

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

February 9 - March 6: **SunRidge Open Enrollment Period for 2009-10**  
(see article on page 2)

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00pm-8:30pm:  
**Class 3 parent evening**

Friday, February 13:  
**Early Release Day**

**February 16-20: School Closed**  
**President's Week Break**

Monday, February 23, 6:00-7:30pm:  
**Class 5 parent evening**

Tuesday, February 24, 6:00pm:  
**Charter Council meeting**

Saturday, February 28, 10:00-12:00  
**New applicant Orientation Meeting** (must call to sign up)

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30-8:30pm:  
**Kindergarten parent evening**

Tuesday, March 3, 6:30-9:00pm:  
**Parent Council meeting**

Wednesday, March 4, 6:30pm:  
**Class 4 parent evening**

***This Friday is an Early Release Day. School Closed Next Week.***

***Due to the rain, Farmers' Market postponed to February 26.***

### **Lovely Winter Performance**

Those who attended were treated to a delightful performance of Eurythmy, singing, recitation, and some recorder playing at our winter performance last Sunday. Thank you to the parents of children in grades 2-5 who ensured such a great turn out. Even dividing our event into two performances this year, we still had standing room only. We hope those attending appreciated our attempt to keep the event short enough to minimize chair fatigue and child figety-ness. We welcome your feedback...

The second part of our annual performance will be on Thursday evening, June 4. It will feature our choir and instrumental music classes and our orchestras. Many thanks to Apple Blossom School for allowing us to use their space.

### **360 Pounds of Food!**

The Redwood Empire Food Bank just sent us a thank you letter for the recent food drive initiated by our 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. Our school donated 360 pounds of food; enough to provide 281 meals to hungry families in our community! Many thanks to all of you who made these meals possible for those in need.

### **Teachers for Next Year**

This is the time of year when questions often come up about next year's class teachers for each grade. Here's how it works:

- In January, class teachers request moving up or down as per our two rotations: Grades 1-5, or Grades 6-8, with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher rotating back to 1<sup>st</sup> grade and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher rotating back to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This year all teachers made requests that fit the normal rotation.
- Teachers on probationary status (those in their first or second year teaching here) are evaluated and the Director, in consultation with the Charter Council, makes recommendations about rehiring to the Twin Hills Board by the beginning of March.
- If there are going to be any open positions, that information is made public in March after this process has been completed.

### **Thank You for Parent Surveys**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed their input on our recent Parent Survey. Results are now being tallied and will be published as soon as they are completed. We appreciate how your feedback helps us make SunRidge better.

### **Too Many Ponies on the Field**

In case you haven't noticed, our green grass playfield has been worn down to dirt this year. The Site Committee has been analyzing and researching ways to improve the situation, including artificial turf. Besides being extremely expensive (about \$70K for that size area), the product brings a whole new set of problems (aside from the fact that it isn't real grass). The unavoidable reality is that the field is too small for the number of students we have on it every day. The site committee is now looking at whether it would be worth re-preparing and re-sodding the whole thing again this summer, or to simply come to terms with having a dirt playfield until such time that a larger site can be acquired. Any ideas are welcome...

**Please report January community service hours.**

For your convenience, the reporting link is now being sent out by separate email every week or so. Please take a minute to report your hours.

Also, if you have not yet read the *Community Service Guide*, a new (as of this school year!) and very informative guide to community service life here at SunRidge, please take a look here: [www.sunridgeschool.org](http://www.sunridgeschool.org).

**SunRidge Girls Basketball Season Begins!**

Our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams have begun their 2009 season. These are really fun to watch and the girls really love to have lots of support in the stands. Next game: Monday, February 23, at Sonoma Country Day School in Santa Rosa, 3:30pm.

**Middle School Dance!**

Our Middle School Student Council is putting on their first Middle School dance this Friday, February 13, from 7:00-10:00pm. Only SunRidge students in grades 6-8 will be able to attend. Location: The Teen Annex of the Sebastopol Community Center.

