



## EXTENDED CARE NEWSLETTER

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### Tracy Gray-Hair - Director of Studies

An Extended Care Newsletter is a wonderful way for families to stay connected to student life beyond the regular school day. Below are some of the highlights of Extended Care. Scroll through each page to see some of the innovative ideas of our students and staff! If you have questions regarding our Extended Care Program, contact Tracy Gray-Hair at [tgray-hair@careyschool.org](mailto:tgray-hair@careyschool.org)

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## BEFORE-SCHOOL NEWS

### Kathy Angell - Before School Coordinator/Teacher

January 2012! It is always exciting to see the Morning Care students walk through the door wearing their great big smiles. The children are still enjoying free play in the morning, coloring, and building with Magnatiles, Legos and the Gears. The older children love the game Guess Who right now and they are teaching the youngest in the class how to play. We will provide a great variety of board games to satisfy the needs of both younger and older students. The children are all getting along well and becoming really good friends. It has been wonderful to watch the children in Morning Care develop these friendships across grades.



## AFTER-CARE NEWS



### Suzie Quiney, Steph Truong, Rocio Perez & Carl Coyle - After Care Team

Our team has been doing some major brainstorming and we are implementing some innovative ideas. We're excited about the activities we have planned.

We've decided that every month, we will hold a themed "contest." The After Care students will be given a variety of supplies to create a project fitting the theme. This project is ongoing throughout the whole month, therefore, it's okay if some kids aren't here 5 days a week! Another implementation to our program, which is also highly favored and inspired by the kids themselves, is STAFF vs. STUDENT competitions! This will include basketball, soccer and kickball. PARENTS, FACULTY, and ALL STAFF ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO JOIN US! We will give specific details when we have chosen our definitive dates.

Along with the new activities that we have planned for this semester, we want to give you an idea of what happens on a daily basis. After our roll call for attendance at 3:30pm, we give the children a healthy snack. After snack, we encourage everyone to start their homework. While some students are completing their homework, other students are reading, building with blocks, creating arts & crafts projects, and playing on the playground. Once a week, students have the opportunity to play games in the computer lab.

In the coming weeks, we will have daily painting, art, cooking, and science projects for each grade. We will post our schedule in advance for families who want their students to drop-in on a particular day.



## WINTER AFTER-SCHOOL ADVENTURES CLASSES January - March



**DRAMA CLUB** - The drama club is designed for all those who want to use their creativity and expressiveness to have a place where they learn about the different parts of a play production and are in charge of taking ownership of this experience. - All Grades Karena Martin



**CHESS** - The course will begin with chess fundamentals so new students can learn to play and those with experience can acquire a deeper understanding. Topics covered will include a review of the rules, the value of chess pieces, how pieces move, how to open and attack, how to sacrifice a piece to gain the upper hand, how to checkmate, and how to form a winning strategy. - Grades 1 - 5 Barney Desroches



**COOKING** - The children will learn how to cook a variety of fun foods and try some new foods that they will love. Let's have fun cooking foods such as chicken pot pies, tacos, chicken chow mien, meatball and chicken soup, stuffed pasta shells, French toast and chocolate cake. All ages are welcome to have fun and cook. - Kathy Angell!



**SCIENCE BY DESIGN** - In this After-School Adventure class, we'll investigate and build simple rockets that take flight, design a "mars lander," build a container to safely land an egg, and build structures that take a "shake." It's an all-new adventure in the science of how things are built! - Grades K - 5 Ms. T



**MANDARIN** - This is an introductory course to the Chinese language for non-Mandarin speakers. We will go on a scavenger hunt, play bingo, play Simon Says, learn the culture, and fun activities, all in Mandarin! - Grades 1 - 5 Daisy Hsiao



**MY TEDDY BEAR AND ME!** - What a great way to celebrate the winter season, than with your favorite teddy in this special After-School Adventure class. We begin the first session with an indoor Teddy Bear picnic, complete with stories and s'mores, while we discuss the projects we would like to do with our BFFs. - All Grades Helen Lew



**MATH CLUB** - Do you like playing with numbers? Interested in solving problems while thinking creatively? Come spend the afternoon thinking about math in new and different ways. We will play games, work in groups to solve problems and think outside of the cube. Grades 1 - 3 Neely Norris



**12 COMICS** - The 12Comics Universe is a program for students that uses the creation of a custom superhero and published comic book. This an educational tool to support enhancement in literacy, writing, science, and math. Grades 1 - 5 Tracy Gray-Hair

**ASA SPRING REGISTRATION BEGINS FEBRUARY 27, 2012**



## **AFTER-SCHOOL TAUGHT BY 5th GRADERS!**

The fifth grade students at The Carey School are extraordinary. In the fall, Alex and Justin took the initiative to design and teach a “Rubik’s Cube” class. A few more fifth graders have written proposals and received permission to teach two additional classes. The classes are quite successful, popular and free! If your child is interested in enrolling in any of the free 5th grade classes, **contact Tracy Gray-Hair.**

**Rubiks Cube** – “Drop in and join us to learn the secrets of solving the Rubiks Cube! Make sure you have parent permission! Our class takes place on the patio on Fridays.”

