meet at North Berkeley BART at 6:40 PM sharp** to travel to San Francisco together.



Maybeck Calendar Reminders

November

- Wednesday 3rd, 6:30 PM: College Financial aid workshop
- Friday 5th, 6:40 PM: ACT outing - Marcus
- Saturday 6th: SATs
- Sunday 7th: Daylight Savings Time ends
- Tuesday 9th: SAC Day
- Friday 12th, 7:00-9:00 PM: Moments Musicaux
- Monday 15th, 12:00 PM: Special Program ballots and Jeremy Harrison Scholarship applications due
- Saturday 20th – Sunday 28th: Fall Break

December

- Saturday 4th: SATs
- Friday 10th & Saturday 11th, 7:00 PM: Fall Play - A Wilder Christmas
- Monday 13th, 6:30 PM: Information Night for Prospective Families
- Saturday 19th – Sunday 2nd (January): Winter Break

Monday, November 15, 12:00

Special Program Ballots and Jeremy Harrison Scholarship Apps Due

Special Program Ballots, with a parent/guardian's signature, are due in the office no later than 12 noon on Monday, November 15, 2010—no exceptions. Students are encouraged to turn in ballots before the deadline to ensure that unexpected circumstances will not prevent them from getting ballots in at the last minute. Late ballots will be processed after all other students have been placed in programs; students who turn in late ballots will not receive lottery numbers, but will receive assignments on a first-come, first-served basis.

Students in their third or fourth year at Maybeck who receive financial aid or scholarship and who have not traveled are eligible for **Jeremy Harrison Fund scholarships** and will receive an application packet in the mail. **Application materials are due November 15.**

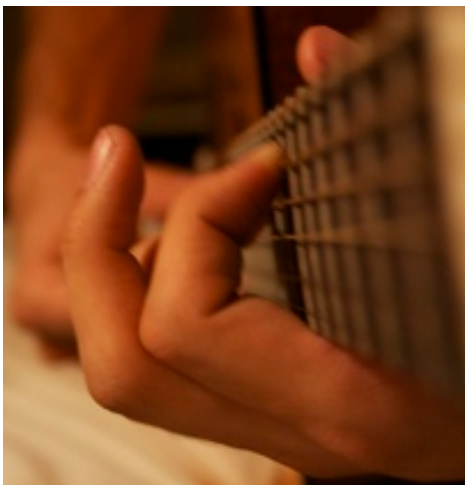
Because some classes have enrollment limitations, there is a possibility that a student will not be admitted to the program of his or her first choice. A lottery will determine enrollment in the various programs. In order to participate in the lottery, students must submit their ballots on time. At **3:40 p.m. on Monday, November 15**, a public lottery will be held in Room 204 in which all students who have submitted their ballots by the deadline will be assigned a number. That number, as well as participation in travel programs in previous years, will determine students' priority in program placement. The lowest numbers will go to returning students who handed in their ballots on time last year but did not get their first choice. Preliminary program assignments will be posted shortly after the lottery.

Friday, November 12, 7:00 PM

Sign Up Now for Moments Musicaux

Moments Musicaux is an all-school concert that allows musical students to share their talents. All students are encouraged to perform, whatever their instrument or level of experience.

Students who are interested in participating should sign up on the bulletin board outside the office. More information and performance sign-ups will be coming soon, so keep an eye out!



Schedule of College Visits

Representatives from a wide variety of colleges and universities will be conducting informational meetings at Maybeck during the fall. These visits are a great opportunity to express your interest and learn more about schools that may be too far away to visit. Sign-up sheets will be posted on the college bulletin board in the hall. More visits may be added - keep an eye on this calendar and watch your email for updates from JT.

Wednesday, November 3: 9:50 AM: Occidental 11:35 AM: USF	Thursday, November 11: 11:35 AM: Hendrix Tuesday, November 16: 11:40 AM: Nevada-Reno 12:15 PM: Pacific
Wednesday, November 10: 12:10 PM: Cornish	

Tuesday, November 9, 8:00 AM

SAC Day: Exploratorium

Fall SAC Day will be held at the Exploratorium, San Francisco's self-described "museum of science, art and human perception." Transportation will be a combination of staff and parent carpools and staff-assisted public transportation. The SAC will provide lunch. Students should arrive at Maybeck at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, November 9.

