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WELCOME TO THE CONNELLY FAMILY

Welcome New Families!

Congratulations to the outstanding young women entering Connelly's Class of 2014 and to those transferring into the classes of 2011 and 2012. We are excited that you are joining the Connelly Family.

Class of 2014

Isabelle Alarcon, Gabriella Alcaraz, Taylor Alcaraz, Samantha Alonso, Kately Arriaga, Yvana Bustamante, Victoria Caluag, Jonina Capino, Chanel Castaneda, Erynn Clark, Natalie Crow, Bianca Cruz, Morgan Del Sesto, Katie Evans, Kathleen Giang, Courtney Hawkins, Michelle Jacobo-Seguín, Eibhlin Kay, Julia Martorella, Taylor Medina, Vivianne

Mitri, Belinda Mullally, Jenna Murray, Bridget O'Brien, Kassandra Orate, Helen Pauly, Kaitlin Pyne, Rahael Rawson, Emily Reid, Stefanie Rodriguez, Tessa Rodriguez, Alexandra Saavedra, Angelica Sunga, Shannon Sweeney, Tran Truong and Maria Wenzell.

Students transferring to Connelly

Class of 2012: Lan Anh Nguyen and Angelica Garcia. **Class of 2011:** Stephanie Mitri, who is transferring back to Connelly.

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www.connellyhs.org

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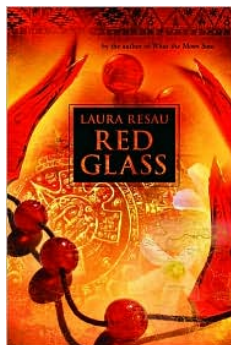
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WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- o **Volleyballs are needed** by Sept. 14 to donate to an alumna serving in Afghanistan.
- o **Dig in @ Garden Day** Sept. 11, 8 a.m.-noon.

AUTHOR LAURA RESAU TO SPEAK AT CONNELLY SEPT. 16



Connelly's All School Reading Program's title of choice – **Red Glass** – won the International Reading Association's Young Adult Fiction Award, the Americas Award, and was selected as an Oprah's Kids' Book Club pick.

The author, Laura Resau, will attend a special assembly on Sept. 16 to discuss her touching book about a 6-year-old Mexican boy who comes to live with Sophie, her parents and Sophie's Aunt Dika, a refugee of the war in Bosnia. The boy is the only survivor of his family's harsh crossing over the Arizona border. After a year, Pablo's surviving family in Mexico makes contact and Sophie and her family must take Pablo to his hometown where he is faced with a heartwrenching decision.

A faculty committee chose the

captivating young adult novel because it challenges readers to consider complex issues of immigration, family and identity, while also providing a highly enjoyable and engaging read.

Resau is the author of three highly acclaimed literary novels and three international-travel adventures. She lived in the Mixtec region of Oaxaca for two years and her books were inspired by the time she spent working and traveling in Latin America as an English teacher, anthropologist and writer. She now lives in Colorado, and continues to teach and write.

YOU ARE WELCOME to JOIN US for the Mass of the Holy Spirit on Friday, Sept. 17 @ noon.



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Valerie Alcaraz '12 and **Zoe Kam '11** traveled to New York this summer to participate in a student-led workshop preparing incoming fifth graders for the year ahead at The Holy Child Middle School. The Connelly students joined girls from several Holy Child Network schools and prepared lessons and inspirations from Cornelia Connelly's life, and crafts and songs to enlighten the young students. They also worked with the fifth-graders on math, reading and composition concepts.

"I found it a wonderful experience to work with girls that have the same moral values as me," said Valerie.

As leaders, they could teach the young girls about overcoming adversity, said Zoe. "We read a book to them about Cornelia Connelly. It made them each think about their own life and they gained an understanding of the Holy Child philosophy. Some of the fifth-graders were especially moved by the workshops designed to help them bond with and trust their classmates. They set goals for their future together as friends. "One girl said her dream was for a world without racism...she was only 9 years old," Zoe said.



PARENTS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT: WE NEED YOU

School has started and it's time to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones. This is true not only for our daughters but for us, too. The Galaxy of Stars, on November 6, has a slew of opportunities for you.

As I mentioned in my last letter, the Board of Trustees along with the Parents Association and the Administration have deemed the Galaxy the primary fundraising event for this year. Without having resources diluted by other fundraisers, we expect this year's Galaxy to establish a new standard for Connelly fundraising. To do so, we need your help. I know you're eager to help, so here's how.

