

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Monday, November 16, 6:30pm:
Class 8 parent evening

Tuesday, November 17, 3:15 - 4:30
Diversity Committee Meeting,
Room 4, All welcome!

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

Monday, November 23
**School Closed for Parent
Conferences**

November 24 - 27
**School Closed ~Thanksgiving
Break**

Tuesday, December 1
Make-up Portrait Day

Tuesday, December 1, 6:30pm
Parent Council Meeting

Saturday, Dec. 5 & Sunday Dec. 6
Winter Garden/Festival of Light

Tuesday, December 15, 6:00-9:00pm:
Charter Council Meeting

Friday, December 18
Early Release - Winter Break

Thanksgiving Week, November 23 – 27, School Closed All Week

Parent Conferences are Essential

We are closing the school Monday, November 23, so that our teachers have a good block of time to conduct our fall parent conferences. It is much more difficult for them to do these important conferences after school, so please sign up for a conference that day if at all possible. Our teachers are expected to conduct a fall parent conference for every student—your cooperation in making this happen is essential. Thank you for working in partnership for your child's education.

Buy a Wreath, Help our 7th Graders

Have you remembered to order you beautiful Granstrom wreath and/or swag this year to help our 7th graders raise money for their 8th grade trip? These are beautiful wreaths, great for gifts and/or for your own home. **The last day to order is this Friday, November 13.** Orders delivered to the school will arrive by December 4. Another order form is attached to today's bulletin. Questions? Call Aurora at 829-7358 or email at brxwitch@comcast.net.

Comfort Kits Sent Home Last Wednesday

Please keep an eye out for a Ziploc bag containing instructions for the preparation of your child's/children's comfort kit (if you already turned one in last year, we didn't send a new kit home last week). These survival/comfort kits will be kept on hand for use in the case of an emergency. We ask that you please turn these in to the Class Teacher no later than next **Wednesday, November 18th**.

Last Chance for Directory Edits!

If there is a significant error in your listing in the directory, please contact Mira by email at miran@sunridgeschool.org or at 824-2844. In the subject line of your email, please include the words "directory edit". Also, please be sure to note the grade(s) that the edit pertains to. We will be distributing a page of edits soon, so please promptly let us know if you have any changes to make. Thank you.

Next Up: SunRidge Winter Garden/Festival of Light

Please reserve space on your calendars for December 5 & 6. SunRidge's annual WINTER GARDEN event will be held during that weekend and all are encouraged to attend. Specific days and times will be posted in next week's bulletin, so that you and your family can plan to come celebrate the darkening days of winter and the closing of the year. Check with your class teacher as well, for ways in which you can help contribute to this lovely Festival of Light.

Get on board the SunRidge Online Auction Train!

After the great success of our online auction last year, we're doing it again! The auction will be a bit earlier this year - early to mid-March.

There were two key lessons we learned from last year's auction:

Get Started Early and The More the Merrier!

We've already got a great team lined up including Amy Schiff, Ed Mills, Craig Litwin, Pam Koppel, Hassanah Meechan and Paula Camacho, and we're already making steady progress, but we could use YOUR help.

Here's some of what's still needed:

- help with receiving and storing the items

- data entry
- help soliciting items

Since we all now have the auction experience from last year and we know how much fun it is to participate - hop on board early and help make this years auction a success. If you are interested in participating, please call Pam Koppel @ 799-2203 or Amy Schiff @ 318-2315.

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.

New Garden Kitchen Volunteer Request ~ from Bob Poole

Our new kitchen is moving along nicely with garden teacher Tess Pohlmann's students nearing completion of their cob wall and the interior painting by parent volunteers underway. We still need volunteers for the following jobs: One person with carpentry skills to install the 2'x4' skylight. A helper will be available. One person with carpentry skills to team with Owen Massey-Todd in building a shed roof over the wood-fired cob oven. Please call Bob Poole at 823-8324 or email at robtpoole@gmail.com

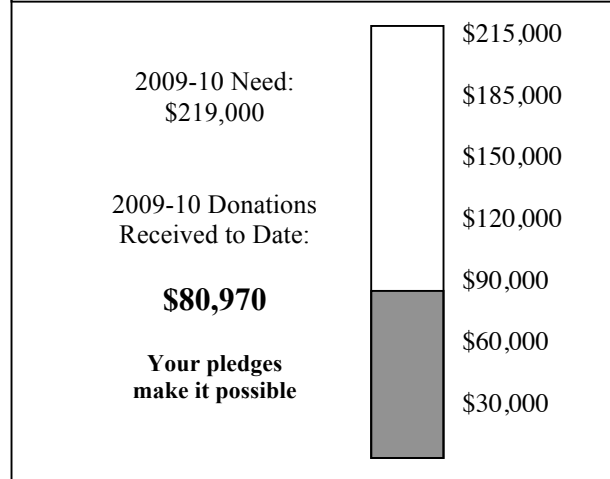
Handwork Gnome Update...

