

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:30pm  
**Class 5 parent evening**

Saturday, September 26, 12:30-6:00pm:  
**SunRidge Storytelling Festival**

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm  
**Kindergarten parent evening**

Friday, October 2 ~ **School Closed for Tribes Faculty Training**

Tuesday, October 6, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
**Class 1 parent Evening**

Tuesday, October 13, 6:30 - 9:00pm:  
**Parent Council meeting**

Wednesday, October 14  
**Portrait Day**

Monday, October 19, 6:33pm:  
**All Middle School parent evening**

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

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 - 12:30pm  
**Class 5 Parent Meeting**

Thursday, October 29, 6:45pm:  
**Tribes Presentation for Parents**

### 4th Annual Multicultural Storytelling Festival this weekend!

See page 4 for more details about the contributors and the schedule for the day.

### Phoenix Take First Wins

Our SunRidge Phoenix co-ed volleyball teams both started their season on Monday with wins. All that practice really pays off! Today's game is on our own backfield with Windsor Christian —join us on the backfield for both 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade games at 3:45pm. We have many home games in October - on Mondays and Wednesdays, the 5th, 12th, 14th, 19th, and 21st.

The first Cross-Country meet was yesterday at Santa Rosa Christian school, on the Wells Fargo center campus. There are two additional meets (runs of roughly 2 miles) on September 29th (location TBA), and October 6th (at Sonoma Academy) - all Tuesdays - at 4pm. We need more parent involvement here please!

Boys' basketball has returned to SunRidge - back by popular demand. Parent John Thompson and Owen Massey-Todd assisting are coaching the team. The first game is November 4th and the season goes through January.

Also for the calendar:

- \* 7th grade Explorers' Day at Ragle Ranch - Friday, April 23rd, 2010.
- \* 8th grade MSSL Track Meet - Friday, May 7th, 2010 - at Bailey Field, SRJC
- \* 5th grade All-in-Peace Pentathlon - Friday, May 14th, 2010 @ Summerfield
- \* 6th Grade Mayacamas Medieval Tournament - Friday May 22nd, 2010

Keep it movin' - Dale Thurber (Mr. T)

### Flu News

Please see and read the attached letter regarding information about the flu and schools.

### Helpers Needed

Volunteers willing, our outdoor amphitheatre will be getting a roof during October. This all-volunteer project is being designed and coordinated by parents Lars Langberg and Baron Coenen. The plan is for the footings to be dug and installed on Friday, October 2 when the school will be closed for a staff Tribes training. They will need 4-6 helpers for this project on that day. Later in the month, the fabricated roof structure will be installed. If you can help on October 2, please let Baron know: 510-504-7382 or el3ring@gmail.com.

### Handwork Gnomes:

It's almost time for the beautiful tradition of coming together as a creative community and knitting gnomes at SunRidge school. I supply the yarn, pattern and wool stuffing and the gnomes are sold to raise money for the Handwork program. I will make myself available for any questions or help needed. Last year small gnomes knit on straight needles were a big hit so even a beginner can participate. Let me know if you are interested.

Laurie McKenzie

**Hot Lunches** continue! Additional order forms are available in the office.

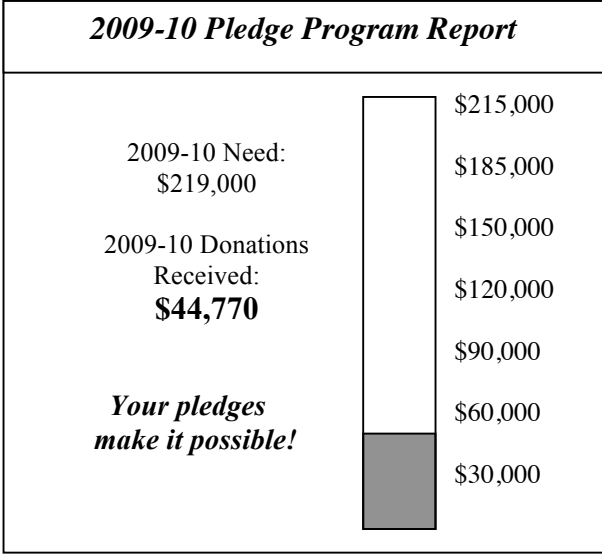
**Folk Art For Schools Calendars are here!** Enjoy the Art of Patrick Amiot all year long or give them as gifts. They are only \$12 and all of the profits go to SunRidge and other local schools. They are now available in the office. Volunteers are needed to help sell calendars during Art Trails on October 11<sup>th</sup>. Have fun, meet the artist & help raise funds for SunRidge. Last year we raised \$6000 for the school with this project—let’s do that again! Contact Heather to volunteer or with questions about calendar sales. [heathert@sonic.net](mailto:heathert@sonic.net) or 537-0839

**Storytelling Festival Needs Flowers!**  
The rooms and amphitheater used by the storytellers look so much more beautiful when fresh flowers are part of the decorations. If you have any flowers you can donate, please bring them to SunRidge toward the end of the week and we will put them to good use.

