



SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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

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

Wednesday, February 3, 5:30-7:00pm:
Class 7 Parent Evening

Thursday, February 4, 4:30-7:30pm:
Special Charter Council Meeting

Monday, February 8, 6:30pm:
Class 8 Parent Evening

Friday, February 12
Early Release

**February 15 - 19: School Closed
for Presidents Week Break**

Last Chance for Survey Input

If you haven't completed and turned in our annual parent survey, we are extending the deadline until this Friday. Please use this opportunity to register your level of satisfaction with various aspects of SunRidge operations. It is the most effective way to do so and what you think and feel really does matter!

What Does it Mean to have a Vibrant and Thriving Parent Body and School Community?

Please read the attached article.

Whole Foods Market Scrip Gift Cards

Whole Foods has just launched a new program that could generate \$20K or more annually for SunRidge. Thank you so much to the 64 parents who completed the questionnaire we sent out last week to help us plan for this exciting new fundraising program that only requires that everyone who shops at Whole Foods uses SunRidge Gift cards for their purchases. (A big apology to those of you who tried to do the on-line questionnaire on Monday and could not (the survey was mistakenly closed)). If you have not done this questionnaire yet (it's very quick and easy to do), please do it now: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FTZPDK5>. We are reviewing the data this Friday at 11:00am so if you cannot do it now, please do it by then. Thank you!

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

Family Folk Dancing, Tuesday, January 26

Folk dance teacher extraordinaire, Donna Burgess, will be in town next Tuesday, 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!

Emergency Response Reminder

The very heavy rains and flooding yesterday and this morning reminded us of how quickly Watertrough Road can get congested with cars due to the location of several schools in the immediate area. It is good to remember that if the roads are congested, especially if there is an earthquake or other disaster, to have planned in advance for how to get to school. Our suggestion is to park well away from the school (but not blocking the road so emergency vehicles to get through), and walk to SunRidge to get your children. It is also a good time to check on your emergency release information in the office to be sure that you have others authorized to pick up your child in the event of an emergency situation. We can only release children to parents, legal guardians, and others authorized to do so in an emergency.

Calling All Facebook Friends...

Hey all you SunRidge Facebook friends. Let's use the current "social networking" craze to help spread the word about our auction. Next time you are on Facebook, send an invitation to all of your friends (and some of you have 100's!) and invite them to donate an item or service to our auction. Make sure and put the auction website on there and invite them to click through to the "donate an item" button.

Just imagine it...in no time we could have thousands of people invited to join our effort! SunRidge also has a Facebook page. You can join that as well. By the way...if any of you are Facebook experts - we would love your help in this area! E-mail pamkoppel@comcast.net to join this effort. Meanwhile, the auction items are coming in. Thanks to all of you who have donated or solicited donations! Check out the website at www.sunridge.cmarket.com <<http://www.sunridge.cmarket.com>> to see what we have so far and to get some ideas for other items you can ask for. Restaurants are always a winner! Do you have an item you have been meaning to put on the website? Now's the time! We are still in need of people to "pound the pavement" for auction donations. Grab a friend, take a morning or afternoon and choose a geographical area to cover - downtown Sebastopol or Santa Rosa, Railroad Square, Healdsburg Square, etc. Please e-mail amyschiff1@sbcglobal.net to let her know where you are going and to make sure the area hasn't been covered. More next week....

