



# Academy of the Redwoods

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## Letter from the Principal

Dear AR Families,

Greetings to everyone in our Academy of the Redwoods learning community. I hope this newsletter finds you all well and in good spirits. Since we follow the same schedule as CR, Spring break is upon us and signifies the approximate halfway mark of the second semester. When we return, there will be only three weeks remaining to finish any work to be included in our next progress report. Just as the spring signifies a time of renewal in nature, we hope students also take this break as a symbolic way to renew themselves and return to their studies refreshed and ready to finish the semester strongly.

Our next ARF meeting (Academy of the Redwoods Family Meeting), scheduled for Monday, March 30th, will actually be our Parent Information Night. We are getting radio spots and other PSA's out to the public these next few weeks. The program is geared for prospective students and families, but everyone is welcome. We would actually appreciate current students and families to attend and help field questions about their AR experiences. The agenda will be fairly open with an introduction of staff members, a quick overview of the program, and then questions and answers.

Our last dance was February 20th. The student organized event was themed "A Blast from the Past" 1980's dance. A BIG thank you to the parents who chaperoned with Shane Feusier and myself as well as our AR dance committee. The event was well attended with great music from our own in-house DJ's.

I have been participating with the Educational Master Plan Committee here at CR as well as the Facilities Master Plan Committee. A draft document has now been published and is available online at [www.redwoods.edu](http://www.redwoods.edu). Some good news from our participation in the process has resulted in AR being given a placeholder during future construction here on the CR campus. It has been proposed by the College President, Jeff Marsee, that AR will eventually move to the Creative Arts building as those faculty and programs move into new buildings slated for construction. This is really good news for AR and the district.

Lastly, we have most of our eligible graduating seniors accepted to four year colleges of their choice. Currently we have 24 students who are eligible to graduate from CR and have filed petitions to do so. We are very excited and proud of all our students and I am honored to be part of the learning community here at AR. We are in the midst of planning an Awards ceremony, Prom, and Graduation. To all of those who are helping in this time-consuming process – we thank you!

Be Well,  
Matt Malkus, Principal

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## Fall applications ready!

Applications for fall are ready! Do you know someone who wants to apply for the fall semester at Academy of the Redwoods? Come by the office and pick up an application. All applications need to be submitted by April 17th.

## Parent Information Night! - Tell your friends!

Scheduled Monday, March 30th in the Lakeview Room (behind Cafeteria) 6:30 to 8. Parents and students interested in enrollment at the Academy are both welcome to attend.

## Transcripts

**Attention ALL Students, Parents & Guardians**—Transcripts were recently mailed or hand-delivered to students. It is our goal to update all transcripts and mail them at the end of each semester once the latest grades have been entered. Please make note of any items that need corrected or added and let us know. All students who have taken any CR classes need to print out their CR Transcript from WebAdvisor and turn in a copy to the Record's Secretary. Since some college courses also provide credit towards the high school diploma, we can then make sure your high school transcript is updated accordingly.

**Attention Seniors**—If you need a copy of your AR Transcript for applying to colleges and/or universities, please note the following:

- ◆ Put in a written request 7-10 days in advance of your deadline.
- ◆ Provide AR with a printout of your unofficial CR transcript so that any applicable high school credit can be included in your transcript.
- ◆ Check your AR transcript over carefully and notify the Records Secretary right away of any errors, corrections, or additions that need to be made.
- ◆ If you have credits earned that were not received at AR, you will need to provide written documentation in order for us to add it into your transcript. This might include:
  1. Independent P.E.
  2. Driver's Ed.
  3. Additional courses from other schools.
  4. Community Service hours.



## AR Site Council

Site Council meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, March 24th, April 21st and May 19th in the LRC Conference Room from 12:30—1:30 p.m.

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### Information Night for new families

**March 30, 2009, 6:30-8:00 pm, Lakeview Room**

1. AR Presentation by Matt Malkus
2. Introduction of Staff Members
3. Question/Answer Time

\*\*There is no regular AR Family meeting in March.

\*\*The Next AR Family meeting will be Monday, April 27th, same location, same time.

### Would you like to help?

Students are working hard to raise funds for AR Graduation expenses, Senior Picnic, the Prom, and the Awards Assembly. If you would like to help in any of these areas or make a donation, please send in your gift to the Academy Office. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.

#### Prom needs:

**Bake Sale** every Wednesday 8:30-Noon behind the library—Baked items are needed for the weekly sale. Food and/or Food Prep for the Prom—Contact Cheryl Krueger at [ckrueger64@yahoo.com](mailto:ckrueger64@yahoo.com), or call her at 725-6970 home or 845-6592 cell.

Props—Large bulb white Christmas lights, Heavy duty foil, Black glossy spray paint, Large pieces of corrugated cardboard, Large white helium balloons, White Fluorescent paint & Paint brushes for narrow lines, Plastic dropcloths for painting, Old items you don't want: **Ladies**: hankies, gloves, cheap beaded necklaces, pointed high heels; **Men**: dress shoes, argyle socks, bow ties.

Helpers to set up decorations and clean up afterwards.