**Hard Copy Bulletins Available**  
Everyone on our email list is being emailed our weekly Bulletin, but if you are one of those people who are less likely to read something sent electronically, please let us know and we will send a hard copy home with your child. Just call the office (824-2844), or email your request to our Office Assistant (Mira) at [miran@sunridgeschool.org](mailto:miran@sunridgeschool.org). In families with more than one sibling, we will send hard copy bulletins home with the younger sibling.

**On-Line Surveys Please**  
Have you completed your on-line parent survey yet? If yes, thank you. If not, please take the few minutes needed to do it. This information enables us to run our fine community service program, creating better matches between what our parents have to offer and what the school needs. If you do not have an email address, contact Shyama to arrange a way to do the survey: 827-7931.

**Greetings from the Spanish Program** *from Galia Brieva*  
One of the most special and symbolic traditions in Latin America is coming up soon, "El Dia de Los Muertos" or The Day of the Dead. The Spanish program at SunRidge honors and celebrates this beautiful day in early November. It is a whole school event where we remember the life of those families and friends that are no longer with us. In addition to the beautiful decorations, displays, and crafts, the Spanish program wants to ask families for donations of spare eggs, flour, and sugar for the making of the "Pan de Muerto", bread of the dead. These ingredients can be brought to Senora Galia’s casita, around the middle of October (more details to follow). Also if your family has any extra pumpkins and marigolds or any type of white, purple, orange or gold flowers, they would be appreciated. More details will come soon! Hasta Pronto, Senora Galia



**Online Survey Person Needed**  
Work with Community Service Coordinator to maintain/update online surveys (in Survey Monkey) and generate reports in Excel for parent interest/skills survey and community service hours log. Requires use of a computer (PC or Mac) and Microsoft Excel. Training available. Time commitment: 1-2 hrs. per month. If this is in your field of expertise, please contact Shyama: [shyama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shyama@sbcglobal.net)

**Pledge Update**  
Please make sure you have sent us your pledge commitment for this year, and, even more important, please send those pledges in every month! With state funding cuts this year, we will be depending even more on the stability of our parent pledge program. Please help us keep our educational program stable!

**Help plan our festivals!**  
Festivals are a beautiful way to bring the school community together. In the autumn we celebrate Dia de Los Muertos, in winter our Winter Garden and the Multicultural Festival of Lights, and come spring the glorious May Faire. We are looking for parent volunteers to assist with the planning process involved in creating smooth and joyous celebrations. Our first official meeting will be Friday Sept. 25 at 9:15- 10:00 on the deck of the casitas. We will meet monthly at that hour. Check the bulletin for updates as to which Friday. If you are able to come please do!  
Thanks from Laurie McKenzie, Galia Brieva and Karen Gallagher for the Festivals Committee

**Student Council to Convene**  
Our 2009-10 Student Council holds its first meeting this Friday at 11:45. Members will be announced next week.

### Community Service Needs

We have several committees and operations areas that would be so grateful for your support: Community Service, Parent Ed, Fundraising, Gardening, Public Relations and more. Please review the 'Needs List' attached to last week's bulletin and be in touch with the contact person if you'd like to offer your service. Thank you. ~Shyama, Community Service Coordinator

### AfterCare Needs

AfterCare would like to offer special activities for the children after school. Do you have an interest you could share? Drumming, dance, yoga, art, music, etc? This would be a great way to do some community service hours. Also, Aftercare would like to set up a woodworking area—does anyone have woodworking bench, or could build one? Woodworking tools—other than hammers—are also needed. Talk to Rebecca, 824-2276.

### Santa Rosa/ Sebastopol Carpool Desired

Hello fellow Waldorf parents. I live in downtown Santa Rosa and my daughter attends 2nd grade at the Independent Charter School. We are looking for other families to share the CO2 burden of commuting between Sebastopol and Santa Rosa. If you are interested please call Nichole at 545-2747. Thank you.

### Waldorf Parenting Resources

EduTopia recently did a nice article on Waldorf Inspired education. Good information, with some nice resources if parents want to do more exploring.

<http://www.edutopia.org/waldorf-public-school-morse>

Also recommended are CDs of Betty Staley's keynote, "It's Never too Early to Prepare for Adolescence" and William Bento's workshop, "Adolescence: A Grail Journey of the Heart." Just enter their last names into the search engine at [www.waldorfinthefhome.com](http://www.waldorfinthefhome.com)

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### Classified

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

**FREE:** 2 Choroi "C" wood flutes. Very good condition with fingering chart, cleaning rod, cloth case, and original box. No cost. Email [tmakihara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmakihara@sbcglobal.net) or phone 707-823-2347.

**For Sale: Violin stand and chin pad**, very lightly used, \$20.00. Call Amy at 829-3345.

**FOR SALE: Upright wooden acoustic BASS**, 1/2 size, made by Cremona. Lovely sound and action. Played by a SunRidge student for 3 years. Comes with a bow and 2 carrying cases (one light-weight, one thickly-padded). \$650. Call Mella at 829-8208. Thanks.

