



SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, Oct. 27, 3:15, Room 4
Storytelling Festival Review Mtg

Thursday, October 29, 1:00-5:00pm:
6th grade Farmers' Market

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

Monday, November 9, 7:00 - 8:45pm
Class 4 Parent Evening

Tuesday, November 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm
Class 7 Parent Evening

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

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

Twenty-one SunRidge faculty and staff have been receiving training in the social emotional learning program called Tribes and now it's your turn. As we implement this exciting program, it is so important that parents also know about it and how they can support the work the school is doing. We have arranged to have our Tribes trainer, Mary Palin (no relation to Sarah!), provide an evening presentation for parents and are hoping to have a good turnout. Efforts are currently underway to see if providing childcare for some children is possible that evening. We will email out news if that can be arranged, but in any event, please try to find a way to come learn about Tribes that evening. Thank you for supporting this school improvement.

Buy a Wreath, Help our 7th Graders

The 7th grade will be selling Granstrom wreaths and swags this year to raise money for their 8th grade trip. These are beautiful wreaths, great for gifts and/or for your own home. The order forms are again attached to this week's bulletin, and there are more in the office. 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.

Questions? Call Aurora at (707)829-7358 or email at brxwitch@comcast.net. Thank you in advance from the class of 2011.

Make-up Portraits this 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.

A Note About Pick-ups ~ from the SunRidge office

Many of SunRidge's teachers and staff work to maintain a safe, timely pick-up routine at the end of the day. We ask that you do your part to help us in this effort, by being on time for pick-up and calling ahead if you can't avoid being late. Many of our staff go off duty shortly after 3:10pm, so you can imagine how problematic it can be when students are still waiting around for their ride at 3:30pm. Please bear in mind that our policy (as stated in the Parent Handbook) is that students who are not picked up by 3:15pm on regular days, and 1:15 on early release days, will be escorted to AfterCare, and parents will be charged accordingly. Please help us make pick-up time as easy and stress-free as possible! Thank you.

Safety Consciousness Please!

On rainy days please be extra mindful in the morning of the children in our parking lot. Visibility is poor, children are exiting cars in multiple places, and they tend to rush more when it is raining. Slow and cautious driving in our parking lots should always be the rule, but especially so when it is raining.

Flu Reminder

Help us minimize the spread of flu by keeping your sick child at home. Staff and students with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines. Students with flu-like symptoms will be sent home. You can also help by reinforcing

with your child the importance of frequent hand washing. Students are encouraged to wash their hands at school, and we are currently making arrangements to have hand sanitizing supplies in each classroom. The incidence of flu at SunRidge thus far this year has not been severe or out of the ordinary, and if we are all working together on prevention and mitigation we can minimize the spread of the flu at school. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

6th Grade Farmer's Market-Come one Come All

Join us for an afternoon of food and fun. Mr. McRee's class will be hosting the market and serving hot soups, bread, salad, a baked potato bar and desserts. Join the cake walk and bring home a delicious treat, try your luck at the raffle, decorate gingerbread pumpkin cookies just in time for Halloween, face painting, contests and more. Come join the fun **Thursday, October 29, 2009**, at Ragle Park.

Wondering about SunRidge Shirts?

It's coming. We're trying hard to get out order forms for the 2009 (all new!) SunRidge shirts, so look for them soon. This year, we are looking for organic cotton, sweatshop-free shirts, and the search has proven more complex than anticipated. But the final product should be worth the wait. The artwork will be printed with a more sustainable water-based ink in two colors for a new look, and the t-shirts will have a women's cut available in adult sizes. So, if you know where we can get organic or fair trade youth-sized hoodies for a decent price, call Kenna at 823-2879. Otherwise, hold tight and an order form will be coming your way soon.

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.

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! Contact Bob Poole at 823-8324 or robtpoole@gmail.com.

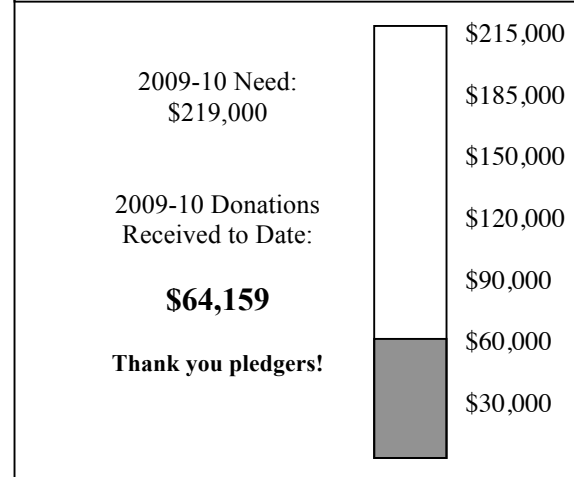
Hot Lunches Help 6th Grade

Order forms for our Tuesday and Friday hot lunch program went home last week and more are available in the office, if needed. All proceeds (after costs) go to the 8th grade trip fund for our current 6th grade, and the program is run by 6th grade parents and students. Support them if you can!

