



# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

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

Last Night: Tonight, May 26, 6:30 – 8:30pm at Twin Hills School MUR

Thursday, May 27, 6:30pm:

### Class 2 Parent Evening

May 31: **School Closed**  
for Memorial Day

Thursday, June 3, 6:45-8:30pm:

### Spring Concert @ Apple Blossom Sch.

Friday, June 4, daytime & evening shows:

### Class 6 Play

Tuesday, June 8, 6:30pm:

### Class 4 Play

Wednesday, June 9, 9:30am:

### Class 4 Play

Wednesday, June 9:

### Is an Early Release Day!

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

Thursday, June 10, **Last Day of School**  
**Early Release! Farmers Market at**  
**Ragle Park**

Friday, June 11, 5:30pm in Amphitheatre:

### Class 8 Graduation

### School Closed Next Monday, May 31, for Memorial Day

### Circus Camp sign-up deadline approaches!

Please get your circus camp sign-up in this week, as we're projecting numbers and planning. Download a sign-up form at <http://www.waldorfcircus.org/>. Please see page 3 for more details.

### Weeding Thank You

The secret weeders have been out and more areas are now looking nicely groomed. If anyone still has the urge to help, the blackberries need pruning back along the fence of the amphitheater area, and there is an area on the front berm directly across from office building that still needs weeding. Many thanks!

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

Tonight is the second and last night to see some of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders 6-month long projects. Last night's presentations were truly unique and inspiring. Tonight the second half of the class presents their self-chosen projects. Presentations will be at Twin Hills in the Multi-Use Room. Please see the schedule of presentations on **page 3** of this bulletin.

### Sonoma County High School Update

As summer quickly approaches, the Sonoma County High School development team is eager to share our progress in the founding of a Waldorf charter high school. Our scheduled opening is Fall 2011. It's getting exciting!

*School Location:* the development team intends to locate the school in the Cotati Rohnert Park Unified School District (CRPUSD). Chip Romer (lead high school developer) made this announcement during public comment at the CRPUSD board meeting on May 11.

*Attributes of the CRPUSD:*

- Central location among the K-8 Waldorf charters in the North Bay area
- Convenient access from I01
- Access to public transportation, including the SMART train
- Access to Sonoma State University
- Rohnert Park's innovative green building ordinance nicely complements our school's values around sustainability

*Charter Petition Signatures:* The SCHS charter petition will be ready for parent and teacher signatures in early June! **Please show your support by signing the charter petition!** We hope to collect at least 100 signatures from each of the 6 area Waldorf charters. More information will be coming about the exact dates of the petition signings. Look for clipboards at drop off and pick up the first two weeks of June.

### 2010-11 School Calendar

Our 2010-11 school calendar is attached to today's Bulletin. **First day of school is Wednesday, August 25.**

### Spring Concert Next Week!

Thursday, June 3 is SunRidge's annual Spring Concert, held at the APPLE BLOSSOM AUDITORIUM from 6:45 to 8:15 pm. This is an evening of sharing what our students in grades 4 -8 have been learning in both choir and strings/orchestra

classes. It is a lovely showcase of musical talent and we look forward to another evening of celebrating what we do at SunRidge School. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this evening of student performed music.

Please ensure that your son or daughter in grades 4 – 8 attends the concert. Of course we know that there are many other events taking place at this time of year like graduations, sports banquets, etc. There are some families who simply cannot make it, and we appreciate being told so. Nevertheless, we are expecting all available singers and musicians to come share their music with the greater community.

All choir students as well as string/orchestra students are expected to attend. Attire is black and white for musicians; semi-formal for singers. Skirts, dresses, clean and neat pants, shirts and blouses are expected. This formality allows us all to honor the work we have done, and bring a sense of celebration to the event.

ARRIVAL TIME for performing students is 4:00pm, in order to conduct a 'dress rehearsal' of the evening. At 5:30 we will have food available for the students. Parents from all grades are asked to provide sandwich fare for the students. Everyone can share, potluck style:

\*\* Last names from A - H please bring lunchmeats, cheeses, lettuces, spreads; each item enough to serve 8 people.

\*\* Last names from I - P please bring chips, crackers, breads, veggie sticks; each item enough to serve 8 people.

\*\* Last names from Q - Z please bring cookies, brownies, fruits, finger desserts; each item enough to serve 8 people. With all of us sharing, there should be plenty to go around. Water will be our thirst quencher! Plates, cups and napkins will be provided.

This all happens at Apple Blossom Auditorium. Any parents who can stay through the rehearsal and break time prior to the show, please contact Karen or Eddie. We could use your helpful hands and smiling faces!

