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# events



## Mountain Churches

### Easter Sunrise at the Gazebo

John Haak

Join us at the Gazebo on the Loma Prieta Playfield, 23855 Summit Road, on **Sunday, April 12**, to celebrate Easter. This event is sponsored by Skyland Community Church, Christ Child Catholic Church, and Mountain Bible Church. The gathering starts at 7 a.m., with a children's egg hunt to follow at 8 a.m.

Three mountain residents will relate personal stories. Members of all three churches will provide music, and take turns reading the Easter story.

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## Photography Exhibition by Oliver Klink

### Cultures in Transition:

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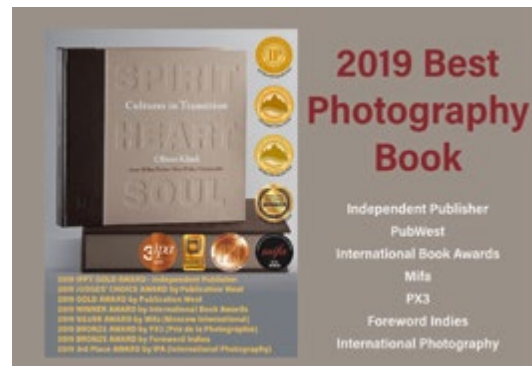
Kathy McKinney

A photography exhibit by mountain resident **Oliver Klink** is coming to the Art Ark Gallery in San Jose. The exhibit is based on his book, *Cultures in Transition: Spirit – Heart – Soul*, that won eight awards for Best Photography Book of 2019. The exhibit has already been shown in several states and countries, including France, Switzerland, and Argentina.

I was fortunate to hear Oliver speak about his project at the Redwood Estates Pavilion a year ago. His photography was spectacular, and the stories of his travels were fascinating.

The exhibit features over forty images that Oliver took over 15 years in five Asian countries: Bhutan, China, India, Mongolia, and Myanmar. His photographs are of exotic places and people, and capture the continuity between family, work, and spirituality.

The exhibit will be open for South First Fridays Art Walk on **Friday, April 3**, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Art Ark Gallery (1035 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Jose). If you missed him last year at the Pavilion, Oliver will give an artist talk on **Wednesday, April 8**, at 7 p.m., at the gallery. To find out more, email [oliver@oliverklinkphotography.com](mailto:oliver@oliverklinkphotography.com), or go to [www.culturesintransition.com](http://www.culturesintransition.com).



## Save the Date Summit Fest 2020

On **Sunday, June 28**, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Christ Child Church will host a Summit Fest celebration with live music by a favorite mountain band, a barbecue lunch, and wine tasting. Stay tuned for more details in the **mnn**.



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## Loma Public Education Fund Fore The Kids Golf Tournament Ruth Gantly

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You can register as a single golfer or as a foursome. Individual entries will be matched to form foursomes. Get more information and buy your tickets now at <https://www.lpef.org/golf>.

The event consists of 9 or 18 holes of golf with on-course food and beverages. Later in



the afternoon, enjoy appetizers while you browse the silent-auction items. Top it off with an evening including a catered dinner and live entertainment in the gorgeous banquet rooms overlooking the fairways. For those who don't play golf, buy dinner tickets for a fun date night.

All proceeds from the Fore The Kids charity golf tournament help fund essential programs for students at Loma Prieta Elementary and C.T. English Middle schools. When you support LPEF, you make a positive impact on the lives of children in our community.

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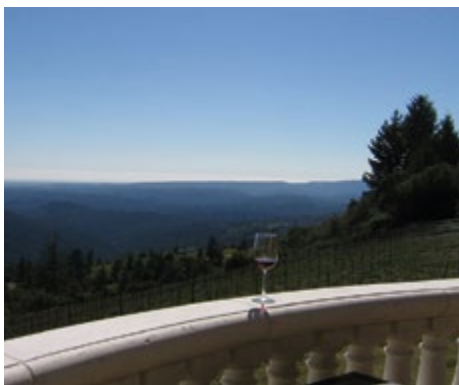
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**Loma Public Education Fund  
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Ruth Gantly**

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We thank the amazing Kemp family at Loma Prieta Winery for generously supporting the Sip 4 Schools fundraising event, and investing in our local schools and community for the last eight years.

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Susan Zerweck**

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Members of the 100+ year old Loma Prieta Club sponsor this special event to raise funds for the community. These funds pay for two \$2000 scholarships granted to mountain seniors graduating from Los Gatos High School, support Loma Prieta Volunteer Fire and Rescue, fulfill special school requests, provide gifts to local churches for mountain residents in need, and more.

The picnic begins at 11 a.m. for conversation, shopping, and raffles. An event ticket is \$25.

After it rained on the picnic last year, we are preparing for any weather. Enjoy homemade goodies in Kate's Kitchen, see great plants in Kate's Garden, and find new or gently used jewelry, hats, purses, and scarves at My Sister's Closet. Sip wine donated by mountain wineries, and take a chance on winning a prize in the great basket raffle.

Don't miss the special raffle for three-day mini-vacations at Northstar Lake Tahoe, a Santa Cruz beach house, or a home on Bodega Bay. Special raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Buy yours at the Summit Store or at the picnic.

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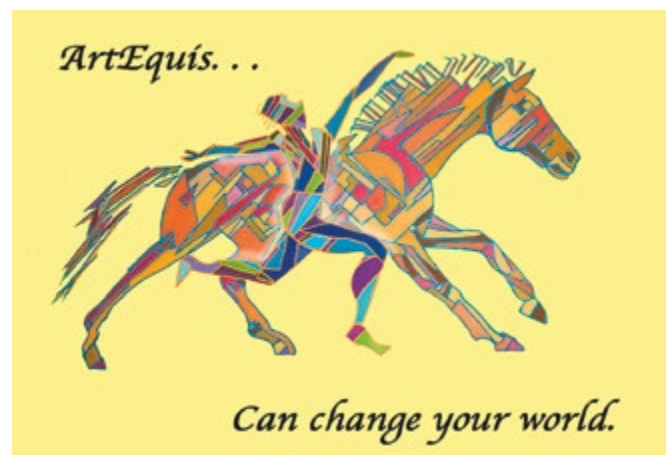
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I enjoy working with children, and giving them an outlet to flourish creatively and socially. These camps are available to a wide range of ages.

