

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

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

**Make-up Portrait Day**

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**

Wednesday, November 11

**School Closed ~ Veteran's Day**

### Check Your Calendar: School is Closed on Friday, October 30

#### Middle School Parent Evening, Monday, October 19, 6:33pm

We invite parents in grades 5 – 8 to come meet our Middle School class teachers and specialty teachers at an evening presentation designed to provide an overview of our Middle School program. Time will be provided for questions and answers as well. We will meet in the Community Room—please join us!

#### 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. Tribes expert Mary Palin, who has been training our faculty and staff, will be the presenter. 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.

#### Portraits Rescheduled for This Friday

Due to the storm, student portrait day has been rescheduled for this Friday, October 16. For those unable to be here for that day, **make-up portraits will be possible next Thursday, October 22**. Order forms were sent home last week. Please look for it and complete your order as per the directions included. If you need an extra form, they are available in the office.

#### 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).

#### New Garden Kitchen News

We need ONE MORE VOLUNTEER WITH CARPENTRY SKILLS ON SATURDAY 10/24 for the installation of plywood walls and ceiling. Yesterday's storm forced the cancellation of our First Grade gardening and cooking class and reminds us of the need to get our kitchen completed and ready for the rainy season. We are almost there and need your help! Please contact Bob Poole at 823-8324 or [robtpoole@gmail.com](mailto:robtpoole@gmail.com).

#### Lunches Thank You

Many, many thanks to the parents of the 7<sup>th</sup> grade who so lovingly provided lunches for faculty meeting for the month of September. Knowing how challenging it can be to find the time and resources to prepare these lunches, only adds to the heartfelt appreciation we feel as we partake of these nourishing meals. SunRidge parents are awesome!

#### No Exit Through Entrance Please

Several people have noticed that there is an occasional driver who exits the campus through the entrance rather than going down the driveway to the designated exit. This may seem like a shortcut, especially if there is some back up in the driveway, but please don't do this as it creates unsafe conditions at the entrance.

#### In Case You Didn't Know...

With much sadness and regret, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Gregory Moyer, needed to

take an extended 5-month sick leave beginning in mid-September. Mr. Moyer's presence is sorely missed, but we are fortunate to have been blessed with a long-term substitute for that position who has already demonstrated her strong skills and dedication to the job. AnnMarie Ginella brings 7 years of high school teaching experience (at Cardinal Newman HS), she has her teaching credential and Masters Degree, and she is in the second year of her Waldorf teacher training. She has also been an involved Waldorf parent for the last 12 years. Her son Zavi graduated from SunRidge last year, and her youngest, Pierre, is currently in our 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Welcome AnnMarie, and thank you for stepping in to hold our 8<sup>th</sup> grade and prepare them well for high school next year.

**Hot Lunches Help 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Attached to today's bulletin is the order form for our Tuesday and Friday hot lunch program, available to students in grades 3-8. All proceeds (after costs) go to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip fund for our current 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and the program is run by 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents and students. Support them if you can!

**Folk Art For Schools Calendars**

Folk Art for Schools Calendars are now available and on sale as a fundraiser for our school. They are only \$12 and all of the profits go to SunRidge and other local schools. Last year we raised over \$6000 with this project—not so hard if everyone buys a few! (at least). They are now available in the office. Contact Heather with questions about calendar sales. heathert@sonic.net or 537-0839

**Handwork Thanks!** *From Laurie McKenzie*

Thank you to Kimberly Mullen (Riley's mom) for sewing the Handwork bags for the First grade. I bought, washed, cut and ironed the fabric but the task of sewing each bag is big ... I so appreciate it! Kimberly did a beautiful job. First graders are really loving them. Big thanks to the 8th graders for threading the cording in them for their buddies. Many thanks to Aurora (Gabe's mom) who donated fabric of which some has already been put to use by the 8th graders. Thanks for thinking of us.

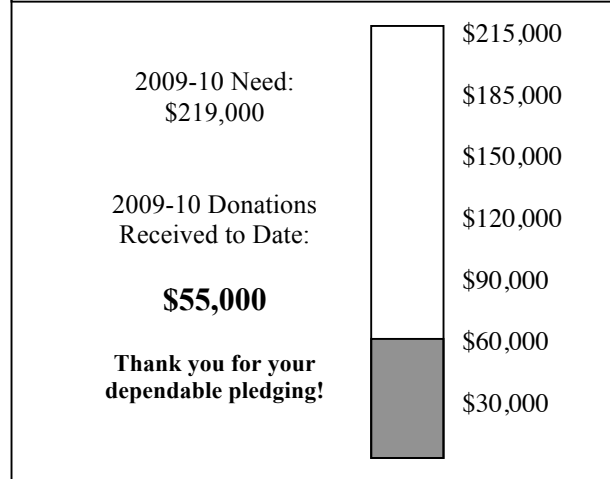
**Handwork Gnomes** *From Laurie McKenzie*

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.

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

The 2009-2010 Middle School Sports League is underway! Co-ed Volleyball is now in session and our teams are looking outstanding! Next week's games on Monday and Wednesday afterschool are scheduled for our campus

**2009-10 Pledge Program Report**



(unless conditions are too wet/muddy). Call for updates on location. After that the 8th grade will have their end-of-year Friendship Tournament on Saturday, October 24th on the campus of Sonoma Country Day School. Come catch the excitement!

