

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Monday January 11, 6:30pm:
Class 8 Parent Evening

Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 - 9:00pm:
Class 4 Parent Evening

Wednesday, January 13, 6:30 - 8:30pm:
Class 5 Parent Evening

Friday, January 15
**Early Release for Teacher
Conference**

Monday, January 18
**School Closed ~ Martin Luther
King Jr. Day**

Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-9:00pm:
Charter Council meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 - 8:30pm:
**Kinder Parent Evening
Class 2 Parent Evening**

Thursday, January 21, 6:30-8:00pm:
Class 3 Parent Evening

Tuesday, January 26, 6:30-8:00pm
Family Folk Dancing (see article)

Tuesday, February 2, 6:30 - 9:00pm:
Parent Council Meeting

Welcome Back! *From Mark Rice*

Sitting in the Parent Council meeting last night I was struck by how many of us took the opportunity of the winter break to slow down and enjoy more quiet connecting time with loved ones. Many took the time to reflect on the gifts we are given: our children, the loving SunRidge community, and life itself. There are always many things we can complain about, and we can always look at things in a way that focuses on what isn't working or what doesn't measure up to the ideal or dream we had for something. Or, we can see the beauty that surrounds us, feel compassion for the challenges and struggles we all face at one time or another, strive to do the best we can with what we are given, and join together with others to make it all easier and more fun. Whatever challenges we face this new year, may we meet them with our eyes and hearts open, knowing that in the end it is love, resilience, and a sense of humor that get us through.

SunRidge Shirt Pick-up

If you still need to pick up your SunRidge shirt order, Kenna will have it available in the lower parking lot **this Thursday** (tomorrow) after school.

About those shirts...

The new organic cotton shirts are really soft and comfy, and very attractive! Kenna Lee did a great job on this project. **Thank you Kenna!**

Completion of Annual Parent Feedback Survey is Mandatory!

Well, I wish I could say that, because, if you have a concern or compliment you want to express, this is the most effective way to do it. Our annual Parent Survey is the formal process that all parents have to provide feedback on the operation of the school. The results are carefully reviewed and used as part of our evaluations of staff and operations. Please take a few minutes and complete yours, which will be arriving by mail this week. **Deadline for return is Wednesday, January 20.**

Start the New Year with a Folk Art Calendar

It's not too late to come get a calendar! They are available in the office, for \$12 a piece. Contact Heather with questions: heathert@sonic.net or 537-0839.

Family Folk Dancing, Tuesday, January 26

Folk dance teacher extraordinaire, Donna Burgess, will be in town on January 26 to lead our community in a family folk dancing night. Kids are welcome and no previous experience is needed to learn the dances and have a great time. Live music will also be provided. In the Apple Blossom School Multi-purpose room, from 6:30-8:00pm. Come let your hair down and have some fun!

SunRidge Storage Needed

Do you have a water-tight barn or storage building that could be made available for storing SunRidge things such as extra desks, chairs, and other furniture, and costumes and props for plays? Our current storage barn needs to be vacated as a cost-cutting measure, but we have no space on campus to store more things. Help!

Online Auction.....calling all parents...NOW is the time!

First, a big THANK YOU to the many parents who have stepped up already to make phone calls, data entry, pick-up items, etc. It is really starting to feel like a community

effort and that is awesome. Let's let that group energy continue to expand and see what we manifest!

Now that we are all coming out of our vacation bliss (hopefully we all had some!), it is time to look ahead - the auction is a little over 2 months away! So all you folks who have something to donate...NOW is the time to go online to www.sunridge.cmarket.com

<<http://www.sunridge.cmarket.com>> and click on "donate an item." Take advantage of the lead time, especially if you want to promote your business and get it up on the site now.

