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Hope is Home Grown



*Ruben Saldivar,
September 2008*

Cancer has a way of bringing out the best in people. Families touched by cancer have to go through a difficult and seemingly relentless journey. It is not possible to make it all better now, but there are times when a loving, giving action builds a stronger relationship and gives small hope to the many losses cancer victims experience.

Children have a special way of cutting through the adult stuff to simplify some of the experiences families have to share during cancer treatment. Meet Ruben Saldivar, 3rd grade student at Olga Reed. Ruben's grandmother has cancer. Her chemotherapy has caused her hair to fall out. Many patients do all sorts of things to compensate for the hair loss associated with chemotherapy; wear scarves, or wool hats and sometimes they will wear a wig. As Ruben's grandmother, Valerie goes through her treatment, she will soon be able to enjoy "new hair," a gift from her grandson.

When Ruben learned of his grandmother's illness, he wanted to do something special for her. He learned about "Locks of Love," a program where people grow their hair, cut it and have it made into a wig and donate to a loved one who is suffering from hair loss while undergoing cancer treatment.

Ruben grew his hair to the required 10 inches and just last weekend, had it cut off and donated it for a wig for Valerie. "I grew my hair for Valerie because she has cancer and I love her," said Ruben, "and she would look good with black hair."

Ruben's gift has shown what is possible when we have to face difficult challenges in life. For young Ruben and his family, hope can be "grown" and shared with someone who really needs it.

Olga Reed School is proud to have such a compassionate and caring young man as a student.

You can learn more about "Locks of Love" at www.locksoflove.org.



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Happy New Year to Everyone,

I want to wish our community, parents, students and staff a Happy New Year and welcome everyone back. As all of you are aware, the economy is a major concern for everyone including our own school district. The Governor of California published his proposed budget for 2008-09 on January 10. If it is adopted, there will be severe cuts to school districts. What I am bracing everyone for is that all indications at this point show there are going to be very challenging times ahead for schools districts. At Los Alamos School District, we have already begun our discussions with the staff and School Board on how we might tackle these financial challenges. We have established a budget committee and we met on January 22nd with Santa Barbara County Office of Education Fiscal Advisors to discuss the process we will undergo in addressing the current and future budget. I am also informing you that People Helping People Board of Directors on February 3rd will close the operation of the Los Alamos Youth Program at our site. The reason for the closure is due to funding and the large deficit in which the program is operating. I want to thank the staff from People Helping People for their time, effort and energy in working with the youth program. On a more positive note, we are working with the Education Foundation in developing an Intramural Sports program for our students at lunch time. The emphasis is on sportsmanship, participation, leadership, mutual respect and rewards. We are hoping to have it operational by March 2nd. As you can surmise, we all need to work together in dealing with very difficult decisions that will have to be made in keeping our budget in line with State requirements and guidelines.

Sincerely,

Ron Barba

Bronco Spirit Yearbook

If you would like to advertise your business in this yearbook,

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please contact Yearbook Advisor,
Sheri Morris at 344-2401, ext. 226

or smorris@losalamosschool.org for details.



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Ellyse Linder Wins Art Contest

Olga Reed 4th grader, Ellyse Linder was featured in the Santa Barbara News Press Holiday Coloring contest. Ellyse's entry was chosen from hundreds of entries to be one of the thirty students whose art has been on display at the Santa Barbara Public Library. Ellyse was awarded a certificate of acknowledgement for her outstanding art work.

BINGO

All CASH!

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***Sponsored by LAVMC*
Friday, February 20, 2009
Los Alamos Valley Mens Club
429 Leslie, Los Alamos, CA**

Doors open at 5:45 P.M. for dinner.

All proceeds from this BINGO will go directly to our Scholarship Fund. We have given over 30 \$500 scholarships for area high school seniors in the past ten years to help them further their education.

Please come and help us help more students this year.