Art can be the greatest communicator of our thoughts and feelings. ArtEquis encounters can change your world. Come to Los Gatos Farms and see how.

I am an expressive-arts facilitator, and I have worked as a professional artist for more than 25 years. I taught art at Loma Prieta Elementary School's Spectra Art Program. I have lived in the mountains since 1992.

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| Lexington Hills Area  | Application Due Dates | Project Type               |
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| Chemeketa Park  | May 10                | At home and community pile |
| Redwood Estates – Day 1   | April 25              | Drive-up                   |
| Redwood Estates – Day 2   | June 6                | Drive-up                   |
| Hutchinson/Summit west of Hwy 17  | Apr 13                | At home                    |
| Summit Road /Melody Lane/Mountain Charlie Road                              | Apr 13                | At home                    |
| Redwood Lodge Road/Summit Woods   | Apr 19                | At home                    |
| Montevina Road/Brush Road/Hillside Drive                                    | Apr 19                | At home                    |
| Beardsley/Black/Thompson/Gist roads   | Apr 26                | At home                    |
| Highland/Longridge/Stetson roads  | Apr 26                | At home                    |
| Aldercroft Heights/Lupin Lodge/Soda Springs                                 | May 11                | At home                    |
| Los Gatos below the dam   | May 11                | At home                    |
| Bear Creek Road/Bear Creek Stables  | May 17                | At home                    |
| Loma Prieta School/Roads between LDS and Catholic Churches/ Villa Del Monte | May 17                | At home                    |
| Oakmont/Wright Drive/OSCH between Holy City and Hwy 17                      | June 7                | Community pile and at home |
| Gillette/Call of the Wild/Idylwild/OSCH between Summit and Holy City        | June 7                | At home                    |
| Saratoga/Cupertino/Los Gatos Foothills                                      | May 24                | At home                    |

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# people



## Pretty Good Advice Kathy McKinney

Looking for a healthy, affordable restaurant nearby? Check out Pretty Good Advice, a restaurant owned by mountain resident **Matt McNamara**. Matt moved to the Santa Cruz Mountains from San Francisco, where he was co-founder, head chef, and owner of the Michelin-star restaurant Sons & Daughters.

His restaurant in Soquel (3070 Porter Street, right down San Jose-Soquel Road) is not pretentious or fancy. It's casual, fast, affordable, and delicious. All of the food at Pretty Good Advice is vegetarian and created from scratch. Their food is sourced locally,

right here on the Summit, from a perennial bounty of organic produce grown on Matt's 83-acre farm in the mountains, and on neighboring farms. It doesn't get much more local than that.

Even if you're a carnivore, you will not be disappointed. When they catered a staff holiday party for me in December, the guests were amazed to find out the delicious sliders were meat-free. They also offer vegan, gluten-free, and dairy-free items.

In addition to being a Michelin-star chef, Matt has been growing specialty food for restaurants for 15 years, starting with a two-acre garden in Los Gatos. He bought his



farm in the Summit Road area in 2013.

The menu includes breakfast items, sandwiches, salads, soups, and sides ranging from \$3 to \$8. Don't miss the sweet potato fries with banana ketchup, or the amazing hummus. My favorite burger is the California Ranch burger, but they are all delicious.

Pretty Good Advice is open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., every day. Check out their menu at [www.prettygoodadvicesoquel.com](http://www.prettygoodadvicesoquel.com), and give them a try.



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**My New Book  
Wayward Threads**

Lorri Scott

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I show you how to use simply structured designs, and give you step-by-step projects for vintage textiles and used garments. I give you ideas on what garments to use, a gallery of inspirations, and I share how to add embellishments and develop projects that go beyond clothing.

My journey into the fashion world began at an early age. I created Barbie clothes, then sewed my own clothes in high school and college. After attending fashion college, I taught myself to weave, and created cloth



and design garments for hand-woven clothing for over 25 years.

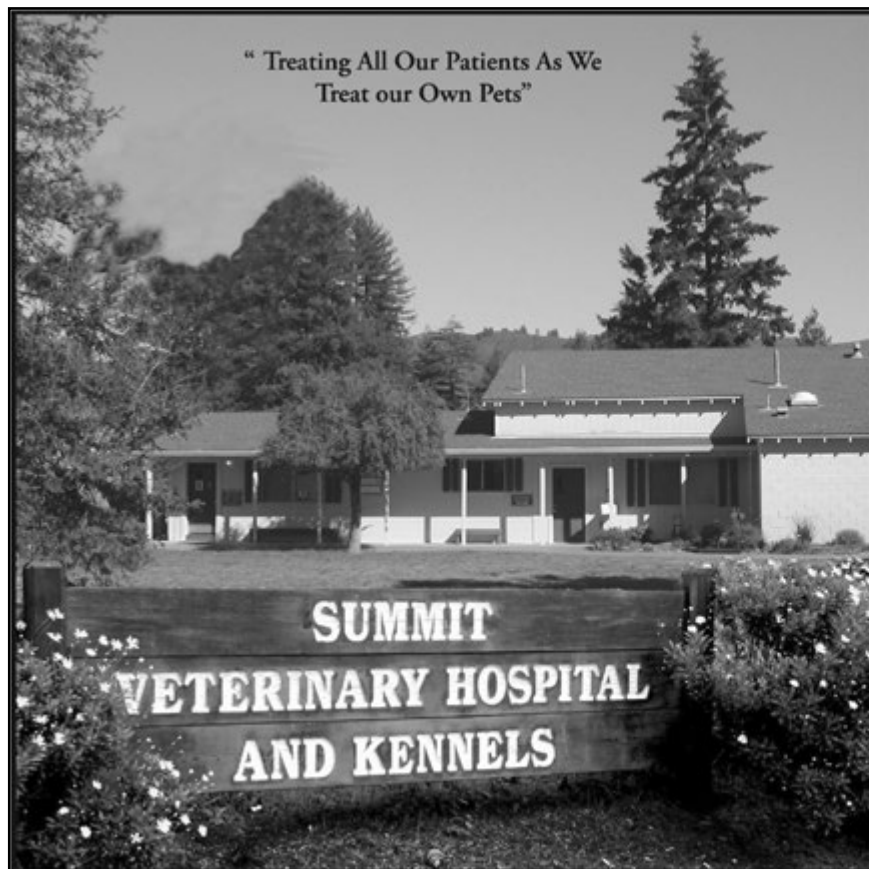
I dye-painted my threads and fabrics for lining and trim, and dyed scarves using a variety of techniques. After selling my loom almost ten years ago, I became interested in restructuring used garments into new ones. Up-cycling is my current passion, along with dyeing, dye-printing, and stitching.