AND... with close to 400 parents at SunRidge, if every parent gets at least one item, we would have over 400 items right there. So each of you, think of ONE place you go—a restaurant, hair stylist, health club, flower store, photographer, etc. Carry a few donor letters (attached) with you in your car and the next time you are at this place, ask if they would be kind enough to donate to our auction (and get great exposure in return). There will also be some donor letters in the office that are pre-printed, by the end of this week. Again, ONE item per parent and we are set! And perhaps once you find out it isn't so bad asking, you might even go for two! Restaurants seem to go really well in these auctions so that is one category we can all work together to stock up on! Wine is a great seller too, and we having been working hard over the past month at contacting all the wineries for donations. If you have personal connections to a winery, please let us know.

Lastly, if you know someone who donated last year, and would like to contact them to see if they would be able to donate again this year, please do that, as personal connections are always the best way to go. If you do, please let Amy Schiff know, as we will be contacting all of last year's donors and don't want to duplicate efforts. You can reach Amy at amyschiff1@sbcglobal.net.

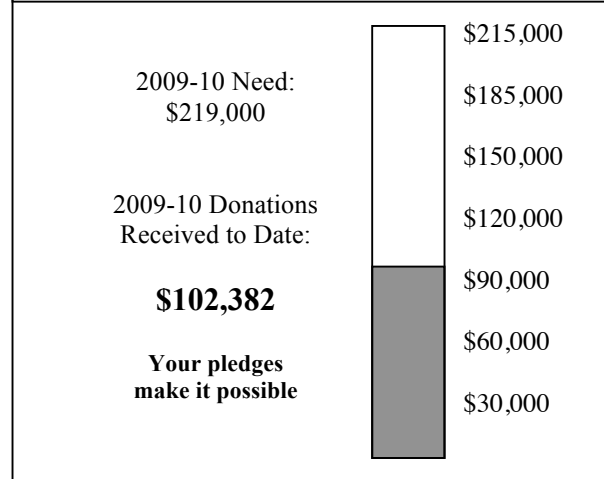
Questions, please contact Amy at the above e-mail or Pam Koppel at pamkoppel@comcast.net. Or you can talk to your Parent Council rep as well.

Thanks in advance for your participation!

Parent Leadership Retreat this weekend

SunRidge Parents who serve on the Parent Council, the Health of the Parent Body committee and the Charter Council are spending the day together this Sunday to do some visioning and learn how they can most effectively serve the SunRidge community. This process will be facilitated by 4th grade parents Alexander and Kathia Laszlo, who are organizational development specialists. We are fortunate to have them in our community and grateful to them for offering their time and expertise. This event is a part of an ongoing effort of the "Health of the Parent Body committee" (which is a sub-committee of the Parent Council that emerged at the end of last year) to explore and evaluate how parents can most effectively work together in support of our faculty, staff and administration to create a high-functioning, collaborative parent community. And of course, this is all in service of creating an atmosphere in which our children can thrive. These groups of parents are excited to spend the time together and looking forward to share the fruits of this effort in the coming weeks.

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Pledges Looking Pretty Good

Many thanks to everyone for your dependable pledging this year. We are pretty much on track at this point to meet our goal for the year, though we would be looking better if those few who could pledge but haven't yet would join the group effort. Every amount counts; even \$10 a month from 20 parents adds up to an additional \$2000 for the year. We will need everything possible this year as the state funding cuts have left us in deficit despite the budget cuts we made. Please help if you can.

Hot Lunch

Forms for January/February are available in the office. Remember, Tuesday orders must be received by Thursday of the previous week, and Friday orders must be received by Tuesday of the same week. The 6th grade thanks you.

Boys' Basketball Games

Two more home games are coming up:
Wednesday, January 6, at **6:15pm** vs Sebastopol Independent Charter, at the Sebastopol Community Church
Monday, January 11, at **6:15pm** vs Sonoma Charter, also at the Sebastopol Community Church.

Girls' Basketball is Next from Mr. T

The Valkyries are coming! I'm planning practices on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and these will also be the days for the games in this league. For 8th grade, games are played at 3:45pm, for 6th/7th games are at 4:30.

