

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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CALENDAR

Class 2 Play:

Wednesday, June 3, 6:00pm

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 - 8:30pm

Spring Concert

Performers arrive at 6:00pm

Friday, June 5, 8:45 - 2:30pm

Class 3 field trip at Pastures

Tuesday, June 9, 9:00-10:15am

Hawaiian Dance Group performance
for the whole school on the back field

Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 - 9:00pm

Charter Council Meeting

Wednesday, June 10

**All School Farmers' Market
@ Ragle Park**

Thursday, June 11, 5:00 - 6:30pm

**Ceremony for next year's 1st
Grade**

Friday, June 12, 5:30pm

8th Grade Graduation

Wednesday, August 26

1st Day of 2009-10 school year

Spring Concert Thursday, June 4 from Karen Gallagher

Please come and enjoy our final school presentation to celebrate the fruits of another year of good learning and growth!

Details: A final rehearsal has been scheduled from 2:00 to 3:00pm on Thursday, June 4 in Apple Blossom's Auditorium (please note: parents are responsible for transportation to and from). The students will need to return to Apple Blossom by 6pm, to tune instruments, warm up voices, and find their seating sections. In light of some feedback from Apple Blossom, we are asking for at least two parent supervisors per class to be present during the pre-performance time (6:00 to 7:00pm). With proper supervision, I am sure we can hold an evening concert of music while also caring for the space we are using. Please check in with me or your class teacher if you are able to help in this way.

Please ensure that your child has eaten a good meal, and is properly attired for the concert. **Black and white are being worn by all participants.**

Needed (Contact Karen Gallagher at 578-5008 if you can help):

- Flowers are being requested to help brighten the stage.
- We could use extra buckets for blooms.
- We need at least two parent supervisors per grade to support the teachers before the concert.

Budget Cuts

After multiple budget meetings, the Charter Council last night approved cuts of over \$40,000 to next year's preliminary budget. The cuts made were judged to be the least damaging to any individual or program. They include: some changes in non-teaching hours for our music teacher, not starting Spanish until 1st grade, limiting Eurythmy to K-3 (currently K-5), not having classroom aides assigned to 2nd and 3rd grade but having an RSP aide work with individual students in those grades as needed, not funding the January Waldorf conference for our faculty, limiting our upper grades extra Math teacher to 7th and 8th grade (currently starts in 6th), and dropping our rented storage barn.

These were minimal cuts and will only keep us balanced if we have full enrollment. Other factors that allow only this amount of cuts are the infusion of the funds raised by our recent auction, and the expectation that parent pledges will continue at current or higher levels. The Charter Council also approved a plan to request each family to help with the high cost of supplies for our classrooms, particularly food supplies in kindergarten and the high quality art supplies for all grades. A letter will soon go out requesting commitments for next year's pledges and for this extra \$100 per student annual supply donation.

We are pleased that most of the above cuts were able to be made without significant employee cuts, or significantly changing our educational program. Unfortunately though, more State funding cuts are likely, necessitating more cuts in school programs. This is why it is especially vital that we keep our pledge program going strong. To avoid much more painful cuts, everyone who pledges must pay their pledges for both May and June. Those who have not been pledging should consider if there is some way that even a one-time pledge for June is possible. Every amount, no matter how small, adds to the total and helps us continue the educational program that is not possible without parent contributions.

SAVE THE DATE ~ Saturday, September 12th for our annual **Back to School Party 2009!** Come frolic and play with the SunRidge Community! Welcome all of the new families and welcome each other back after our summer break. This year's party will feature: a dunk tank, community games, live music, yummy food and more. Who knows, you may even make some new friends! See you then!

8th grade graduation Friday, June 12, 5:30pm
 Our 8th grade will be graduating this year on Friday night, June 12. Start time is 5:30pm. The 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.

Needed: flowers and greenery for the graduation. Bring on Friday morning, June 12.

Sum sum summertime Things To Do Around School *from Owen*

It is mid May and the faculty and I have been making lists of things that we need and would like to see get done this summer. And as usual, our lists are longer than our tape measures. You are invited to sign up to organize or help work on the projects as part of your community service.

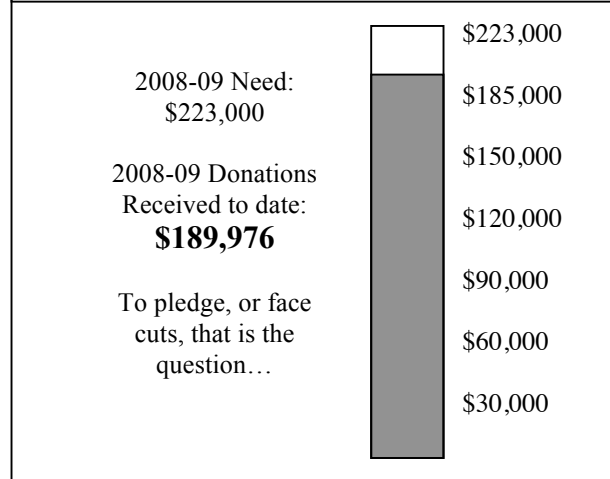
Here's our initial list:

- Prep and re-seed the lawn (this one is perfect for those who like to watch the grass grow from their lounge chair)
- Re-paint the neediest six exterior walls
- Install a couple of RR tie steps in the path down from the office to prevent erosion
- Turn (fluff up) the flakes in the swing box
- Install new sinks and a small concrete pad in the breezeway
- Re-seal and re-stripe the basketball court—the re-stripping is perfect for geometry geeks
- Re-build the fence between the kindergarten yard and front parking lot
- Sand and re-finish several desks and chairs; this can be done at home in your very own shop while catching up on the Giants some Saturday afternoon
- Install vents in the community room “attic”
- Install doors on the community room cabinets
- Obtain and spread new chips on the track around the (to be) grassy field

Please remember that these are general, all-school needs. Your class teacher may also have requests of you, and class needs should get your consideration before the items described here. However, if you'd like to come to school and commiserate about the weather, sports, vacations or getting old, please give me a call or stop by and offer your talents: 479-3214

Thank you, Owen

2008-09 Pledge Program Report



AfterCare Schedule for Last Days of School

This year, Wednesday and Thursday of the last week are early release days. Wednesday there is the big picnic at Ragle Park—we close AfterCare at 1:00pm so the staff can attend the picnic. AfterCare staff cannot take students to the park, so please make arrangements for a parent to provide transportation and supervision at the park if needed.

On Thursday, our last day of school, we will offer AfterCare at the usual times, until 5:30pm. Since our Kindergarten ceremony will take place at 5:00pm in the outdoor area on the hillside, AfterCare children will be on the back play field during the later part of that afternoon.

The SunRidge Parent Education Committee is planning for next year.

Is there a topic you would like presented? Is there a speaker you think would be great for the SunRidge community? Would you like to join the committee and help plan and present amazing events for our community? There are many ways you can support the vibrancy of this interesting committee; attend our monthly meetings, join our email list and participate virtually if unable to attend in person, help plan or host one (or more) event(s) next year, contribute ideas and resources or be mentored in being a committee chairperson and how to lead the committee for the school year 2010-2011.

Next year I will be an 8th grade parent and want to offer to pass on the pearls of wisdom from my 30+ years of event work to help the transition to a new chairperson be smooth and easy. This committee, including I can share my enthusiasm and expertise to show how you can have every member and every event have been the best and easiest I have ever experienced. Being on a committee or leading one doesn't have to be hard work, the same great (or better) experience! Please email srpec@sonic.net or call LisaMarie at 707-235-1392 with suggestions, comments or questions.

Thank You Morningstar Parents!

On behalf of the faculty, thank you so much Morningstar parents for the yummy lunches for the month of May. Every Thursday we looked forward to beginning our faculty meetings with the hearty and delicious contributions you brought to us. If you could only see the faces as those first bites go down and the nourishment is felt! We sooo appreciate these parent-provided lunches!

Faculty Lunch Schedule

It is a much-appreciated tradition at SunRidge for the parent body to provide lunch for weekly faculty meetings every Thursday. **Dragonfly Kindergarten** will be bringing lunch for the month of June.

All School Farmer's Market Next Wednesday

Come join us for the last Farmer's Market next Wednesday. Instead of a potluck the last farmer's market will be hosted by the classes that were rained out during the year. We will have hot dogs, games, crafts, face painting and puppet making.

Community Events of Interest

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

Summerfield's 12th Grade Presents Arabian Nights! Ancient tales of love, intrigue, humor, and pathos flow one into another as the 25 singers, dancers, musicians, and actors bring to life markets, harems, courts, camels, and even boats on a river. **Thursday and Friday, June 11th and 12th, at 7:30** in Sophia Hall. Parents' advisory for mature themes. Recommended for 6th grade and older. \$5 admission. Tickets available at the lower and high school offices. (This is the same production that sold out Berkeley Rep and was extended; it is possible that tickets may go fast.)

Playback Theatre Presents: Improv Delight!

Come "tell a story of your own or just watch the magic unfold" as Playback Theatre creates theatrical incarnations of the audience's stories. **Friday, June 12, 8pm** at the Youth Annex of the Sebastopol Community Center. \$15 - 25 donation requested, though no one is turned away for lack of funds.

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.

Needed

PIANO needed for SunRidge third-grader. Have a piano for sale? How about a piano that just needs a temporary but loving home? Please contact Alissa at 236-0747.

Subscribe to Living Crafts Magazine and Earn \$ For SunRidge! *from Chris Dunia*

Living crafts magazine was paying us \$7.00 for every subscription that was made through our on-line auction website. