

Cuesta College...College for Kids

Class: **ShowTime**

List of movies to be shown and discussed...descriptions and ratings from NetFlix.

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THE BRIDGE TO TERABITHIA PG

An 11-year-old boy has his life changed forever when he befriends the class outsider, a girl. Together they create the world of Terabithia, an imaginary kingdom filled with giants, trolls and other magical beings.

DUMA PG

When young Xan (Alexander Michaelletos) befriends an orphaned cheetah named Duma, he commits a pure act of selfless love and traverses the southern region of Africa, just so he can help his pal return to his one true home -- the wild. Although he may never see Duma again, Xan discovers that love lingers in spite of distance in this heartwarming family drama, which explores the bonds of friendship between man and beast.

WHALE RIDER PG-13

A Maori tribe must contend with the distinctly nontraditional concept of having a female leader when the intended heir to the throne dies during childbirth, leaving his twin sister, Paikea (Keisha Castle-Hughes), to prove herself. Rawiri Paratene, Vicky Haughton, Cliff Curtis and Grant Roa also star in this inspiring coming-of-age tale, which earned the then-13-year-old Castle-Hughes an Oscar nomination.

THE BLACK STALLION G

Adapted from the children's book by Walter Farley, this exquisitely filmed animal-lovers' treat follows a boy named Alec (Kelly Reno) from shipwreck to winner's circle with the stunning horse that befriends him. Mickey Rooney was nominated for a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role as a trainer who encourages Alec to race with the stallion after the boy and his horse are rescued from a desert island and returned to their home.

TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD NR

Southern comforts abound in this big-screen adaptation of Harper Lee's novel as lawyer Atticus Finch (Gregory Peck, in an Oscar-winning role) defends an innocent black man (Brock Peters) against rape charges but ends up in a maelstrom of hate and prejudice. Meanwhile, with help from a friend (John Megna), Finch's children, Jem (Phillip Alford) and Scout (Mary Badham), set their sights on making contact with a reclusive neighbor (Robert Duvall).

RABBIT-PROOF FENCE PG

Australia's aboriginal integration program of the 1930s broke countless hearts -- among them, those of young Molly (Evelyn Sampi), Gracie (Laura Monaghan) and Daisy (Tianna Sansbury), who were torn from their families and placed in an abusive orphanage. Without food or water, the girls resolve to make the 1,500-mile trek home. Meanwhile, a well-intentioned tracker is trying to return the girls to the authorities.

INTO THE WEST NR

Steven Spielberg executive produced this TNT miniseries about American Westward expansion during the 19th century. Told from both the perspective of the white Wheeler family and the Native American Lakota tribe, the 12-hour epic follows the clans as they struggle to find their place in a country confounded by turmoil and change. Historical figures and fictional characters interact in the gold fields, over railroad tracks and in battle.