I will present a program for the Santa Cruz Textile Arts Guild on **Wednesday**,

**April 8**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Aptos Village Park Clubhouse (100 Aptos Creek Road in Aptos).

I will show many of the hand-woven designs I have created. I'll tell you about my current up-cycled garments. I look forward to sharing my ideas and techniques for designing and redesigning garments.

For more information about my book and the April 8 meeting, visit my website at [www.lasfibers.com](http://www.lasfibers.com).



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## That Poor Old Lady Tricia Rasmussen

My daughter Tara is a designer for home remodels. She also has a seven-month-old baby that I happily babysit when she works out of the house. Last week, she had to pull permits for two houses, and asked me to go along instead of babysitting at her house.

We met at her office, and I left my car behind. I sat in the backseat with Theo and played with him while she drove to the Sunnyvale government buildings. It was a beautiful park-like setting, an unusually warm February day, and I was going to give him a ride in his stroller while she was busy inside. Before she left, we smelled that he had a messy diaper.

No problem. I've taken care of babies my whole life, being the oldest of five and having children of my own. She said, "Just text me if you need anything." I shooed her away, saying "I can take care of everything. Go do your work." She left with plans under her arm, and papers in hand.

I found a towel in the back, and laid it down in the back seat. Apparently, it was a dog towel because it was covered in fur. I started making short work of changing the diaper. It did not turn into short work. Not to get too graphic here, but let's just say I went through an entire box of Wet Wipes, and had to get rid of all his clothes. Feeling confident when I saw the huge diaper bag, I rummaged around and found a large plastic baggie that held his clean teething toys and pacifiers. I dumped those on the floor, put the mess in the bag, and put on a fresh diaper. OK. Clothes. More rummaging. Meanwhile, he was squirming naked on the dog towel, because the sun was in his eyes. My back was getting really hot in the sun. I couldn't find clothes. Seriously? There were



no clothes in this huge diaper bag? I needed to get him out of the car. I spotted a green blanket with dinosaurs on it, and wrapped it around him like a sarong. Good to go.

I took my little dinosaur-saronged

grandson to the stroller, which Tara had graciously set up for me. Phew! Did you know they have so many straps to keep them safe, that an average person needs a lesson? My strollers had a simple seat belt.

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I couldn't figure it out. And now he was trying to leap out of the stroller, because the sun was still in his eyes. I was getting hot, and maybe a little frustrated. I took the chance of rolling my grandbaby in a stroller without being strapped in.

I decided to just go slow and take him inside to find Tara to show me how to fasten the straps. I kept one hand on him so he couldn't fall, but I have some arthritis in my hip, so it made me walk with a limp. I got to the planning department building and there were stairs. I tried the first one, but to get to the second one he would be at an incline, where he could fall out because he was unstrapped. There had to be handicapped access, right? Yes, but we had to walk all the way around three buildings to get there, and he was still unstrapped. I reached into my purse to find my phone, only to find that I'd left it charging in my car, which was parked back at her office.

Then, the best thing happened. I found a close lovely bench under the trees, surrounded by flowering plants, and I sat on it. I took my crying grandson out of his stroller, in his dinosaur sarong, put my legs across the bench, and just played with him. He sat on my knee, then grabbed the back of the bench and stood up. He peeked over the edge to look at the flowers. He pulled

himself up and down using the back of the bench, over and over, laughing while playing peek-a-boo with the blooming flowers. When he got tired of that, I grabbed a handful of fallen leaves and stuck them between the slats in the bench and he searched for them. He felt the softness of the leaves and oohed at the colors.

He looked at my white hair. I realized that the sun was hitting it with a dappling of sunshine coming through the trees, and he wanted it. He pulled his fingers through the shadows on my white hair and made a complete mess of it. He found he could put it down over my forehead, then pull it back, laughing as he found my eyes that were always only on him.

When his little legs finally got tired, I laid him back on the bench. He stared up as the breeze moved the leaves around in the trees, and tried to catch the leaves that fell.

Now he was getting a little hungry. I knew he didn't need anything because I had just fed him, but we all like to snack, right? I reached into my purse and found that one peppermint candy every old lady has at the bottom, but I know this is rule #1. No hard candy: choking hazard, refined sugar, unknown allergies, etc. I hesitated, but a big red fire truck pulled up in front of us and his arms and legs started excitedly moving. I

took this as a sign that red is good. So, I tore it open, licked one side, grabbed the other side with a vice-like grip, and rubbed it on his lips. He was in heaven.

The firemen got out of their truck and gave me that smile that says, "that poor old lady, with a half-naked baby covered in dog hair, hair all matted, sharing a single candy, sitting on a park bench." I swear, if I had had a tin cup I could have made money.