There's still time to contribute to our yearly gnome knitting venture.... The gnomes will be sold to our family and friends here at SunRidge before the winter break. The beautiful variegated yarn was donated by Alchemy Yarn. Many thanks to Gina Wilde. E-mail me at handwork@hotmail.com if you would like to participate. Happy Knitting, Laurie McKenzie

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. 14th, at 10:30; allow for at least four hours. Give this afternoon to yourself. Location: to be announced. Cost: \$25. All materials included. Contact Tess at 292-9867 or sunridgegarden@gmail.com

2009-10 Pledge Program Report



Yea Compost!

We have been offered well-composted manure, which our gardens desperately need. If you are around on the break and can spare some time, please call or email Tiffany Ashcraft in the second grade class. She will need help loading and unloading her truck. Thank-you Tiffany. tiffanyash@comcast.net

Make Your Own Earthen Paints

On Saturday, **November 21st**, the garden program is offering a **FREE** class on how to make interior paint. Sara McCamant has taught natural building and painting at Emerald Earth for the past ten years. Google Emerald Earth to see some of her work and you will know how lucky we are to have her come here to teach. The day will begin at 10:00 with a 2 hour talk and demonstration. Then we will make our own paint and apply the first coat onto the walls in the garden kitchen. Class ends at 3:30. When I asked what Sara wanted me to say about her, she replied that she is passionate about people not putting toxins on their walls. She said that this is an easy alternative that will leave participants wondering why they ever felt the need to buy paint at all. If you are interested, contact Tess at 292-9867, sunridgegarden@gmail.com I would like our garden to be a place where we can learn new skills that will help us make choices that brighten the future for our children and give them the tools they might need in the world we are handing to them. If you have something to share that you would like to bring to "the garden", please let me know. Together we can creatively make a big difference.

Boys' Basketball Games

The next games will be on Monday, November 16, with The Healdsburg School at the Sebastopol Community Church gym, 3:45pm, and on Wednesday, November 18, at Sonoma Country Day School. This is our first boys' team—come out and cheer them on!

Community Service Recording

It's now time to take a minute and input your community service hours for October through the following link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rE7kua_i_2bnzccZEXrEF3D4w_3d_3d

Waldorf Methods High School?

Yes, one is in the planning stages. Go to:

<http://www.sonomacountyhighschool.org/welcome> if you are interested in seeing what they are doing. There is an impressive list of people involved in this project.

Please pass this information on to anyone that may be interested in supporting a charter high school inspired by Waldorf Education.

Reminders!**No Cell Phones Please**

We do our best to make SunRidge an electronic media-free environment. We ask parents to help by not using your cell phone around the children (i.e., not in the pedestrian crossing, outside of classrooms, in front pick-up area, etc.). Our rule for student use of cell phones is that if they must make a call, it should be made in the office only.

Also, Those Radios and CDs...

Please keep in mind when you pull up to drop-off or pick-up your child that loud music from one or more car doors opening onto the loading area impacts everyone sitting in that area. We really appreciate it when parents turn the sound way down or off when opening their car doors in this area where young children congregate. Thank you for your cooperation.

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.

Community Events**Community Thanksgiving ~ from Kat Ripley**

As Thanksgiving approaches, I'd like to find out if there are any families that would either like to come to my house for dinner or if we could be included in their celebration.

Trevor and I do not have any family close by and would love to share this special day of thanks with the company of others. Warmly, Kat Ripley: katripley@att.net 887-2425.

**Summerfield High School Open House
Saturday, November 14th, 10 am - 1 pm**

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.

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.

Sebastopol Tree Lighting Ceremony

Sebastopol's Annual Tree Lighting Celebration takes place on December 3, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Downtown Plaza (corner of McKinley St. & Petaluma Ave). Come and share in the traditional lighting of the holiday tree, Santa's arrival on Sebastopol's Fire Truck and take pictures with Santa at the gingerbread house. Musical entertainment, cookie decorating, craft projects for the children, hot chocolate, sing a long with Mr. Music, good cheer and much more await you. Please join the fun and meet us at Sebastopol's Annual Holiday Celebration! For more information contact Karla at the Sebastopol Area Chamber of Commerce at 823-3032 ext 103.

**Free and Affordable
Medical Services for Children**

Occidental Area Health Center

3802 Main St.

874-2444

Russian River Health Center

16319 3rd St. Guerneville

869-2849

Russian River Dental and Mental Health Services

16312 3rd St. Guerneville

869-2933

Sebastopol Community Health Center (New!)

6800 Palm Ave., Suite C2

824-9999

All centers accept Medi-Cal, Medicare, Healthy Families and most private insurances. Sliding scale also available.

Immunization clinics for all childhood immunizations (\$5 donation requested, \$10 per family)

For information and application assistance on Healthy Families Program, which provides full medical, dental and vision insurance for \$4 to \$17 a month, please call Holly at 874-2273 ext 249 or Christina at 874-2273 ext 126 (Se habla español). A family of 4 can earn up to \$4,600 per month.

Classified

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

Morning Helper Needed

I need help getting my kindergartener, Elijah Trainor, to school in the morning on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays. I need to drop him off at your home at 7:15am on those days. I will pay someone for this help. Please give me a call at 318-0799 or email if you would like to help or know anybody or any service you think might be available to help. Thank you, Nate Trainor

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.

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 1st. \$1,200.00, includes utilities. Call 542-7372.

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.