**Light dinner * 50/50 Drawing * Snacks
(Homemade Clam Chowder/Chili and a roll—\$5.00)**

Raffles * Bake Sale * Door Prizes

Early Bird games 6:45 PM Sharp; 15 Regular games 7:00 PM

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Feliz Año Nuevo a todos,

Quiero desear a nuestra comunidad, padres, estudiantes y personal un Feliz Año Nuevo y dar la bienvenida para atrás a cada uno. Como ustedes ya saben, la economía es una preocupación importante a cada uno incluso nuestra escuela. El gobernador de California publicó su presupuesto propuesto para 2008-09 el 10 de enero. Si se adopta, habrá cortes severos para distritos escolares. Lo que estoy apoyando a cada uno es que todas las indicaciones a este punto demuestran que van a ver épocas muy desafiantes a continuación para los distritos de las escuelas. En el distrito de la escuela de Los Alamos, hemos comenzado ya nuestras discusiones con el personal y la mesa directiva de la escuela en cómo puede ser que abordemos estos desafíos financieros. Hemos establecido un comité presupuestario y nos reunimos el 22 de enero con la oficina del condado de Santa Barbara de los consejeros fiscales de la educación para discutir el proceso que experimentaremos en la dirección del presupuesto actual y futuro. También le estoy informando que la junta directiva de People Helping People cerrará el 3 de febrero la operación del programa de la juventud de Los Alamos en nuestro sitio. La razón del encierro es debido al financiamiento y al déficit grande en los cuales el programa está funcionando. Deseo agradecer al personal de People Helping People por su tiempo, esfuerzo y energía en el trabajo con el programa de la juventud. En una nota más positiva, estamos trabajando con la fundación de la educación en desarrollar un programa de deportes intramuros de los deportes para nuestros estudiantes en el tiempo del almuerzo. El énfasis está en deportividad, la participación, la dirección, el respeto mutuo y recompensas. Estamos esperando tenerlo operar antes del 2 de marzo. Como ustedes pueden conjeturar necesitamos trabajar junto haciendo frente a las decisiones muy difíciles que tendrán que ser tomadas en guardar nuestro presupuesto conforme a requisitos y directrices del estado.

Letters to Malia and Sasha...

Dear Malia & Sasha,

Hello, my name is Eddie. I am eleven years old. I live in Los Alamos, CA. Los Alamos is a very small town and my school's name is Olga Reed School. Is Washington D.C. fun? My teacher said that you are getting a dog. What kind of dog are you getting? It's fun playing with dogs. I wish my dad was president. That would be fun. What school are you and your sister going to? Did you have fun on New Years? at Christmas? I had fun at New Years and Christmas.

Your friend,

Eddie Rodriguez *This letter was written as a writing assignment in Mrs. Wiggins' 5th Grade class*

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Congratulations!

Student of the Month
 Bronco Characteristics

Room 18	Fernando Rodriguez	Ubaldo Hernandez
Room 17	Angel Cervantes	Miles Maybrun
Room 4	Leslie Hernandez	Manuel Ante
Room 7	Brynn Conway	Clayton Merrill
Room 6	Lucas Beas	
	Joon-Soo Lee	Tee Lopez
Room 14	Shea Linane	Joseph Wortendyke
Room 11	Erika Snell	Chris Browning
Room 9	Marisol Zepeda	Maggie Iness
Room 19	Alicia Ramirez	Jasmin Reyes
		Lane Luis
Room 12	Tahlia Robles	Yesenia Chavarria
Room 16	Isabella Montano	Arturo Beas
ASP	Jennifer Cedillo	Laura Trupe

Keep smiling



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OLGA REED 8TH GRADE CLASS

The Graduating Class of 2009



will be selling

PIZZA, SNACKS and DRINKS

at



ALL HOME BASKETBALL GAMES

to help fund their 8th Grade Graduation!

*Show your support for
Olga Reed:*

- 1: Attend all home games**
- 2: Grab a snack**
- 3: Cheer loudly!**



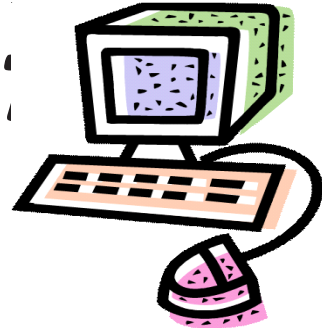
GO BRONCOS!

Home Games:
February 10, 17, 20, 23

March 12, 15

**BRONCOS
RULE!**

COMPUTER CLASS AT OLGA REED SCHOOL



Allan Hancock Community College
is interested in offering an evening
computer class at Olga Reed School.

Before scheduling the class,
the college needs to be sure there are enough
people interested in attending.

If you are interested in learning how to use a
computer, and several different software
applications, including email,
Microsoft Word, Excel and
internet searches,
please call

Janice Chaves 805.344.2401 ext 223.

Please leave a message.

The college needs at least 25 interested people before they
will actually schedule a class.

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Upcoming Events...February-April

February 9

Lincoln's Day-NO SCHOOL

February 12

Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 pm.

February 16

President's Day-NO SCHOOL

February 20

Awards Assembly 8:30 a.m.

Bingo-LAVMC

March 12

Board of Trustees Meeting 5:30 p.m

March 16

Staff Development-NO SCHOOL

March 27

Awards Assembly 8:30 a.m.

End of 3rd Quarter-Early dismissal

April 7-9

Scholastic Book Fair 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

April 10-17

Spring Break

April 24

Awards Assembly 8:30 a.m.

April 27-May 8

STAR Testing

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