Nature has a way of making you figure things out quickly. I needed to use the restroom. I looked at the stroller again, now that he was not in it, and found that it's a five-point-harness. When did we go from a seat belt with two straps to a contraption meant to hold astronauts in space? I successfully strapped him in. Yay for Memaw! We found the handicapped access doors, and went inside. Tara was sitting at a table waiting for the planning guy, and spied us heading to the restroom. She looked at me with a puzzled face and asked, "Why is he naked?" I retorted, "He's not, he's wearing a dinosaur sarong." Her answer was "OK," because I raised her, too. I hope he has many more dinosaur sarongs in his future.

I later learned that there was another bag with lots of clothes and supplies inside. But, I'm sort of glad I didn't find it.

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## Theatre in the Mountains Another Great Show Kiyoko Y Whiteside

Thank you for coming out to enjoy our Shining Stars production of *The Addams Family*. Our cast put together a great show full of laughter, singing, and dancing. We are grateful to our volunteer producers, Jennifer Daniher and Pradeep Sanders. Our artistic staff, led by director Caitlin Papp, encouraged and supported our performers to bring out their best.

The final Shining Stars performance of each season is bittersweet, because it is the last time we may see our eighth-grade performers on the TIM stage. This year, we inducted an unprecedented number of eighth-graders in the show into our Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame recognizes performers who have participated in at least five Theatre in the Mountains productions.

This year's inductees were **Alexa Kopman, Annabella Griswold, Elena Rexach, Erin Rodenbaugh, Eve Connally, Matthew Gladney, Megan Vaughan, Nadia Wessels, Parsa Nolan, Rachel Stephens, and Sydney Ematrudo**. We enjoyed watching them grow up on the TIM stage, and wish them luck as they head to high school next year.



Unfortunately, our final production of the season, *Pirates*, featuring our first- and second-grade performers, has been cancelled due to COVID-19 and school closures.

We will announce our 2020-2021

season soon. Visit our website ([www.theatreinthemountains.org](http://www.theatreinthemountains.org)) or Facebook page for more information and updates.

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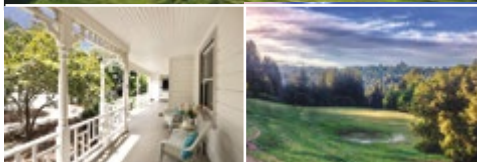
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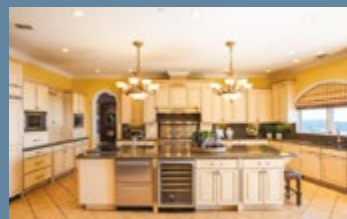
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# calendar

## ON-GOING CLASSES AND MEETINGS

### Editor's note:

Class and meeting schedules  
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due to COVID-19 precautions.

Call or email to confirm dates and times.

### Sundays

Dog agility, 24900 Highland Way, 9 to 11 a.m. Call 408-506-8670, or email in8runner@aol.com to confirm dates.

### Mondays

Liliya's mountain yoga, 8:20 a.m., in the Loma Prieta community room next to Building Blocks. Walk-ins are welcome. Call 650-284-6341, or email liliyagoldie@gmail.com.

Alcoholics Anonymous meetings at Skyland Church, 8 p.m.

### Tuesdays

Qi-gong classes, 8:45 to 10 a.m. at Skyland Church. Call 831-247-5617.

Pilates in the mountains, 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. at Loma Prieta Elementary School. Call 408-354-8700.

Mid-life fitness (adults), Redwood Estates Pavilion, 9 to 10 a.m. LGS Recreation. Call 408-354-8700.

### Wednesdays

Taichi for beginners is held from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Los Gatos Recreation Center.

### Thursdays

Yoga at the Redwood Estates Pavilion, 10:15 to 11:30 a.m.

Pilates in the mountains, 8:30 a.m., at Loma Prieta Elementary School. Call 408-354-8700.

Yoga at Skyland Church, 7 p.m. \$10 per class

Yoga at Lakeside School, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Call 408-354-8700.

Loma Prieta Amateur Radio Club meets the first Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Burrell CDF station on Highland Way.

Alcoholics Anonymous, Redwood Estates Pavilion, 7:30 p.m.



Live bluegrass at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Santa Clara County Bookmobile

April 23 (April 9 cancelled)

Lakeside School: 10 a.m. to noon

Building Blocks: 11:30 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.

Loma Prieta Playfield: 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.

Redwood Estates Pavilion: 4 to 5:15 p.m.

### Fridays

Mid-life fitness (adults), Redwood Estates Pavilion, 9 to 10 a.m. LGS Recreation. Call 408-354-8700.

Centering and Silence (meditation) at 8:30 a.m., in the Loma Prieta community room next to Building Blocks Preschool.

### Saturdays

Summit Toastmasters 95033, "Where everyone finds their voice," 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., at Mountain Bible Church, 23946 Summit Road. Call 408-634-3493 for more information.

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## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Editor's note:

*Scheduled events are subject to change due to COVID-19 precautions. Check websites to confirm.*

### Thursday, April 2

The Goat Hill Girls play at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 3

Oliver Klink's photography exhibit is open for South First Fridays Art Walk, from 6 to 9 p.m., at the Art Ark Gallery, 1035 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Jose.

The Summit Boys play at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Wednesday, April 8

Oliver Klink gives a talk about his photography exhibit and book, *Cultures in Transition: Spirit—Art—Soul*, at the Art Ark Gallery, 1035 South 6<sup>th</sup> Street in San Jose, at 7 p.m.

Lorri Scott presents her handwoven designs to the Santa Cruz Textile Arts Guild, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Aptos Village Park Clubhouse, 100 Aptos Creek Road in Aptos.



### Thursday, April 9

The Wildcat Mountain Ramblers play at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Monday, April 13

SCFSC chipping application due date for Hutchinson/Summit west of Highway 17 (at home) and Summit Road, Melody Lane, and Mountain Charlie Road (at home).

