

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 13, 6:30-8:30

Parent Education: Graduate Panel
at Apple Blossom (see adjoining article)

Friday, January 16, **Early Release for
Staff Conference in Sacramento**

Monday, January 19: **School Closed for
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday**

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

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

Sunday, February 8, 2:00pm:
Winter Performance, Classes 1-5
At Apple Blossom School

Will SunRidge prepare my child for High School and Beyond? Community Forum, Next Tuesday, January 13

Ever wonder how well a Waldorf (methods) school prepares young people for high school and beyond? Come to our next Parent Education evening on Tuesday, January 13, and find out from those who've been there. We will host a panel of past SunRidge graduates and parents, as well as those who have been through a full 12+ years of Waldorf education, to learn how a Waldorf education affected their experiences in high school, college, and life in general. **We will be hosting this forum in the Apple Blossom School Multi-Purpose Room** so we can accommodate the expected crowd. Please join us for a unique presentation and conversation sure to stimulate your understanding of the purpose and value of a SunRidge education.

Budget Crisis Community Meeting, Sunday, January 25

While the State's plan for addressing California's budget crisis has yet to be determined, it looks very likely that SunRidge will be faced with mid-year funding cuts of some magnitude. This, coupled with the negative affect of the recession on some parents' ability to continue their monthly pledges, presents us with the challenge of how to maintain our educational program for the children when the funding we have depended on declines. To put it simply: we must either find new ways to increase funding, or we will be forced to make cuts in our classes and services. To clarify and explore this challenge and possible solutions, the Charter Council and Parent Council will be hosting a *mandatory* parent meeting on Sunday, **January 25, between 2:00-4:00pm, at the Apple Blossom School campus.** Please put that date on your calendar, as every SunRidge parent needs to be informed about how the current financial crisis could impact our school, and every SunRidge parent needs to be a part of the solution.

Limited Child Care Available

The Parent Council will be offering childcare in the SunRidge AfterCare area during our Budget Crisis Meeting on January 25. Spaces are limited to 25, so sign up through the office to reserve a spot only if you cannot find another option.

Thank you First Grade Parent Chefs

On behalf of the entire faculty, many thanks to all the first grade parents who lovingly prepared and delivered such delicious lunches to us during December. The feasts were so delicious and nurturing—what a delightful feeling of support!

Tasty Burritos and Yummy Pizza!

It's not too late to order hot lunch for your student for this month! Use the attached Hot Lunch form or pick one up at the SunRidge office. Then submit it along with your payment **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.

Time to Report December Community Service Hours

An email with the link for reporting community service (volunteer) hours will be sent this week. Please take a minute and report your December hours. Thank you!

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

Invitation to Student Writers

From Takao Makihara

The SunRidge Reader, a startup project, is seeking students interested in sharing their creative work with the larger SunRidge community. All forms of writing, including stories, essays, and poetry, are welcome, as well as photos of drawings, paintings, or other art forms. Students from all grade levels are encouraged to participate. Depending on the interests of the participants, there could be other possibilities such as suggested writing themes or writing contests. Publication will be primarily in electronic (PDF) format (a hardcopy could be provided for those without email). Publication dates/frequency will depend on the number of submissions. Assistance is available for technical and editorial support. If this sounds interesting, we would love to hear from you with comments, questions, suggestions, or just to show your support for this project. For submissions, please request submission guidelines. Contact: Takao Makihara at tmakihara@sbcglobal.net <<mailto:tmakihara@sbcglobal.net>> or (707) 823-2347.

