

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 13, 5:00-6:30pm

Class 4 parent appreciation eve.

Thursday, May 14, 6:30:

Class 1 parent evening

Friday, May 15, 7:45am - 2:50pm

**5th grade Pentathlon at
Summerfield**

Monday, May 18, 6:00-7:30pm:

Class 5 parent evening

Tuesday, May 19, 6:00-9:00pm:

Charter Council Meeting

Class 7 Play: day show May 19,
night show May 20

Friday, May 22, @ Cloverleaf Ranch

6th Grade Medieval Tournament

Monday, May 25 ~ School Closed

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 - 8:30pm

Kindergarten Parent Evening

Friday, May 29, 6:30pm

Class 4 Play

Wednesday, June 3, 6pm

Class 2 Play

Don't Miss Out on Our Great Auction Deals!

There are only four days left to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to support SunRidge. The on-line auction has already raised \$12,334, which, with our matching donor gift, translates to almost \$25,000! There are still 169 items that have not been bid on yet. Surely, we can increase those bids to at least \$20,000, which would then be doubled to \$40,000—Let's do it!

Want to Win \$100.00?

The auction is coming to a close soon. It will officially stop taking bids this Sunday at 2:00PM. That means there is still time to take a look at those last minute items and get your bids in. Did you know there will be a drawing for \$100.00, and 2 door prizes as well, after the auction closes? If you have gone onto the auction's site and registered, you are automatically entered. Although all you really need to do is register to win, why not take a look around while you're on the site? Be sure to let all your family and friends know as well. They may want in on that money too. If you have not yet registered there is still time. Go onto SunRidge.cmarket.com, click on the word "Register" and follow the prompts. Then you're all set.

Important Auction Information

After the auction closes the winning bidders will be notified by email that they did win. The auction team is working hard now to finalize just how to distribute over 400 items. After the winning bidders get that email, it will be vitally important to RSVP back as soon as possible whether you plan to pick up the item, or want it shipped. There will be 2 scheduled pick up times at school. One during the week and one on a weekend. Those dates are not yet determined. Please watch for those emails. They will have detailed information on how to get your items.

Where to go From Here? (Building a New Charter High School)

Wouldn't it be great if there was a Waldorf-inspired public high school for our children to transition to after graduating from SunRidge? A team of dedicated professionals and parents from Sonoma, Marin, and Napa Counties is working on making that a reality, and they would like to inform the SunRidge community of their vision and plans. On **Tuesday, May 26, from 7:00pm to 8:30pm** in our Community Room there will be presentation about "Sonoma County High School" and time for questions and answers. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about, and show your support for, this exciting development.

Spring Concert Thursday, June 4

Save this date for our annual spring concert featuring performances by our choirs, instrumental music classes, and orchestras. It will be held at Apple Blossom School. **Needed:** one or two parents to arrange two large buckets/vases of flowers for the stage area. Please contact Karen Gallagher if you can help.

Order Yearbooks or Get Money Back by May 22!

If you would like to get a yearbook, there is still a bit more time. As you know, the price has been reduced to \$15. If you ordered a yearbook at the \$25 price, and would like to receive \$10 back, please come into the office with a new check and we will give back your old one. We hope that everyone who wants a yearbook will be able to have one! If \$15 is still too much for your family, we are willing to work with you to come up with a way to get one of these beautiful books into your hands. Any refunds that are not claimed by May 22 will happily be considered as donations.

Hurray For Tortillas!

Last week, the third grade fired up the oven in the back field, and ground the blue corn (that they grew last year) into masa. With this sticky, grayish dough, they patted out tortillas that they said were some of the best food they'd ever tasted. Here's to hard work and sweet rewards!

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.

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

Community Events of Interest

John van der Zee will be discussing his book, *The Gate*, in which he chronicles the designing and building of the Golden Gate Bridge, and all of the politics that went along with it. Saturday, May 16th @ 2pm @ the Sebastopol Library.

Bija Children's Choir presents SummerFest! An afternoon of musical performances. June 14 @ 4pm @ Ives Park.

"To Rent or to Buy?" Spencer Sherman, Waldorf parent and financial advisor speaks at Copperfield's in Sebastopol on Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm on the topic of renting vs. buying, and vice versa.

Looking for Summer Camp/Activities?

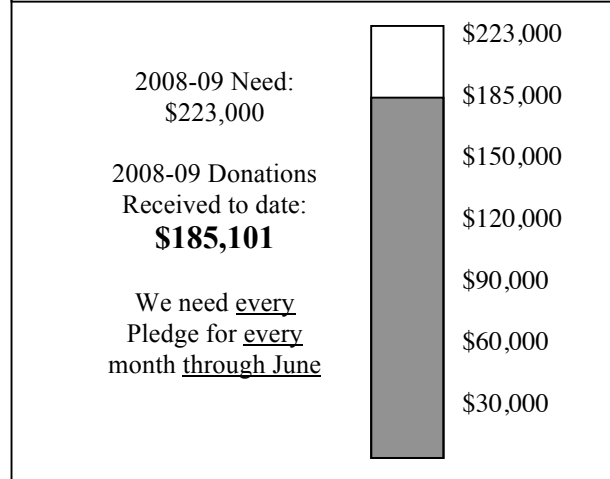
We have assembled a folder in the office of many interesting summer camps and activities that are being offered in the community. Feel free to stop in and peruse the opportunities that are out there.

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>

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



Pledges and Our Budget, from Mark Rice

With less than a month left until the last day of school, you can see that we are significantly short of our pledge goal for this year. This is due largely to the effects of the recession on the ability of many families to follow through with their original pledge commitments. We can't do anything about those, and our hearts go out to those who wish they could pledge but cannot afford to at this time. We can still bring in over \$200,000 this year, however, if everyone who is pledging sends in their pledges for the months of May and June.

Even during tough financial times, it is so heartening to see how much commitment SunRidge parents have to their children's school. If we can keep those pledges coming in through June, and our auction gets a big boost before it closes this Sunday, we will be able to end our year with a minimal deficit, despite the substantial State funding cuts that we suffered mid-year.

Meanwhile, the Charter Council and I are working through plans for how to meet the realities of next year's budget cuts. Everything each of us can do to help meet this funding crisis makes a difference. Thank you for being part of the solution.

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

The End-of-Year Farmers' Market will be on Wednesday, June 10, hosted by the classes whose markets were rained out this year. Faculty and staff can all come to this one!

Dine and Donate

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!

Needed

Do you have a Financial or Legal Background? If yes, please contact our Community Service Coordinator Shyama right away: shyama@sbcglobal.net or 480-5988. Thank you.

Student Games Events *from Mr. T*

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

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.

Free Parakeets

Two blue and white male parakeets available to good home. Cage and other supplies available for less than market price (\$50 or best offer). Call Molli at 327-7297.

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