

# School is out - yeah!

# Have fun, kids! Lamorinda Weekly team

## What Local Kids are Doing for Fun This Summer!

During the last week of school, we sent a few intrepid junior reporters out into the field to ask their friends the question: **What are YOU doing for fun this summer?** (For security reasons, our reporters were instructed not to collect full names or vacation dates). Here's what we found out!

### Brian Chan reports from Stanley:

- Carson: "Chillin!"
- Samson: "Watching movies."
- Emily: "I'm hanging with my friends."
- Bryce: "Swimming!"

Stanley vacation destinations include: Denver and Pismo Beach



### Jennifer Chan reports from Springhill:

- Taylor: "I'm going to basketball and soccer camp."
- Alta: "I'm going to a wedding and I can't wait!"
- Maddy: "We're going swimming with Grandma."
- Molly: "I'm swimming and I'm doing piano. I think that's it."
- Amelia: "I'm doing a gymnastic tournament and I'm really excited!"
- Heather: "I'm sleeping and going to 4-H camp."

Springhill vacation destinations include: Oregon and Canada



### Amanda Griggs and Shayan Tajbakhsh report from JM:

- Nate: "Boy Scout camp."
- Jessie: "Swimming."
- Maura: "Summer camp."
- Rachel: "Swim team."
- Caroline: "Sports camp."
- Joelle: "Volleyball camp."
- "Nicky: "Stuff!"

JM vacation destinations include: Massachusetts, England, New York, Hawaii, Los Angeles, Costa Rica, Washington and Japan.



### Ava Tajbakhsh and Hana Sun report from Los Perales:

- Derek: "Swim Team!"
- Taylor: "I'm going to camp."
- Shelby: "I'm going hiking!"
- Sean: "I'm going to the zoo."

LP vacation destinations include: grandparent's house, a cruise ship, Disney World, China and Chincoteague.



### Tanya Salmeron reports from OIS:

- Emily: "I'm going to Camp Kennolyn and Foothill with a group of friends."
- Sarah: "Splashing in the pool is what I will be doing this summer."
- Emily: "I'm going on the OIS class trip to Costa Rica and getting to know hot guys!"
- Jane Doe: Okay, we're not going to directly quote "Jane", who is spending much of her summer in writing class and does not seem to be wildly excited about it!

OIS vacation destinations include: Mexico, England, and a Caribbean cruise

### Antonio Salmeron reports from Del Rey:

- Kaitlin: "I'm going to camp at Echo Lake and Feather River!"
- Spencer: "I'll ride my dirt bike, go the beach and hang out with friends."
- Jacob: What a coincidence! Jacob is doing exactly the same things that Spencer is doing!
- Antonio: "Playing tennis and soccer."

Del Rey vacation destinations include: Australia and Spain



The Motorcycle Drill Team: Don't try this at home! Photo Tod Fierner



Students get a chance to check out the bikes Photo Tod Fierner

## "Kings of the Road" at CP

By Sophie Bracinni

When the cohort of 20 motorbikes roared past Camino Pablo School, the 411 kids who were sitting on the side walks on both sides of the road cheered in delight. The Motorcycle Drill Team from Oakland was starting its demonstration. The sun was bright on Wednesday morning, and the 22 Harley Road Kings glistened in its light. The bikers, 21 male and one female, all dressed in black, were ready to impress the young crowd.

And the kids were not disappointed. For fifteen minutes, it was a non-stop

ballet of twirls, figures and accelerations; a perfect demonstration of skill and control. Just like horses at the parade or airplanes tracing figures in the sky, the 22 bikers grazed by each other, vaulting gracefully. The most impressive moment

was when, driving at about 30 mph, the whole troop rode by with two center bikers standing on their seats and saluting. The police officers ended their presentation by handing out stickers to the students. Carol Scott, 4th grade teacher at Camino Pablo, explains: "This is a wonderful way to bring the community together, to show positive role models to the kids. Hopefully, they'll continue to look up to policemen into their teen years."

The Motorcycle Drill Team, making its second appearance at CP, is part of the Oakland Police Department and is led by Captain Dave Kozicki, whose kids attend the school. Officers in the team do traffic enforcement and the drill team keeps their skills sharp. Drill teams have been in existence since the late 1940's and there are only a few of them in the U.S. The Oakland group does about 10 performances a year, and they've been as far away as Los Angeles and Washington, D.C.

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## Two Lamorinda Teams Place in Odyssey of the Mind World Competition

By Steve Angelides

Two Lamorinda teams placed in the top 6 in their division in the world Odyssey of the Mind creative problem-solving competition in East Lansing Michigan over Memorial Day Weekend.

The Moraga Rotary Team A from Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School placed 5th out of 50 teams in the problem entitled "The Large and Small of It." This problem requires teams to create and present an original performance that integrates team-created small pages and large versions that change appearance. The large versions serve as stage sets for the performance. The Moraga team used a James Bond theme for its performance.

The Happy Valley Elementary School Team placed 6th out of 67 teams in the problem entitled

"Around the World in 8 Minutes." In this problem, teams create and present a performance of a trip around the world that includes stops at three locations, two real and one imaginary. The Happy Valley team's performance used pen and pencil characters that traveled to Pennsylvania and to the imaginary pen and pencil land.

The other two Lamorinda teams in the world competition were from Miramonte High School and Stanley Middle School. Both of those teams competed in the problem entitled "I'm Only Thinking of You!" For this problem, teams create and present an original humorous performance that includes a self-centered character who attempts to take advantage of others three times.

Each of these four Lamorinda teams placed in the top three in their division at the East Bay Regional Tournament at College Park High School. Each of these teams then went on to place second in their division at the California State Tournament in Visalia.

A total of 12 teams from the East Bay competed at the world tournament in Michigan this year. Besides the two Lamorinda teams, three other East Bay teams placed in the top 6 in their division at the world competition in Michigan. Sycamore Valley Elementary School in Danville placed 3rd. San Ramon Valley High School in Alamo, and Glenview Elementary School in Oakland, each placed 5th.

## Family Establishes Kyle Morton Memorial Scholarship

The family of Kyle Morton has announced the formation of the Kyle Robert Morton Memorial Scholarship Fund in support of students wishing to pursue a

career in Construction Management at Chico State University. Those wishing to make a contribution of any amount in Kyle's memory may do so at the Moraga

branch of Bank of America, to account #10327-41263. "Our goal is to reach a level that would allow (the scholarship) to continue in perpetuity," explained Kyle's parents.

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