Two or three vases filled with flowers would also be greatly appreciated. Bring them in a bucket or vase, and we will be sure to return them to you at the end of the evening.

Many thanks for the help and enthusiasm. We are excited to bring our busy year to a close with the sound of beautiful music.

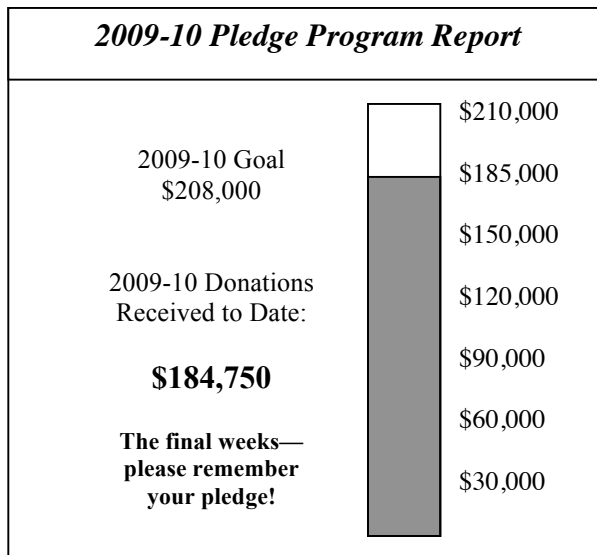
Join us, please! ~ Karen Gallagher and Eddie Guthman

**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. Here are responses to some more suggestions from this year's survey:



• *Someone suggested better food for our hot lunch program, wondering if we had a school kitchen and could have our own food service.*

We wish. We do not have kitchen facilities here (or a place to add them) that would meet requirements for a school kitchen or food service. The hot lunch program is put on as a fundraiser by each year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade class and each class decides what to sell that year. Obviously it must be easy to manage and provide as the food is delivered to our front deck by the office and delivered from there to classrooms by parent and student volunteers. Any suggestions for what might work within our limitations should be directed to next year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents.

• *Several people expressed frustration about congestion at pick-up time.*

We are well aware of this problem and have taken many measures to address it, in particular, staggering our end-of-day schedule for different classes, and having the 8<sup>th</sup> grade picked up in the lower parking lot. As someone who is out there for almost every pick-up, I observe that most days it works relatively smoothly. Occasional bad back-up days are usually due to a combination of two factors:

- 1) classes not getting up to the pick up area on time so that many parents need to loop around again (lateness is due to many reasons, some unavoidable, but the teachers are reminded about the importance of this as needed), and
- 2) the back-up of Apple Blossom traffic (which is worse than ours). It also helps if parents of students who are out earlier come during the designated pick-up window for their child's class, so that everyone does not come during the later pick-up window. Making our parking and pick-up circumstances work as smoothly as possible is a cooperative group effort and it can only work well if everyone does their part.

**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

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

On **May 26<sup>th</sup>** (Tonight):

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-Hensill – Cooking

Xiounamey Fasel – Travel to Guatemala

Maya McNichol – Sewing

Sasha Racherbaumer – Portrait Drawing

Sophia Wasteneys - Choreography

Noah Fain — Welding

Carlos Booker — Remote Control Building

**Senior Recital** at Sophia Hall, Summerfield School  
Brian Massey-Todd, Owen's son, will be performing in a senior recital tonight, **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.

## Workshops

### Poetry Writing for Children

This workshop will teach kids to write poems using art and music and word play, so they can express their unique personalities through language. Children must be able to write on their own. Open to ages 9-11.

Sebastopol Center For The Arts

**Tuesday, June 15, 2-4pm**

Fee: \$40

Call Claire Drucker at 824-9621 to register.

**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

### Waldorf Workshop for Adults

Are you interested in expanding your knowledge of the basis for Waldorf education? This summer, the Bay Area for Center for Waldorf Teacher Training is offering just the opportunity – a week-long summer session entitled “Deepening the Understanding of Waldorf Education through Study and Art.” While the course is primarily for new Waldorf teachers, parents who have prior engagement with Anthroposophy are also very welcome. The course will take place from Monday, July 5th through Friday, July 9th at the East Bay Waldorf School. More details can be found on our website at <http://www.bacwtt.org/curriculum-classes/summer-arts-festival/overview>. Please join us, and experience for yourself the renewing power of practical work in the arts.

## Summer Camps

### 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 sign-up; 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

**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.

**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!

**After school care needed** for Sunridge kindergartener starting Fall 2010. Hoping for a SunRidge family that wants to take on another child 4 afternoons a week. She'll need to be picked up at school. Sebastopol or West county ideal. Elizabeth 707/228-8102

**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).