

## MCN Benefit Dinner & Auction was a Huge Success!

MCN's 2015 Benefit Dinner & Auction, held at Boccaccio's on the Lake and attended by a record number of MATES families & staff, was a huge success! Over 200 guests enjoyed dinner, dancing, and an incredible silent and live auction. The event helped MCN raise over \$40,000 to benefit MATES! A special thank you to the Benefit Committee - Apinya Nguy, Michelle Farris, Edith Chrikjian, Frankie Pine, Bryan Denove, Karen Gauthier, and especially Holly Kositchek, Christine Evangelista, Lainie Donnell, and Nicole Flynn for their tremendous support. They were instrumental in helping secure donations and making sure the event went off without a hitch. Their time, effort, and support is much appreciated. We would also like to acknowledge our generous Sponsors and Donors:

### Upcoming Events

- **Restaurant Night** Mar 4
- **Dr. Seuss Night** Mar 5
- **Women in History** Mar 9-13
- **MCN Board Mtg** Mar 23
- **Science Night** Apr 15

Aid Alert Security  
Rusnak Audi  
Whirly Girl Music  
Infiniti of Thousand Oaks  
All Star Garage Door  
COTO Insurance & Financial  
Superior Window Cleaning  
Keller Williams Realty  
Elegant Gardens Nursery

De los Rios Family  
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Ryan Family  
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Thompson Family  
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Miriam Hermansen Photography

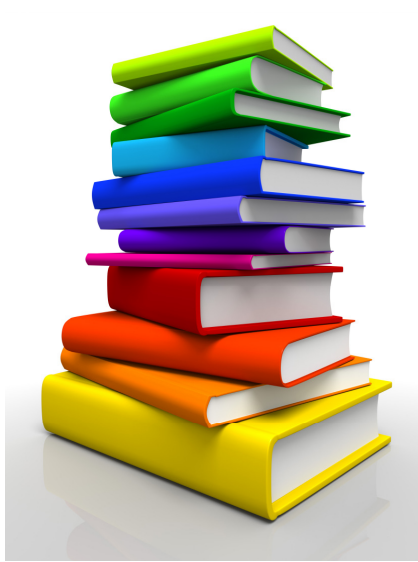
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Frank LaGuardia  
Garagliano Family  
Cho Cho San  
Malibu Makos Surf Camp  
Summer Art Academy  
Play-Well TEKologies  
Dr. Jenna Ko  
Buto and Alter Orthodontics

### Co-Chairs

Divo Denove and Nadia Hefni Foster



## Programs



### Family Reading Night

Thursday, March 5th

6:00-7:30pm

*Come Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday  
with a night filled with fun and educational activities.*

- ⇒ Wear Your Pajamas to school and the event!
- ⇒ Listen to special readings from MATES teachers
- ⇒ Milk & cookies in the MPR

### Women in History Week

Week of March 9

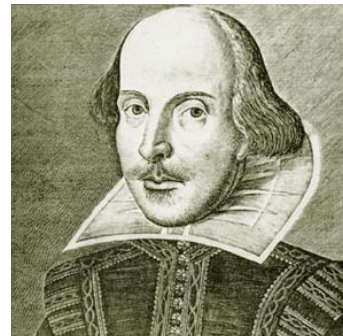
Students will learn about an honored woman in history each day.



### Shakespeare Day

Friday, March 27

The students will enjoy a special performance of a Shakespeare play



## MCN ONGOING FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITIES



- **“Free Ways to Fundraise”** Register at these stores and MATES earns \$ whenever you shop: Target, Ralphs, Vons, Office Depot, AmazonSmile, ConejoDeals, Bogopod.com. (Signup info at [www.matesmcn.net](http://www.matesmcn.net))
- **Box Tops and Labels For Education**
- **MATES Marketplace** Every Tuesday before and after school to purchase used uniforms, car washes, and other goodies.
- **Direct Donation (at [www.MatesMCN.net](http://www.MatesMCN.net))** In a continued effort to eliminate small fundraisers, and to provide enriching MCN-sponsored events, we are asking for your family to give a **“personally meaningful donation”**. So what is a “personally meaningful donation”? It is the amount you feel all of the above is worth to your family. No donation is too big or small. All donations will remain confidential. With your help, the **MCN provides over \$17,000 of FREE programs** to students





The Winter Art Gallery was a lovely event. The quality and quantity of art displayed shows what an amazing job our teachers and specialists do incorporating the arts into the curriculum.

It could not have happened without the help of many creative and special volunteers. A big thanks to:

- ~ Kerri Graver, Kim Thompson, Kelley Harris, Nicole Hallock, Candace Gray, Amy Sharp, Cristina Aguirre, Maria Rudnev and Michael Fiss for helping in so many ways.
- ~ Parents and teachers who spent many hours preparing the artwork for display.
- ~ Nothing Bundt Cakes, Westlake Village Costco and Foster family for donating refreshments.
- ~ MATES Alumni Melissa McLean, Jacqui O'Toole and Charlie O'Toole (Class of 2013) for helping serve refreshments. Also Alex Proudfit (Class of 2010) and the Newbury Park High School String Quintet for the lovely music.

A heartfelt thank you goes to the teachers and specialists for their creativity, inspiration and guidance. Lastly, the greatest thanks of all go to the students for sharing their creations. It was truly a joy to see such amazing works of art!

Rachel Lemieux - Winter Gallery Chair

