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CALENDAR

Sunday, February 8, 2:00pm:

Winter Performance, Classes 2-5
All Welcome, at Apple Blossom School

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

Tuesday, February 10, 6:00pm:
Charter Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 11: **Class 7 Parent Appreciation Dinner**

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

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

Time to See the Best in Each Other

Our budget crisis meeting was very successful in terms of turn-out and the generation of positive energy and commitment to raising funds to avoid cuts. But as I have heard from and spoken to many parents about the meeting in the last 10 days, I am struck by what a "hot button" issue money is for most of us. Everyone present at the meeting heard the same presentation and was asked to do the same group activities, but how it affected each of us was significantly different. I will leave it to each of you to ponder what your own reaction might mean for you; what is important for our community is that we do our best to keep in mind that tension around money troubles tends to put pressure on relationships. Money matters—especially funding cuts—force us to look at things that we would rather not look at, and bring up emotions that are a challenge to integrate. If we can stay aware of this, we will be able to address any financial crisis in the best possible way. I, for one, feel blessed to be part of a community of people who embrace the inner work that this kind of challenge presents.

Another Consideration

To clarify if needed, the costs for each program that were up on newsprint for the "cost-cutting" exercise that day did not represent salary figures. They were rounded off numbers that included costs for the program that might also include supplies, payroll costs, and benefits. Please be sensitive to the position that our classified employees find themselves in, with their programs and positions being looked at as part of a necessary budget assessment process, and refrain from questioning anyone about their pay or the costs of their program.

Next Steps

Our new fundraising committee, coordinated by kindergarten parent Ed Mills and energized with many dedicated members, met last Sunday to formulate our plan for meeting both short and long-term funding needs. The details of the plan will be published as soon as the full plan is ready. Stay tuned for how, working together, we can develop more financial stability for our school.

Winter Performance THIS Sunday, February 8, at 2:00pm

Our Winter Performance, featuring Eurythmy and class performances for grades 2-5, is coming up THIS Sunday, February 8. It will be in the Multi-Purpose Room at Apple Blossom. Everyone is invited, but if you have a child in 2nd through 5th grade, please bring your child on that day so they can perform with their class. Dress should be nicer than "everyday", but good for movement. Please arrive by 1:45pm, and be responsible for the supervision of your children.

SunRidge Food Pantry Being Planned

Please see the attached letter from parent Colleen Toner about an initiative she is putting out to the community. Food for those in need, close to home...

Farmers' Market Postponed

Due to the likelihood of rain tomorrow, the Farmers' Market is being rescheduled to next Thursday, February 12th. The 4th Grades is hosting. Buy or make your loved ones gifts, eat a lunch and spend the afternoon visiting with friends.

Deep Appreciation

Many, many thanks to the 2nd grade parents who provided such lovingly prepared lunches to the faculty during the month of January. So nourishing and delicious!

Community Service Hours

Thus far this year, 164 parents have reported 3873 hours of service to SunRidge School. That is impressive, but we know it still doesn't reflect everyone who contributed. Please help us create a database that reflects what is given as accurately as possible, by making this quick report part of your monthly routine.

It is now time to 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.

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 old card expired after 2 years. The new card will expire after 5 years.

Tracking-if you want to track your purchases, you must register your card online. You can still purchase it through the office at the reduced rate, then enter your name on the community smart web site

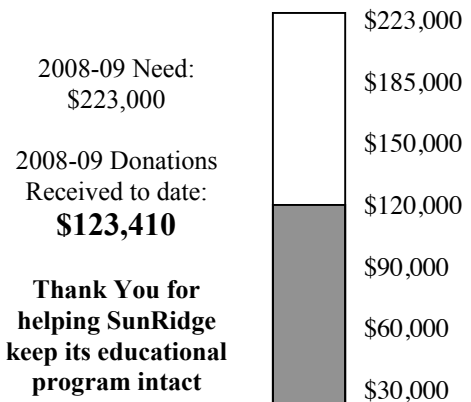
Who takes the card?- Look for the community smart logo, Local stores include, Andy's Market, Pacific Market Copperfields, Toy works. Go online www.communitysmart.com <<http://www.communitysmart.com>> for full listing.

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 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 meetings 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,
Can I recycle lids of glass jars? What about plastic bottles?

Metal lids are recyclable, however they need to be removed from the jar (don't forget to rinse the jar too!). Most lids on plastic bottles however are sadly not recyclable. Few have the required "recycle triangle" with the plastic code (the number 1-7) on the lids. Look for it though! Some do, and every little bit helps!
Best bet: bring your own bottle and reuse instead of recycle!

