

## Dunn Participates in Day of Caring

Community service is one of the five tenets of Dunn's Leadership Program and last Saturday members of the school community came out in full force to lend action to the concept. Director of Leadership Susie Childs began working on the plan last spring and by the weekend the students and adults were outfitted with shirts and tools and four destinations. The Freshmen Class of 40 students and 5 faculty members headed to Refugio Beach on trash removal duty. Five faculty members joined 52 students in the Sophomore Class to clear several hiking trails at Sedgwick Reserve that lead to a spectacular view.



*The Sophomore Class and faculty gather on Sedgwick's "Dunn Peak".*

Thirty-four Juniors and 7 adults spent the morning at Solvang's Sunny Fields Park accomplishing a number of tasks including setting up for the afternoon barbecue enjoyed by all classes. The Senior Class stayed on campus with six faculty members working on several beautification projects. See Senior Madeleine Carroll's reflections on the day on page 2.

"The day was a tremendous success," reported Ms. Childs. "Our students gave up their free time to show that they care about their community."

## The Dean's Corner

By Andy Graham  
Dean of Students



Another wonderful week was completed at Dunn School. Students are busy with homework, sports, music, arts, and extra-curricular activities. The highlight of the week was the Dunn Day of Caring this past Saturday. Organized by Director of Leadership Susie Childs, the school went to four different locations to participate in this national community service day. After each class finished its project, the entire school gathered at Sunny Fields Park in Solvang for a picnic and some "R and R". To see the students, faculty and staff in their red Day of Caring shirts was spectacular (See photo below).

Sports have gotten underway with the Girls' Volleyball Teams playing against Coastal Christian last Wednesday and we are all excited about Cross Country, Girls' Tennis, and Football starting this week. In student activities we sent 20+ kids to the Moon Festival in Santa Barbara and this weekend we are going to the UCSB soccer game.

A reminder for day students who drive to school - please make sure that you have your 2011-2012 Dunn parking sticker on your car and if you haven't gotten one please see Mrs. Hollister.

Have a great week and Go Dunn Earwigs!



## What “Community” Means to Me

By Mark Rawlins '67

*Mr Rawlins graduated from Dunn in 1967 and is a member of the Board of Trustees. As he notes below, community is the school's theme this year and all members of the Dunn School Community are encouraged to submit their thoughts on what the concept means to you.*

Community is one of the core themes this year at Dunn. On Friday, September 16th, I had the pleasure of revisiting Dunn School where about 48 years ago, I entered as a freshman. As a current member of the Board of Trustees, that day was just one of my many reconnections with a school that was my community for four years that grew into a relation spanning more than four decades. And seeing the students prepare for the Day of Caring, I challenged myself to really wonder what made up a community.

$$f(c) = \left( \sum_{i=2}^n i \right) * p$$

I do know what a community is NOT. Defined by the prefix of the word, it requires more than one person - there is no such thing as a community of one. It is also not a gathering of people without a purpose. A random seating of people around a table is not a community though a gathering of friends around a table to help a colleague could be a community because it has a purpose. But it needs to be more than just purpose and some critical mass of people.

A community needs to exhibit the adage that “the whole is greater than the sum of the parts.” Why come together as a group if you can accomplish the same thing independently? A community needs to have greater value as a group - a value that cannot exist individually.

So have you figured out the equation yet? The function of a community (“f” of “c”) is equal to the sum of the people (the Sigma sign) which number from 2 to n, all times a purpose (\*p).

What are the communities at Dunn? Certainly being on a sports team is a community where it is the team that wins, not the individual. In theatre, it is the “show that must go on” and not the actor. There is a community in mentoring. There is a community in a band, orchestra or vocal group where the blending of the instruments and voices transcends individual contribution.

We all belong to many communities where engaging with others with a purpose creates a value (pleasure, interest, results, etc.) unachievable individually. BUT... what happens when you exit that community? Have you left it the same? Is it better?

As a trustee, I have always stated that the perfect Dunn School student is one who upon graduation from the school has left it a better community than when he or she arrived.

Anyone can belong to a community but how are you making it better? How is the person who joins next going to find a richer experience? Now that the Day of Caring is past, how is your community (however you want to define it) better or different? Or was it just a bunch of people doing stuff on a Saturday?

As Dunn continues to promote the concept of community, remember that satisfying the above equation is easy. What is tough is making a difference; making whatever community you might participate in a better one for the next person. THAT is what Dunn School taught me about community over four decades ago.

## Senior Madeleine Carroll Reflects on Dunn's Day of Caring



The Senior Class gathered together in the barn Saturday morning awaiting our assignments for Dunn School's first Day of Caring. Groups of Seniors were sent off to pick up trash, plant bushes, plant flowers, and much more throughout campus. There were some nice touches added to our day, such as the music that was performed at the school house. Cyrus Gill, Joseph Cho, Charlie Vincent, and Mr. Yaki played music for two hours so that we could enjoy ourselves while we were digging holes and planting flowers. Jin Choi wandered around sketching people at work, and I ventured to almost every senior classmate asking everyone their opinion on why we serve?

