

Weekly Bulletin for the City High School Community ~ August 29, 2008

Greetings

Welcome back to what is already shaping up to be another outstanding year at City High School. This is year 5 for us, and we are all excited about our annual activities that we will get to do again, as well as some new ones. Our first evening event is right around the corner: **Open House on Wednesday, September 10, from 6-8**. This will be a great opportunity for families to meet teachers, learn about our program, and make a connection with their student's advisor. We are shooting for 100% family attendance this year, so advisors will be calling home to extend personal invitations. Please join us for an evening of community connections and important information (and snacks!). Our Parent teacher Organization will also be there to welcome new members. We look forward to seeing you all on the 10th!

-Eve Rifkin, Academic Director
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Whole School Retreat on Mt. Lemmon



Fun was had by all at our annual Whole School Retreat, on Mt. Lemmon. Students rotated with their advisories between four stations, getting a mix of fun, outdoors, and education at each. At Station 1, Eve and Brett led students in a discussion about the rewarding and challenging differences between City High School and other schools. At Station 2, Elliott guided students through a survival skills activity, explained the history of people's use of the mountain from the ancient Hohokam, to prisoner camps during World War II, to botanists such as Sarah Lemmon for whom the mountain is named. At Station 3, students collected specimens of trees and Molly and Amy showed them how to use guides to discover the differences between pine, fir and spruce trees. Students also had time to create sculptures made of earth materials with their advisories. Once again, our retreat served to build community and establish an

important Sense of Place for the start of the school year.

Community Advisory Council Seeking New Members

The Community Advisory Council will resume with its first meeting on Tuesday, September 30, from 6-7:30. The CAC is City High School's site based council that addresses important issues regarding school climate, school improvement, and general issues related to the educational program. The CAC is made up of students, staff, parents, and community members. Please contact Jeff Hartman, CAC facilitator, if you are interested in joining us (jeffh@cityhighschool.org).

Hungry at lunch? Complete the pre-pay lunch form on the back of this bulletin to ensure a guaranteed lunch every day. Contact Molly Renner for more info: mollyr@cityhighschool.org or 623-7223 X 306