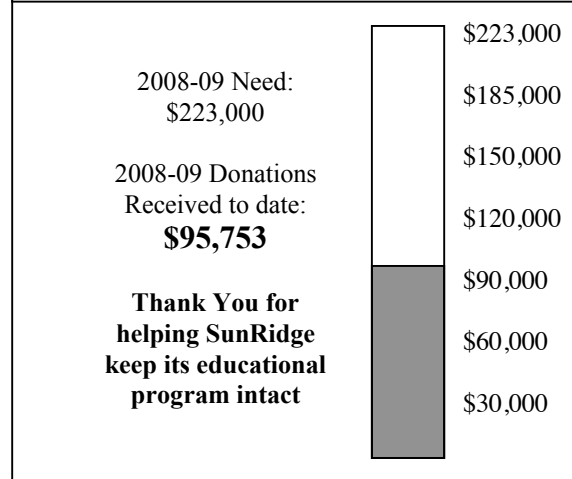
Community Service Report

Last year we laid the groundwork for SunRidge's Community Service to run smoothly and efficiently. We created a Skills, Interest & Participation database, which most current families have filled out (& we won't ask you to fill it out again!). We have a very informative Community Service Guide that details all areas of Community Service at SunRidge. Families new & returning, and our faculty have expressed huge appreciation & gratitude for the guide because for the first time this whole complex and essential part of our school is spelled out simply and understandably. If you have not yet seen the guide, please read it on our website, print it for yourself or get a hard copy in the office. We have an easy to use and private database so we can report our hours, which will have several benefits mentioned by Mark in previous bulletins. This year the fruit of all this is that our committees, teams, festivals, gatherings and advisory groups are for the most part dynamic, efficient and organized. Many parents are offering their service in areas of interest and what needs to get done is getting done. What more to say? Thank you so much to all who give to our school in ways both seen and unseen.

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.

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



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.

Is There Enough Interest in a Rain Gear and Board Game Swap?

From Heidi Lewis
If you have outerwear or games that you would like to swap please let Heidi Lewis know, so we can see if there's enough interest to set a place and time. Heidi at 829-3911, or heidi@newdiligence.com.

Need a Student Desk?

Our 8th grade class is raising funds for their class trip by selling refurbished student desks. If you could use a wooden desk and chair for a good price, contact Toni DiLeo at 696-0930.

Community Smart Made Easy

From Kathleen Stroh

Community Smart Cards are now available in the SunRidge office. Simply fill out name and address and leave \$3.50 per card in the envelope. It is simple, easy, and now convenient! Sign up before holiday shopping. Copperfields and Toy Works (and many more) donate money to SunRidge when you shop.

Papas and Pollo Coupons NOT Needed

Papas and Pollo Restaurant will donate 10% of your purchase to SunRidge. The coupons needed to get the donation are available on our website or in the office, but recent diners have been told that the coupons are not needed, just the name and phone number of the school. Just dine and donate!

Re: Submission of Articles to the Bulletin

from Mark Rice

We encourage our faculty, students and parents to submit articles for our weekly bulletin that provide others with news and information of an interesting, helpful, and relevant nature (reports about field trips, thank yous for helpers at events, etc.). If you should want to submit an article please keep in mind that we are publicly funded and need to maintain a narrow focus on school related news, communication, articles, activities, and events.

We cannot print commercial advertisements, political articles, or controversial content not directly related to the work SunRidge receives funding to provide. The school bulletin is also not the appropriate venue to promote personal interests or changes in any school policy or procedures. Policy or procedure concerns should be directed to school administration, the Charter Council, or in some cases, the Twin Hills Board of Trustees.

Please also note that there is usually limited space in each bulletin for submissions. Articles may need to be edited to fit in the available space and/or may need to be included in a later issue than what is requested. Providing a submission as a Word document attachment to an email, at least several days before the desired inclusion date, will maximize the chances that it can be included in the next Bulletin. The school Director has the responsibility to determine if a submission meets these or other requirements and is appropriate to print in the school Bulletin. Thank you for your understanding of and cooperation with these parameters.

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

Ten Good Reasons To Be On Time For School

We all have good reasons why we end up late for something. Here are ten good reasons for your child to get to school on time:

- 1) Your child will have a chance to socialize with others before school.
- 2) You will model for your child the importance of timeliness.
- 3) You will be showing respect for the teacher and the other students in class by honoring their right to begin the day with everyone present and not be interrupted by late entries.
- 4) You will help your child make the transition from home to school with more ease.
- 5) Your child will not miss anything that the other children experienced.
- 6) You will have created a beginning of the day rhythm that will support your family throughout the school year.
- 7) You will not feel rushed or feel the need to drive too fast because you are late.
- 8) You can be free of any feelings of guilt related to arriving and signing in late.
- 9) You won't have to receive those unpleasant excessive tardies letters.
- 10) You will feel good about yourself for all of the above reasons.

Clarifying our "Classified"

Under direction of the school district, we recently discontinued having a classified section in our bulletin for listing anything that would be considered an ad for personal gain. After further consideration, we will be interpreting that requirement to not apply to items that are judged to be primarily a service to our families, and not business advertisements. This could include the sale of used items from one parent to another (e.g., violins, clothing, etc.), and housing rentals. The editor (that would be me) reserves the right to determine if submissions do or do not meet the requirement.

**Needed, Lost, Found, or Free
Used for Sale, Rentals, Job Referrals****Missing:**

SunRidge sweatshirt, size Adult Medium that has "Tay" written on the tag. Return to Rebecca in AfterCare.

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