#### Senior Picnic needs:

**Ongoing Coffee Sales**—Orders are made every Friday. \$10 buys a 12 oz. bag, variety of blends.

Chaperones —Call the office at 476-4203

Food and/or Prep—Call Val Childs at 722-4155

**Donations Appreciated!!!**

### Want to visit AR for a day?

Students who are interested in visiting the Academy must have an application on file first. Next, Permission to Visit form must be picked up in the office, completed and signed by the parent(s) and brought with the student on the day of his/her visit. Matt and/or a staff member will assign an AR student to host the visitor and give them guidelines to follow while the guest is on campus. Visits can be arranged after May 5th when STAR testing has been completed. Call the office at 476-4203 to schedule a time.

### Talent Show, Saturday, May 2nd, CR Stadium

A Student-generated Talent Show will be presented on Saturday, May 2nd, from 1:00—3:00 pm in the CR Stadium. Students who are interested need to contact Isa Caffe in the Den. Rehearsals are scheduled for Wednesdays, March 25th, April 1st & 8th at 3:30 in the Lakeview Room.

## Thank you!

Kenneth Steele, one of our Fortuna School District Board members, recently donated a large amount of plastic ware and paper plates for student use. Thank you Ken! We appreciate your gift very much!

## STAR Testing April 6—May 5

Students will be tested during this period of time. If you have any questions, please call the office or contact any of our teachers. Be sure students get a good night's rest and start the day with a good breakfast.

## NO BUSES TO OUTLYING AREAS

Friday, April 10th is an Early Release Day at AR. Students will be dismissed at 12:15. The Fortuna Bus will leave AR by 12:40, arriving in Fortuna by 1:10. You will need to arrange transportation for your student from there to outlying areas.

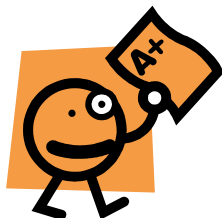
Monday—Friday, April 13-17 is Spring Break at Fortuna High School. Buses will only run to/from Fortuna H.S. and AR, not to outlying areas. Please plan accordingly.



## History Day

March 7<sup>th</sup> HSU hosted the 28<sup>th</sup> annual History Day competition for Humboldt County Schools. This year's theme was "The Individual in History: Actions and Legacies". Two groups of AR students attended and both placed in their divisions! Ananda Gray-Stewart, Melody Collver, and Ana Cortes won with their group exhibit on Susan B. Anthony. Alec Crawford, Ryan

Filgas, and Isabella VandenBranden also received the top award for their presentation on Robert Koch. Both groups are now invited to compete at the California State History Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> in Sacramento. Students now need to begin fundraising to ensure AR will be represented. Winners of the state event move on to the National History Day, held this year in Maryland.



## Progress Reports

Progress Reports were mailed to all families the week of March 2nd. If you have any questions regarding the entries, please contact the teacher involved or leave a message with the office for them to return your call. Next Progress Report is April 10th.

## End of School Events

### Awards Assembly

#### **6:30—8:00 pm, Friday, May 15th, River Lodge, Fortuna**

An Awards Assembly to honor all graduating students will be held. Family and friends (up to eight each) are welcome to attend. Doors will open at 6:00. Special guest speakers will include Keri Gelenian, founding principal of AR, Steve Irwin, founding English teacher, and Michael Galli, Humanities Teacher 2006-2008. The class valedictorian and salutatorian will be announced during the evening. The program will conclude by 8:00. Students and guests are invited to dress nicely or wear 20's—30's Jazz era clothing for the assembly. Students need to purchase a cap/robe/tassel set (\$32.12) at the CR Bookstore after April 15th to wear over their clothing at this event. A group photo will be taken by a professional photographer and an 8'x10" print can be ordered for \$5.00 in the office.

### Prom “20’s & 30’s All Jazzed Up!”

#### **9:00 pm – 12:00 midnight, Friday, May 15th, River Lodge, Fortuna**

- Attendees need to Present their ticket or purchase one at the door, Sign in and Show I.D.
- Students who invite guests must file a guest permission form in the office **by May 5th**.
- Dress is semi-formal or costume of the 20's-30's Jazz era.
- Advance tickets: \$15.00 each or \$25.00 for two; at the door all tickets are \$15.00 each.
- Students who sign up by May 1st to help will get in free.
- Ticket price includes great music, awesome atmosphere, good food, drinks and loads of fun.
- A photographer will be at the event for special photos.

### CR Graduation

#### **Saturday, May 16th, 11:00 am, CR Gymnasium, Eureka**

Students who plan to graduate should have filed a petition for graduation by March 6th. To purchase your CR graduation robe/cap/tassel set (\$32.12), go to the bookstore after April 15th and tell them you are an AR student who wishes to purchase the graduation robe package. The bookstore has a list of AR students with correct heights to make sure robes fit correctly.

### Senior Picnic

#### **Friday, May 29th, Childs Ranch, Redway**

**4th year students** will be taken by bus for a graduation party & camping at the Ranch of Robin & Val Childs in Redway, just off Highway 101. The only exception will be students who started with AR their freshman year and left may obtain permission to attend through the AR Office. Students must bring a sack lunch; dinner and breakfast will be provided. Students must be picked up by noon Saturday, May 30th. Volunteers are needed to provide/prepare meals and for chaperones. Please call if interested.

### AR Graduation

#### **Friday, June 12th, 4:00 pm FUHS Husky Field, Fortuna**

Graduating AR students are invited to participate in the Fortuna Union High School District graduation. There is also a rehearsal in the morning. AR students have accomplished some great academic goals and we want to honor them. One way to show our support and commitment to AR is to attend this special event. Details to come.