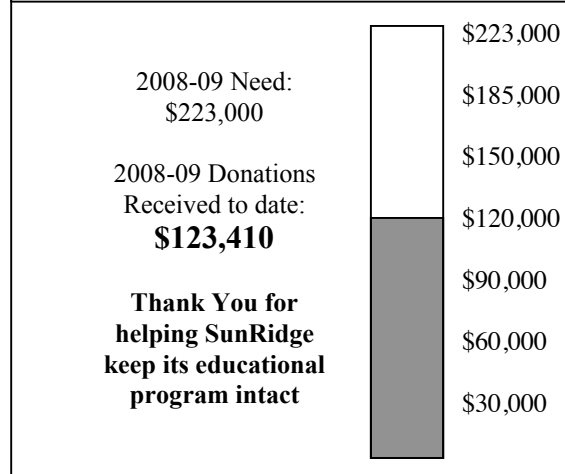
**Community Smart Cards Updates**

Thank you to everyone who is signing up for Community Smart for SunRidge. The program has changed a bit and I would like to answer a few questions that came up. Fee: in the past the card was free, now there is a \$3.50 fee if you sign up through me or in the office. It is \$4.95 if you sign up on line.

Expiration: The new card will expire after 5 years.  
Who takes the card?- Look for the community smart logo, Local stores include, Andy's Market, Pacific Market Copperfields, Toy works. Go online <<http://www.communitysmart.com>> for full listing.  
Who can sign up? Anyone! now that you have your card, sign up family and friends!  
More questions? contact Kathleen Stroh [kk\\_ward@hotmail.com](mailto:kk_ward@hotmail.com) or 824-8950.

**Open Enrollment Period for 2009-10**

Our annual open enrollment period runs this year from February 9 through March 6. During this time we accept applications for next year for new students and offer ways for families to learn more about our school. The events include two Orientation meetings. Submitting an application and attending one of these meeting during the open enrollment period are required in order to be included in our lottery for available spaces, even if an applicant family already has another child enrolled at SunRidge. If you are planning on enrolling a new child at SunRidge, contact the office for information and an application.

**2008-09 Pledge Program Report****Ask the Green Team!**

Dear Green Team,

*How do I dispose of bones and cooking oil?*

If you live in Sebastopol and have a green waste bin ("yard waste") you can put them in there! Sebastopol has been chosen by North Bay Waste (our hauler's) for a pilot program to recover almost anything compostable! The only (for now) thing they DO NOT yet accept is bio-plastics. i.e., corn starch cutlery, cups, potato starch plastics like at Whole Foods Market.

**Lunar New Year Thank You**

The Diversity Committee would like to thank Ms. Kindle and class 5 for their generosity of time and effort to do most of the preparations for our school-wide Lunar New Years Celebration last Friday. They performed a wonderful Lion Dance throughout our school and brought in the joy and hope of the New Year with their energetic and spirited performance. Thank you so much Class 5! Many **thanks to Andy's Produce** for donating all the oranges given to the children as treats, too.

**Want to Order Hot Lunches?**

Just fill out a form along with your payment to the Office **three days before any lunch you want** i.e. by Thursday for the Tuesday Hot Lunch and by Tuesday for the Friday Hot Lunch. If you have any questions or problems, please contact Jessica at 823-5572. The class of 2011 thanks you.

Hot lunch form also available on our website:

<http://www.sunridgeschool.org/forms.html>

**Farmers' Market**

The Farmers' Market is a monthly event held after school one Thursday of each month at Ragle Park. If anyone (whether you are in the hosting class or not) has an abundance from your garden and would like to contribute, you can leave contributions on the bench outside the office on Thursday before pick-up.

The Farmer's Market Schedule for the rest of this year:

February 26 - 4th Grade

March - 2nd Grade

April - 1st Grade

May - Kindergarten

June 10 - All school potluck

**SunRidge Business Directory**

The Muollo family is producing a SunRidge business directory. The directory will include and be distributed only to SunRidge families. The cost will be on a sliding scale and no business will be left out who wants to advertise. Please call Leslie at 824-0449 to get more info.

All proceeds will be given to the pledge program. Please call by February 13th to be included in the directory.