Saturday, November 20 - Sunday, November 28

Maybeck Closed for Fall Break

Maybeck will take a well-earned Fall Break in November. Mark your calendars - **no school between Saturday, November 20 and Sunday, November 28!**

Saturday-Sunday, December 4-5

Second Full Moon Trip: Pt. Reyes

This year's second Full Moon Trip will depart early on Saturday, December 4 on a journey to Point Reyes, where campers can expect to see waterfalls, wildlife, and miles of ocean. Deborah and Trevor will again lead the expedition, which will follow the 5.5-mile Alamere Falls trail to the Wildcat campsite overlooking the beach. The trip will cost \$25, and there is room for 14 students. This promises to be a beautiful trip. Students can sign up on the bulletin board outside the office, or check in with Trevor or Deborah for more details.

Friday & Saturday, December 10 & 11, 7:00 PM

Fall Play: A Wilder Christmas

Save the date: Maybeck's Fall Play is coming up in December. This year, students will present *A Wilder Christmas*. Based on three one-act plays by Thornton Wilder, the show will include not only splendid Maybeckian acting, but lots of festive songs. Keep an eye out for more information in the next newsletter.

Chinook Book Sales: Special Program Fundraising Opportunity for Students

This year, Maybeck students have the opportunity to sell Chinook Books to earn money towards their Special Program costs. The Chinook Book, formerly known as the EcoMetro Guide, is a book of coupons that can be used at local eco-friendly businesses - restaurants, grocery stores, museums, and bike shops, among many others. For each \$20 book a student sells, \$9 will be credited towards their Special Program costs. Students who are interested in selling Chinook Books can check in with Trevor for more information.



ACT Outing to Scapin Proves Hilarious

Maybeck's recent ACT outing to see *Scapin* was a big success. We had a great turnout for what many felt was the best show they'd seen at ACT. In Jessie's words, "Bill Irwin never stopped bouncing around - it was like he was made of rubber." If you missed it, there are still plenty of chances to experience all ACT has to offer, including our next outing, when we'll be seeing *Marcus*; or *The Secret of Sweet*.

Sue Matthews' and Elizabeth Addison's Art on Display at SOMARTS

There's a strong Maybeckian presence at SOMARTS Cultural Center's current show, "Honoring Revolution with Visions of Healing." Teacher Sue Matthews and parent Elizabeth Addison both have installations on display in this immersive exhibit. The show takes the form of a labyrinth of Dia de los Muertos altars, and has been attracting a lot of attention, including radio and TV interviews with Sue! If you haven't been to see the show, you still have a chance - "Honoring Revolution with Visions of Healing" is **open until November 6** at SOMARTS (between 8th and 9th on Brannan in San Francisco), when there will be a closing reception and benefit concert with the San Francisco Symphony and the Quinteto Latino. You can find more information at www.somarts.org.

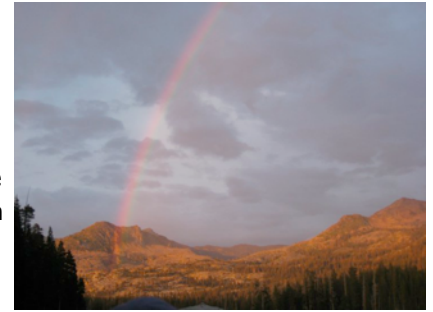
In December, Sue will be taking a collaborative show to Cuba, including five huge unframed paintings on canvas. The paintings show Cuban sacred objects and altars as seen through the lens of contemporary art. Sue will also have eight large tapestry-like paintings containing written communication that has been going back and forth between Cuba and Ghana, in Spanish and Ewe. In this correspondence, Cubans ask Ghanaians questions about how they practice their rituals and religion in order to witness the similarities and differences between the customs in the old and new worlds. Sue's friend Jill Crosby of the University of Alaska, Anchorage discovered identical ritual dances in the traditional, rural villages of both countries. This project has opened up communication between them for the first time in hundreds of years. The exhibit will

include paintings, videos of ritual dance from villages, photography, live drumming and dance, and performance art. The collaboration has united people from all over the world: Alaskans, Ghanaians, Cubans, Havanans, and Bay Areans.

Full Moon Camping Trip Treks in the El Dorado National Forest

Deborah Raphael and Trevor Cralle took nine students camping to Wright's Lake in the El Dorado National Forest over the

October 2-3 weekend. We hiked through forested meadows and up and over exposed granite slabs to Twin Lakes in Desolation Wilderness, where we swam and ate lunch. Upon our return to base camp we were treated to a full-on double rainbow before enjoying a roaring campfire that evening. We are offering another Full Moon Trip over the December 4-5 weekend, when we will hike into the Pt. Reyes Wildcat campsite for some spectacular coastal camping.



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