The general consensus was, to build a strong bond within our community. Some of my favorite quotes were: “To help with our community without expecting anything in return,” said Danny Cullington. “Because we live in a tight-knit community that cares about others, so it's our duty,” Jacob Bronfman answered. When I met with the music group briefly, Cyrus Gill expressed his feelings towards Dunn School's Day of Caring as “In serving the community, we better ourselves. If we better the environment in which we learn we will be more able to push our potentials.”

After our shoveling and mulching at the school we headed over to the local park, Sunny Fields, in Solvang and had a barbecue with the rest of the school. Dunn School's Day of Caring was a positive experience and I hope it becomes an annual tradition.

## Third Annual Handshake Day Promotes Leadership, Friendship, and Fun



**Running the Gauntlet:** All students in grades 6 through 12 met on Munger Common last Tuesday for “Handshake Day”. Planned by this year’s prefects and executed by a number of student leaders who organized games and situations intended to let everyone get to know each other, the afternoon was termed a great success and a lot of fun. Pictured above is the long line of students, faculty and staff members who gave high fives as each person made his or her way through the long gauntlet that ended at a popsicle station.

## DUNN Olympics Demonstrate Athletic Skills, Teamwork

It’s not all that easy to run a relay race against three other teams under ideal conditions. Change the rules a bit to add a partner and make it a three-legged race and you have the makings of the DUNN Olympics. The eight-event competition between the Ds, the Us, the Red Ns, and the Black Ns for points towards year-end bragging rights and other highly-valued prizes was played out on Friday night. The events included Wheel Barrel, Izzy-Dizzy, Leap Frog/Under Frog, Water Balloon Pass, Potato Sack Race, Beans in a Bottle, and the ever-popular Mattress Race. While scores were recorded for each event, there was a general consensus that the audio level and team spirit demonstrated resulted in a tie among the four teams. From the laughter and smiles each event produced, it was difficult to tell whether the onlookers or the competitors enjoyed the evening more.



*Sophomore Khaleeq Sattaar El spoon-feeds his partner’s feet-held bottle in the difficult “Beans in a Bottle” event.*



*The Us celebrate the conclusion of their “Water Balloon Pass” event.*

-Both photos by Sophomore Brian Bae.

## Student Photos Available

Last Friday was Picture Day at Dunn. The professional photography studio Santa Barbara Pix spent the day on campus and now has posted the results on its password-protected website. To access the photos of all students, click on:  
<http://santabarbarapix.com/gallery.php?gid=2107>

The password is *upperearwigs*.



*Freshman Preston Hughes is well suited for his “official” school picture.*

## U.S. Forest Service Thanks Dunn

*During the recent Senior Class camping trip to Figueroa Mountain, the students spent some time cleaning up several sites. Their actions drew a letter from a park ranger and also a posting on the website of the U.S. Forest Service. Below is the edited letter along with the text and photo from the website.*

“As I am in a position of issuing permits, I chose to allow this group to police the Figueroa area for trash. They were an outstanding group of young leaders. I want to thank Kevin Fox and his group for the outstanding job they did, as well as extend a warm invitation to return.

Mike Rivera  
Prevention Captain  
Los Padres NF”  
*From the website*

## Thank You Volunteers: Dunn School Forest Trash Clean-Up Day

The Senior Class at Dunn School in Los Olivos participated in a trash clean-up day on Friday, September 2nd. Students and their teachers worked with Los Padres Fire Prevention Captain Mike Rivera in cleaning up trash in the day use areas and campgrounds in the Santa Lucia Ranger District that included: Figueroa Mountain, Davy Brown Campground, Nira Camp, Cachuma Camp and the shooting range. All total they collected 14 bags of trash from the campgrounds and 5 gallon buckets full of glass and old shells from the shooting range. They hauled the trash back to Dunn School and threw it in the dumpsters. Thank you Dunn School for volunteering your time and for the outstanding job you did in keeping our Forest clean!



## Abu Danladi First Recipient of Barenborg Family African Scholarship

Sophomore Abu Danladi from Ghana, Africa is the initial recipient of the Barenborg Family African Scholarship. The Barenborg Family African Scholarship Fund was established on January 11, 2011 by David and Kimberly Barenborg (parents of Kelsey Barenborg '11). The endowment provides scholarship funds for applicants from organizations in Africa that partner with Dunn School and help identify potential African student scholarship candidates.



*David and Kimberly Barenborg (P'11) recently visited the school's campus and posed for a photo with Abu Danladi (middle), who received the family's first scholarship to attend Dunn.*

## Calling All Grandparents

Parents or other interested family members, please help us gather contact information on the grandparents of current students. We're looking for the name, USPS address, email and student's name(s). We will use this information to send the Dunn E-Newsletter, Dunn Journal, event news and other special communications from the school. Please send the information to Julie Silvino: [jsilvino@dunnschool.org](mailto:jsilvino@dunnschool.org). Thanks for your help!

## Keep Up with Dunn News

Be sure to check in often on both our internal website and our Facebook page for news, announcements and photos of what is happening at Dunn. Don't forget to refer to the "News & Calendar" section on the website for daily events. We also post the weekend activities sheet on Thursdays. Click on:

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