

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 25, 6:45 - 9:00pm:
Class 8 Play

Friday, March 26: **School Closed for
Parent Conferences**

Thursday, April 1, evening show:
Class 5 Play

Friday, April 2 is an **Early Release Day**

Friday, April 2, 1:15pm
Special Charter Council meeting

April 5 - 9
School Closed for Spring Break

Monday, April 12, 6:30 - 9:00pm:
Parent Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 20, 6:00 - 9:00pm:
Charter Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 - 8:00pm:
Class 2 Parent Evening

Wednesday, April 28, 6:30 - 8:30pm:
Kinder Parent Evening

Saturday, May 8: May Faire!

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For Your Calendars

Two important school events are on the horizon, so put them on your calendars: **SunRidge May Faire: Saturday, May 8** (if it must be cancelled due to rain, it will be held on a school day during the following week).

SunRidge Spring Concert: Thursday, June 3, 6:45pm, featuring 4th through 8th grade strings, orchestra, and choir performances.

April Fools' Day

Join Class 1 as we celebrate spring at our Farmers' Market. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, April 1st** and save up your appetite. We will have many wonderful pastas to choose from, along with fresh salads and bread. There will be plant starts, delicious bottled sauces and dressings, as well as a variety of crafts for sale. Come decorate some eggs just in time for Easter. We are happy to announce that yes, the nature treasure hunt will be returning for this market. There will be gently used clothing and books for sale. Oh, and wait till you see the raffle prizes. There are some great ones. So come celebrate all the bounty that spring has to offer. And let's not forget, it's also April Fools' Day. You just never know what might be happening... We'll see you there.

Bummed about the Budget Cuts? *From Pam Koppel*

This is it SunRidge Community. Our chance, as a community, to join together and rise to the occasion. WE can make a difference!

Just over 24 hours to go in the auction. Let's make this an all out community effort to meet or exceed our goal of \$25,000! We have a ways to go. But **our auction has over \$63,000 worth of items(!)** so we absolutely have the means to do it! We have only reached about 25% of that as of now.

If we do this, we can avoid more cuts. Let's do this together in the last 24 hours.

Let's set our intention, visualize the numbers and sit down at our computers and go for it! Here's some ideas of how you can contribute to an extraordinary finish:

Devote 30 minutes tonight to spreading the word:

Do a last minute e-mail plea (see sample text below - feel free to cut-n-paste).

Send this to everyone in your address book.

Call any of your friends who might be interested in supporting us (for those of you who still use the phone to communicate :))

Use all the social networking you have access to. Facebook, Twitter, Linked-in. Post our plea there (again, use sample text if you would like).

Are you on any discussion groups? Or could you find one to post on? Wine groups, dining, theater, drumming groups. There are discussion groups in Linked-in, Yahoo and Google. You can join them and post about the auction (double check to make sure no one else from SunRidge has already done a recent post). Here is some sample text for your e-mails & posts (if you cut-n-paste, the hyperlinks to the site should remain):

"Our school has been hit by massive cuts & our children and families are calling upon you to help us!...but in a fun way!

Help us AND get great deals on wines, food, hotels and vacations, clothes, photography, healing sessions, and much more - for up to 1/3-1/2 the value. We have almost 500 items - many not even bid on yet (meaning low prices - \$100 bottles of wine for \$35, \$125 acupuncture sessions for \$40 and many other deals like that!) www.sunridge.cmarket.com.

Our online auction has less than 48 hours and our school is in serious need of help. **We are facing a \$200,000 deficit next year** and have already had some severe cuts in our specialty programs - Gardening, Eurythmy & Spanish are all gone (hopefully just temporarily)! We need to raise \$50,000 right away to avoid further cuts. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 in our auction by Thursday at 9pm! The funds will be matched by a donor up to \$20,000 so that will get us close to what we need. \$30,000 would be even better!

