

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

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

Friday, May 8, 7:30pm:
Class 5 Play in amphitheatre

May 11-15: **8th Grade Class Trip**
down Klamath River

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

May 13 -15: **Class 3 trip**
to Full Belly Farm

Wednesday, May 13, 6:00-7:30pm:
Class 4 parent appreciation eve.

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

Friday, May 15: **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

Time to Make a Difference with Auction Action

We have the potential to raise a considerable amount of money with our online auction if EVERYONE does his/her part. Thanks to the very hard work of the Auction Team, there is currently \$53, 996 worth of items in our auction catalogue! Bids to date are \$8646.00, which is a great start, but there is plenty there to bid on. Get signed up and pass the word so that we can maximize the matching donation we have been offered. Funds raised will help us minimize cuts being made necessary by the state budget crisis.

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.

Farmer's Market this Week

SunRidge's Kindergarten classes invite you to "Celebrate Spring" by attending the May Farmer's Market this Thursday. 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 - 12 to 4.

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!

2008-09 Yearbook Price Reduction

Up until now, our yearbook price has been based on the production cost plus some extra to make it a bit of a fundraiser. Upon further thought this year, we have decided to change this plan so that everyone can afford to have one. The price has been reduced to \$15 per yearbook and we have ordered enough for every family. If you already paid \$25 with your order, please come in to the office and get your \$10 refund. If you paid by check, we will return your \$25 check in exchange for a \$15 check (or cash). If you didn't order because of the previous price, you can now order one for only \$15.

2009-10 School Calendar Attached

We have attached the 2009-10 School calendar to today's bulletin. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 26. The last day is Thursday, June 10. Please note our break times and schedule any trips during those times so that your child does not miss school and the school does not lose critical funding.

Friendly Reminder

Please drive slowly in our parking areas! There are often adults and children walking, stepping out from behind cars, etc. As you enter the campus, slow way down and remember what's most important (it's not getting somewhere faster...).

May Faire Latest

Tomorrow, the faculty will discuss possible options for still holding a May Faire celebration at SunRidge. We will let you know...

Auction Update: By Chris Dunia
SunRidge.cmarket.com

The auction items keep coming in. We have over 400 items to choose from! What the auction needs now are shoppers. The web site needs to get to as many people seeing it as possible. Any way that you can think of to get the word out will help. There are flyers and post cards in the office. Feel free to post those around, and hand out the post cards. I believe there is a difference between asking for a hand out, and providing people with an avenue where they can go, and find fun things they want. For anyone who is not comfortable referring people to the site (providing us with their list of email addresses), we invite you to forward friends, family and work associates the auction site, or the email blasts going out on Fridays. They can always just delete the message if they are not interested. However, that has not been the feedback I have received from several people. You just never know what might come back. Take for instance this person's experience:

I've referred friends and family to the auction site and sent a link in emails to work colleagues. I've also emailed people direct links to items I thought they would be interested in. Four people registered and bid right away; at least, 4 people told me they did, there are probably more. One friend sent me a check and two others have said they will donate (one is signing up for "Hearts and Hands").

So, letting friends and family know is not only painless, many of them appreciate it and are excited to participate. And for those who aren't interested, there is no pressure to do anything. And you just might catch up with an old friend or two.
 Signed, A 6th Grade Mom

We have some great minds at this school. Let's get creative and see how many different ways we can let people know about our exciting auction.

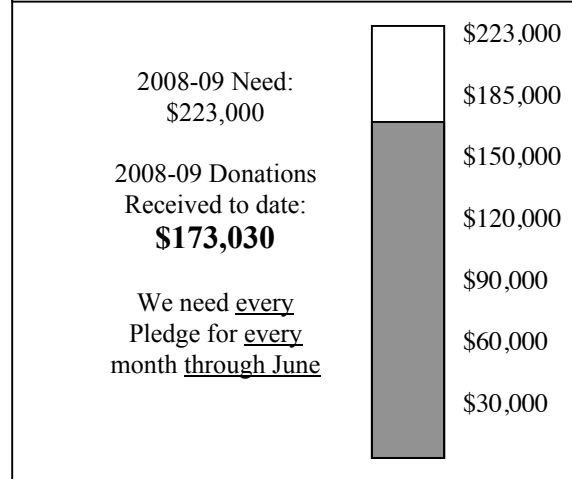
Talk on AD/HD

Did you know that:

- AD/HD is as inheritable as height?
- AD/HD affects somewhere between 6%-8% of all children?
- AD/HD does not always involve hyperactivity?
- The main reason for academic challenge among AD/HD children is *organizational impairment*?
- AD/HD has nothing to do with intelligence?
- AD/HD is a federally recognized disability?

If some or all of these facts about AD/HD come as a surprise to you, or if they tempt you to learn more, please consider coming to the 2nd grade parent evening next **Monday, May 11th, from 6:30-8:30.** 2nd grade parent, Beth Gallock, will spend an hour speaking about the facts of AD/HD and answering your questions. Beth is an educator, tutor, and avid student of how brain function can affect the way students learn. She has been certified as a Parent to Parent teacher through CHADD (Children and Adults with AD/HD). This talk is open to the whole school.

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



Pledges Needed Now More Than Ever

We are entering the final stretch on our pledge drive for this school year. Please keep in mind that our expenses for May and June are the same even though the school only goes until June 11 (salaries are prorated across the year so that teachers' pay is the same each month). Deficits in this year's budget will affect our planning for next year's programs, so we really need everyone who can to pay any "past due" pledges, and to contribute May and June pledges **before June 12**. Please do whatever you can to make this joint effort successful.

Cooking and Gardening Program is Back

Our cooking and gardening program is beginning again after some winter time off. Thank you to Lauren Kane for the good work she did in the fall. Lauren has decided to not return though, and Tess Pohlmann will be assuming the gardening/cooking position. Tess has been giving huge numbers of hours to the program as a volunteer, so it is great to have her now in a position where she can be paid for at least some of her hours! Classes began last week and will continue through the end of the year.

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

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.

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.

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

Farmers' Market

Only two more gatherings at Ragle Park this year:

May 7 - Kindergarten

June 10 (Wednesday) - End-of-year, all school gathering with the Farmer's Market provided by those classes that had rained-out markets this year.

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!

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

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

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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