Gazebo Decorated for Lunar New Year

The gazebo in the side yard by the basketball court has been decorated for our Lunar New Year festivities at school on Friday. Feel free to stop by anytime to visit it.

Hot Lunches

If you ordered Hot Lunch for your child on Friday Jan. 16, which was an Early Release Day, your child will receive that lunch this Friday February 6.

Want to Order?

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>

Papas and Pollo Donates 10%

Papas and Pollo Restaurant will donate 10% of your purchase price to SunRidge if you provide the name and phone number of the school at the time of purchase. What an easy way to get donations for SunRidge!

SunRidge Middle School Dance!

Our Middle School Student Council is spearheading an effort to have our first Middle School dance. The planned date is Friday, February 13, from 7:00-10:00pm. The location is still to be determined.

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 12 (new date) - 4th Grade
 March - 2nd Grade
 April - 1st Grade
 May - Kindergarten
 June 10 - All school potluck

Seventh Grade Fund Raising

During the winter concert on February 8, the 7th grade will be selling sweets, savory snacks and drinks. We'll see you there on February 8th.

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, and 1. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

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

Community Events of Interest**Rising Moon Playback Theatre**

A Performance for Children and their Families

Using movement, music, and improvisation, Playback creates theatre on the spot from the everyday stories told by audience members. This one is for children: children creating community by sharing their stories. Sunday, February 8, 11 am - 12:30 at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. Donation suggested/no one turned away for lack of funds. For more info, call Jacqueline at 823-7687. (PS: Ms. Kate is in Playback)

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 High School presents My Fair Lady

February 6 at 7:30pm, February 7 at 2:00pm, and February 8 at 2:00pm. Come see the characters and songs brought to vibrant new life by these talented high school actors and orchestra. The show is suitable for all ages, and is fully costumed and staged. Ticket price for all shows is \$10.00; available for sale in the lower school office. Call 575-7194 ext. 100 for more information.

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 www.waldorfinthehome.com <<http://www.waldorfinthehome.com/>> or by calling (303) 546-0070.

Classified**Rental Available**

Beautiful, new studio one-mile West of Sebastopol in quiet wooded setting. 600 sq. ft., 20-foot ceilings, open floor plan with sleeping loft. Best for one person, no pets, no smoking, green values, responsible. \$1100 per month. Call 824-0422 for more info and application.

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

Auction Update

As a result of the very successful community meeting, the auction is now picking up speed. Thank you so very much to those who signed up to donate an item, and have either delivered that item to the office, and / or entered it into the auction through the auction web site. SunRidge.cmarket.com.

Procuring Meeting

If you signed up to procure items and we have not been able to talk with you, please join us for a meeting **this Saturday at 10:00** in the community room. Anyone else interested in procuring is also welcome. At this time, we will provide you with the needed written material. We will also provide some information regarding the auction that donors tend to ask. This will be the time to answer any questions you may have about the process of procuring.

Those who would like to procure have many choices. If you have a special interest and would like to procure only in that area, that's wonderful. Some examples are wine or wine tours, restaurants, or summer camps. Others may have some favorite places they would like to procure from. That is great too. Still others may like suggestions of places. We have lists of places you can go in person, or contact from your home computer and phone. You are welcome to sign up for some of those as well.

As the auction moves forward it is beneficial to provide some of the nitty-gritty details. Hopefully this will provide some ease for those helping, and encourage more to get involved. Please also remember the 3 auction managers are here to help, and answer any questions you may have. Some things to remember include:

1) If you are donating a service and entering it on the web site, don't forget to talk yourself up. Many people looking at that item will not know you. Encourage them to place a bid by telling a bit about yourself, what makes you qualified to provide that service? What is your background? Why would people want to bid on it? Other things to think about include, how far will you travel to provide that service (within Sonoma county)? Is there an expiration date (good for one year from the close of the auction)? How would you like the winner to get ahold of you? Can you provide us with a certificate with your contact info? We will file that and present it to the winner.

2. If you are donating and either entering it yourself or giving us the item to put in, please help us by including any information you know about it. For instance, if it's jewelry, who is it made by, and what is it made of? Also, be sure to include a value for each item. Somethings will be priceless, some will have a set value. This helps determine where the bidding should start. Don't forget to forward the email notices to everyone.

Lastly, keep your eyes out for places to procure. You would be amazed at the number of opportunities when you're open to them.

Thank you for helping to make our auction a great success,
Chris Dunia
Nedra Berns
Deanna Kempthorn