

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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

Saturday, May 8: May Faire!
See article for times

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

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

Monday, May 17:
Next year's 1st Grade Meeting

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

Thursday, May 20:
Farmers' Market hosted by the
Kindergartens

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 - 8:30pm:
Kindergarten Parent Evening

8th Grade Projects location TBA
Wednesday, May 26, 7:00 - 9:00pm
Thursday, May 27, 6:00 - 9:00pm

From SunRidge to High School and Beyond

Congratulations to the hard working students of the 8th grade for their acceptances to the high schools of their choice. It was a rigorous process of applications, essays and letters, and our students were well-prepared and diligent in their intentions. Five students were accepted to Summerfield Waldorf School: Ry Ulmer-Strack, Maya McNichol, Sasha Racherbaumer, Tucker Muollo and Alister Greenfield. Six students were accepted to Sonoma Academy: Serena Berns, Charlotte Molinari, Jasper Guyer-Stephens, Carlos Booker, Sasha Racherbaumer and Maya McNichol. Two students: Noah Dove and Elliot Dellorco, were accepted to Tech High in Cotati. Two students were accepted to the ArtQuest program at Santa Rosa High School: Carlos Booker and Alex Mamrelli-Small. Michael Rinn and Tucker Muollo were accepted to Cardinal Newman High School. Sophia Wasteneys was accepted to San Domenico in San Marin and La Pietra in Oahu, Hawaii. Allegra Von Arx has chosen Santa Rosa High School; Annie Bekins, Noah Fain, Ruby Holve-Hensil, Morgynne Rees, Jessica Rosen and Amanda Slater have chosen to attend Analy High School. Our graduates continue to demonstrate their ability to successfully win acceptance at the most academically demanding high schools in the area. In addition to rigorous applications and a very creative play, students have been working on their 8th grade projects for the last six months and will present them on May 25th and May 26th from 6:30-9:00 (location TBA). Projects range from welding a bike, to learning photography to studying Buddhism, to dress making, dancing, animal care, surfing, graphic design, and many more. Come and support our amazingly confident and diverse teens as they bring their years at SunRidge to a close and soar to new heights.

May Faire This Saturday

Our annual May Faire 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. **We also need fresh flowers for garland making.**

More info: Bring your own utensils, sunscreen or hats are suggested, and blankets or lawn chairs to sit on. Every family is asked to bring one basket of washed strawberries to the kitchen on the day of the event. The recipe for strawberry shortcake is available in the office. Please double check the signup lists outside your child's classroom.

*Here's a branch of snowy May,
A branch the fairies gave me,
Who would like to dance today,
With the branch the fairies gave me?*

May Faire Supervision from Mark Rice

Please remember that you are responsible for the behavior of your child at school events. Children should remain in the field area and not roam around the campus or back in the willows unsupervised. We need everyone's diligence to ensure that all children are safe and feel safe at these events. If anyone notices a child engaging in behavior that is unsafe or disrespectful to others, please report it to me.

Thank You Morning Star Parents

Wow! What great lunches were provided by the parents of Morning Star kindergarten for faculty lunches in April. We so appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness. It really helps our meetings go best when we feel well nourished and so cared for!

Please Buy Whole Foods 4% Scrip Cards

Such an easy fundraiser: just remember to buy your scrip cards before you shop. 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 **every Wednesday Scrip will be available in both the lower and upper driveway.**

At quiet moments, Scrip can be purchased **in the school office** (remember, exact amount only).

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.

