

## **Wagner Ranch**

Wagner Ranch's upper grade play structure is taking shape and tantalizing the students! More than half of the apparatus is now in place with an expected mid-July completion date, in plenty of time for the coming school year! The generosity of Wagner Ranch's parent community, who made this possible, is greatly appreciated!

On May 18 Wagner Ranch held its first school-wide Diversabilities Awareness Day. This was a smashing success! The books and activities in which the students participated were very well chosen for each grade level, and students were thoroughly engaged in their learning. A huge thank you to WR parents and POISE members (Parent of Orinda Individuals in Special Education) Pam Ha and Bergen Woodbury, and to Ms. Headley and Ms. Ericson for all the work that went into putting on this day.

During the week of May 17, each kindergarten classroom participated in a wonderful virtual field trip entitled "Animals and their Habitats" which was presented by a ranger from the East Bay Parks system. With beautiful slides, the ranger explained the various ecosystems of the East Bay Parks. As she was livestreaming to the classes, she could respond immediately to students' questions and comments. A big thank you to the Damsta family for arranging this "field trip" for Wagner Ranch kindergarteners.

On May 18, Wagner Ranch second graders performed the annual Voices of Freedom extravaganza! The performance showcases what students have learned in social studies this year. It also brings to life core American symbols and, more importantly, speaks of the ideals that are supposed to guide us. This year, students were able to choose a hero whose ideals or contributions they wanted to discuss. It was heartening to hear the type of people that our students chose! This year the show gave more poignancy to the fact that we are very much in the process of living up to our ideals and that a great deal of work remains to be done. Thank you to Mrs. Doyle, Mrs. O'Neill, and Mrs. Ritzman as well as Ms. Ericson, Ms. Hall, Mrs. Thuesen, Mrs. Lee, and Mrs. Johnson for making this show happen in this challenging year.

On May 20, PC-Co President Sara Whitfield, Wagner Ranch's kindergarten teachers, and Principal Jim Manheimer welcomed the parents of incoming kindergarteners with an in-person late afternoon presentation. Parents had the chance to learn about Wagner Ranch, the kindergarten program, and the Parents' Club. It was great to see so many eager people preparing to join our community!