### Thursday, April 16

AJ Lee & Blue Summit play at the Summit House Beer Garden and Grill, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

### Friday, April 17

Pizza night at the Mountain Hangout, at Skyland Church, 25100 Skyland Road, from 5 to 8 p.m. Enjoy the evening with family and friends. Pizza is on the house.

### Saturday, April 18

Goodwill donation drive and e-waste fundraiser at the parking lot near Building Blocks Preschool, 23845 Summit Road. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Shelley Adina presents a writers workshop at the Redwood Estates Pavilion, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information, visit <http://sinc-coastalcruisers.com>.

### Sunday, April 19

SCFSC chipping application due date for Redwood Lodge Road and Summit Woods (at home), and Montevina Road, Brush Road, and Hillside Drive (at home).

Goodwill donation drive and e-waste fundraiser at the Building Blocks Preschool parking lot, 23845 Summit Road. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Saturday, April 25

SCFSC chipping application due date for Day 1 at Redwood Estates.

Sip 4 Schools from noon to 5 p.m. at the Loma Prieta Winery, 26985 Loma Prieta Way. [www.lomaprietawinery.com](http://www.lomaprietawinery.com).

Lexington School hosts its annual Lex Gala, from 5 to 10 p.m. Find out more and buy tickets at [lexhsc.org](http://lexhsc.org).



Be a citizen scientist and join the Sudden Oak Death blitz. Attend a one-hour training meeting at 1 p.m. at CalFire's Saratoga Summit Station, 12900 Skyline Boulevard (just north of Highway 9), then collect samples in your area during the weekend. Sampling packets and instructions are provided. No RSVP needed. Free. More information at [skyline\\_sod@yahoo.com](mailto:skyline_sod@yahoo.com).

### Sunday, April 26

SCFSC chipping application due date for Beardsley, Black, Thompson, and Gist roads (at home) and Highland, Longridge, and Stetson roads (at home).

Sip 4 Schools from noon to 5 p.m. at the Loma Prieta Winery, 26985 Loma Prieta Way. [www.lomaprietawinery.com](http://www.lomaprietawinery.com).

### Wednesday, May 13

Loma Prieta Club holds its annual picnic at Radonich Ranch, 25140 Highland Way, beginning at 11 a.m. For more information, call 408-353-1769, or email [ralph\\_susan@comcast.net](mailto:ralph_susan@comcast.net).

### Friday, May 15

Loma Prieta Education Fund holds its annual Fore the Kids golf tournament, followed by a silent auction, catered dinner, and entertainment, at Seascope Golf Club in Aptos. Shotgun start at noon. Find out more, register, and buy tickets at [www.lpef.org](http://www.lpef.org).



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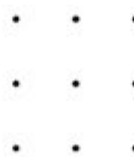
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If you are like me, one reason you moved here was to be near ocean beaches. We dreamed about warm yellow sun, blue-green ocean waves, and golden sand. It was a romantic conception, slowly undone by work, children, and all the other activities of a busy life. Over the years the trips to the beach were fewer and fewer. Perhaps it's time to rediscover our beaches.

We can choose from more than twenty beaches in Santa Cruz County alone. Although not everyone's choice, the most popular, busiest, loudest, with "the most things to do" beach is the Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk.

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The Boardwalk offers a range of ticket plans, including unlimited ride passes, individual-ride tickets, and season passes. Discounts and coupons are available online. Ticket prices are the same for all ages.

At the time of printing, all concessions at the Boardwalk, including Neptune's Kingdom mini-golf, arcade, pool, and food, Casino Arcades, Laser Tag, and the Boardwalk Bowl, were closed due to the shelter-in-place order in Santa Cruz County. Check opening dates at <https://beachboardwalk.com>.

Walk a short distance to the wharf if you want nicer seafood restaurants. For fresh, local, organic food, try the Picnic Basket Restaurant just west of the Boardwalk.

Although sometimes crowded, the free-admission beach is deep and wide, staffed with lifeguards, and blessed with a milder







bay surf. The water is the warmest in September (57 to 83 degrees F) and semi-bearable in April (50 to 57 degrees F), but the surf is better at other coastal beaches.

A short walk up West Cliff Drive takes you by several popular surfing locations. For a more natural environment, continue up West Cliff Drive to Natural Bridges State Park to see a small beach, dramatic rocks, and a nature museum.

In spite of large crowds, Santa Cruz Beach sand is kept relatively clean by paid caretakers. However, the water off Santa Cruz and Cowell beaches has been reported to be the dirtiest on the West Coast.

Bring money. While the beach is free, you will need to pay for parking, amusement-park rides, games, and snacks.

You can usually find parking in the large lots across the street from the Boardwalk, but availability and cost varies, especially during summer events. I've seen prices as high as \$25 a day. Parking on the nearby wharf is one dollar an hour.

A few rules. Pets are not allowed on the beach. You can't build a bonfire, but gas and charcoal grills are okay. Coals should be carried to the dumping station at the Third Street entrance of the Boardwalk.

Use sunscreen. Layer up on cold days. Have a good time.





# history

## Marlene Wiley's Mountain-History Archive

### The History of Burrell School

Marlene Wiley

The second school building in the Summit area was Burrell School. Today, the building is a private home and winery, a visual reminder of life in the mountains over a hundred years ago. Lyman Burrell donated an acre of land to build a school named for his family. He could afford it. His homestead covered a thousand acres of the Rancho Soquel Augmentation.

