



# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

Thursday, October 29, 1:00-5:00pm:  
**6<sup>th</sup> 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**

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 - 8:00pm  
**Class 1 Parent Evening**

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

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

Wednesday, November 11  
**School Closed ~ Veteran's Day**

Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 - 9:00pm  
**Charter Council Meeting**

**School is Closed This Friday, October 30, for a Staff Training**

**Time Change this Sunday: Turn your clocks back one hour...**

### **Tribes This Thursday, 6:45pm, at Apple Blossom**

We have arranged to have our Tribes trainer, Mary Palin, provide an evening presentation for parents on this highly effective program of social and emotional learning for our students. Please be there if you can so you know more about, and can better support, this major new direction in how we work with your children.

### **Sorry, No Childcare for Tribes Evening**

We tried to arrange childcare, but it did not turn out to be workable. Hopefully, those who want to come will be able to find a babysitter or make other arrangements so as not to miss this important parent education evening.

### **Buy a Wreath, Help our 7<sup>th</sup> Graders**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be selling Granstrom wreaths and swags this year to raise money for their 8<sup>th</sup> 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.** Bulk orders will be delivered to the school by December 4.

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 829-7358 or email at [brxwitch@comcast.net](mailto:brxwitch@comcast.net). Thank you from the class of 2011.

### **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Farmer's Market This Thursday-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.

### **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](mailto:heathert@sonic.net) or 537-0839

### **Fountain Dedication this Sunday**

There will be a gathering at our school on Sunday, **November 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

### **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.

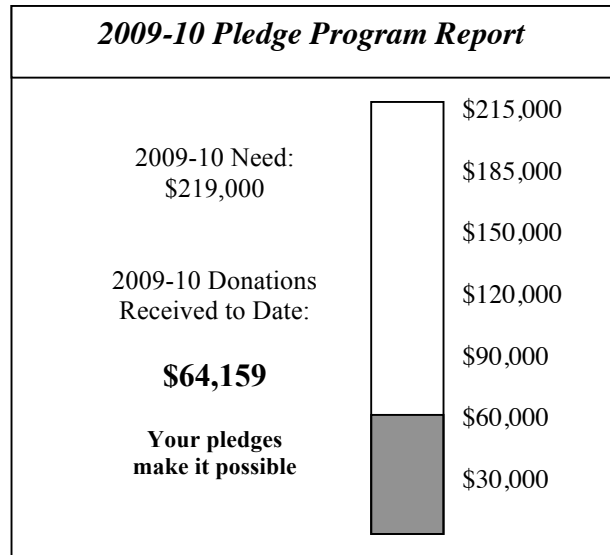
Students with flu-like symptoms will be sent home. You can also help by reinforcing with your child the importance of frequent hand washing. Students are encouraged to wash their hands at school, and we are currently making arrangements to have hand sanitizing supplies in each classroom. The incidence 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.

**New Garden Kitchen Update & Volunteer Request** ~ from Bob Poole

Thanks to our latest group of great volunteers (Jay Greenfield, Matt Burnham, Steve Moreno, Joe Ruffato, Gabriel Fowler, and Martin Bolz) plus the generous donations of building materials by Janette and Steve Moreno and Jeremy Allen we now have a fully insulated, electrified kitchen with beautiful barnboard siding and plywood interior. A skylight donated by Pilar Rand will be installed soon. This past summer the framing and roofing was done by former parent Wolfgang Dilger. Rick Taylor has designed the French drain and gray water systems and the rainwater-smart landscaping. Lars Langberg and Marcus Schott have provided ongoing architectural consultation. Many other parents have contributed to this project and a full list of acknowledgments and thank you's will be forthcoming.

We now need volunteers for the following jobs:  
 Within the next 7 days: 1 or 2 people to apply (with roller) one coat of low VOC primer to the 14'x17' ceiling. We'll provide materials. Soon thereafter: 1 or 2 people to apply a finish coat of Mythic brand zero VOC paint to the ceiling.  
 Soon: 1 person with carpentry skills to install the 2'x4' skylight. A helper will be available. Soon: 1 person with carpentry skills to team with Owen Massey-Todd in building a shed roof over the wood-fired cob oven.  
 And stay tuned for an announcement of a hands-on workshop in which you/we will learn how to mix and apply earth-tint clay paint to the interior walls.  
 Please call Bob Poole at 823-8324 or email at [robtpoole@gmail.com](mailto:robtpoole@gmail.com)

**El Dia de Los Muertos Needs** from Galia Brieva  
 The celebration is Nov. 2nd. We want to make this day very special. The Day of The Dead is a traditional Latin American holiday that combines pre-Columbian festivals and indigenous traditions with European rituals for honoring the dead. This is an educational opportunity for the students to connect with their ancestors and learn more about the Latin culture. Please start bringing pictures of family, friends and pets that they would like to remember and honor to classroom altars. Please write your child's name on the back of the picture and they will be returned to them by the second week of November. Donations are very important; we need pumpkins, marigolds, eggs, flour, and sugar for making of the "pan de muerto", bread of the dead.



**Thanks from the Class of 2011** from Aurora Thompson  
 The class of 2011 thanks the parents, faculty and office staff that supported our class by purchasing hot lunches last year and the beginning of this one. We appreciate everyone's efforts and patience in making this fundraiser a win-win project. This year's 6<sup>th</sup> grade has now been handed the hot lunch baton. The team from the class of 2012 is terrific and enthusiastic, and will do a good job. Please support this class in their efforts—Order forms are always available in the office or on the website under "School Forms." We are all truly blessed to be in such a wonderful school.

**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 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: Saturday, Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, at 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.

**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](mailto:handwork@hotmail.com).

### 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.

### 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)

### Reminders!

#### **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.

### Community Events

#### **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](mailto: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) <<http://www.scoe.org/training>> .

If you have content questions, contact Rick Phelan at 707-524-2847 or email to [rphelan@scoe.org](mailto:rphelan@scoe.org).

#### **Community Enrichment Courses presented by the Bay Area Center for Waldorf Teacher Training**

For info, call 415-332-2133 or [info@bacwtt.org](mailto:info@bacwtt.org)

*Reverence for the Young Child at Home*, a workshop with Oliver Steinrueck.

Tuesday, November 5 & Thursday, November 19  
8:45 - 10:00am

@ Marin Waldorf School  
755 Idylberry Rd, San Rafael, 94903

*How Being a Waldorf Parent Helped Me Succeed in Corporate America*, a lecture by Kate Kristensen.

Tuesday, November 10 at 7:30pm  
@ Summerfield Waldorf School  
655 Willowside Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

*Should We Be Afraid of Illness?*

A lecture by Dr. Philip Incao, M.D.  
Thursday, November 12 at 7:00pm  
@ Marin Waldorf School  
755 Idylberry Rd, San Rafael, 94903

**Classified**

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

**Lots of Clothing in Our Lost and Found**

Please stop by the lost and found area in our breezeway near the backfield and see if anything belongs to your family. When it gets too full, we gather it all up and give it to charity. If you label your children's clothing with a name it enables us to return it to them more easily.

**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.

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

**Classified****Share Rental Available**

Vegetarian Waldorf Family seeks similar to share west Santa Rosa home. 2 bdrms and a bath in a private downstairs wing available November 1<sup>st</sup>. \$1,200.00, includes utilities. Call 542-7372.

**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.