Please help us avoid any further cuts by going to www.sunridge.cmarket.com and placing your bids. Thanks you in advance for helping our school!"

If politicians can raise a million dollars in 24 hours, we can raise \$10,000!!! I have come to learn most of you are last minute, rise up like the Phoenix, big finish line crossers.....so take a big breath my friends - and let's sprint together - with our kids in our heart and our mouses in our hands - across the finish line for the BIG FINISH! Click, click.....

Whole Foods 4% Scrip Cards In Action!

The Whole Foods scrip program is up and running, we made another \$100 for SunRidge last week, just by shopping at Whole Foods using the scrip. It is a great start, but we should be able to raise \$500 a week, that is \$2,000 a month for SunRidge just for shopping at Whole Foods.

A quick review and answers to commonly asked questions:

~Whole Foods is offering scrip at a 4% discount to SunRidge.

The scrip comes in \$50 and \$100 and you pay no extra money, the 4% comes directly from Whole Foods.

~There are several ways to buy the scrip. The best place to go is **Infusions** tea and chocolate shop 4 doors west of Whole Foods. They have generously offered to sell the cards for us. Please bring a check as they will not accept cash. We will also make scrip available at **Farmer's Markets** and we will notify you when we do driveway sales.

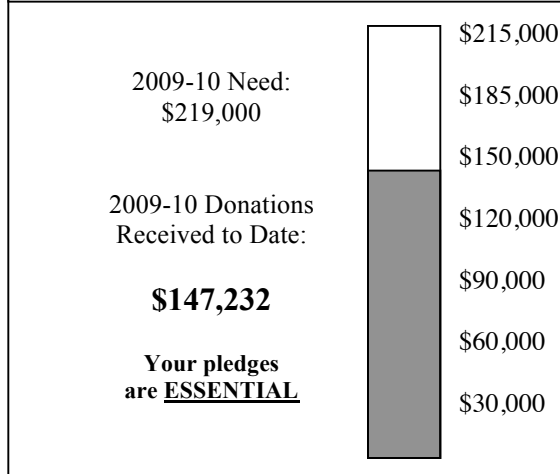
As a last result, if you find yourself in the **school office** at a quiet moment, Theresa or Mira will be happy to sell you your cards (remember, exact amount only).

~This is a brand new program and they are working out some of the details. In the future they will use less paper and allow us to add to existing cards. Let's show Whole Foods how successful this program is, and they will be more likely to make some changes.

Anyone can buy these cards, please tell your family and friends!

Thanks for your support. For questions, please contact Kathleen at 829-2436 or Strohkk_ward@hotmail.com.

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Handwork News ~ from Laurie McKenzie

Spring is in the air... chicks, lambs, and bunnies are coming alive in the classrooms. Thanks to Chris Dunia, Becky Brumme, and Tory Davis for the beautiful yarn donated to our program. It's so nice of you to be thinking of us when you're spring cleaning! Also thanks to Claire Noble for the fancy scraps of fabric.

Scrip Program Needs YOU from Kathleen Stroh

Immediate help needed to continue the Whole Foods Scrip Program. I have the program up and running, but new employment means I will no longer be able to help as I have been. We are looking for someone to spend about an hour a week restocking Infusions Tea Shop and taking the deposits to the bank. You can do this on your own schedule, and if we can get more people we can divide the work. If you are interested or have questions please contact me kk_ward@hotmail.com or 829-2436. Thank you!!

Circus Camp This Summer at SunRidge

Mr. T is currently working with a Circus Camp leader from Novato Charter School to offer a 4-day circus camp for students in grades 4-8 on the SunRidge campus this summer. More information will be coming shortly, but **the circus camp is on our auction site ready for your bid (only until Thursday night at 8:59pm)**. Great way to get a bargain, give your child a fantastic experience, and help SunRidge.