Community Service Hours Reporting

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

Report **April** community service hours here:

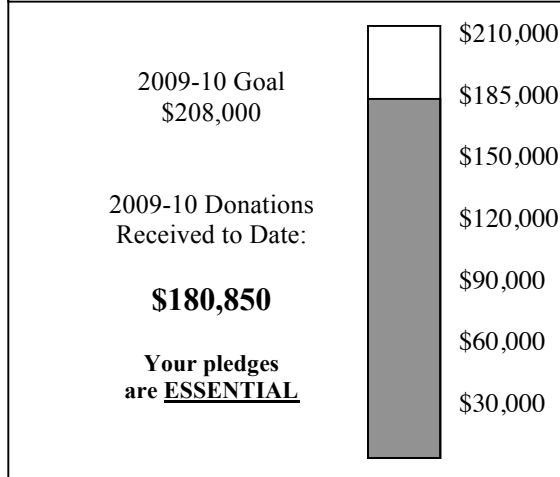
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If you have any problems with entering your data, please contact Melissa Morgan, melissa_morgan@mac.com.

Pledge Crunch Time

It is that time of the year when we most need everyone to follow through with their pledge commitments. As you can see, we are significantly short on pledges received compared to the amount of pledges committed this year. That discrepancy is due primarily to lagging payments during the last few months. This is not the time to fall behind. If we end the year with less that was committed, we begin next year with a bigger deficit. Please do your part to ensure that no more budgets cuts need to be made for next year by fulfilling your pledge commitments for this year. Thank you to everyone for making our educational program possible through pledging.

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Community Events

SunRidge May Faire:

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

"As You Like It" the Shakespearean comedy

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.

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

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.

Tae Kwon Do for everyone at the Occidental Community Center (OCC) with Alexander Laszlo. 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 www.occidentalcommunitycenter.net/tae-kwon-do.html, or contact Alexander at 874-6030

Summer Day Camp with Rick Concoff
Camp Chai is at Finley Community Park!
*Session I: June 21-25 * Session II: June 28-July 2
For kids entering K - 9th grade Monday through Friday
9:00 to 3:00pm
Ask about our 3 night/4 day Adventure at Hendy Woods
July 7 - 10.
Jewish traditions, active games, art & crafts, storytelling,
singing, recreational swim.
All are welcome!
Brochures are available in the school office.
Call Beth at 707 528-2549 or visit www.jccsoco.org for
more information.

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 Cello

A ½ sized cello that was stored in the community room has gone missing. For all of you cellist out there, please check amongst your things to see if, by chance, you have an extra cello that doesn't belong to you. If found, please call Barbara Chapman at 829-0203.

Childcare Provider Available

Former Summerfield farm camp teacher/Waldorf subject teacher/RSC eurhythmy student and experienced childcare provider/administrative assistant seeks opportunity to provide full-time/part-time consistent and warm childcare and/or motivated & organized administrative help this summer. Also in need of summer house sitting or other housing opportunity. Please call Ashlee (254) 749-1918.

Housing Needed

Single mom with two children, 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 assist/caregiving, gardening. Jamila 808-264-5093.

Class 8 Poetry

Class 8 has recently studied the poem "If" by Rudyard Kipling. In an essay about the poem they were asked to write two of their own "If" statements. Here is what student, Annie Bekins, did with her "two" lines.

"If we..." by Annie Bekins

If we all try and make this world a better place,
And try to ride more bikes and use less cars,
If we can see all of our mistakes,
We can help the world from more scars.

If we can stop from littering this earth,
And killing everything in our small path,
If we can give the world a new birth,
Then we can put all of this destruction into our past.

If we work to stop global warming,
And stop all the torture and starvation,
When people are dying, it is a warning,
To stop, and try to save this generation.

If we can help the starving nations,
And do anything we possibly can,
We will be more proud of our creations,
And appreciative of our contributions to man.

If we have the power to create a war,
Then we have the power to stop it too,
What is all this unnecessary killing for?
Does it make a better person of me or you?

If at times we forget to help each other,
Then why did we even come into this place?
If everyone is your sister or brother,
Then someone will help you, no matter what the case.

If we can work together as one person,
And keep from hurting more of the world,
We can save the youth from destruction,
And hope for their forgiveness somehow.

If we are the example for our children,
Then we better change our ways fast.
If the problems we made for the generations can bend,
Then we can leave this earth with peace at last.

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