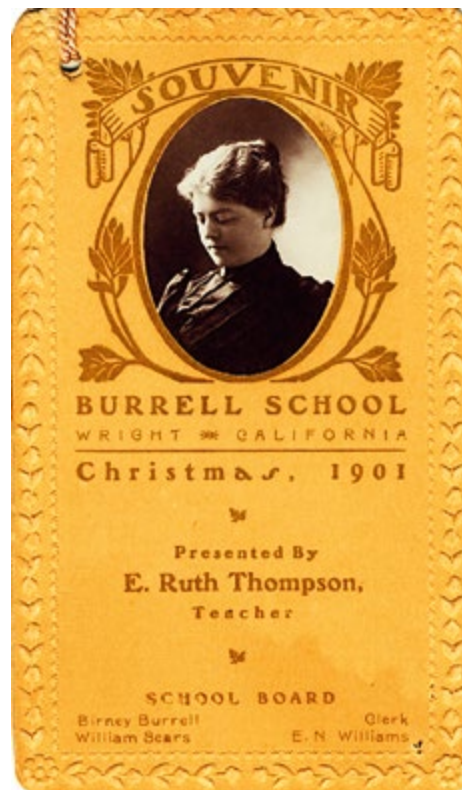
The Burrell School District was formed in 1877. Mary Beattie Smith was the first teacher, and a native of Rhode Island. After the Civil War, she went to the South to teach the freedmen. She married, and then came to California with her husband, who was in the Navy. They had two sons. After her husband died, she supported her family as a teacher. Mrs. Smith taught until about 1883. She was given the affectionate name, "The Mother of the School" because she was the first teacher.

The Burrell School building was a simple, white structure with a cloakroom, two entrances, and a large classroom with blackboards. A grass fire in 1889 burned the building. The community rebuilt a school building on the original foundation, according to the present owner Dave Moulton. He found ashes under the building.

The Burrell School District straddled the county line. With students coming from both Santa Clara and Santa Cruz counties, the teacher reported to the superintendents of both counties. A school that draws students from two counties is known as a joint district.

Unlike the Summit School District that had one teacher, Miss Olga Brecke, for 30 years beginning in 1921, the Burrell School District had many teachers over the years.

The next teacher that I can document after Mrs. Smith was Laura Josephine Berry, who came to the mountains in the summer of 1883 as a newly graduated teacher from San Jose Normal School. Miss Berry rented a room from Reverend and Mrs. Arthur E. Sears, whose home was across the road from the school. At that time, their son Arthur L. Sears was in Missouri. When he came to California, he met and married Miss Berry in 1888. Arthur and Laura each bought mountain property. The parcel on which



**As a young girl, Clara Burrell attended Burrell School. One of the mementos she kept was a Christmas card received from her teacher for Christmas in 1901. Clara was in the third grade that year. The card has a photograph of E. Ruth Thompson, the teacher, on the front. The address for Burrell School was Wrights, California. The members of the school board were Birney Burrell (her father), William Sears (brother of Arthur Sears who built Hazelhurst on San Jose-Soquel Road), and E.N. Williams, board clerk.**

they built their home was named Hazelhurst for the many hazelnut trees on the property. The location was also on the main road (Old San Jose Turnpike from Soquel) to the current Morrell Cut Off, connecting with Summit Road. Their beautiful home still stands today.

A friendly rivalry continued among the mountain schools. Burrell School bragged that they had the first school bell, flagpole, and piano. The local newspaper, *The Mountain Realty* (1903 to 1927), carried a letter in its July 1908 issue about the flagpole. It was made from a twenty-foot long redwood pole that Marvin M. Wilson and Erle T. Smith (son of Mrs. Mary Smith) selected, felled, and hauled to the school ground. The community held a fundraiser to purchase a flag and set a date to celebrate.

On July 4, 1890, a large crowd of people, many from outside of the mountains, attended the event. *The Realty* reported that "... Miss Minnie Morrell flung it (the flag) to the breeze while the strains of the *Star Spangled Banner* greeted its unfurling." The patriotic celebration included the Reverend J.R. Wright (for whom Wrights Station was named) and Reverend Arthur E. Sears, who welcomed the crowd and gave the benediction. Someone read the *Declaration of Independence*, and the crowd sang patriotic songs. To further commemorate the day, a photograph was taken of the audience.

Burrell was also the first school to have a piano furnished by the board of trustees.





**Burrell School reunion**

**Front row, left to right: Dick Lake, 1942 graduate; Susan (Pfefferle) Radonich, 1950-1951; Rosemary (Hughes) Aurbrey; Shirley (Lynch) Loman; Nancy (Radonich) Campi, 1950 graduate; Pat (Lawn) Mortensen, 1947 graduate; and Warren Davis, 1946 graduate.**

**Back row, left to right: Jack Ferguson, Jr., 1933-1934; Charles Barnett; Dorothy (Williams) Seuss, 1941 graduate; Don Wilson, 1942 graduate; Bill Radonich, 1934-1942; Roger Williams, 1943 graduate; Bob Wilson, 1943 graduate; Andy Radonich, 1932-1940; Earl Montgomery, 1945; Barbara (Wilson) Yeager, 1944 graduate; Dorothy E (Mansfield) Ward, 1933-1936; John Hurney; and Elaine (Walters) Mollenberg.**

Some people thought each school should have a piano, and that schoolteachers should be able to play and teach the piano. The school bell, which was very loud, was used by the teacher to announce the beginning of school so that the children would come into the building.

Mixed in with the happy times was a tragic death. In 1908, Miss Ruth Hall, a teenage Burrell student, was killed by a trolley in San Jose. She was a wonderful pianist who had earned a scholarship to continue her music studies.

Until the late 1950s, when the fruit was ripe, mountain schools closed so that the children could help with harvest. The norm seemed to be one week off, but Burrell closed for three weeks in September 1911, so that students could pick prunes.

In 1911, former students of Burrell School organized an alumni organization. Burrell alumni held reunion picnics that were expanded to include former Summit, Highland, and Hester Creek alumni.

In the early years, a young woman teacher had to be single or a widow. Once a teacher married, she had to resign her teaching position. Some of the young women who came to a mountain school met a nice young mountain man, and they married. Some of the Burrell teachers who married and stayed in the mountains were Laura (Berry) Sears, Ella (Johnson) Lindsay, and

Frances (Green) Lindsay.