Volunteer! There are dozens of parent volunteers who immerse themselves in making the Galaxy a great success. We'll be able to do so much more when you let us know you want to help this year. Some tasks are simple and don't require much time. Just let Dierdre Dizon or Carri Vogl, the Galaxy chairs, know how much time you can offer and they'll get you plugged in posthaste.

One of the ways that you can help is to make follow-up phone calls. Many of us are so used to texting that we just don't get as many chances to talk on the phone. Well, here's a chance to give the fingers a rest and get those vocal chords in gear.

With life's quickening pace, our creative and artistic sides often get bottled up. The Galaxy of Stars could be the remedy for this.

There are plenty of opportunities to enhance the visual aspects of the event with your talents and skills. And, if you're one of those who thinks they lack artistic flair (that would be me), give it a try and discover a whole new part of yourself. If phoning and creativity aren't your things, there are plenty of other opportunities, one of which is sure to appeal to you.

Provide Auction Items! The silent and live auction are the genuine revenue builders. The price of the ticket covers the costs of feeding and entertaining us but the auctions are vital to the Galaxy's success. Every one of us can solicit and provide items for the auction. Have fun with this and get together with some other parents and put together a "themed" basket of treasures. Also, don't forget that items provided by the merchants and service providers you contact every day are just as important as the big prizes. Some examples are: dry cleaners, dentists and orthodontists, hair stylists, restaurants, theaters, auto repair shops, car washes, art supply dealers, nail salons and jewelers. All of these businesses expect to be asked for donations for events like the Galaxy. Don't disappoint them! Invite them to participate. Then, invite them to attend! All the Galaxy donation forms and sponsorship and underwriting opportunity information is posted on the Connelly Web site at

http://www.connellyhs.org/page/suport_connelly/galaxy_of_stars.

Give! There are many sponsorship and advertising possibilities available for the Galaxy. There are significant costs involved in producing this event. Underwriting enables us to net greater amounts to help educate our daughters. Donating to the Galaxy and seeking other donors from local businesses such as realtors, for example, is a great way to help.

Attend! The Galaxy is the best chance we have all year to celebrate Connelly's role in our daughters' lives and to help it endure and prosper in the future. The evening just won't be the same without you there. Seeing friends and making new ones, winning an auction item and having a great meal are all part of the joy of attending. If you know anybody who is considering sending their daughters to Connelly next fall or the year after, the Galaxy is a great way for them to experience the community that we are. Invite them!

The Galaxy of Stars is a wonderful expression of the Connelly community coming together to support our girls. We all are able to play a role in making it a success. I look forward to working with you toward this goal and, then, I'll see you there!

Thanks for listening,
Curt Byk
Parents Association President



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**Join the fun at this annual dinner,
dance and auction.**

Saturday, November 6, 2010

6 p.m.

Santa Ana Country Club

Please join us for an elegant night of dining and dancing on Nov. 6 at Santa Ana Country Club. The night will begin with cocktails and appetizers and the live band and dancing will follow dinner. Grab bags, raffle tickets and an irresistible auction are planned.

Galaxy of Stars Co-chairs Carri Vogl and Dierdre Dizon invite you to join the team. **The Galaxy volunteers will meet at 6:30 p.m. in the Connelly conference room on Sept. 9, Oct. 7 and Nov. 4.**

If you would like to help, please contact Carri Vogl at yrcaab@msn.com or Dierdre Dizon at dizon47@sbcglobal.net.

Bloom where you are planted

The weather was perfect for the 57 members of the Connelly family who gathered on campus to garden Aug. 14. The Garden Guardians, staff and students would like to thank the group who spent 165 combined hours working in the 45 Connelly gardens. Delicious snacks, fruit and beverages were provided by the Parents Association, and were much appreciated!

Seventeen students, from all the grades, worked in their class gardens, along with 27 parents and siblings, who worked in all areas of the 6.5 acre campus. The largest task was removing the summer sunflowers, which were replaced with vibrant yellow lantana, yellow Euryops daisies and geraniums, which were transplanted from another garden. Several parents worked on giving the 85 rose bushes a good summer pruning and weeding, as well as replacing the blue fescue border around the rose garden near the auditorium. The area around the sign at the entrance of the school was replanted with stunning new foliage.

