



WEST CASCADE PEACE CORPS ASSOCIATION



October Potluck

Please join us for the next WCPCA potluck, which will be held on Sunday evening, October 29, at the home of Dale Morse. We will start at 6:00pm with an opportunity for attendees to meet each other, followed by the potluck and a program. Julia Harvey, our President, will speak about her September trip back to Tonga, where she served in 1990-1993, for the 50th anniversary of that program. She lived in Neiafu, Tonga and was an education volunteer. Please bring a dish to share for an evening of enjoyment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 21st

HOP VALLEY

SEPTEMBER PUB NIGHT

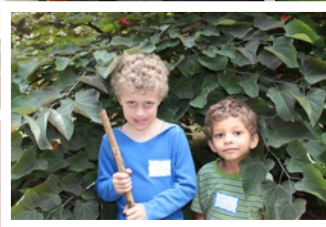


SEPTEMBER'S BOOK CLUB
SELECTION



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CLEAN UP

SUMMER PICNIC



WCPCA members gathered in the tree house of Don Nordin in Cottage Grove last month to enjoy good food and good conversation.

Event: WCPCA Story Slam

Date: December 3, 2017 Time: 2:00-4:00pm

Place: Tsunami Books, 2585 Willamette Street, Eugene

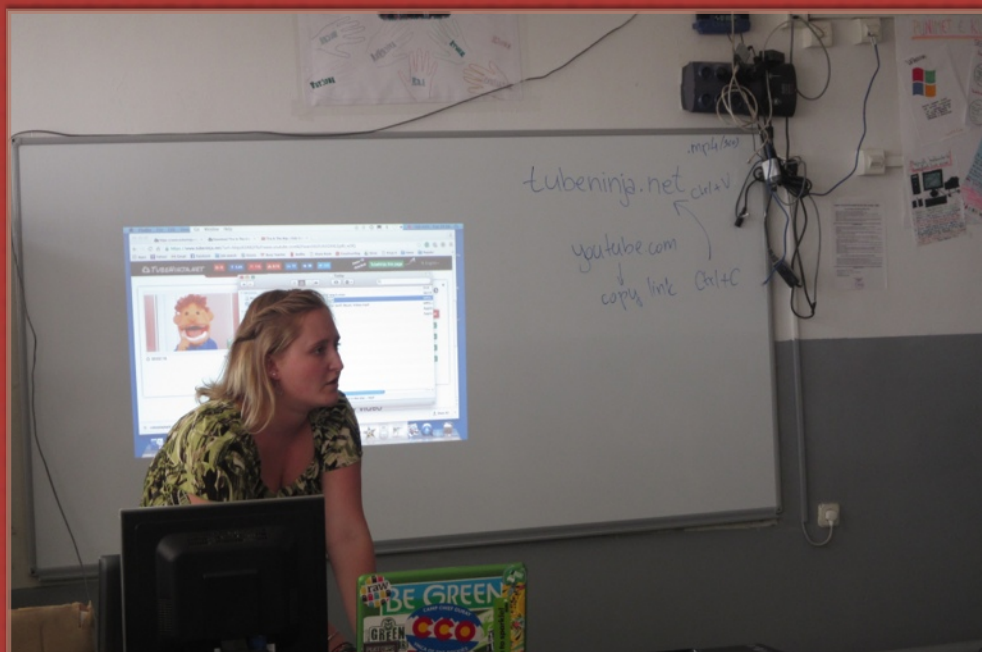
Bring: An appetizer, wine or beer

Mark your calendars! On Sunday, December 3, WCPCA will hold our second annual Story Slam at Tsunami Books. What is a Story Slam, you ask? A chance for you to tell a short story about an aspect of your Peace Corps experience. Sound like fun? Then join us!

We encourage everyone to join in the fun and tell a story. Storytellers will have 5-7 minutes to share their Peace Corps stories with the audience. Stories can be funny or poignant, and gifts will be given. If you have a story to tell, please get in touch with Juliet Bender at [936-520-3923](tel:936-520-3923) or at julietbender@aol.com.

We are also planning to combine this event with a silent auction fundraiser. If anyone has items for silent auction bids, please let Juliet Bender know. Thanks. The monies raised will go to Peace Corps Partnership Projects sponsored by Oregon volunteers.

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Kathleen
Kendrick
of Eugene

WCPCA
supported this
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Dear Fellow RPCVs in Eugene,

The summer is ending, and the teachers are back, preparing for the new school year. They were surprised and excited to see that their rooms had whiteboards that replaced the old green boards.

We held the first training this week. In the morning, the teachers from grades six through nine attended, and in the afternoon the teachers from grades one through five came. Fellow Peace Corps volunteer and her counterpart from her school came to talk to the teachers about student-centered teaching using our new technology - Mimio interactive system and the projector - with the new whiteboards. They also talked about their experience developing classroom management techniques for keeping children engaged in class, which was really helpful and offered some moments of hilarity. Miron, my counterpart for this project, gave a tour of the contents of our new system, highlighting the ways this system can put new life into the classes being taught. Stacie followed up with a tutorial about downloading videos teachers want to show in their classes.

In the end, I realized that a number of teachers were probably feeling overwhelmed by all the new technology being introduced, so Miron and I offered to help any teacher that had an idea of something they wanted to offer their class. We will help them go step by step to the finished product. Hopefully, if this help is available, more teachers, beyond those that are tech savvy, will be willing to learn how to use the system.

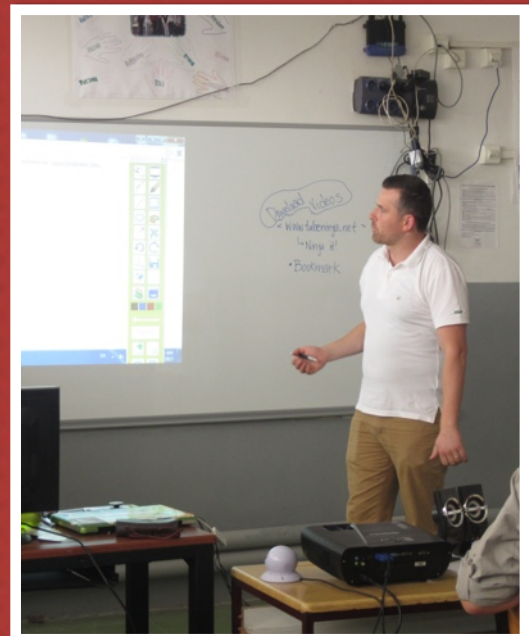
Next up, there will be workshops this fall that teachers have volunteered to teach as part of this project, in math, physics, online safety and security, Microsoft Office programs, history, physical education. Stay tuned . . .

Throughout the fall, we will be asking for feedback from the teachers on what difference they see in their classrooms, both their teaching and the students' engagement, with the presence of the whiteboards. There will be ongoing training to enhance teachers' understanding of student-centered teaching.

Once again, thank you for your support in our effort to enhance the education of the girls in Macedonia.

Peace, Kathleen

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JUST FOR FUN