**A Window Into the Spanish Program**

During the month of October, 1st-8th grade students are getting ready for the celebration of The Day of the Dead, which is a whole school event where we remember the life of those families and friends that are no longer with us. The celebration will be on Monday, November 2nd, which is the official day that it is celebrated in Latin America. This will make the celebration even more meaningful and extra special. The displays will be available for the community to see after school and will be there until Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

In the lower grades we are reading stories, singing songs, drawing and crafting. Some of the projects are calaveras (skulls), mariposas (butterflies), god's eyes and the preparation of the "Pan de Muerto". Grades 5th to 8th are sewing beautiful calaveras, making paper mache animals, catafalques and sugar skulls. I have been describing and telling stories about how people in Mexico, Central and South America celebrate this day.

I asked the students to start bringing pictures of their family, friends and pets that they would like to remember and honor. Please write your child's name on the back of the picture and it will be returned to them by the second week of November. Additionally, donations of pumpkins, marigolds, eggs, flour and sugar for making of the "pan de muerto"(bread of the dead) are welcome starting next week. These donations can be brought to Senora Galia's casita and will be very appreciated. Thank you all for supporting this beautiful romance language in which the speaking population is growing each day and for the opportunities available for bilingual people.

Muchas Gracias, Galia Brieua

**Community Service Recording**

If you haven't already, please take a minute and input your community service hours for August and September through the following links:

August 2009:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=m2bZtaNSDbxutnEGx3N8fVw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=m2bZtaNSDbxutnEGx3N8fVw_3d_3d)

September 2009:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=m49IaXuK00UQngTm8BNQAw\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=m49IaXuK00UQngTm8BNQAw_3d_3d)

**Community Events****Rising Moon Playback Theatre**

Special performance Sunday, October 25, 4:00-5:30pm at the Sebastopol Community Cultural Center Youth Annex:

**Playback for Kids & Their Families**

In Playback Theatre, volunteer audience members share everyday life experiences and watch them played back, using movement, music, ritual, and spoken improvisation.

Sliding scale, all welcome.

**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.

**Lecture by Sanford Miller** on "The Mission and Working of Buddha and Christ". Friday, November 6 at 7:00 pm in Sophia Hall at Summerfield School, 655 Willowside Road, West Santa Rosa, between Guerneville Road and Hall Road. Further information call: Jerry Lindsey 874-1254 or Theresa Melia 824-0645.

**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

**Classified**

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

**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). \$600. 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

**Piano needed!** SunRidge fourth grader needs upright piano. Please call Alissa at 236-0747

**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. 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.

**Walk and Roll Grant Press Release ~***from Sandi Maurer*

Last Wednesday, over one hundred and twenty parents and kids from several schools on Watertrough Rd. in the Twin Hills Unified School District west of Sebastopol rode and walked to school despite a narrow and dangerous route. The Walk and Roll Train of about 20 cyclists and 100 walkers was led by Supervisor Efren Carillo and Sebastopol Mayor Sarah Gurney. Three school directors participated in the event: Mark Rice (SunRidge) Carol Rogers (Orchard View) and Franny Minervini Zick (Tree House Hollow). Both the Sebastopol police and the CHP were on hand for safety.

Event organizers and the crowd were especially jubilant about the news that their project to create a safe route to school in this area had officially received a State Safe Routes to Schools Grant for over \$600,000. Jodi Frost, Sonoma County grant writer said that they hoped to get started on the project "before the rains come".

Jennifer York, who was instrumental in obtaining the grant stated, "We are just thrilled that the State Grant has been officially funded, and that the County can start making improvements. Many parents and kids have worked hard for years to make this possible...and soon we will have the option to safely walk or bike to school every day."

Sebastopol Mayor Sarah Gurney stated, "We can tell by the great turn-out and enthusiasm today that people want safe alternatives to their car. Let's work together to get more people and cyclists more safely on the sidewalks and streets - in town and in the West County."

Participants met at 7:30 am, braving the chilly autumn air and then traveled as a group single file up the dangerous section of road on Bodega Ave. and down Watertrough Rd. Children were escorted to SunRidge, Apple Blossom, Orchard View, Willow Spring and Tree House Hollow Schools.

A total of 50 schools in Sonoma County celebrated International Walk to School Day.

**Dishes left at Storytelling Festival**

Dishes left in the tea room at the Storytelling Festival may be picked up in the office.

They are in the corner to your left as you enter. Thanks.

Also, along the same lines, there are a considerable number of clothes accumulating in our lost and found area in the breezeway between grades 4 and 6. Please check for any that might belong to you, and if you label your child's clothing we can more easily return items to their owners...

**Wreaths for Sale Now**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling Granstrom wreaths and swags this year to earn money for their 8th grade trip. These are beautiful wreaths, great for gifts and/or for your own home.

The order form is attached to today's bulletin. All orders should be in by November 13, 2009. Bulk orders will be delivered to the school by December 4, 2009.

Individual orders will be delivered by this date or earlier. See attached order form and for individual orders see shipping form as well.

If you have any questions call Aurora Fuero-Thompson at (707)829-7358 or email at [brxwitch@comcast.net](mailto:brxwitch@comcast.net).

Thank you in advance from the class of 2011.