**Faculty Lunch Schedule**

It is a much-appreciated tradition at SunRidge for the parent body to provide lunch for weekly faculty meetings every Thursday. River Cullen has done a fantastic job of nurturing and coordinating this effort. Thus far this year the faculty has enjoyed lunches prepared by grades 6, 4, 8, 1, and 2. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

February	Class 3
March	Class 7
April	Class 5
May	Morningstar Kindergarten
June	Dragonfly Kindergarten

**Classified****Rental Available**

Waldorf family is looking for child friendly neighbor(s) for the next door cottage in south Sebastopol. 3 rooms with a deck. Light and quiet. Share a big back yard with fruit trees and flowers. \$875/mon. Contact: [hideaki@earthlink.net](mailto:hideaki@earthlink.net)

**Three Violins for Sale**

Violins lovingly refurbished & used by local family. Prices discounted from recent local violin shop appraisal for private sale. • **3/4-size, Suzuki:** Bow needs re-hairing. Velvet-lined, cloth case solidly latches, one zipper broken. \$150. • **1/4-size, made in Czechoslovakia:** Stradivarius style, school violin. Usable bow. Solid case. Kun. Resin. Extra strings. \$150. • **1/10th-size (16-3/8th inches), made in Czechoslovakia:** Stradivarius style, school violin for 4-6 year old, 1/8th-bow usable, will need re-hairing soon. Cardboard case. \$35, or may consider renting. Contact Aline or Mark at 824-0422.

**Congratulations to 100% in 100 Days!**

Yesterday was our 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and we want to acknowledge those students (and parents) who have had perfect attendance since the first day of school.

Congratulations to:

Caleb, Cody, and Nakaia in Morningstar Kindergarten;

Lana in Dragonfly Kindergarten;

Tao, Jasper, Zoe, Rowan, and Malena in 1<sup>st</sup> grade;

Zach, Gracie, and Bjorn in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade;

Trinity, Trevor, Emilee, and Sophie in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade;

Taidgh in 4<sup>th</sup> grade;

Pierre and Nicholas in 5<sup>th</sup> grade;

Autumn, Kady, Taylor, and Genean in 6<sup>th</sup> grade;

Annie, Sasha, Morgynne, and Christopher in 7<sup>th</sup> grade;

Lin Zao in 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

Each perfect attendance student will be acknowledged with two coupons for free pizza at Mary's Pizza. **Many thanks to Mary's Pizza** for making this possible.

**Community Events of Interest****What's Love Got to Do With It?**

Playback Theatre uses movement, music and improvisation to create theatre on the spot from everyday stories told by audience members. This one focuses on stories about love: being pierced, broken, lulled, and taught by it; finding it, losing it, aching for it, singing with it. Friday, February 13, 8:00pm, at Sebastopol Center for the Arts. Donation requested, no one turned away for lack of funds. For information: Jacqueline at 823-7687 or [jgrace@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgrace@sbcglobal.net).

**Free Concerts**

Our music director, Eddie Guthman, encourages SunRidge families to take advantage of the free concerts provided by the American Philharmonic Orchestra at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Coming up: **Music for Lovers**, a celebration of classical music's most famous lovers—"a Valentine's Day journey through the music of seductions, passion, and romance."

8:00pm, Saturday, February 14, and

3:00pm, Sunday, February 15

Admission is FREE. See poster on bulletin board by office.

**Summerfield Waldorf School sponsors Rites of Passage/Coming of Age**

talk by DeAnna L'am: Sophia Hall, Tuesday, February 24th, at 7:00 PM. The talk will focus on welcoming our children into adulthood as a community, with a particular emphasis on girls' rites of passage. Especially pertinent to parents of 5th-8th grade students, though all parents are welcome! Suggested donation: \$5-\$10.

**Waldorf Parenting Conference:****Educating Our Children—Changing the Future.**

April 25-26 at the Sacramento Waldorf School in Fair Oaks (Sacramento). Join more than 250 like-minded parents for a weekend of inspiration and renewal. A complete brochure and secure online registration are available at <http://www.waldorfinthehome.com/> or (303) 546-0070.

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