

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

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**

Wednesday, October 21, 6:30-8:30pm:  
**Kindergarten parent evening**

Thursday, October 22, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
**Class 3 Parent Meeting**

Thursday, October 29, 6:45pm:  
**Tribes Presentation for Parents**  
At Apple Blossom School Auditorium

Friday, October 30 ~ **School Closed**  
**for Tribes Faculty Training**

Monday, November 2, 6:30-7:30pm:  
**Class 2 parent evening**

Tuesday, November 3, 6:30pm  
**Parent Council Meeting**

### Changes in Charter Council

This month marks a significant transition in our charter council membership. With many regrets and deep gratitude for their contributions, three parent reps—Michael Lyle, Karin Demarest, and Maria Freebairn Smith leave their positions. We welcome newly elected parent reps, Nedra Berns (8<sup>th</sup>), Beth Gallock (3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>), and Patricia Bernard (6<sup>th</sup>). The parent reps are a vitally important part of our school's governance structure, as they ensure parent input into, and oversight of, SunRidge's policies, procedures, and operations. SunRidge Charter Council meetings are typically on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm in the Community Room. Anyone is welcome to attend.

### Charter Council and Parent Council: What's the Difference?

If you are wondering what the Charter Council and the Parent Council actually do, there are good descriptions of each in the SunRidge Community Service Guide (if you don't have a guide, it is available in the office or at [www.sunridgeschool.org](http://www.sunridgeschool.org)). The short version is that the Charter Council is a governing body, working with the Director to develop and recommend policies, procedures, programs, budgets, calendars, etc. The Parent Council oversees the cultural life of the school: school committees, events, festivals, fundraising, and other social aspects of the school community. Both bodies are essential to the healthy, representative functioning of SunRidge. When our 2009-10 Parent Directory comes home shortly, please see the lists of PC and CC members in the front, and contact your representatives on either council if you have questions, concerns, or input.

### Learn about Tribes: Thursday, October 29, 6:45pm, at Apple Blossom

On Thursday evening, October 29, we are offering a parent education event about our new social/emotional learning "program", Tribes. Actually, Tribes is not really a curriculum or program. It is a community building process that we are being trained to implement that has been proven to result in a more positive school environment for maximum safety, growth, and learning for every child. Thus far, our faculty and administrative staff have received 3 days of in-service from Tribes expert, Mary Palin. Mary will be presenting Tribes to parents on October 29—please come and hear why we are so enthusiastic about this new addition in our school's efforts to provide the most caring and effective Waldorf inspired education possible.

### School Portraits Next Wednesday, Order Form Sent Home Today

Next Wednesday, October 14 will be portrait day at SunRidge. The order form packet will be sent home with your child today. Please look for it and complete your order as per the directions included.

### Helpers Still Needed

Our outdoor amphitheatre work was delayed until this coming weekend. Organizers still need a few helpers, so if you can help please contact Baron: 510-504-7382 or [el3ring@gmail.com](mailto:el3ring@gmail.com).

### More Volunteer Opportunities

Our outdoor kitchen project needs volunteers to help with the following projects over the next few weeks:

- Installing non-toxic denim insulation (at least two persons)
- Helping to install plywood interior walls and ceiling (one more person with

carpentry skills plus two helpers)

- Painting with non-toxic earth-based paints (several persons)

Please contact Bob Poole at 823-8324 or  
robtpoole@gmail.com

**Handwork Thanks** A Big Thank-You to Gina Wilde & Alchemy Yarns for the generous yarn donation. It is a mix of wool and mohair dyed in beautiful variegated colors. The gnomes will come alive with these threads of yarn and our magical hands. With gratitude, Laurie McKenzie

### 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

### Middle School Sports League News ~ from Mr. T

The 2009-2010 Middle School Sports League is underway! Co-ed Volleyball matches have started and there is strong competition in both the 7th and 8th grade divisions. Games are played every Monday and Wednesday beginning at 3:45pm. Teams will compete throughout September and October for the League Championship that will be decided on the last day of the regular season which is October 21st. The 8th grade will then have their end-of-year Friendship Tournament on Saturday, October 24th on the campus of Sonoma Country Day School. Good luck to all teams.  
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### Cross-Country Announcements!

It's not too late to signup – forms in the school office. Talk with Mr. T, too.

Next Meet: Tuesday, October 13th at Santa Rosa Christian/Wells Fargo Center at 4pm.

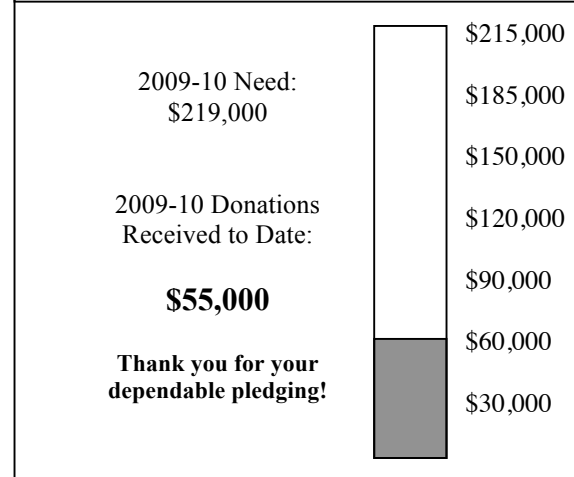
### Folk Art For Schools Calendars

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 or 537-0839

### El Dia de Los Muertos from Galia Brievea

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

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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!

