



Head-Royce School

FALL 2007

Newsletter

A Garden Valley

Paul Chapman, Head of School



Second graders Margot Johnson, Audrey Jones, Victor Mora, and Justin Hebrard show off homegrown tomatoes they picked in Lower School. The tomatoes were planted last spring by this class when they were first graders. Next spring, vegetables will be planted in the new garden on the hillside near the LS play area.

SEVERAL YEARS AGO while Helen and I were visiting Congresswoman Barbara Lee in Washington D.C., I attended a luncheon that dramatically changed my perspective about food at Head-Royce. When we arrived at a small farm that had been built on the Mall, I realized this was no ordinary gathering. Our host Alice Waters explained how she was expanding her vision of the “edible school yard,” which she had developed in Berkeley through the Chez Panisse Foundation and her work at Martin Luther King Middle School, to schools around the nation. The other guests, including Senators Hilary Clinton, Barbara Boxer and Tom Harkin, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, and faculty from Yale, which had joined the movement, lent their enthusiastic support. This project, I thought, is one that we at Head-Royce should embrace in conjunction with our efforts to “green” our School.

This year we are pursuing three, inter-related initiatives as part of our effort to make Head-Royce a model green school. Guiding our work, the professional staff of the Center for Ecoliteracy in Berkeley will conduct a series of workshops with our faculty, administration, and staff. We seek to strengthen the focus on the “principles of ecological literacy” in the curriculum, we are working to create a great, healthy food program, and we are establishing a new School garden with a portion devoted to an “edible schoolyard.”

The garden will be located on the newly terraced hillside next to the pool and the Lower School courts. A Garden Group, composed of parents, faculty, administration, and students, is creating a plan for the area that will include a large, sunny place to grow vegetables to eat and plants for the science curriculum, as well as areas that will accommodate an outdoor classroom, play space for the Lower School, and perennials to further beautify the campus.

The garden is the symbolic centerpiece in our effort to create a great, healthy food program this year. In the fall of 2008 we will open a new café in the Upper School and we hope by then to be able to provide a variety of nutritional offerings for our students and employees. Several administrators and faculty were trained this summer in a workshop entitled “Rethinking School Lunch,” sponsored by the Center for Ecoliteracy. The key premise of our work is that lunch is a central part of our day and our students’ education experience. From my own undergraduate experience at Yale I know this can be true, since much of our lives focused around shared experiences in the various dining halls in the residential colleges. A Parents Advisory Committee headed by Board member Lilly Mar-Chee is helping us to shape this program, and the Center has prepared a valuable guide for our work that is available to all on their web site.

Ultimately the work we do in our garden and in the food program will connect systemically to what we teach and students learn in the classroom. Under the leadership of Assistant Head/Academic Dean Crystal Land and consulting guidance from the Center, the faculty this year will audit the degree to which we currently develop our students’ love of nature and understanding of the environment. And they will create a plan for making further improvements in the future.

With our new campus unfolding before our eyes, perhaps you have noticed how the School is nestled in a beautiful valley. As I walk in each day, I am reminded of the lovely ballad by the contemporary Irish singer Cara Dillon, who sings of a “garden valley singing out across the bay.”

With our efforts to integrate our curriculum, our food program, and our edible school yard, I hope we can all help to make Head-Royce a model green school.*

* Please see the School’s web site, www.headroyce.org/greenschool for a detailed description of our policies, programs and initiatives.



Head-Royce parent Liz Willingham examines a worm/compost bin on a tour of the Edible Schoolyard at Martin Luther King, Jr. Middle School in Berkeley. Photo by Lilly Mar-Chee

AP Exam Results Just Announced, HRS Students Score High

Seventy-two Head-Royce students — both current and recent graduates — have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exams. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on the number of year-long courses and exams (or their equivalent semester-long courses and exams).

National AP Scholars, earning an average grade of 4 or higher on all AP Exams taken and grades of 4 or higher on eight or more of these exams, are:

Dakota Gruener '07
John Kawamura '07
Hilary Seamans '07

AP Scholars with Distinction

Below are the AP Scholars with Distinction, earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams.

Samantha Akiha '07	Luke Morris '07
Will Allen '08	Suraya Omar '08
Rebecca Citron '07	Esteban Plaza-Jennings '07
Rose DeVries '07	Jason Reeder '07
C.J. Gorud '07	Jacob Rice '08
Arjan Gower '07	Cameron Scherer '07
Dakota Gruener '07	Hilary Seamans '07
Daniel Hausrath '07	Amina Sheikh '07
Marcelle Januta '08	Rebecca Smith '08
Daniel Kaplan '07	Lily Stern '07
John Kawamura '07	Brittany Tam '07
Zachary Kerchman '07	Samantha Taylor '07
Jenna King-Brill '07	Valerie Thomas '07
Roxanne Leong '07	Daniel Walden '07
Patricia Levi '08	Vincent Wu '07
John Meadows '07	Samantha Wyatt '07
Adam Michel '07	

AP Scholars with Honor

Below are the AP Scholars with Honor, earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all exams taken and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams.

Cole Ashcraft '09	Madeline Nelson '08
Jacob Bauch '07	Samuel Power '08
Craig Henderson '07	Colin Rood '08
Ariel Leitner-Zieff '07	Timothy Sakhuja '08
Kenneth Lin '08	Hanna Schurman '08
Olivia Linney '07	Brandon Steel '07

AP Scholars

Below are the AP Scholars, earning grades of 3 or higher on three or more AP exams on full-year (or the equivalent) courses.

