

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 20, 6:45pm
Class 7 Play in the amphitheatre

Friday, May 22, @ Cloverleaf Ranch
Grade 6 Medieval Tournament

Monday, May 25 ~ School Closed

Tuesday, May 26,
Grade 7 field trip to Goat Rock

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00-8:30pm
**Public Waldorf High School
Presentation** in community room

Wednesday, May 27, 11:00-12:30pm
May Faire for students

Wednesday, May 27, 6:30-8:30pm
Kindergarten Parent Evening

Class 4 Play: May 29, 9:00am & 6:30pm

Wednesday, June 3, 6pm
Class 2 Play

Tuesday, June 9, 9:00-10:15am
Hawaiian Dance Group performance
for the whole school on the back field

Friday, June 12, 5:30pm:
8th grade Graduation

Auction Success!

Though the final figures are not yet in, it looks like our auction raised close to \$25,000! Wow, what a tremendously successful fundraiser! And, with our anonymous donor's matching donation, that translates into around \$50,000 in new income! There are so many people to thank for this effort, including everyone who passed the word, secured donated auction items, and participated in the bidding. Most especially though, we owe great gratitude and congratulations to auction coordinator Chris Dunia and her teammates Nedra Berns and Deanna Kempthorne. This would not have happened without these three brave souls who stepped up and did the work necessary to make this first time on-line auction effort so successful. Thank you Chris, Nedra, and Deanna, and way-to-go SunRidge!

Dress Code Changes for Next Year

After extensive deliberation and revisions, the faculty recently proposed a change in the SunRidge dress code. The proposal was reviewed at the Parent Council and Charter Council meeting, and the final draft was approved as policy by the Charter Council on May 5. The change pertains to pictures, images, letters, and numbers on clothing and is designed to make it easier for parents, students and staff to know, follow, and enforce. We know that the increased strictness will take some adjusting to, but hope that everyone will read the new introduction, which explains the reasoning behind the dress code, and will support us in implementing it with as little conflict as possible. We have attached the new dress code to today's bulletin. **It will go into effect beginning with the new school year on August 26.**

Fricandeu For Sale!

Class 7 proudly presents Carlo Goldoni's classic Commedia del Arte, *THE SERVANT OF TWO MASTERS*. Wednesday, May 20, in the SunRidge Amphitheatre. Show begins at 6:45pm. Bring blankets to keep snugly and warm..... Mama mia, but it's a gonna be a good a show!!

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.

8th grade graduation on the horizon

Our 8th grade will be graduating this year on Friday night, June 12. Start time is 5:30pm. The tentative program includes some short speeches, singing by students and faculty, student presentations, and an acknowledgement of each student as they are presented with their diplomas. The ceremony will take place in our outdoor amphitheatre, with parking here and at Apple Blossom School. The graduation ceremony will be followed by food and refreshments. All are welcome to attend.

May Faire

After much deliberation, the Festivals Committee has rescheduled the May Faire Festival for Wednesday, May 27th. Due to the multitude of logistical concerns, we

have decided to hold this event during the school day, from 11:00-12:15. This decision means that more students from all grades will participate this year than in years past. Unfortunately, this also means that we will not be able to invite parents to join in the celebration this year (no parking available in our lot or at Apple Blossom). We acknowledge the disappointment that this will engender for some adults and children alike. The lesson learned this year is that we should have a back up, "in-case-of-rain date" scheduled along with the regular date for our annual May Faire. Our in-school simpler version of the May Faire will be meaningful in its own way since all grades will gather together on the back field, which is a rare event, indeed. Each grade will contribute to the festivities, whether it be participating in the procession, encircling the area with rose petals, dancing a folk dance, or weaving the ribbons. We thank the many parents from each class who stepped forward to help prepare for this event as scheduled originally. Special thanks to Aurora Fuero-Thompson for procuring a donation of cream from Clover-Stornetta Dairy. This cream did not go to waste. Students in at least four of the grades are using the cream for various school related events. The Festivals Committee welcomes parents to become involved with the planning of Dios de los Muertos, The Winter Spiral and Festival of Lights and the May Faire for next year, and years to come. Please contact Karen Gallagher, Laurie McKenzie, Galia Brevia or Brigid FitzGibbon.

What is Aloha?

On June 9, Puna Kalama Dawson will be coming to SunRidge to share her knowledge of Hawaiian dance and song. She is a second-generation Hula Kahiko dancer from Kauai. Her visit to Northern California is a continuation of her "Peace Project" which she started in 2006 in Japan, and then took to Europe. The whole school will gather at 9:00am on the backfield.

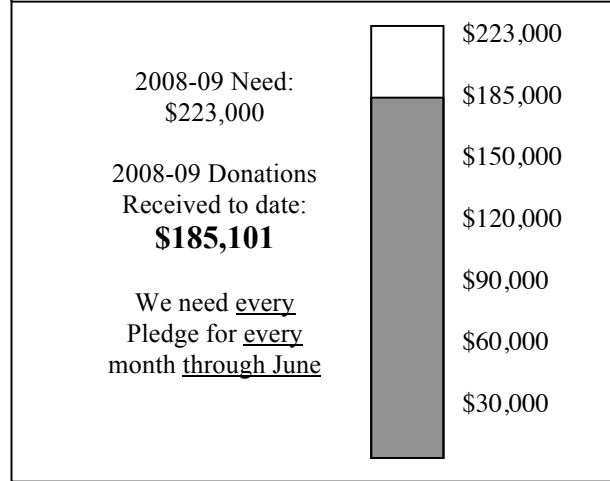
Last Chance for Yearbooks!

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. If you paid cash, we'll be happy to just give you \$10 back. 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 Monday, May 26, will happily be considered as donations.

Spring Concert Thursday, June 4

If it is not already there, please put this date on your calendar for our annual spring concert featuring performances by our choirs, instrumental music classes, and orchestras. It will be held in the Apple Blossom School auditorium. **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.

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 closing day this Sunday, we will probably be able to end our year with a minimal deficit, despite the 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 working together for the benefit of the children.

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!

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

Community Events of Interest

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

"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.

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

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.

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.

Rentals, Trades, Free, and Used

Delightful Guinea Pigs

Easy pets, on diurnal schedule. Small selection of rescued healthy females (guaranteed not pregnant) available for adoption. Cages and extras also available.
Call Nan at 823-1571

Future SunRidge/Morningstar family seeking a house for rent.

We are looking for a roomy 3bd House in or outside the city limits. Ideally this home will have enough room for garden boxes and bug exploration, some storage, and a w/d hook-up. We do have a 12yr old deaf dear dog. We can pay around \$1800/m and are looking to move between now and August 1st. Please let Marla know if you have any leads. 824-5659 or marzipan29@sbcglobal.net Thank you. The Bourgeas.

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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