Two sisters who were students at Burrell later became Burrell teachers. They were Lucy and Kay Papac who lived on San Jose-Soquel Road. Lucy Papac also taught at Los Gatos Elementary School. The last teacher at Burrell was Mrs. Robert (Eleanor) Bruce. Six of her students graduated as the last class in 1951.

The Radonich family of Highland Way have lived in the mountains since 1919. The four Radonich children—Peter, Andy, Bill, and Nancy—went to Burrell School.

Juanita Goldmann graduated from Burrell School in 1889. She was a community volunteer and served as a Burrell School trustee. Shortly before the district consolidated, Miss Goldmann was honored with a fifty-year pin at the 1949 graduation ceremony.

After the consolidation, the Burrell School building was used for storage before it was sold at auction in late 1954 to Rudolph Hirsch, husband of Clara Burrell. Hirsch leased the building to the Loma Prieta Club for meetings and parties. The property passed to Mrs. Hedy Novotny, a niece by marriage to Hirsch. She sold ten acres of the property to Dave and Anne Moulton in 1973. The site is known today as Burrell School Vineyards and Winery.

**From Marlene Wiley's  
Mountain-History Archive  
A Handwritten "Fake News" Letter  
From a Burrell School Graduate  
Unsigned**

Twenty years had passed since I had graduated from the Burrell School. I had been a teacher in the primary grades of one of the large schools in New York, so had lost track of my old school mates.

Tonight as I sat before the open fire, my thoughts went back to the little school and the children who went there with me.

I was the king of the children who went there. I was thinking of first one and then another when I heard a shrill voice behind me. I saw Dame Fortune standing there. She asked if there was anything I wanted to know.

I had just been thinking of Earl Hannaford, so I asked about him.

She said, "He is a policeman in Manila, and catches the half-clothed little Philipino wretches and takes them off to the guard house."

Then Dame Fortune went on without any questions from me.

"Mabel Johnson is an artist of great skill and is an active member of the New York Art League, so you will see her soon if you are living in the same city.

"Her sister, Pauline, took to studying on leaving school and would have made a fine scholar if her health had not broken down and left her a mere shadow.

"Ruth Hall, who was studying music at the time of our graduation, is still pursuing her favorite study when last heard of, war in Europe.

"Carl Johnson, a famous inventor, has just invented an airship, which carried him across the ocean to Japan. While he was crossing, Commodore Lamar Smith, onboard a United States vessel, tried to fire a cannon so as to hit Carl's wonderful invention, but failed.

"A member of the troupe of the Ringling Brothers is Sidney Simpson, the world-famous clown, who sings the crying babies to sleep and scares the little girls.

"Hall Schrader took an engineering course and is now working for the Southern Pacific Company as boss on a handcar.

"Herman Johnson has just put up the first automobile plant in Burrell and seems to be the only one who went to school at the time of the graduation who has settled down in the mountain town.

"Hattie Williams went to Stanford but is now contented with being a farmer. She raises prunes. Her new process for curing them is fast taking the place of the old.

"Ruby Hannaford passed the law examination and is now Justice of the Peace in Milpitas.

"Hazel Lindsay has the largest millinery store in San Francisco.

"The Williams brothers have a large stock ranch in Texas. Their brand of cattle is known the world over."

Then I woke. I had fallen asleep thinking of the days when we were ending yet beginning.



## Why My Shell is Thinner Bruce Sudweeks

Our oceans are helping to mitigate the increased levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere, but there is a cost to this benefit. Increased carbon-dioxide levels lower the pH of our oceans, making them more acidic. NOAA scientists recently published a study in the journal *Nature Geoscience* that shows the rate of acidification of the ocean off the California coast is more than twice the rate of other oceans around the world.

In the study, scientists drilled core samples in the ocean floor off the California coast. Within those core samples, they examined the thickness of 2,000 shells of a sea creature that lived in the Pacific Ocean over the last 100 years, dating back to 1895.

They discovered that the shells were thicker further back in time. More acidic water is creating thinner shells. This threatens the valuable salmon and shellfish fisheries along the California coast.

The Pacific Ocean has a natural warming/cooling cycle of approximately ten years. The acidification pattern parallels this decadal warming and cooling oscillation. The theory is that the natural Pacific decadal warming and cooling pattern is amplifying the carbon-dioxide acidification process. This is why the California coastal waters are acidifying at twice the rate of the other oceans. In turn, this is why shells are getting thinner.



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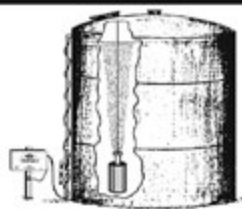
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Egrets may be prettier birds, but don’t tell that to a heron. They can be pretty too, as seen in my preening photo. They also have impressive wingspans similar in size to bald eagles. Their wings can spread six feet and weigh five pounds.

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## **Loma Prieta Joint Union School District Shaded-Fuel Break** Lisa Fraser

An important area of wildfire risk in our community is along the Summit ridge, where our schools are located. We recently partnered with the Loma Prieta FireSafe Public Roads Community Project, to create a shaded-fuel break along Summit Road where it passes through the Loma Prieta school district property.

Constructing a shaded-fuel break is the process of selectively thinning and removing flammable understory vegetation, while leaving most larger trees in place. Our district is collaborating with JR Cal and the Santa Clara County FireSafe Council on this project.

In addition to providing an outstanding education for our students, our schools also serve as a community meeting place and a refuge in the event of local emergencies, such as earthquakes, major road closures, and fires. With our central location along Summit Road, we hope to be a positive example of progressive fire-safety measures.

Traffic may be impacted during the project. We anticipate starting **Monday, April 6**, which may create minor traffic slow-downs along Summit Road throughout the week. The FireSafe Council plans to ultimately extend the shaded-fuel break from Morrell Cutoff Road to the Summit Tree Farm, beginning with Loma Prieta district property.