Banke Abioye '07	Stephen Chao '08
Chris Benner '08	Richard Creedon '07
Maxwell Blum '07	Nora Curley '07
William Bundy '07	Elaya Jenkins-Adelberg '08
Matthew Bush '07	Adam Koshkin '07
John Challenor '09	Victoria Lee '08

AP Scholars ...continued from previous column

Miranda Limbach '07	Jonathan Sidney '08
Riley Matthews '08	Sachi Siegelman '08
Scott McBeth '08	Raquel Sloan '07
Paul Meyer '07	Clare Stumpf '08
Natasha Rosenblatt '08	Kalin Werner '08
Jonathan Rosenthal '08	Matt Zeitlin '08
Alexander Setzepfandt '08	Marko Zivanovic '08

ATHLETICS FOCUS

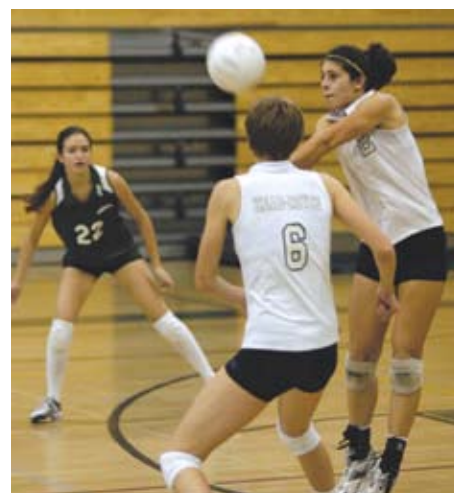
Jackie Dejesse's Global Adventure

Last May, **Jackie Dejesse '09** tried out for the Northern California Volleyball Association (NCVA) High Performance Teams. The 2-day try out was offered at three locations in Northern California, attracting hundreds of girls. The tryouts offered the opportunity to play either on the USA team in the Championship Tournament in Florida or with the NCVA European team in the Global Challenge in Pula, Croatia.

Jackie was offered a position on the Europe team. She was then immersed in an intensive mode of training and practice with eight other girls from Northern California and the coaches of St. Mary's College in Moraga. The group departed at the end of July. They first spent a week in Italy (to "acclimate"), visiting and practicing in Rome, Venice and Podrenone. Next they traveled to Pula, Croatia, where they gathered with women's teams from Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Russia, Italy, Montenegro, Germany, Slovenia and Bosnia, as well as the U.S.

Once the competition began, Jackie realized she was playing against opponents much older than her; 18, 19 and 20 year-olds from a completely different exposure to the sport. Jackie's team ended up winning the championship, defeating Conegliano, 25-23 and 26-24.

This fall, Jackie is in her second year as a member of the Head-Royce varsity girls volleyball team.



Jackie Dejesse '09 (#2) in action this fall with Head-Royce teammates Maddy Keenan '09 (6) and Julia Herringer '10 (22). Photo by Eric Kawamura

In other athletics news...

In Middle School sports, the girls cross-country team, led by Coach Rob Rafeh, has earned their second consecutive league title. This was the fourth championship for Head-Royce's Middle School cross-country team in the past eleven years. The team also won back to back titles in 1996 and 1997.

All Hallow's Eve

As usual, the Halloween spirit was out in full force at Head-Royce.



Katie Despain, Sadé Kammen '15, Frances Foley '15, and Marlena Jackson-Retondo '15



Grant Miller '15 with another outstanding creation.



Thomas Harper '16 and Jack Hirsch '16



Ashley Brown '08, Michela Isono '08, Danielle Purkiss '08, and Kalin Werner '08

Meet Your Board of Trustees



Back row: Jon Streeter, Denise Bass-Allen, Head of School Paul Chapman, Anita Martinez, Michael Hsieh, Neetesh Kumar, Charles Freiberg, Board Chair Robert Stein Leo Dorado. Middle: Peter Drake, Peter Smith '78, Tim Ripsteen '93, Kym Luqman, Scott Verges. Front row: Eddie Orton, Parents Association President Elizabeth Stumpf, Lori Fogarty, Lilly Mar-Chee, Laura Baxter-Simons, and Betsy Crabtree. Not pictured: Dan Chao, Lisa Benton Hardy '84, Jacqueline Moore, Natalie Roe, and Lip-Bu Tan.

Sip & Swirl at Third Annual Wine Tasting

Saturday
November 17, 2007

Sip..... Wine, water, coffee
Swirl.... Through a room of friends from the HRS community

Spit..... Carefully please

Study.... Wine, cheese, crackers, the lovely décor

Smile.... What a great evening!



Join us for an evening of friendship and fine wine. A \$35 per person fee covers all costs for the event and includes fabulous tastings and terrific treats. Buy great wine for your cellar, entertaining, or your table!

Not a wine drinker? Come for the food, friends and fun! Can't make it on the 17th? We will miss you, but may be able to arrange for your wine order; watch for more details...

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MASTER PLAN UPDATE

New Upper School Taking Shape



IT IS EXCITING to see the framework for the new Upper School building rise from the ground. The structure will stand three stories high and share the same attractive design and classic charm as the new World Languages Building. When completed, it will connect to the converted Middle School building to provide more than 41,000 square-feet of Upper School space featuring 24 classrooms, six science labs, offices, and meeting space. A centerpiece of new the building is Café Jayhawk, which will serve healthy, hot meals, and an adjacent Courtyard where students can gather.

IN THE NEWS

Ninth grader **Anna Tong '11** has earned top awards in two different categories in the United States Open Music Competition. Anna was presented with two "Certificates of Excellence" in the categories of Open Solo – 8C and Open Solo – 7B for piano.

For fifteen years, the United States Open Music Competition has promoted the best of classical treasury among young musicians through its annual piano competition events.

Anna has been playing piano since she was 6 years old. She is also a very talented singer and is a member of the Head-Royce varsity girls volleyball team.



Anna Tong '11