

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-8:30pm:

Kindergarten parent evening

Thursday, April 30, 7:00-8:45pm:

Parent Ed evening, "Unraveling Whiteness," see article on page 2

Friday, May 1, 7:00pm: **Class 5 play Demeter and Persephone** in the Outdoor amphitheatre

Saturday, May 2: **May Faire 10:00am - 2:00pm** schedule on page 4

Tuesday, May 5, 6:00pm:
Charter Council meeting

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30pm:
Parent Council meeting

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00-8:30pm:
Class 3 parent evening

Friday, May 8: **8th grade track meet**

Monday, May 11, 6:30pm:
Class 2 parent evening

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00-7:30pm:
Class 3 parent appreciation eve.

Thursday, May 14, 6:30:
Class 1 parent evening

"Unraveling Whiteness" Tomorrow Night

Please take advantage of this great parent education evening event this Thursday evening at 7:00pm. See complete article on page 2.

SunRidge May Faire This Saturday

Don't miss this delightful day of community celebration. See complete schedule on page 4. Remember to bring your basket of washed strawberries and a picnic lunch.

Auction Open! *From Chris Dunia*

SunRidge.cmarket.com

In case you haven't heard, our online auction is open and taking bids. We have **325 items** to choose from, and that number is still growing. We have had several people refer a lot of folks to the web site and that's great. What we really need now are shoppers, so please check it out and tell others.

There are so many fun, funny, practical, and amazing items to pick from—truly something for everyone. What do you have your eye on? The big push now is to get the word out. If you are on Face Book, Twitter, or any of the other online social sites, be sure to talk the auction up there, and provide the web site. Also ask those people to pass the site on to everyone they can. Remember, anyone anywhere can bid on the items. We can ship the items anywhere! We have info on Craig's list. Do you know of any similar sites where you can invite people to go on and look at the auction site? There are also post cards in the office. Take some of those and pass them out wherever you go. There are so many great things to pick from. Who doesn't love a great deal? Please remember this is our one big fundraiser of the year. With all the budget cuts coming our way, we really need all the money we can get so SunRidge can stay alive and well. Now is our chance to make a difference. Let's all get out there and spread the word!

Remember: if everyone joins the effort we will be successful!

Farmer's Market May 7th

SunRidge's Kindergarten classes invite you to "Celebrate Spring" by attending the May Farmer's Market. There will be food, games, crafts and more! Buy or make a Mother's Day gift, enjoy lunch in the park! The Green Team reminds you to bring your own utensils. See you there - May 7th, 12 - 4.

Many Thanks

Thank you to all the 5th grade parents who contributed to the nurturing lunches for faculty meetings during the month of April. We sooo appreciate these nourishing gifts that help us go from classroom (and office) to a full afternoon meeting feeling replenished and cared for.

2008-09 Yearbook Orders Due THIS Friday, May 1

Yearbook order forms are now available. Orders for these beautiful books must be in by Friday, May 1. Every child and class will be included. Don't miss out!

Friendly Reminder

Please refrain from trying to talk to your child's teacher before class in the morning. This is a hard time for a teacher to give his or her full attention to your needs, as teachers are needing to focus on being prepared for their students at that time. Thank you for being considerate of this need.

Unraveling Whiteness: Tools for the Journey
Laurie Lippin, PhD in Adult Education,
presenting on
Thursday, April 30, 7-8:45 pm
SunRidge Community Room

Don't miss this unprecedented opportunity to see Dr. Laurie Lippin, internationally recognized presenter on issues of race, class, diversity and cultural competence. Also – just confirmed -- Laurie and fellow musician Gale Kissin will start the evening by performing some acapella klezmer music! Laurie takes a dynamic, positive approach and will create a safe environment for exploring difficult issues. She provides tools for examining what it is to be white in the United States, for addressing fear and guilt as barriers to dismantling racism, and for identifying the small daily acts and larger organized movements that further the struggle for social justice and equality.

