



SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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

Friday, April 23, 5:30 - 8:00pm:
Class 6 Social

Monday, April 26, 6:30-8:30pm:
Beyond the Birds and the Bees
See adjoining article

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

Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 - 8:30pm:
Class 4 Parent Evening

Monday, May 3, 6:30pm:
Parent Council Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 6:30pm:
Class 3 Play

Saturday, May 8: May Faire!

Tuesday, May 11, 6:00-7:30pm:
Class 1 Parent Evening

Wednesday, May 12, 6:00 - 8:00pm:
**Class 5 Parent Appreciation
Dessert**

Tuesday, May 18, 6:00 - 9:00pm:
Charter Council Meeting

Middle School Changes *from Mark Rice*

Many thanks to everyone who came to our Middle School Meeting at the Twin Hills campus last Wednesday night. We had a great turn-out and strong support for the major change we are planning for moving our upper grades to the Twin Hills campus next fall. We are now working to address the many questions and concerns that must be addressed with such a move. The upper grades faculty and I are working on a well-articulated description of the Middle School program that includes some positive changes, and the Charter Council is coordinating Advisory Groups that will provide input to them on the many parts of the plan that need clarification and implementation. If you want to participate on an Advisory Group please contact Beth Gallock at bethfully@earthlink.net.

Please note that if you have a question about this move, we have a FAQ sheet in the office as well as "Question Cards" to facilitate parents getting their questions included and answered. You may also email questions directly to the Charter Council parent liaison for our Middle School, Beth Gallock, at the address above. We will be providing regular updates on our progress in the weeks ahead—thank you for your patience as we do the work necessary to ensure this move is structured and managed in the best possible way.

Join the Parade this Saturday, April 24

This year we will be joining with the other three schools in the district to form a Twin Hills District flotilla! The Twin Hills band will lead the way, followed by a big Twin Hills float, then SunRidge and Orchard View on foot, and ending with an Apple Blossom truck at the end. This will be fun! Here are the details:

Because we just need to join in behind the Twin Hills float, we don't need to get there early and stand around for hours. Just show up near the entrance to Analy High School by 10:00am when the parade begins, and step into the procession when the Twin Hills float drives by. It will be crowded and you will need to park quite a ways away, so leave plenty of time to get there. Wagons are fine, no skateboards...

Beyond the Birds and the Bees This Coming Monday

Myra Polikoff, MFT will be returning to SunRidge on **Monday, April 26th from 6:30-8:30** to discuss the subject of talking to your kids about sex. Everyone is welcome, but the talk will be focused on grades K-4. Please RSVP at the office (824-2844) so we know how many people will be attending. As of today, the sign-ups would indicate that the talk will take place in our community room. See *attached flyer for more information*.

Concerned about Internet Safety?

If your child is using the computer at home, you will want to install some form of screening system. Every parent should know that hardcore pornography is just a click away, even when searching with words that may be unrelated (e.g., doing an animal report and googling the word "foxes"). One parent recommends a free downloadable system called "OpenDNS." Another: www.lk9webprotection.com.

May Faire Coming Soon!

Mark your calendars for our annual SunRidge May Faire on Saturday, May 8. It begins at 10:30am with set up and garland making; the procession begins at 11:15, followed at 11:30 with singing, class presentations, and the weaving of the may pole. Bring a picnic lunch and top it off with strawberries and shortcake. Don't miss it!

May/June Hot Lunch Order Forms are now available in the office! Remember, Tuesday orders must be received by Thursday of the previous week, and Friday orders by Tuesday of the same week. Order forms attached.

6th Grade Girls Valkyries

Thanks to volunteer coach Taylor Knoop and helper Curt Quantz, we now have a Spring 5th-6th girls basketball team. Here are the games:

- Wed, April 21 - SunRidge vs. Sonoma Country Day School at SCDS at 3:45
 - Monday, April 26 - SunRidge versus Presentation at Presentation at 5pm
 - Wed, April 28 - SunRidge vs. St.Luke at St. Luke - This game needs rescheduling with St. Luke (they can't play this day);
 - Monday, May 3 - SunRidge versus Windsor Christian Academy at Windsor Christian Academy
 - Wednesday, May 5th - St. Luke rescheduled? TBD
- Go Valkyries!

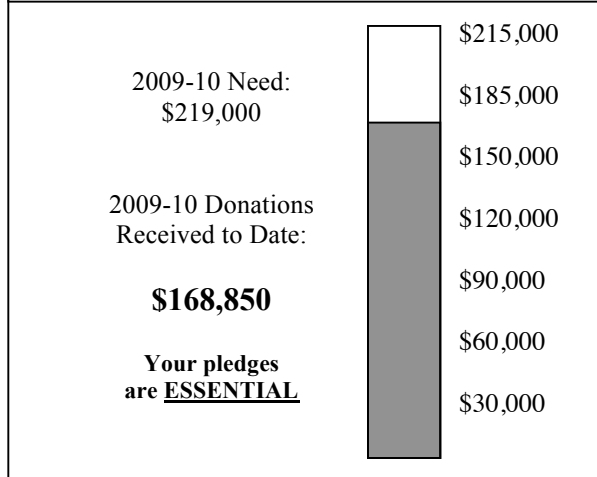
Parent Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our annual parent satisfaction survey in January. The results have now been compiled and the results shown below. Parents were asked to provide a rating of their satisfaction with each area on a scale of 1-5, with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest level of satisfaction. Twenty-five to fifty percent (25-50%) of parents submitted responses depending on the item.