8th grade Girls Basketball Playoffs ~from Mr. T

The Valkyries won their first play-of game yesterday by one point! That means we play **Game 2** today (Wednesday) at 3:45pm at the Sebastopol Community Church.

If we **win** Game 2, we play Friday at Sonoma Country Day School at 5pm for the Championship (most likely versus SCDS or RVCS)

If we **lose** Game 2, we finish our season.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please email Dale at movement@sunridgeschool.org

Community Service Hours Reporting

Here are the links for reporting your community service hours for the month of January and February. Thank you for helping us have good data on the impressive number of hours parents give to our school.

Report **January** community service hours here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R65JLG9>

Report **February** community service hours here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/R65QNHG>

If you have any problems with entering your data, please contact Melissa Morgan, melissa_morgan@mac.com.

Community Events

DIRECT FROM THE SUNRIDGE AMPHITHEATRE:

**** **"MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING"** ****

Class 8 is proud to present this year's Shakespeare play on March 24 & 25.

Thursday night is the full extravaganza, from 6:45 - 9pm. And we're gonna have a hootin', hollerin' time, staging this play at the turn of the century, circa 1900. Some of the wild west will be there, with folk dancing, spittoons, and cowboy songs!

Thursday's admission is by donation, sliding scale. Come join the fun, partner.

Inspiring Women And Girls To Love

Themselves! ~ a FREE talk by DeAnna L'am, author of *Becoming Peers - Mentoring Girls Into Womanhood*. Designed to empower Moms, and any woman with a special girl in her life, to fully embrace her cyclicity, to get comfortable welcoming her girl into womanhood, and to become the role model she wishes her girl to witness. You will leave with steps you can take right away to start empowering yourself and the youth in your life!

Many Rivers Books & Tea, 130 S. Main St, Sebastopol.
Thursday, March 25, 7:30 PM. All welcome. Info: 823-5659.

Easter Festival a free event at Summerfield

We will celebrate with singing, eurythmy, storytelling, ceremony, and conversation. Come share in the festival of healing and resurrection in this joyous spring season.

Please bring a snack to share. This **event is for adults only** (no kids). **Saturday, April 3rd from 2-5pm** in Sophia Hall at Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm, 655 Willowside Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95401.

For more contact, Theresa Melia at 824-0645.

Tae Kwon Do for everyone!

Alexander Laszlo is opening a new Martial Arts school at the Occidental Community Center (OCC) with Kids Classes and Adult Classes. His exercise program conditions body, mind, and spirit for self-discipline and self defense in an atmosphere of respect, safety and fun. On **Sunday, April 25 from 2-4pm**, he will put on a demonstration and exhibition event at the OCC with Masters from throughout the Bay Area. Classes begin after that, with Kids Class for anyone 8-17 on Thursdays from 3:30-5pm, and Adult Classes for those 18-80 on Thursdays from 5-7pm and Sundays from 11am-1pm. The cost is \$5/class or \$15/month for kids and \$5/class or \$25/month for adults, plus a membership fee of \$20/year. For more information, check the OCC website at <http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.net/tae-kwon-do.html>, or contact Alexander at alexander@syntonyquest.org or by phone at 707-874-6030, and come to the demo!

Helping the Children ~ from Wyatt Belden, 7th grade

I am collecting donations of new and used sporting equipment for an organization that will distribute it to underprivileged children around the world. This is part of a Bar Mitzvah project. Please help by donating some of the following items to the box inside the office.

Needed items:

Baseball/softball balls, mitts, bats and cleats
Basketball - balls, nets, uniforms
Football
Running shoes (lightly worn)
Soccer balls, uniforms, shin guards, cleats
Tennis racquets and balls
Volleyballs and nets
Playground equipment: jump ropes, rubber balls, hacky sacs, Frisbees
Coaching supplies: clipboards, air pumps, stop watches, whistles, vests, ball bags, first aid kits

Thanks for helping!

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 looking for ways to earn money. It's a win-win!

