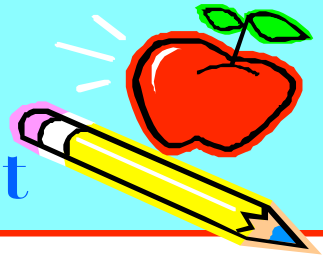




# Lafayette School Mentoring Project



## Fall 2009 Newsletter

### New School Year off to a Great Start

LSMP has started its 13th year in operation with great enthusiasm and motivation to help its students both academically and social-emotionally. With 90 active volunteers, LSMP has been able to decrease the number of students waiting to be matched- only 17 more to go!

We are continually impressed with tutors that come to each session with a prepared plan of what they will work on. This helps both the tutor and the student stay focused and on task. If you would like help with planning, please check out the new lesson plan worksheets located on the information table.

Many thanks for your unwavering dedication and support!

### Upcoming Field Trips

**NOVEMBER 14, 11AM-1PM**

Middle Harbor Shoreline Park "Art on the Edge",  
Naturalist led Nature & Arts Workshop

**DECEMBER 5, 1:30PM-4:00PM**

Oakland Holiday Parade Field Trip,  
children's favorite cartoon characters & floats



Judy and Princess (Gr. 3) enjoy tasty hot chocolates

### Bittersweet Chocolate Cafe Fall Fundraiser

Tutors, students, and LSMP supporters indulged in chocolate and treats at Bittersweet Chocolate Cafe in Rockridge on Monday, October 26.

20% of the days profits will be donated to LSMP. Keep an eye on our fundraising thermometer to see the total for the days profits added on.

Thanks to Bittersweet Cafe for supporting LSMP and the West Oakland community!

### Become a Classroom Assistant!

Ever wondered what your student's class is like? Interested in assisting a teacher so that students can get more individualized attention during the day?

Consider becoming a classroom assistant for a teacher at Lafayette Elementary. Teachers greatly appreciate help facilitating reading groups, working on writing assignments with small groups, or assisting in art & science activities.

Interested? Ask us for more details on this exciting component of LSMP.



LaShawn and Reggie (Gr. 4) enjoying a delicious brownie and hot chocolate.

## LSMP Fall Yard Sale

Tutors, Liz Romo and Dennis Barfield, hosted a fundraiser yard sale on Sunday, Sept. 27th, at their home near Ashby BART. We raised close to \$1,000 selling the quality goods donated by our tutors! In addition to the proceeds, LSMP tutors and board members provided yard sale customers with information about LSMP and ways to get involved.

We are deeply grateful to all the tutors that donated goods, posted signs, and spread the word to friends and family about the sale. We could not have pulled off the event without the help of tutors that gave up their time on Saturday and Sunday to sort, price, and sell items. A special thank you to Liz and Dennis for their warmth and generosity in hosting our event.



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**Tutors and  
Students  
Hard at Work!**



Above, Willie (Gr. 5) and Evan play a math game  
Below, Liz and Asunte (Gr. 2) reading

## Dunsmuir Pumpkin Patch & Octoberfest



Reggie (Gr. 4) on his first ever pony ride.



Pat and Mohammed (Gr. 3) enjoyed pumpkin picking, touring the haunted house, and playing outdoors!

### Summer in the City

San Francisco, 2008



Pictures from this summer's field trips to the Academy of Sciences, SF Zoo, and the Exploratorium.