SunRidge Open Enrollment for 2010-11

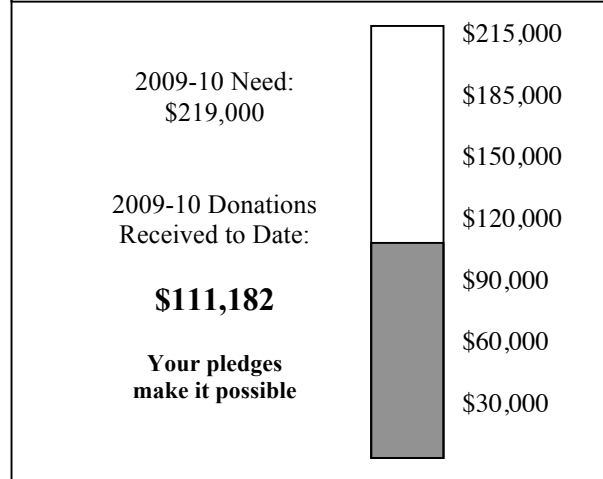
Our annual open enrollment period runs this year from February 8 through March 8. During this time we accept applications for next year for new students and offer ways for families to learn more about our school. Submitting an application and attending an orientation meeting during the open enrollment 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.

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 a business and would like to offer a product or service. Go to www.sunridge.cmarket.com <<http://www.sunridge.cmarket.com>> and click on "donate an item." Enter your information and we're good to go!

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



- 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!

Thanks for your help in this community effort!

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!

Boy's Basketball Playoffs

Monday, the 25th, SR plays Sebastopol Charter at the Community Church at 3:45pm
 If we lose that one, we're done.
 If we win that one, we play Tuesday at Windsor Christian.
 If we win that one, we play Friday at Sonoma Country Day School at 5pm for Championship.
 If we lose the game at Windsor Christian, we play Wednesday at Sonoma Country Day School
 If we win that one, we play Thursday at 4:30pm @ SCDS for Consolation Championship
 If we lose either of those games, we're done.

Community Service Hours Reporting

Here are the links for reporting your community service hours for the month of November and December. 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>

Community Events

Learning to Learn, an Introduction to Waldorf Education ~ with Roland Baril

Today, January 20th, 7:00pm, Sophia Hall

RSVP: 575-7194 ext. 102 or sallie@summerfieldwaldorf.org

Join us for this informative presentation given by Summerfield Waldorf School's Lower School Coordinator, Roland Baril, on the fundamentals of Waldorf education. Parents of currently enrolled students or those who are exploring Waldorf education as an option for their child may be interested in this opportunity to deepen their understanding and appreciation of the Waldorf curriculum. This talk will include a look at the founding history of Waldorf education and some of Rudolf Steiner's insights central to curriculum's pedagogy. Roland approaches these subjects with both the keen eye of an educator and a parent of a K-12 Waldorf graduate.

This talk is free of charge and appropriate for parents of children of all ages... or grandparents, friends, relatives, business associates... please tell others about it, or come and bring a friend!

Mothering and Spirituality

A Waldorf Parenting Conference

"Mothering and Spirituality: Resourcing Feminine Wisdom" will be the theme of the annual regional parenting conference **April 24-25 at Sacramento Waldorf School**. Designed to offer a weekend of inspiration and renewal, the conference brings together keynote speakers from Waldorf education with nationally-known authors/presenters to explore weaving the strands of mothering, spirituality and feminism.

Featured speakers include: Cynthia Aldinger, founder of LifeWays North America, with training for parents and childcare providers inspired by the work of Rudolf Steiner; Rahima Baldwin Dancy, Waldorf early childhood specialist and author; Carol Lee Flinders, author of *At the Root of This Longing: Reconciling a Spiritual Hunger and a Feminist Thirst*; Nancy Jewel Poer, wise elder, Waldorf educator and author of *Living into Dying*; and Regina Sara Ryan, author of *The Woman Awake. Feminine Wisdom for Spiritual Life*.

There will also be three dozen workshops offered in breakout sessions, ranging from the practical to the sublime. A complete brochure and secure **online registration** are available at < <http://www.waldorfinthehome.com/> > or by calling (303) 546-0070. The conference is organized by Rahima Baldwin Dancy at Informed Family Life.

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. 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.

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

Missing Fleece

Have you seen a grey, zip-up fleece (brand: Black Diamond)? Tristan Simms in class 3 is missing his fleece. Please call Diana if you find it ~ 823-2303. Thank you!

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!

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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