

# Phoenix News

March 2010

Upper Elementary and Middle School

The **Father/Daughter Dance** was a huge success. Students danced the night away with their fathers, swinging and swaying to the best of the '70s, '80s, and '90s.

The Student Council **Valentine Fundraiser** to benefit the American Red Cross and the victims of the earthquake in Haiti raised \$350. The Student Council thanks the Phoenix community for all of their support.

Third graders spent an afternoon with the fourth and fifth graders for a **Shadow Day**. They took part in the afternoon classes and participated in that afternoon's Pep Rally. **Phoenix alum**, Paul Kasrazadeh, returned to talk to the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh graders about his success after Phoenix. He talked about the benefits of having small class sizes and a safe middle school experience, and the ease of transferring into the high school environment where he has had great success. Both Paul and Phoenix alum, Kayla Riley, are currently ranked first in their respective classes at Vista Del Lago High School in Folsom.

There have been **over 600 pounds of paper recycled** at the Phoenix Schools since November. With less than 400 pounds to go, the middle school students that administer the program are looking forward to watching their efforts pay off. If their goal of 1000 pounds of paper is recycled, then Mrs. Hanavan will be dancing the Chicken Dance.

The final competition of the **Math Olympiad** will take place on March 9<sup>th</sup>. As of this date, two Phoenix team members have answered only one problem incorrectly, joining the top two percent of competitors across the entire United States.

Congratulations are due to Mr. Robinette and his 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who successfully completed their **Shuttle Mission**. Students took part in overseeing medical staff, completing experiments, and safely piloting the shuttle as part of the day long exercises.

We want to send our warmest wishes to Sai, Phoenix Spelling Champion, who is one of 61 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders that qualified for and will be participating in the **Sacramento Valley Regional Spelling Bee on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**.