



# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, May 20:

**Farmers' Market** hosted by the  
Kindergartens

Thursday, May 20, 6:00 - 9:00pm:

**Charter Council Meeting**

Sunday, May 23, 4:00 - 6:00pm:

**Class 8 Parent Appreciation Tea**

Tuesday, May 25, 6:30 - 8:30pm:

**Kindergarten Parent Evening**

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Projects** location Two Acre

Wood Co-housing community room

Tuesday, May 26, 6:30 - 9:00pm

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 - 9:00pm

Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm:

**Class 2 Parent Evening**

May 31: School Closed for Memorial Day

Friday, June 4, evening show:

**Class 6 Play**

Wednesday, June 9:

**Is an Early Release Day!**

**Class 5 Ceremony** (6:30 - 8:00pm)

Thursday, June 10, **Last Day, Early  
Release!**

### Weeding Help Still Needed...

An enthusiastic party of three did a phenomenal job of clearing most of the weeds last week. Thank you Iva Stone and Triya Smith for your help. For those of you who couldn't make it last week and/or anyone who might be a little "behind" in your community service hours, feel free to come by anytime in the next couple of weeks to help out with this beautification work. Our outdoor amphitheater area needs to be weed-free by graduation day on June 11, and if you look around it is usually easy to find an area in need of attention. Again, if many each do a little, a lot gets done.

### May Farmers' Market! ~from Hassanah (MorningStar)

The kindergarten classes would like to invite one and all to our Farmer's Market this **Thursday, May 20** from 12:00-4:00 at Ragle Park.

We will have: a pasta and salad bar, baked goods, free games, face painting, crafts, a plant sale, a raffle, and a farm table.

Come for an afternoon of fun and tell a friend! Extra flyers are available on the Dragonfly and Morning Star decks. **Be eco-friendly:** please bring your own cup and napkin (plates and silverware provided). Thank you!

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Projects

Students from Class 8 have been immersed in their 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Projects for the past six months and are ready to present their work. Next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, from 6:30-9:00, will be your opportunity to experience the creative interests of the class of 2010. Presentations will be at Two Acre Wood Community Room. You must park at St. Stephens Church parking lot, not on the street. Presentations are sure to be inspiring. Please see the schedule of presentations on page 4 of this bulletin.

### Moving On ~ from Shyama

After three wonderful years serving as our Community Service Coordinator I feel the call to release my offering and find out what's next for me. I need to step out of this position right away and will be able to serve in a consultant role only; I cannot sort of hold up the responsibility involved in this role while we wait for a parent/parents to appear to serve. If you have even a hint of interest in checking out what this volunteer role might look like, read the description in the Guide and please email me and let's discuss the possibilities: shyama@sbcglobal.net  
In Service Always, Shyama

### Oversight Correction

When announcing the acceptance of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the high schools of their choice two weeks ago, we neglected to mention that Elliot Dellorco was accepted to Sonoma Academy. Congratulations Elliot!

### Middle School Move Delayed from Mark Rice

Despite our good planning and best efforts in moving forward with our Middle School move to the Twin Hills campus, new developments have occurred that will necessitate a delay in our move until the following year, fall of 2011. During a recent meeting with our Twin Hills District Superintendent, Les Crawford, and the Principal of Twin Hills Middle School, Cathy Bosch, Ms. Bosch presented that neither the necessary processing of concerns and plans, nor arrangements for new building needs, could be concluded within the time left before summer. The

Superintendent concurred. The proposed plan was that we take the next year to more fully process and work out how the two schools will share the campus, and to build the bridge between our students, parents, and faculties that will facilitate the smoothest transition possible.

At that same meeting, both the Superintendent and the Twin Hills Middle School Principal agreed that the SunRidge Middle School grades will move to the Twin Hills campus for the 2011-12 school year. The Superintendent has committed to hiring an independent consultant to facilitate the process for the two schools and to ensure that the planning and implementation occurs according to a clear, mutually agreed upon time line.

Though no one likes to change course in mid-stream, and it would have been better to move this fall so that we could have larger classrooms sooner, this slower approach is workable and supports our goal of a successful move and positive campus sharing arrangements. Given that this move can only be successfully accomplished if done in conjunction with both the Superintendent and the Twin Hills Principal and faculty, the Charter Council and I have agreed to the delay. With this decision, we will be continuing our full K-8 classes on our current campus for one more year.

Keep in mind that wherever we are located, it is what goes on inside the classrooms that really matters. We continue to make positive improvements in our middle school program and believe SunRidge offers students an unmatched combination of strong academics enriched with a variety of practical and creative arts, exciting field trips, and a focus on social and emotional development in a safe, nurturing, personalized, and family-oriented environment.