From the Garden ~ from Tess Pohlmann

Last year the third graders wove gathering baskets. Many parents and faculty expressed an interest in learning the art

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of basketry. Annie Roberts, who taught last year's parent volunteers, is happy to offer a class to us again. This time, she will teach the art of TWINING. This method of basket weaving is applicable to using wildcrafted materials.

Date: Nov. 14th, Saturday

Time: 10:30; allow for at least four hours. Give this afternoon to yourself.

Location: to be announced

Cost: \$25. All materials included.

Please call Tess by Nov. 1 if you plan to attend.

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 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 at handwork@hotmail.com.

Volleyball News ~ from Mr. T

Our 2009-2010 Middle School volleyball season is coming to a close this week after a very exciting season of great play. The last games are today on our home field, then an 8th grade make-up game on Thursday at Healdsburg School, followed by the 8th grade's Friendship Tournament on Saturday, at 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 4th.

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 Brievea

Community Service Questions

If you want to contact the right person regarding a community service interest you have (outside the scope of classroom service), please direct your inquiry to Shyama, our Community Service Coordinator: shyama@sbcglobal.net; rather than trying to find out via our office staff. Shyama prefers email but if you don't, you can call her: 827-7931.

Storytelling Festival Wrap Up

We invite anyone who would like to join us for a short meeting next Tuesday, Oct. 27th, in Room 4 at 3:15 to reflect on the festival and make suggestions for improvements, changes etc. If you are unable to join us, we would still welcome your feedback - please email Dianne Namkung at: diannenamkung@gmail.com. Thanks!

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

September 2009:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=m49IaXuK00UQngTm8BNQAw_3d_3d

Community Events

Dear SunRidge Community,

There will be a gathering at our school on Sunday

November 1st at 2 p.m. to dedicate the fountain near the peace bell **in memory of Leslie Olin**. Leslie was a vibrant part of our community and was part of the inspiration that started SunRidge. Refreshments will be served after the brief ceremony. Please join us to celebrate Leslie's life.

"The Pumpkin Child" ~A Marionette Performance of the wonderful, heartwarming Persian story will be held this **Saturday October 24, at 12:00 noon** at Novato Charter School in the Multipurpose Room, after their free harvest event. 25% of donations put into the open donation basket will be given to SunRidge Charter School. The play will be performed by alumni of the Bay Area Center for Waldorf Teacher Training, which includes some members of our own school community. So if you happened to miss the play as it was performed at the Storytelling Festival or know someone who would enjoy it, this is a great opportunity. Seating will begin ten minutes before the performance. All ages are welcome.

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.

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.

Summerfield High School Open House

Have you ever wished to wake up to a day filled with Blacksmithing or Conic Sections, Comparative Anatomy or Oceanography, History through Art or Thermodynamics? For those students and families considering a Waldorf high school option, the annual Summerfield Waldorf High School Open House is a wonderful opportunity to hear more about these classes and sample the comprehensive curriculum first-hand. You will also be able to meet our highly qualified faculty, as well as some of the current students and alumni, and to tour the campus.

Saturday, November 14th, 10 am - 1 pm. With any questions about Summerfield's high school program in general, contact Sallie Miller, Admissions Director at 575-7194 ext. 102 or sallie@summerfieldwaldorf.org

Cybersafety Workshop

Wednesday, November 18, 4:00-5:30pm in the Sonoma County Office of Education Board Room.

Come learn about safe and responsible use of the internet and related communication technology (mobile phones, digital cameras, and webcams). Open to educators and parents. Topics include: Social Networking, What to do about inappropriate content, piracy, personal information—what's safe to share, and cyber bullying.

Online registration will be available soon at www.scoe.org/training <<http://www.scoe.org/training>> .

If you have content questions, contact Rick Phelan at 707-524-2847 or email to rphelan@scoe.org.

Missing Something?

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.

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...

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: 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 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.

LOST: A pair of wire rim glasses. Please call Luc Poole (5th Grade) at 823-8324.