### Community Events

#### Addressing the Whole Person: the Role of the Waldorf Parent

Talk by Martin Novom at Summerfield Waldorf School on Fri., Oct. 16, 7PM, followed by a Workshop on Sat., Oct. 17, 8AM. Evening talk by donation. Traveling the path of a Waldorf parent can be exciting and illuminating; it can also sometimes be confusing or even frustrating. As part of the Saturday, October 17th workshop, "The Waldorf Capital Campaign: Transforming Fear into Courage," Martin Novom, CFRE, will present a Friday evening discussion aimed at the questions and issues of being a parent in a Waldorf school. This is not a presentation on the curriculum or on the role of parents in support of their children's class. In his warm and lively style, Martin will lead us in an exploration of how we as parents we can encourage organizational excellence for our school and still leave each other free as human beings. A great opportunity to grow and strengthen our community.

#### SunRidge Moms in BIRTH ~ from Pam Koppel

What do mothers want? What do mothers deserve? These and other tough questions are explored in Birth, a play that is to childbirth what the Vagina Monologues is to

violence against women. With four performances October 8-11th, this critically acclaimed play by Karen Brody was written in support of a global movement to make maternity care mother-friendly. Come see SunRidge moms Pam Koppel, Skye Ashley and Karin Demarest perform in BIRTH this weekend at the Glaser Center in Santa Rosa. You can get tickets <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/birthplay> or they are available at the door.

**Children's Faire at Marin Waldorf School~ from Nick Broad**

This event at the Marin Waldorf School will have outdoor magical games, story telling, puppet shows, organic food, unique vendors and live music. Appropriate for ages 3-10 years. Sunday, October 18, from 10:00am-4:00pm. Marin Waldorf School  
755 Idylberry Road  
San Rafael, CA 94903  
(415) 479-8190 ext. 102

**Thank You for the Storytelling Festival**

The Diversity and Storytelling Festival Committee would like to thank the following parents for their enthusiastic support of the 4th Annual Storytelling Festival.

Thank you to Debbie Ezersky for all the publicity she did to get the word out about the festival. Thank you to Mira Niernberger for creating a sign to remind folks about the festival on their way out of school. Thank you to Kat Ripley for painting new dates on the sign boards, letting us once again use her beautiful illustration on our flyer to advertise, and for her help decorating the amphitheater the day of the festival.

Thank you to the other members of Roxanne Agur's team for decorating and then, dismantling, the amphitheater: Joe Ruffino, Jennifer York, Jay Jackson, Paula Comacho, Susan Helms, Bob Smithfield and Kenna Lee-Ribas.

We also want to thank those parents who helped with the general set up on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning: Martin Bolz, Paula Comacho, Roger Solin, Dawn Harris, Deanna and family, Karin Demarest, Bob Smithfield, and Tess Pohlmann.

Thank you to our very efficient clean up crew made up of the following: Ken and Mary Green, Autumn Rose and Dustin Deason, Bas Molenkamp, Jamie Lau, Craig Slimmer and Paula Comacho.

A big thank you to the folks who helped Oona Padgett make our tea room so enticing: Kenna Lee-Ribas, Bonnie Kirkpatrick, Vicky Garcia, Paula Comacho, Gena Perdu,

**Storytelling Festival Thank You continued...**

Adam and Tina Goldberg, Elsa Noble, and of course, Brian Heacock; there to the bitter end and he even took on the responsibility of dumping the compost!!

We also appreciated all the donations made by Laura Litwin on behalf of Whole Foods for our tea room as well as the many, many delicious sweets and savories baked and donated by parents in classes 2, 3 and 4. Thank you all!

Thank you to our door monitors: Holly Ghirann, Melissa Morgan, Paula Comacho, Frieda Weiss, Vicky Garcia, Adam Goldberg, Heidi Lewis, Tess Pohlmann and Nana Breeland. We also appreciated having enthusiastic craft helpers bring Laurie McKenzie's and Callie Almand's mini lantern necklaces to so many children. Thank you to Maria Freebairn Smith, Abigail Evans, Alissa Coenen, and Rebecca White. We were graced by a special craftswoman, Betty Edwards, who assisted children in making origami figures and provided all the origami paper herself - thank you Betty!

Thank you to our parking lot attendants Abigail Evans, Jolly and Charles Greer and to our crosswalk attendant, John Namkung and for overseeing the opening and closing of the Apple Blossom Parking Lot, Mark Rice. Thank you to our ticket takers: Erica Piorkowski, Debbie Ezersky, Iva Slone, Rob Leavitt, Rocky Schumann, Alexander Laszlo, and Deanna Kempthorne.

This year we had special help in the form of a photographer to chronicle the event. Thank you so much to Chris Dunia!

We also appreciated Callie Almand and Lyra Matthews for attending our planning meetings and supporting the festival by helping with set up and clean up.

We also want to convey a special thank you to the many puppeteers who rehearsed for weeks to bring us such a beautiful rendering of a Persian Tale: Sage Otterson, Kate O'Brien, Galia Brievea, Karen Gallagher, and Lyra Matthews.

A big round of applause to Rebecca Armstrong and her crew of 3rd, 5th, and 7th grade actors who treated us to two great Reader's Theater performances.

And, last but not least, another big round of applause to our 8th grade students and parents for providing us with a delicious dinner to end our day.

We do apologize in advance if we left anyone out inadvertently, but as you can see, it takes at least a hundred hands or more to pull a festival of this stature and size off well!

With gratitude, Dianne Namkung, Claire Drucker, Lisa Cahn, Laurie McKenzie, Roxanne Agur, Rebecca Armstrong and Oona Padgett.

**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

**Mommy's helper needed** for SunRidge family. Pickup from school and take to Sebastopol home. Prepare snack, supervise constructive play, help children clean-up. 15 - 20 hours per week. Please call Dustin @ 707-480-5883.

**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. Call Rebecca: 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