**Mr. McRee Not Returning** *from Mark Rice*

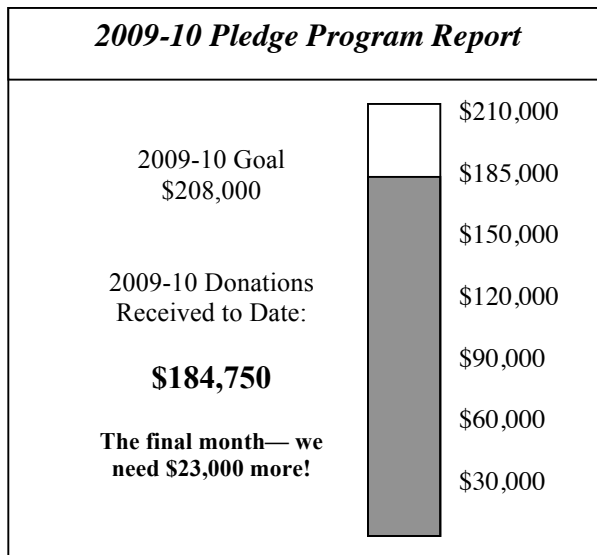
In consideration of the middle school's program needs for next year, and in view of Mr. McRee's health-related schedule limitations, the Charter Council, Mr. McRee, and I have concluded that it will be best for him not to continue next year as a class teacher. Christopher wants to thank the community for the warmth and care he has experienced over this last year, and he hopes to be available to work in some capacity with us if he is needed as our middle school develops. We in the administration are grateful for the skilled teaching Christopher has brought to his class, and the fine work they have accomplished as a result of his pedagogical leadership.

**Human Race Thank You**

Rumor has it that parent Heather Thurber's mom raised \$500 for SunRidge in the recent Human Race. Many thanks, Heather's mom!

**Lost and Found Overflowing**

Please check the lost and found in our breezeway for any clothes you may be missing. There is a significant number of items there and all will be given to charity after school ends in June.



**Responses To Suggestions for Improvement**

In our annual parent survey we always ask for suggestions for improvement. We will be responding to those suggestions in this and future articles:

- Several suggested that the dress code be re-visited. That is indeed happening this month, both in faculty meeting and in the Charter Council. We will report out as soon as a final draft is approved.
- Several suggested improvements to our driveway. I have just arranged for several major changes to be completed this summer: removal of the sick pine tree at the top of the driveway to improve traffic flow at this narrow point, re-grading and graveling of the entire driveway and parking area, and cutting back the berm at the bottom of the front driveway to allow for a left and right hand turn lane at the exit.
- Many spoke about our need for more room and better facilities, especially for our Middle School. As you know we have been working on this one for some time and were close to realizing a big first step with a move of our Middle School grades to the Twin Hills campus. That move is now delayed for another year, but we are moving forward with our long-term plan to have larger classrooms for all our grades, larger playfields for our larger students, and a more middle school friendly space for that part of our school.

**Our Trip to Doran Beach** *~from 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Alyssa Jirrels*

Last week the second grade class went to Doran Beach. When we got there we split in two groups, and we picked up trash for about an hour. After that we played for a while. We saw marbled jellyfish and lots of seashells. And we made fire out of wood and our permission slips. It was really fun.

**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](mailto: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:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RZ7H3XV>

If you have any problems with entering your data, please contact Melissa Morgan, [melissa\\_morgan@mac.com](mailto:melissa_morgan@mac.com).

### Community Events

#### Earth Camp Benefit

Come enjoy live local music and organic food @ Laguna Farm! Coyote Grace Concert Saturday, **May 22nd, 7:00pm**

\$10 Suggested Donation. All proceeds will go to provide children with scholarship to attend Earth Camp!

Laguna Farm is located at 1764 Cooper Rd in Sebastopol Visit [www.coyotegrace.com](http://www.coyotegrace.com) for more info about the music...

#### Great Music Opportunity from Eddie Guthman

I've just returned from the dress rehearsal for this week end's American Philharmonic concert and I was so moved by the music that I'm sending an email out to everyone I can to let you know that the music is really amazing. Gustav Holst's Planets, with choir is simply incredible and Debussy's Nuages is typically beautiful, with choir as well. The **admission is free**, as usual at American Phil concerts with only a donation requested, and both take place at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts at River Rd and 101. Saturday's concert starts at 8pm and Sunday is at 3pm. I encourage you to make this concert as it will be a very special concert and I'll join you from the Bass section!

#### Maker's Faire Ticket Deals

Is anyone out there thinking of going to the Maker's Faire? Bob Poole has five tickets that you can buy from him, and all the money goes to SunRidge!!! These tickets will work for either adults or children, and are normally priced at

\$25.00 for adults, \$15.00 for children. Make him your best offer and give to SunRidge at the same time!!! Contact Bob at 823-8324, or [robtpoole@gmail.com](mailto:robtpoole@gmail.com).

