



SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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, 4:00-7:00pm:
Charter Council meeting

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 - 8:30pm:
Kindergarten Parent Evening

Wednesday, January 20, 6:30 - 8:00pm:
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)

Monday, February 1, 6:30 - 8:00pm:
Class 1 Parent Evening

Monday, February 1, 7:30pm:
Class 6 Parent Evening

Friday is an Early Release and Pajama Day!

This Friday is an Early Release Day (many staff going to Sacramento for a Waldorf conference), and also an all-school Pajama day. We are relaxing our dress code for the day to accommodate the usual pajama varieties.

SunRidge Shirt Pick-up ~ Last Chance!

Remaining shirt orders are being held in the office, please come find yours this week.

Important Announcement Re: Money, SunRidge, Whole Foods Market and You

Whole Foods has just launched a new program that could generate \$20K or more annually for SunRidge. They are calling it a "School Scrip Program" that uses "gift cards". There are logistics and details being worked out now so we can begin participating as soon as possible. Please, please keep your eyes and ears open (via the Bulletin, and emails from the office and your Parent Council Rep) so we can maximize our income capacity and have more possibility of keeping programs that are in serious jeopardy due to severe state funding cuts.

Whole Foods Market School Scrip Program Questionnaire

Because the details we need to work out with this new program are complex, it will be very helpful to have some information from all of our families. You will receive an email shortly that has an online questionnaire (easy, quick) that we'd like every family to fill out (even if you don't shop at Whole Foods). Your responses will greatly help us make necessary decisions about our participation and the implementation thereof. Please read the entire email because it's very informative, and do the questionnaire. Thank you so much in advance for your participation.

Still Need a Calendar? They are still available in the office

Thank you Dragonfly Kindergarten Parents

The faculty and administration send their deepest appreciation for the yummy lunches provided for December faculty meetings. We know that providing these lunches is a gift of love, and we feel nourished on many levels every Thursday when we enjoy the feast!

Thank you SunRidge for your help with the Winter Food Drive

Together we collected 164 pounds of food! This amount of food allows the food bank to distribute 128 meals to Sonoma County residents in need. Your nourishing generosity is greatly appreciated. Blessings on our work, Class 2.

Please do Your Parent Feedback Survey!

This annual survey is your most effective way to speak your concerns and appreciations. Please take a few minutes and complete yours, which you should have received by mail last week. **Deadline for return is Wednesday, January 20.**

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 Open Enrollment for 2010-11

Our annual open enrollment period runs this year from February 8 through March 8. During this time we accept applications for next year for new students and offer ways for families to learn more about our school. The events include two Orientation meetings. Submitting an application and attending one of these meeting during the open enrollment period are required in order to be included in our lottery for available spaces, even if an applicant family already has another child enrolled at SunRidge. Current students do not need to re-apply, but if you are planning on enrolling a new child at SunRidge, contact the office for information and an application.

Two by Two....We're Asking You!

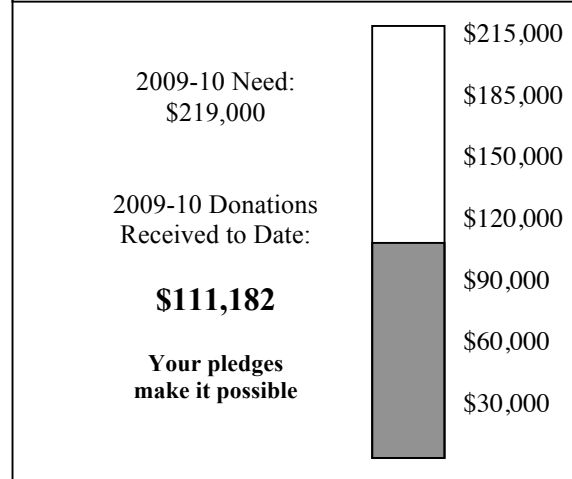
The Auction Team is looking for parents to go out in pairs to gather donations for our upcoming auction! Grab a friend and spend a few hours visiting local businesses. Contact Amy Schiff @ amyschiff1@scbglobal.net <<http://us.mc509.mail.yahoo.com/mc/compose?to=amyschiff1@scbglobal.net>> for further information. This auction will help support our school - which we desperately need considering the budget cuts we are facing! Two by two....what a great reason to hang out with a friend!

One is all...the order is not tall!

We are requesting that every parent at SunRidge be responsible for bringing in one donation item. Some ideas:

- Think of a place you go often -your gym, your favorite restaurant, a bookstore or coffee house. Next time you go, make sure you go with a donor letter in hand (they are available in the office and are attached to the newsletters) and ask the manager if they would be willing to donate an item. Hopefully they will say "yes," but if not, you can pick your second favorite place and try again (and you will see that it is really not that painful!).
- It doesn't have to be local. If you have friends or family with businesses out of the area, ask them as well. The auction has a national audience - so let's think big!
- Look around your house and see if you can find one item to donate (*please note - it must be in good condition and at least worth \$25).
- Perhaps you have business and would like to offer a product or service. Go do www.sunridge.cmarket.com <<http://www.sunridge.cmarket.com>> and click on "donate an item." Enter your information and we're good to go!
- Do you have a special talent? You can offer lessons (knitting, sewing, canning, cooking, music, etc.) Go to the website and enter the info - we will make a gift certificate for you!
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2009-10 Pledge Program Report



The website address is www.sunridge.cmarket.com <<http://www.sunridge.cmarket.com>>

Thanks for your help in this community effort!

Happy New Year: The gnomes were adorable

As usual knitters outdid themselves and the buyers loved them. Thanks to all of you for being a part of such a warm and loving project. I will be using the money along with extra from previous years to buy supplies for all the grades such as yarn, knitting needles and fabric. I'll expand our knitting needle collection to include circular needles. Much gratitude, Laurie McKenzie

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!

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.

Girls' Basketball News *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!

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/K2JZZZ>

Report **December** community service hours here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/K23DJ93>

Multicultural Choir Workshop

*Exciting interactive music workshop with VOENA multicultural choir and Gideon Bendile! **Sunday, January 17th, 1pm-3pm at Summerfield Waldorf School, Sophia Hall.** Enjoy a rare opportunity to work with Jefferson-award-winning VOENA director Annabelle Marie and find out what it's like to be part of a world-touring professional choir! Talk to the VOENA kids about their recent trip to South Africa! Bring your drum and play along with South African Zulu Spear member Gideon Bendile as he shares stories of his homeland. VOENA will perform a short concert following the workshop. \$10, open to all ages 6+ (that means grown-ups too!)*

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.

Reminder: 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.

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

Small Rental Apartment available Feb. 1st.

Looking to rent February 1st a 1+ bedroom apartment near Occidental. SunRidge family lives in the adjacent main house. Apartment is rustic/rural/quirky but fully appointed, and private. Rent of \$850 includes utilities and high speed internet! Spacious, quiet, wooded, meadows, long driveway on dead end road. Contact Megan at 707-874-2729 or cell 510-205-5058. There is an ad on craigslist with photos: <http://sfbay.craigslist.org/nby/apa/1547420908.html>

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.

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