Rated Area	Average Rating
Social/Emotional Safety of School Environment	4.00
Physical Safety of School Environment	4.14
Service from Administrative Staff	4.69
Respect and Care Provided by School Staff in general	4.63
After School Program	3.95
Class Teachers (7 sub-areas rated)	4.19 (3.43 - 4.93)
Specialty Classes/Teachers	4.10 (2.93-4.71)
Director/Administrator (8 sub-areas rated)	4.22
Charter Council	4.33
Parent Council	4.30

Once again we are very pleased to receive such consistently high ratings of satisfaction from our parent body. The survey also included a section on suggestions for improvement, which we will respond to in future articles.

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Calendar Sales Needs Help!

Are you looking for a great place to dedicate some of your energy? We need more people working with the Patrick Amiot calendar project. If you have some time and energy to help with the project please contact Heather Thurber at 480-4376 or heathert@sonic.net.

Note from Mark: This calendar project brings in over \$6,000 to our fundraising efforts every year, at little cost to our school community. Please help if you can.

Charter Council Opening

The Charter Council is announcing an upcoming opening for a parent representative to replace Nedra Berns as her daughter is graduating in June. *Because we already have parent reps with children in the upper grades, the Council is particularly interested in candidates from grades 1-3.* We hope to have the position filled no later than September. If you are interested, please contact Elisabeth Mallary at 824-2844, or Beth Gallock at 824-8931, to receive a packet with more information about the position and the process.

Announcement about Community Smart

In case you are still using your Community Smart Card, please be aware that we have discontinued our relationship with them due to difficulty in getting payments for funds collected through use of the card. We suggest that the cards not be used until their payment system is dependable. We will let you know if there is a change in this situation.

Community Service Hours Reporting

Here is the link for reporting your community service hours for the month of March. Thank you for helping us have good data on the impressive number of hours parents give to our school.

Report **March** community service hours here:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZLVF3V>

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

Community Events

SunRidge May Faire:

Saturday, May 8, 10:30am -2:00pm

SunRidge Spring Concert: Thursday, June 3, 6:45pm, featuring 5th through 8th grade strings, orchestra, and choir performances.

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 874-6030, or alexander@syntonyquest.org, and come to the demo!

Balance, unicycle, leap, juggle, perform! ~ from Mr. T

This summer Alex Boshell (Movement Teacher from Novato Charter/Live Oak) and I will run a one-week Circus Camp this summer here at SunRidge. We're offering a 5-day intensive to teach, develop and sharpen skills like Poi spinning, Rola Bola balancing, acrobatics and tumbling, unicycling, stick, ball and ring juggling and more. This camp is open to next year's 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. SunRidge gets priority signup; then we'll open registration district-wide and to the downtown charter school. If this sounds intriguing, you can learn more at www.waldorfcircus.org. Registration forms are available online.

The week is **July 5-9**, and the camp runs 8:30am - 12:30pm or 2:30pm. Feel free to ask me about it on campus if you see me on campus.

Waldorf Events

Teacher Training Program Open House

Listen to a short talk on Waldorf education & teacher training, meet students, ask questions and view students' work.

Tuesday, April 27, 7:00pm at Summerfield Waldorf in the 5th Grade Classroom.

The Next course begins this June! www.edrenew.org

William Shakespeare's comedy "As You Like It"

Performed by the Center For Educational Renewal's 5th Waldorf Teacher Training's graduating class.

Saturday, May 8, 7:00PM at Summerfield Waldorf School. Adults: \$8, Children/students: \$5. Tickets available in the Summerfield Office and at the door.

Sebastopol Super Summer School

The Sebastopol Community Center is sponsoring a half day summer school program. Children entering 3rd through 7th grade may choose up to 3 subjects to focus on from a long list that includes: arts and crafts, cooking, dance/gymnastics, science, basic math and reading, etc.

Hours: 9:00 - 12:00 noon, Monday through Thursday

Dates: June 14th - July 8th

Cost: \$350 for the entire 4 week program with discounts for siblings.

Contact: Rebecca Worsley at 874-1025 or rebworsley@yahoo.com

Classified

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

Missing Hat

I am missing my handmade dark green wool hat, lost sometime within the last month. It was made by my Grandma who died 17 years ago and is very precious to me. If you have seen it or remember me wearing it recently please let me know by calling Linda at 823-1489 or email shogun2@prodigy.net.

Housing Needed

Single mom with two children (ages 11 and 14) seeks long or short term housing beginning in May or June 1---house sit/sublet/alternative sheltering/partial or full work trade for services---child care (I drive a minivan), cleaning, healing foods (ayurvedic, live foods, etc...), bodywork, personal assistance, caregiving, garden care. Jamila 808-264-5093

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