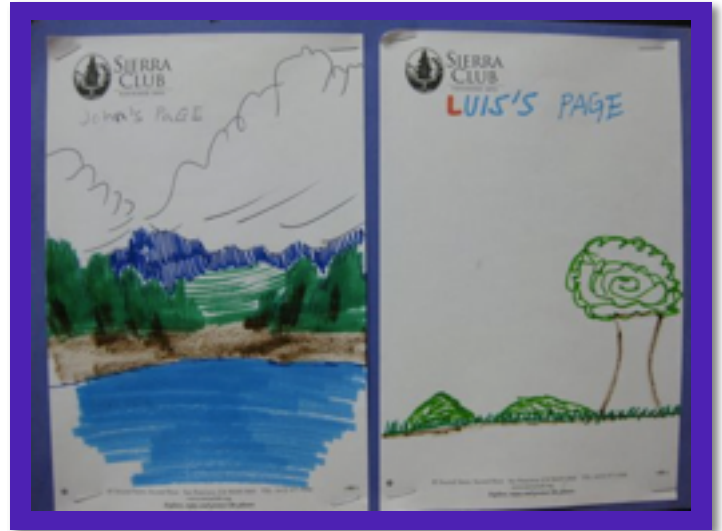


Last Week I Went Walking in My Neighborhood and I found a Shoebox

I looked inside and saw a magical world and I put my head in deeper so I could see and then I fell in. Then I saw people dancing and signing and than they came and started dancing a round me. And as I looked around I noticed that it was a lot of chocolate so I thought it was a chocolate factory.

So I thought it was a choclote factory but I wasn't sure so I asked this guy with crazy hair and he said "this is a choclote world where kids have fun." And they were celebrating their own holiday called the fourth day of the choco factory. And I saw some of my own friends in the choco toy store.

By Gini (Gr. 4)

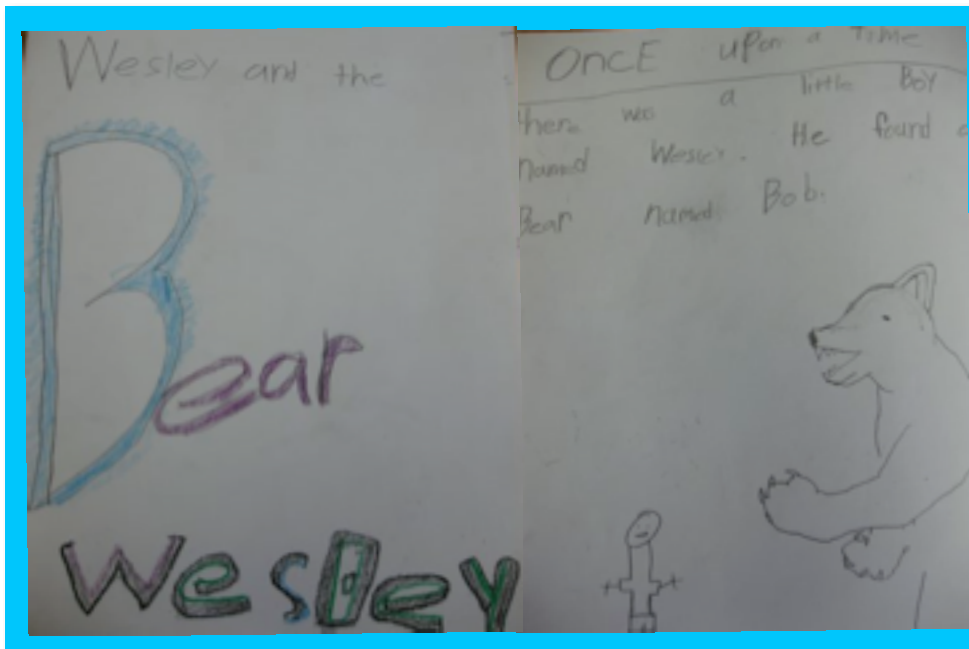


John and Luis (Gr. 3) drawings

Summer Fun

The most fun I had last summer was skiing in the high mountains in South America. I went down the hill on a snow board. And I went on a sled. I fell down two times. It was fun.

By Tayvion (Gr. 2)



Page 1 and 2 of Wesley's (Gr. 2) book

"Freedom"

To me freedom means to be a wild cheetah and have different spots.

Freedom means to me to be a gray wandering cloud able to go as I please.

Freedom also means to me to be the ground where the grass, dirt and the rocks can live together just like all people could live together.

By Makyia (Gr. 5)