The first game is in February, so I'm encouraging girls to sign up this week. If your child filled out an athletic participation form for volleyball, it won't be necessary to complete one of those for girls' basketball, unless some information has changed. If you need a new form please let me know. I will soon be sending out a letter with more specifics, including practice dates, the game schedule, payment amounts, etc.

Please contact me with any concerns or questions. Here's to strong growth and a fun season!

Easy Money

Don't forget your COMMUNITY SMART and ESCRIP earn money for SunRidge while you shop. Any questions? Go online at www.communitysmart.com and www.escrip.com Or contact Kathleen Stroh at 829-2436 or kk_ward@hotmail.com .
Community smart cards are available in the office for \$3.50

Community Service Hours Reporting

We were late in getting out the links for reporting your community service hours for the month of November, so we are including links below for reporting both November and December hours. Thank you for helping us have good data on the impressive number of hours parents give to our school.

Report **November** community service hours here:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K2JZZZZ>

Report **December** community service hours here:
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K23DJ93>

Waldorf Teacher Training at Summerfield!

The Center for Educational Renewal is now accepting applications for a their 4-year part-time course beginning in June 2010. The course has been designed to enable people who cannot leave the area to take part in a full-time course and to meet the growing need for Waldorf Teachers at Kindergarten, Elementary and High School levels. CA. For more information and to apply, visit their website: www.edrenew.org or contact Don Basmajian at (707) 575-7194 Ext. 301. Enrollment is limited to 30 students.

Reminders!**No Cell Phones Please**

We do our best to make SunRidge an electronic media-free environment. We ask parents to help by not using your cell phone on campus around the children (i.e., not in the pedestrian crossing, outside of classrooms, in front pick-up area, etc.). Our rule for student use of cell phones is that if they must make a call, it should be made in the office only.

Flu Reminder

Help us minimize the spread of flu by keeping your sick child at home. Staff and students with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Students with flu-like symptoms will be sent home. You can also help by reinforcing with your child the importance of frequent hand washing. Students are encouraged to wash their hands at school, and we now have hand sanitizing supplies in each classroom. Thank you for your cooperation.

Classified

(We can list rentals, parents selling used items, free items, lost and found, or trades. We cannot list for-profit business ads)

Need a babysitter, yard help, or other helper need?

The Parent Council is sponsoring a student work referral system for students in grades 6-8. Students can fill out a form listing jobs they can do, and parents sign it to approve the referral form going into our Student Work Referral Binder. When you need a job done, stop by the office and look through the binder. Many of our students are excellent workers and are trying to earn money for various reasons. It's a win-win!

Operations & Business Manager

Seeking an Operations & Business Manager for an exciting new nonprofit, The Sebastopol Women and Families Center, which will open its doors in May, 2010. This will begin as a part-time VOLUNTEER position until the Center opens, after which it could potentially evolve into a paid part- or full-time position with benefits.
How to Apply: Please submit a cover letter and resume to: SebastopolWomensCenter@gmail.com

Piano needed! SunRidge fourth grader needs upright piano. Please call Alissa at 236-0747

Morning Helper Needed

I need help getting my kindergartener, Elijah Trainor, to school in the morning on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. I need to drop him off at your home at 7:15am on those days. I will pay someone for this help. Please call Nate Trainor at 318-0799.

Mommy's helper needed for SunRidge family. Pickup from school and take to Sebastopol home. Prepare snack, supervise constructive play, help children clean-up. 15 - 20 hours per week. Please call Dustin @ 707-480-5883.

Share Rental Available

Vegetarian Waldorf Family seeks similar to share west Santa Rosa home. 2 bdrms and a bath in a private downstairs wing available November 1st. \$1,200.00, includes utilities. Call 542-7372.

Room for Rent

Spacious master bedroom with private bath, walk-in closet, deck and private entrance if wanted. Nice NW Santa Rosa neighborhood, near Hwy's and shopping, easy to downtown. \$700 per month, utilities included. Call Rebecca: 525-8750.

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