**Google Sketchup** – “Learn how to make awesome creations on a computer with Ethan, Callum, and Moritz! You will learn to use Google Sketchup and create anything. We will start with the basics and make houses or even towns! We have snack in the middle of class. We will even have a competition with prizes. Our class takes place in the computer lab on Wednesdays!”

**The Musical Experience** – “This class was made for kids who love to sing and dance. In this class we'll teach you how to improve your dancing and singing skills. In each class we'll start out with snack, then start the rotations. The first is hip hop and singing with Maya. Another is Tap and Jazz with Teagan. A performance is scheduled for the last class when all parents are invited. Our class takes place in Room 6 on Fridays.”



## **SOCCER & SMILES**

**JIMMY ROTHENBERG** grew up in Foster City, CA and has played competitive soccer for over 25 years. As a youth player, he traveled all over the US playing international tournaments while participating in club soccer in the Bay Area. He went on to play at Canada College. Jimmy is a licensed CYSA coach, professional trainer, skilled player and is certified by the Positive Coaching Alliance. He has coached both competitive and recreational boys and girls teams ages U5 to U17 for over 10 years. In 2004, he co-founded Soccer and Smiles with the goal of instilling the love of the game in children. He loves sharing his passion for soccer with children. Jimmy is also very proud of his eldest son, Bastian, who joined Soccer and Smiles in 2008, and his youngest son, Baron, who just took to the field in 2012!



## **FROM THE HEART MUSIC**

**MATTHEW MAGENNIS** teaches From the Heart Music at The Carey School. He began working with children at the Children’s Museum of Portsmouth in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as an arts and craft instructor. He was an assistant teacher to a pre-kindergarten class in daycare. Matthew moved into primary school as an assistant teacher to fourth and fifth grade as well as supervising in the after-school program. He performs singing and dance with students at Kids in Tune. Matthew also taught acting in a Los Angeles acting school. Additionally, Matthew pursued music at Laney College and is considering a degree in Music Education. Matthew is an established member of the team of From the Heart Music.

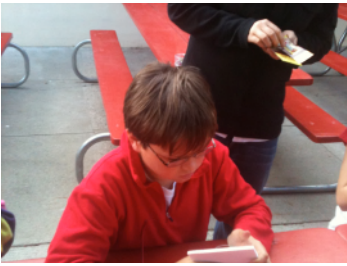
## **EXTENDED CARE PARENT LIAISONS**

We are very appreciative of the efforts of our Extended Care Parent Liaisons! Dora Nathanson and Doris Zane have led the charge to create a new CSPA room parent role for After-School care. We are very thankful for their initiative in organizing our first Daycare Potluck dinners! As we move forward with our Extended Care program, Doris, Dora, and the extended care staff and I will further define the responsibilities of the Extended Care Parent Liaison.



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## Adventure Camp at The Carey School

[Welcome](#) to the Adventure Camp at The Carey School! Weekly sessions at The Adventure Camp are filled with enrichment, where children enjoy innovative activities based on their personal interests. Large and small group activities will give each child a unique social experience. Children will have fun, exciting days where there is time to relax and to reflect. Parents, families, and friends are invited to watch their budding stars perform in a talent show that is held at the end of each session.

On Tuesday, February 22, 2012, teachers from the Marine Science Institute will visit our school. The Inland Voyage Program arrives in a van that pulls a trailer-mounted, mobile aquarium. The unit has live marine organisms for the program. Through the activities of the Marine Habitat – Rocky Shore and Inland Voyage Fish Program, campers will continue to develop a deeper understanding and appreciation of marine environment and, simultaneously, define their own role in it.

Throughout the week, our staff will ensure the fun and enjoyment of all of our campers! Listed below are some of the activities The Adventure Camp at The Carey School will enjoy!

Sports and Games – soccer and basketball

Arts and Crafts – drawing, painting, weaving, sewing, beading

Cooking Projects – make food from around the world

Science Projects – make a speedboat, create a terrarium, make a birdhouse, design a robot arm Computer

Projects – storyboard comic strips, hero creation

Outdoor play – play on the playground

Register Today! Applications are on the Extended Care section of The Carey School [website!](#)