## **Loma Prieta Joint Union School District Project Cornerstone and DAR** Carolyn Dufort

*Helping Children and Teens Thrive* was the topic of superintendent Lisa Fraser's presentation at a meeting of the Los Gatos Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in March.

Lisa explained how the Loma Prieta Joint Union School District purposefully uses the YMCA Project Cornerstone asset-building program to foster the necessary positive values, relationships, skills, and experiences to help students develop into healthy, caring, and responsible adults.

Over the past year, the Los Gatos DAR Chapter has supported Mrs. Ramsay's fifth-grade class by donating books and costumes for their annual *Walk Through the American Revolution*. Her class was awarded a DAR state grant to fund this year's interactive program. The chapter also supports new classrooms teachers with donations of requested books and materials.

A DAR member remarked that their support of Loma Prieta took on new meaning after learning that the chapter's classroom outreach promotes developmental asset #7: that young people perceive that adults in the community value children and youth.

At the conclusion of Lisa's talk, Rachel Goss, DAR regent, presented her with another donation of costumes for the fifth grade. Several members look forward to attending the *Walk Through the American Revolution* program in May.

To learn more about Project Cornerstone and the 41 developmental assets, visit <https://www.ymcasv.org/ymca-project-cornerstone>.

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## Lexington School Deanna Wilk

The blooming daffodils in Lexington's courtyard were a friendly backdrop to a month full of events that brought students, parents, and community together.

Lexington's first Science Night was a hands-on exploration of amusement-park science. The Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose supplied the ideas and materials. Parent volunteers led twelve different science centers for children and their parents to explore, make, and discover.

They tinkered with pedal-boat power by making their own boats powered by rubber bands and paper clips, and then raced their boats in water. They explored the vertical motion of a carousel by forming a wire into the shape of a square wave, hanging paper art shapes on the wire, and then turning the wire. They learned about air- and water-power using balloons. They created a mini-roller coaster, spring-powered pinball machines, and much more. Students took their creations home along with a notebook of their observations. Thank you to volunteers and the Home and School Club for this enjoyable family night of learning.

During the first week of March, Lexington's multi-purpose room was transformed into a bustling bookshop, decorated with student artwork that reflected what books meant to them. Students and parents browsed and read books before and after school. Outdoor benches were filled with students reading their new purchases. Thank you to Hicklebee's Childrens Bookstore for offering a great selection of books, and donating twenty percent of sales toward books for our library. We thank volunteer Beth Stark, who chaired the event, and everyone who helped.

The book fair coincides with conference week, where students work hard to prepare materials and activities to show parents what they are accomplishing in class. Students



proudly led their parents through math games that taught skills like subtraction and working with fractions. They showed off their artwork and clay creations. They read a book and their best writing piece. They shared their IB binder, the cumulative record of the six IB transdisciplinary themes students explore each year. They created their own goals, and together with their parents, developed an approach to achieve those goals. The students did a wonderful job communicating.

Parents and members of our mountain community came to Lexington classrooms to share a favorite childhood book and a bit about themselves and their work during the community read-in. Detective Paul Kelly, baker Beth Stark, firefighter Lance Lougée,

Girls On the Run director Kathleen Nestler, photographer Betsy King, and middle-school science teacher Denyelle Chapman read to our classes. Students learned how to bake a cake, tried on the weight of a firefighter's jacket, and learned a little about the adult working world. Thank you to our readers for connecting with our students.

We invite current Lex parents and alumni to attend our annual mystery-themed mountain fundraiser, the Lex Gala, on **Saturday, April 25**. Purchase tickets for this night of intrigue that benefits our children's education at [lexhsc.org](http://lexhsc.org). See you there.



# **schools**

## **Building Blocks Springtime**

Alexandra Hughmanick

Research shows that spring brings happiness. We enjoy the extra daylight, warming temperatures, and blossoming flora. At Building Blocks, we appreciate the tremendous progress our students have made throughout the school year.

Teacher Sally, who leads the four- and five-year-old class, has been an early-childhood educator since 2002. She shared her delight with how students have matured: "I've loved seeing their play schemes get longer, their engagement during storytime increase, and their senses of humor develop. Our students are more interested in, and actively working with letters and sounds. They embrace routines and support each other."



Teacher Nicole heads the two- and three-year-old class. She echoed the same joy and gratitude for her students' progress this year. "Many of the children in the class began the year with little or no experience socializing with other children their own age. I watched them play alone, alongside, and together. They now participate in complex social interactions. They are learning to share materials and create play that encourages multiple children to participate. I have seen their creativity flourish. They are learning to understand their feelings and regulate themselves. It is so amazing to see the people they are becoming. I am grateful for the opportunity to witness it."

Building Blocks Preschool is enrolling for the upcoming school year. For more information, visit [www.buildingblockscoop.org](http://www.buildingblockscoop.org).



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## Lakeside School News

Kathy McKinney

In March, our students participated in a one-week dance-residency program, with Rojelio Viramontes of the Royal King Dance Academy. Returning for his tenth year at Lakeside, Rojelio got students moving and grooving to an energetic mix of music, while teaching them fun dance techniques and routines.

The family and friends performance was postponed, but our young dancers performed for fellow students and staff. Lakeside alumni and parent Eric Horton gathered a team of videographers to tape the performance, and produced a video for families to enjoy at home.

Back in the classroom, our fifth-graders learned about chemistry. Students used filters, sieves, and magnets to separate the components of mixtures. They created solutions, using salt or sugar and water, and let them dry and form crystals. They then examined the crystals to identify the solutions. They also used plastic straws to pipette liquids and combine various substances to observe whether chemical or physical reactions occurred.

**Lakeside is now enrolling for transitional kindergarten and kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to schedule a tour, email [smarshall@lakesidelosgatos.org](mailto:smarshall@lakesidelosgatos.org), or call 408-354-2372.**



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