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## LASF Brings Lawrence Hall of Science's "Build It!" to Math Fairs

By Jean Follmer

The Lafayette Arts & Science Foundation recently held its annual Math Fairs at the Lafayette schools. This was the first year the Math Fairs featured the "Build It!" program from the Lawrence Hall of Science. Build It! is one of the Lawrence Hall of Science's most popular festivals. It encourages participants to put on their engineer and architect hats using "design, problem-solving, and spatial skills by constructing in two and three dimensions."

Some of the topics included "two and three dimensional geometry, tessellations, proportion, spatial visualization and creative problem solving." Surrounded by polyhedra, blocks and cubes, LHS employee Randal Wung wore festive attire and circulated the fair helping students build everything from arched bridges to towers made from newspaper dowels. It was impressive to watch him swoop in to watch and help the students. Wung had a busy week saying "This has been going on quite a bit. We're doing it tomorrow and the next day too." The aid of the many volunteers who staffed the activity stations enabled Wung to make his rounds in



Randal Wung from the Lawrence Hall of Science engages students at the LASF Math Fair Photo Jean Follmer

the multi-purpose room.

Springhill LASF Math Fair coordinator, Meagan Hagglund, felt the LASF Math Fair was a resounding success. Hagglund said "This is my first time chairing an LASF event and I loved it! It was a great way to gently ease into a position

here at Springhill and I have always loved the Lawrence Hall of Science. The evening was a blast! We had a great turnout and the festival "Build It!" was so appropriate for all our students. The hit of the night was seeing all the parents sitting on the floor rolling these paper

dowels so the kids could build "whatever" with them. The paper dowels were being used to build hats, teepees, rockets, houses, etc." Wung said "We'll try to salvage as many dowels as we can for tomorrow night" since they take some time to roll. The students were allowed to bring any paper items they worked on home, so families left with towering structures made from the newspaper dowels. Hagglund also took home some family benefits from the Build It! festival saying "I learned 5 or 6 different projects I could do at home with my girls that don't require a lot of prep." It seems Build It! could make another appearance in Lafayette.

## College Road Trip



48 hours, 4 boys, 2 universities. (Left to right) Campolindo Juniors Jake Tyson, Cole Martin, Jeremy Hauser and Ryan Lehman go shopping for higher education Photo Cathy Tyson

## The Mechanics Bank Supports EFO and the Celebration of the Arts

By Jane Wiser, EFO

Let the Celebration begin! The Educational Foundation of Orinda's annual Celebration of the Arts will be held on April 9, 2008 at the Orinda Intermediate School. Each of the Orinda public schools will be showcasing its student's art, instrumental music and choral music. This EFO event is made possible this year due to the generous sponsorship of Mechanics Bank.

Artists from elementary school to high school, video producers, digital photographers, painters, sculptors, and wood technicians will participate in this year's gala event, along with musicians of all ages in an all school concert! Students from the highly acclaimed Miramonte Public Speaking class as well as the drama program will be there to showcase their talents as well.

This year marks the fifth year that Mechanics Bank has contributed to the efforts of the Educational Foundation of Orinda. The Bank's mission states, "We help people build prosperous communities as their trusted financial partner." The mission of EFO, "Building on a tradition of strong

community support for educational excellence in Orinda's schools." complements the Bank's mission. The collaboration between the bank and EFO helps to build prosperous communities through a commitment to education, and we are proud of the part we've played in contributing to the educational goals and dreams of the youth of Orinda.

Start the evening in the OIS Multipurpose room with

music by the OIS Jazz Band while enjoying the art show at 6:30, and then stroll to the Isola Gym for an all school instrumental music and choral program which will begin at 7:00. At 8 pm, the celebration continues in the multipurpose room. Admission is free, so please come and enjoy the creative efforts of our students as they explore their interests and talents at this wonderful community event.

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## Teen Scene column

### Beauty

By Lindsay Mackinson

Magazines, and Billboards, and Peers All with the same message

Outer Beauty

Beauty is an image

Other people see

Using eyes that burn with judgement

Your hair figure and clothing

expected to be perfect

The things people do

The way they act

How they treat others

Just to fit in

Because that's what beauty is

Is true beauty

Modeling and fancy clothing

Natural and glitzy appearance

Or is it something different?

Beauty is the eye of the beholder

Much more than appearance

It's friendship, emotion,

A state of mind

Beauty is a

Drop dead gorgeous mind,

The Outfit your smile wears,

The Hairstyle your eyes show off,

Real Beauty isn't Outer beauty

Inner beauty is what matters

The lives you change

The friends you have

The Actions you perform

And how you're remembered

after you're gone

Forget the magazines and the billboards

And forget the people who everybody wants to be,

Just cause "they have it all"

Because sometimes they don't

It's inner beauty that counts

It's inner beauty that REALLY counts

Joaquin Moraga Intermediate School English teacher Jill McTaggart encouraged her students to write on their choice of topic for submission to our pages. We were not able to choose just one, so please enjoy our first selection and look for another next time!

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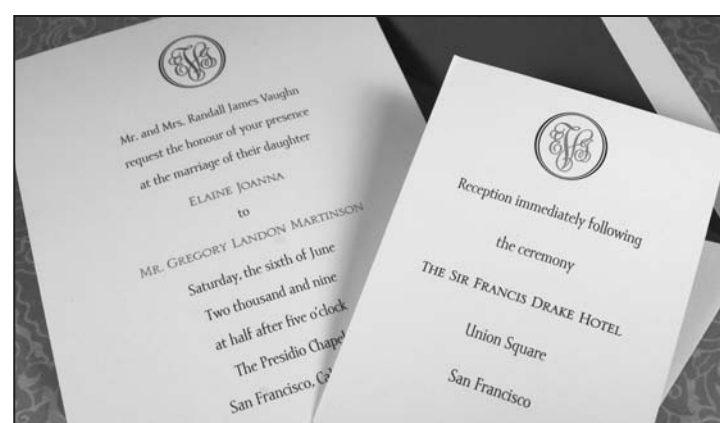
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