Laurie is a partner in Equity Action, and co-authored (with Helfand) the 2009 publication of **Unraveling Whiteness** (Kendall/Hunt). The focus of her diversity work with Equity Action is to eliminate the negative results of racism and other oppressions. This will be accomplished in our lifetime, by bringing about real behavior change on the part of employees, students, teachers, community leaders, and most important: parents. Help the SunRidge community further the dialogue on these issues, and show your thanks to our fifth grade parent, Patricia Bernard, who gave Laurie a full 90-minute massage in exchange for a large part of her honorarium! Thanks to Laurie for accepting that exchange to come here, to Patricia for donating her time and labor, and to Gale for giving us a taste of klezmer to begin the event. Please support the Diversity and Parent Education Committees by participating in this exciting evening.

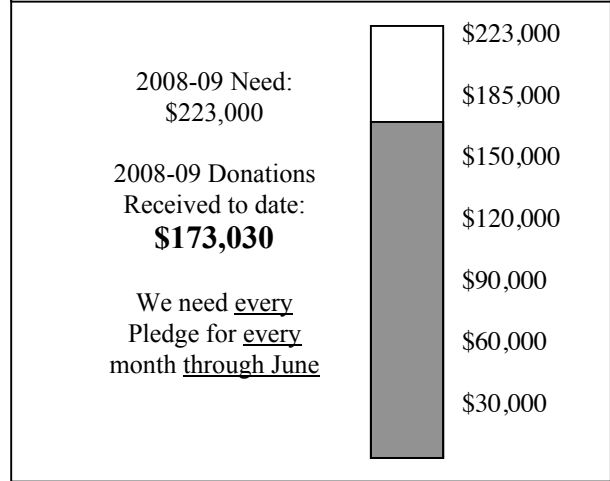
Lost and Found Overflowing

Our lost and found is spilling out of the lost and found area under the back breezeway and is now partially displayed on the railings between class 4 and 5. Please stop by and claim your child's missing clothing. Anything not claimed will go to charity.

Emergency Supplies Needed

If you haven't already, please remember to send in your child's emergency supply bag. We are restocking now so everything will be in place for the beginning of school in August. Also, our **safety committee** has identified some disaster supply needs that would be great donations if you have any of them to give: blankets (wool or fleece), 5 gallon plastic buckets, camping stoves, flat sheets, sledge hammer, large axe, crow and pry bars, crank radios, flashlights, ropes and tarps, leather gloves. Items may be dropped off at the office.

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



Rentals, Trades, Free, and Used

House Available for sublet June 15-August 15
 (partial or whole time):

2 Bedroom, 1.5 bath cottage style home with piano on beautiful acreage with Laguna de Santa Rosa out the back door. Beautiful tree-filled yard with hammock and trampoline, hot tub and outdoor cold shower. 5 minutes from town, but feels very country, Laguna Farm-organic CSA down the street with fresh fruits/vegetables and community events.

Dogs okay. Rent: \$1,300/month
 w:(707) 824-8282 c: (707) 293-7770
mariafree@sonic.net

House Rental: 3 bedroom and 2 bath home needs caring family. Off a quiet court in the North Dutton and West 9th area. Very clean, good size yard and 2 car garage; \$1500/mo not including utilities.
 Diane: 887-7005..

Dear SunRidge School,

When I heard that our school needed more money, I decided to make bookmarks and sell them so that I could help with the situation.

Here is the money I made selling the bookmarks. Also see that I've enclosed two bookmarks because I want Theresa and Mira to have one as a gift from me. You won't really know who I am because I want to give this gift privately (don't want any attention about it), but I'm sure you'll feel my love and gratefulness for SunRidge School all the same.

Love,

A Morningstar Student

Community Events of Interest

Beauty and the Beast

Eddie Guthman, our music director, is conducting the orchestra for Analy High Schools spring musical presentation of the Broadway hit Beauty and the Beast. Eddie says that the singing, acting, dancing and costumes are wonderful and the story is magical. He highly recommends it and encourages everyone to see it. Shows are this Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening at 7:30pm, and a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Rising Moon Playback Theater

Improv in honor of Mother's Day, Saturday, May 9, 7:30pm, Sebastopol Center for the Arts. Requested donation: \$15-20; no one turned away for lack of funds.

Summerfield Waldorf School Mayfaire

This Friday, May 1, 3:15pm to 5:30pm. All are welcome! Events will include children's games, pony cart rides, live music, and a meal and strawberry shortcake for sale. (Tickets for games will be 25 cents; some games will cost 2 or 3 tickets each.) Fun for the whole family! Call 575-7194, ext. 101 with questions.