**FOR SALE: child's 1/2 size cello.** Excellent condition. Includes bow and hard shell case. \$400 obo. See Eddie to view cello. Barbara 829-0203  
Thanks, Barbara Chapman

### Trailer Space Needed

Sixth grade teacher, Mr. McRee and his wife live in Healdsburg but would like to be closer to school at times. They are looking for a place to park their beautiful large trailer somewhere near the school (like just a few minutes' drive away), either in the country or at a quiet location in town. Mr. and Mrs. McRee would like to be able to stay overnight now and then (like weekends, for example) and enjoy being closer to the school. They are willing to pay reasonable rent or trade services (like tutoring?). The trailer is fully self-contained, although they would prefer to be hooked up to electricity at least, as well as water and sewer or septic if possible. Please contact them via email at [cmcree@comcast.net](mailto:cmcree@comcast.net) or by phone at 431-2572 (lv. msg.)

### Room for Rent

Spacious master bedroom with private bath, walk-in closet, deck and private entrance if wanted. Nice NW Santa Rosa neighborhood, near Hwy's and shopping, easy to downtown. \$700 per month, utilities included. Available now. Please call Rebecca at 525-8750.

### Housing Need Sebastopol Area

For two adults, one SunRidge student and one baby (in October). Can pay up to \$1,000/ mo including utilities. Prefer 2 BR, but 1 BR is okay. Washer/Dryer hookup is important (cloth diapering). Please call Ruth, (707) 293-7477. Thank you

### Devotional Chanting with Shyama

100% of Proceeds will Benefit SINGLE MOTHERS OF SEBASTOPOL

Saturday Sept. 26th, 7pm

Devi Yoga Center, 7151 Wilton Ave., Downtown Seb.

Suggested Donation: \$10-\$20; all are welcome, give what you can;

Fore more information contact: [shyama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shyama@sbcglobal.net)

### **Overview of Storytellers and Schedule for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Multicultural Storytelling Festival**

Many people have asked to get the schedule of festival events in advance, so they can plan their day around what they most want to see. You will get the description of events upon arrival (or call Lisa at 824-5759 if you need details sooner than that), but here is an overview of the whole afternoon.

Sessions 1 and 2 will have the same four performers, except two of the storytellers will gear their presentations to a different age group each time. They will include: Wayne Harris telling John Henry stories; Erica Lann-Clark telling tales from Jewish, African, Native American and other traditions; Anna Musick, a Deaf actor and performer, telling stories in American Sign Language (interpreted into English); and the Puppet Play (a Persian tale) performed in both English and Spanish. There will also be a crafts area open from 1 pm until Session 3 begins at 3:30. At that time, Clara Yen will perform Asian stories in the Amphitheatre, for everyone.

In between sessions, SunRidge middle school students will present readers' theatre in the Amphitheater, performing African myths and legends, directed by Rebecca Armstrong. Baked goods and refreshments will be for sale in the Community Room during and between Sessions 1 and 2. And after Clara Yen's performance ends at 4:30, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will provide a scrumptious burrito-bar dinner to help fund their year-end trip.

Here are brief descriptions of the storytellers:

**Clara Yen:** As a child, Clara would sit enraptured with her parents' stories, listening to them speak about their childhood in China. She re-creates those memories for herself, for her parents, and for her listeners by delicately weaving family lore with folk tales, and English with Mandarin. A storyteller for the Livermore Public Library and teacher in the Livermore schools, Yen is also the author of the picture book *Why Rat Comes First*.

**Wayne Harris:** We are thrilled to have Wayne come back to the festival, as he was wildly popular when he performed three years ago. His "John Henry Chronicles" embodies the black experience in America, while affirming the universal truths that are the foundations of all races. The subjects of race, honesty, hard work and the indomitable human spirit are explored through character and song. He will perform for ages 5-8 in Session 1 and for ages 8-12 in Session 2.

**Erica Lann-Clark:** A nationally known storyteller, solo performer, and professional artist in K-12 schools, Erica grew up listening to tales of a vanished world. In a tiny yellow kitchen, her immigrant mama and papa spun tales to bring their history to life; the kitchen walls rang with their laughter; and sometimes everyone's eyes brimmed with tears. These kitchen tales inspired in Erica a passion for the healing power of story. She will perform various stories from Jewish, African and Native American cultures for ages 8-12 in session 1, and for ages 5-8 in Session 2.

**Anna Musick:** Anna has acted in 16 videotapes of the American Sign Language (ASL) videocourse *The Bravo Family*, playing the role of the young daughter. For part of her early years she attended Oregon School for the Deaf where, as in all residential Deaf schools, storytelling is a highly valued art, as it preserves the language of ASL and culture of the Deaf community.

Members of the SunRidge community are also participating: the puppet play will be performed by Kate O'Brien, Galia Brieva, Lyra Matthews and Sage Otterson. Rebecca Armstrong and middle school students will be presenting the aforementioned readers' theater. Also, the Diversity Committee could not possibly put on this festival without the tremendous work of the many volunteers from Classes 2, 3, and 4, and other committed story-lovers.