

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00-8:00pm:
Class 2 parent evening

Sunday, January 25, 2:00-4:00pm:
Budget Crisis Community Meeting (see adjoining article)

Tuesday, January 27, 6:30-8:30pm:
Class 1 parent evening

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30-8:30pm:
Kindergarten parent evening

Thursday, January 29, 6:00-7:30pm:
Class 5 parent evening

Tuesday, February 3, 6:30-9:00pm:
Parent Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 6:30-8:30pm:
Class 4 parent evening

Sunday, February 8, 2:00pm:
Winter Performance, Classes 2-5
All Welcome, at Apple Blossom School

February 9 - March 6: **SunRidge Open Enrollment Period for 2009-10**
(see article on page 1)

Friday, February 13: Early Release
February Break: February 16-20

SUNRIDGE NEEDS YOU!

“Mandatory” Budget Crisis Meeting: THIS Sunday, January 25

Please join other parents and staff in an all-school meeting to help everyone understand SunRidge’s financial needs and develop options for addressing them. We need everyone’s input and involvement to address the budget crisis in the best way. **We will start promptly at 2:00 pm this Sunday, January 25, at the Apple Blossom School campus.** This meeting is VERY important to the future of your child’s school. Please be there!

Child Care Spaces Still Available

The Parent Council is offering free childcare for SunRidge students in our AfterCare area during our Budget Crisis Meeting on January 25. We can accommodate only 25 children; **there are still some spaces available** but sign up ASAP to reserve a spot.

Winter Performance Sunday, February 8, at 2:00pm

To reduce the length of time that the children need to sit in chairs, we are experimenting this year with splitting our traditional Spring Concert into two parts: a Winter Performance that features Eurhythmics and class performances for grades 2-5, and a Spring Concert near the end of the year that features our instrumental music, choir classes, and orchestras. The Winter performance is coming up soon, Sunday, February 8, in the Apple Blossom Multi-Purpose Room. Everyone is invited, but if you have a child in 2nd through 5th grade, please plan to bring your child on that day so they can perform with their class. More information to come in the following weeks.

Parent Surveys Due This Friday, January 23

Parent surveys are due this Friday, January 23. Your feedback is very important to us, and the parent survey is the best way for your voice to be heard. Your input helps SunRidge be the best it can be. Completed surveys can be brought to the office or put in the driveway drop box.

TV Inaugural Thank You

Many thanks to parents Tom Bayless and Michael Lyle for the work required to bring TV reception to our low-tech campus so that the middle school students could view the historic Presidential inaugural on Tuesday morning. It was also historic that our school actually had students in front of a projection screen in the community room, and I can attest that getting to the final, successful, set-up (with a metal antenna attached to a ladder!) was not easy. Thank you Michael and Tom!

Open Enrollment Period for 2009-10

Our annual open enrollment period runs this year from February 9 through March 6. During this time we accept applications for next year for new students and offer ways for families to learn more about our school. The events include two Orientation meetings. Submitting an application and attending one of these meetings during the open enrollment period are required in order to be included in our lottery for available spaces, even if an applicant family already has another child enrolled at SunRidge. If you are planning on enrolling a new child at SunRidge, contact the office for information and an application.

* Check our web site for the weekly bulletin, and many school forms: <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/>

Please remember to Report your December Community Service Hours. For your convenience, the reporting link is now being sent out by separate email every week or so.

Also, if you have not yet read the *Community Service Guide*, a new (as of this school year!) and very informative guide to community service life here at SunRidge, please take a look here: www.sunridgeschool.org.

Changes in Escrip Program

There has been a change in the escrip program. Whole Foods will no longer be participating. Whole Foods has been a large percentage of our scrip donations and it is important that we now more fully utilize every other program that is available. COMMUNITY SMART cards are still available in the office for \$3.50, escrip is still used at Safeway, Fircrest, and many other retailers. The LUCKY/ FOODMAX card has been simplified. Pick up a card at our office and swipe before making a purchase. Please, think outside of the box, and find a way to make these programs work for our school. I just gave a Lucky card to my brother-in-law who lives in San Francisco, and he took 2 more for his friends. There are many opportunities! Contact me with any questions, Kathleen Stroh, 824-8950 or kk_ward@hotmail.com

Faculty Lunch Schedule

It is a much-appreciated tradition at SunRidge for the parent body to provide lunch for weekly faculty meetings every Thursday. River Cullen has done a fantastic job of nurturing and coordinating this effort. Thus far this year the faculty has enjoyed lunches prepared by grades 6, 4, 8, and 1. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

January	Class 2
February	Class 3
March	Class 7
April	Class 5
May	Morningstar Kindergarten
June	Dragonfly Kindergarten

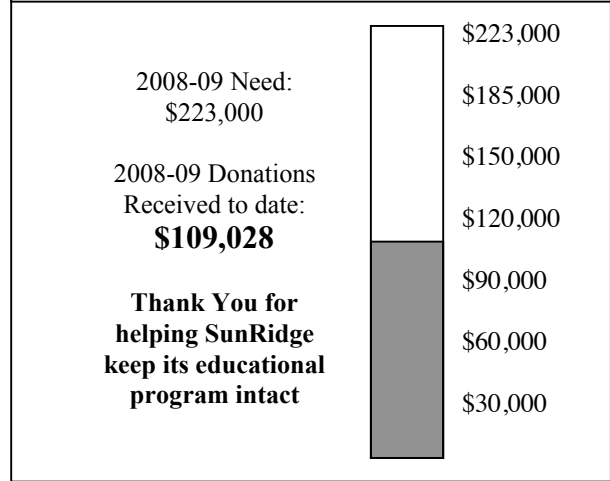
Farmers' Market

The farmer's market is a monthly event held after school one Thursday of each month at Ragle Park. If anyone (whether you are in the hosting class or not) has an abundance from your garden and would like to contribute, you can leave contributions on the bench outside the office on Thursday before pick-up.

The Farmer's Market Schedule for the rest of this year:

January	- 5th Grade
February	- 4th Grade
March	- 2nd Grade
April	- 1st Grade
May	- Kindergarten
June 10	- All school potluck

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



Community Service Needs

- 1) Somebody to be our website developer/organizer for the 2009-2010 school year (start training now). Contact: Robin Zickel 829-0877
- 2) 1-2 people to do PR for our school. This will really help. Contact: Karin Demarest 887-9999 karindemarest@yahoo.com
- 3) New Family Mentoring Program committee forming. 2-3 more parents desired. Contact: Shyama Harris shyama@sbcglobal.net 480-5988.

Folk Art for Schools Calendar Sales

From Diane Nadler

It's not too late to still get your Folk Art for Schools Calendars! New this year is a free sculpture map with each purchase, so you can take friends to see all the sculptures in our area. The calendar has gone GREEN this year, made from recycled paper, and using a local printing company. Only \$12 each! Available in the office with exact cash or check.

Hot Lunch Credit!

If you ordered Hot Lunch for your child on Friday Jan. 16 which was an Early Release Day, your child will receive that lunch on Friday February 6, the first Friday of February. There is no need to reorder – just leave that date blank on your February order form.

February Hot Lunch order forms are out!

They will be handed out in your child's class or can be printed out from the Hot Lunch form attached to this newsletter or you can pick one up at the SunRidge office. Then submit it along with your payment to the Office **three days before any lunch you want** i.e. by Thursday for the Tuesday Hot Lunch and by Tuesday for the Friday Hot Lunch.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact Jessica at 823-5572. The class of 2011 thanks you.

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