The student gardens received attention also. During the summer, the incoming freshman class planted a soup garden including carrots, potatoes, radish, and herbs. All seedlings are doing well, and those members of the class of 2014 attended to their little plants. Pumpkins were again planted in the sophomore garden. The pumpkins will be used for baking projects and auctioned off for a Garden Guardian fundraiser in October. Job's tears were harvested also and saved for a jewelry making project for the Garden Guardians.

Several freshman families were eager to adopt gardens, as well as the Connelly ASB members, who wish to design a butterfly garden at the end of the driveway.

Please join us next in the gardens – Sept. 11, 8 a.m. to noon. Please help keep Connelly a beautiful place where the flowers and minds continue to flourish and blossom.

WHAT'S YOUR STORY?

We're gathering your stories to share in the celebration of the 50th anniversary of Cornelia Connelly School in 2011. Email us your photos of Connelly moments and tell us your fondest memories. Tell us why you chose Connelly what you want us to tell others about YOUR school. Email your photos and comments to Cerise Valenzuela Metzger, Communications and Alumnae Relations Coordinator, at cmetzger@connellyhs.org.



August & September Events

Aug. 23-25	Volleyball tryouts @ Independence Park, 3-5 p.m. Tennis tryouts @ Anaheim Tennis Center, 3-5 p.m. Cross Country tryouts @ Connelly, 3-5 p.m.	Sept. 8	Early dismissal, 1:10 p.m.
Aug. 24	Classes begin All School Reading begins Senior Parent Meeting, 7 p.m. Golf tryouts @ Riverview Golf Course, 3-5 p.m.	Sept. 9	9 th -grade elections at lunch
Aug. 25	Advanced Women's Ensemble auditions for transfer and 9 th -grade students Junior Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.	Sept. 10	Ambassador training at lunch
Aug. 26	Choir Camp at Connelly, 3-8 p.m. Golf tryouts @ Riverview Golf Course, 3-5 p.m.	Sept. 11	ACT test date Gardening Day, 8 a.m. – noon
Aug. 27	No classes Choir Camp at Connelly, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.	Sept. 13	Tri-School Theatre Fall auditions, 3:30-10 p.m.
Aug. 29	Thespian Officer Retreat, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.	Sept. 14	Special Assembly Schedule Fall Audition callbacks, 3:30 – 10 p.m.
Aug. 30-31	9 th -grade Officer interviews	Sept. 16	Special Assembly Schedule - Author Laura Resau speaks to students Junior Class ring orders Back to School Night, 6:45 p.m.
Aug. 31	Sophomore Parent Meeting, 7 p.m.	Sept. 17	Late start, 9 a.m. Adjusted Schedule – Formal Uniform Mass of the Holy Spirit @ noon 9 th -grade Ambassadors applications due ACT registration deadline for Oct. 23 test
Sept. 1	Parents Association meeting, 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 18	Tri-School Freshman Picnic & Welcome Back Dance at Servite
Sept. 3	No classes	Sept. 20	Welcome Back Pep Rally Spirit Week begins
Sept. 6	Labor Day; no classes	Sept. 21	Progress Reports posted on Edline Academic Council Meeting @ 3 p.m.
Sept. 7-8	9 th -grade officer campaigning	Sept. 24	Beach Day
Sept. 7	Makeup pictures Tri-School Theatre Fall Audition Workshop, 6-9 p.m. Club officer meeting Ambassador applications available Thespian meeting, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Tri-School Theatre Audition Workshop, 5-8 p.m.	Sept. 24-26	Choir retreat
		Sept. 27	Club meetings
		Sept. 28	Tri-School Theatre Parent Meeting @ 7 p.m.
		Sept. 30	Middle School Outstanding Teacher Reception @ 3:15-4:15 p.m.

COLLEGE CORNER

If you are interested in playing Division I, II, or III sports in college, please go to the NCAA Clearinghouse Web site. All interested athletes should make a point to register with the Clearinghouse at the start of their senior year.

http://eligibilitycenter.org/ECWR2/NCAA_EMS/NCAA.html

Seniors: Please make sure all testing (ACT, SAT Critical Reasoning and Subject Tests) is completed by December.

Juniors, sophomores, freshmen: A test day - October 13 - is set to help you prepare for the SAT and ACT tests. Juniors and sophomores will take the PSAT and freshmen will take the NEDT.

The school calendar is posted at

http://www.connellyhs.org/page/student_life/connelly_calendar

Our Web site offers daily, weekly, monthly and annual views of the calendar.

The new Daily Bell Schedule is posted there also.