Joseph Chilton Pearce will be in San Francisco for an evening lecture on Sunday, May 10, at 7:30pm.

For more information, please call 916-961-3932.

Hot Lunches Made Easy

The May/June Hot Lunch order form is available in the office and on the SunRidge website. Please fill it out and submit it 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. Before submitting your form, please check with your child's teacher for field trip dates etc. as it is extremely time consuming to credit hot lunches onto a future date. If your student does not receive a Hot Lunch that you ordered, contact Valorie at 794-7370. The Class of 2011 thanks you for your order.

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

Faculty Lunch Schedule

It is a much-appreciated tradition at SunRidge for the parent body to provide lunch for weekly faculty meetings every Thursday. The schedule for the remainder of the year is:

May	Morningstar Kindergarten
June	Dragonfly Kindergarten

* Check our web site for the weekly bulletin, and many school forms: <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/>

Student Games Events *from Mr. T*

8th grade MSSL Track Meet @ Bailey Field, Santa Rosa Junior College, Friday, May 8th

5th grade All-in-Peace Pentathlon at Summerfield – Friday, May 15th.

6th grade Mayacamas Medieval Tournament @ Cloverleaf Ranch in Santa Rosa – Friday, May 22nd.

We could use parent help with all of these events, especially the one on May 22. Contact me with questions, offers, concerns, and miracles at movement@sunridgeschool.org or 591-1044. - Mr. T

7th grade Explores, "Survives", and Thrives!

Adventurous 7th graders explored inside and outside at Ragle Ranch Friday at the 1st Explorer's Tournament. Students started out "alone, in a natural state of having to survive the forces of nature and savage neighbors", playing a few games to represent what life may have been like before civilization arose, in a time that famous English philosopher would have described life as being "solitary, poor, nasty, brutish and short." Then they partnered and worked together at a few blind games, finding ways and reasons to cooperate, and there arose the nations of England, France, Italy, Portugal and Spain. They became an explorer for one of the five nations (for example, Sir Francis Drake, or Ferdinand Magellan), and had a "race for resources" (1/4 mile run). This was followed by a "sailing trip from San Francisco to the Galapagos Islands" except their yacht had lost its crew to an onboard fire, and they now had to rank 15 items important to their survival at sea. Jessica Rosen was the class' Survivalist, as she scored nearest the experts in her rankings – congratulations, Jessica. Then began the final event, the orienteering course, with 5 colored compass loop routes. Students took bearings of their intended journey and raced to complete each loop, punching cards to prove they were there, and answering worst-case scenario survival questions for points. It was quite a fun day for all. Prizes of pizza and ice cream went out to each team for their place finishes, listed here: 1st place tie! - England 55/Portugal 55; 2nd Spain 51; 3rd France 50 and 4th Italy 47. Mr. T would like to extend his appreciation to Curt and the parents who helped at a moment's notice during the day to make the event fun and successful. Next year a 5-nation tug o' war!

Farmers' Market

Only two more gatherings at Ragle Park this year:

May 7 - Kindergarten

June 10 (Wednesday) - All school potluck

May Faire 2009
Saturday, May 2nd
Schedule of Events
(Timing is Approximate)

Clover has generously donated whipped cream but we need every family to bring a small basket of washed strawberries (organic please). There are also sign up sheets for each class to contribute 4 trays of shortcake (recipe is available in the office or on bulletin boards). We also need lots of flowers and vines for garlands. Come one, come all, and enjoy a day celebrating spring and the joy of being alive.

10:00 Begin Garland Making

10:50 Procession (7th & 8th grades)

11:00 May Pole Blessing (both kindergartens)

11:10 May Pole Dance (1st grade)

11:20 May Pole Dance and Cinco de Mayo (2nd grade)

11:35 May Pole Dance (3rd grade)

11:45 Troika Dance (4th & 5th grades)

12:00 Morris Dancing (6th grade)

12:10 Weaving until complete (7th & 8th grades)

12:30 Picnic (Please bring your own picnic, picnic ware and a blanket or chairs)

1:15 Serve Strawberry Shortcake (5th and 6th)

1:45 Clean up