**Senior Recital** at Sophia Hall, Summerfield School Brian Massey-Todd, Owen's son, will be performing in a senior recital on **Wednesday, May 26 at 7:00pm**. The concert is free!

**SunRidge Spring Concert: Thursday, June 3, 6:45pm**, featuring 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

### Sebastopol Super Summer School

The Sebastopol Community Center is sponsoring a half-day summer school program for children entering 3<sup>rd</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Many choices including: arts and crafts, cooking, dance/gymnastics, science, basic math and reading, etc.

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

**Dates:** June 14<sup>th</sup> - July 8<sup>th</sup>

**Cost:** \$350 for the entire 4 week program with discounts for siblings. Contact: Rebecca Worsley at 874-1025 or [rebworsley@yahoo.com](mailto:rebworsley@yahoo.com)

### 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](http://www.jccsoco.org) for more information.

**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](http://www.occidentalcommunitycenter.net/tae-kwon-do.html), or contact Alexander at 874-6030

### 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Projects Schedule (article on page 1)

The line up for presentations on **May 25<sup>th</sup>** is:

Noah Dove - Meteorology  
 Michael Rinn – Surfing  
 Noah Fain - Welding  
 Jessica Rosen – Natural Horsemanship  
 Tucker Muollo – Primitive Skills  
 Annie Bekins – Singing  
 Carlos Booker – Remote Control Building  
 Morgynne Rees – Horseback Riding  
 Elliot Dellorco – Electric Scooter  
 Alister Greenfield – Piano Playing  
 Allegra VonArx – Animal Care

### On **May 26<sup>th</sup>**:

Charlotte Molinari – Buddhism  
 Ry Ulmer-Strack – Piloting a Plane  
 Serena Berns – Graphic Design  
 Amanda Slater – Photography  
 Alex Mamrelli-Small – Capoeira,  
 Chris Silva-Broussard – Health/Fitness  
 Ruby Holve-Hensil – Cooking  
 Xiouamey Fasel – Travel to Guatemala  
 Maya McNichol – Sewing  
 Sasha Racherbaumer – Portrait Drawing  
 Sophia Wasteneys - Choreography

### Classified

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

**Rental needed** for single parent and 10 year old daughter new to Sebastopol area; 2-3 bedrooms, outdoor space for playing and gardening, close to SunRidge Charter School; starting in July. Contact Crispin at 510-333-1433 or [crispinalee@yahoo.com](mailto:crispinalee@yahoo.com) .

**Wanted Home for Rent:** Mama and daughter seek 2 bedroom lovely home in country setting. Employed, good references, organic, and conscious. We have 2 old kitties who don't hunt. Can pay up to \$1100. Please call Triya 527-2609 or email [triyacruises@gmail.com](mailto:triyacruises@gmail.com)  
 Thanks!

### Childcare Provider Available

Former Summerfield farm camp teacher/Waldorf subject teacher/RSC eurythmy 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.

### Art at the Source

Here is a great opportunity for families to experience art together absolutely free! As schools have more and more budget cuts, we all know that the arts is one of the areas that suffers. Many dedicated parents spend hours volunteering their time to raise money to keep the arts programs alive in our schools. It's not always easy to make it to the museums and galleries in San Francisco, or even Santa Rosa, to look at art with our children. And if we do, there is no interaction with the artist who created it. Art at the Source Open Studio Tour provides that opportunity and is right in our own backyard, literally. The tour, sponsored by the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, celebrates its 16th anniversary this year, with 127 artists and 73 studios. Taking place on two weekends, June 5-6 and June 12-13, the tour offers the public an up-close and personal look at a diversity of artworks—painting, print-making, sculpture, photography, ceramics, fiber arts, fine jewelry, art glass, assemblage, woodwork and mosaic—along with the chance to meet and talk with the artists who create them. You get to go inside many of the artists' studios to see the materials used and the places where they create their art. The studios are open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on all days. The tour is self-guided so you can choose which studios and how many to visit. Participating studios can be found in beautiful western Sonoma County, from Bodega Bay, to Monte Rio, Guerneville, Forestville, Graton, Sebastopol, Occidental and West Santa Rosa.

There is an opening reception for Art at the Source, along with a preview exhibit, which will be held on Friday, May 21 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol. The exhibit, which includes one work from each participating artist, will run through June 13. In addition, preview exhibits may be viewed at selected Wine Road tasting rooms, as well as local businesses such as the Sonoma County Office of Education in Santa Rosa, Copperfield's Books in Sebastopol, Willowood Cafe in Graton and Applewood Inn in Forestville.

Free color catalogs with detailed maps are now available at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts and at area restaurants, coffeehouses, hotels, wineries, bookstores, and on-line at [www.artatthesource.org](http://www.artatthesource.org) <<http://www.artatthesource.org/>>.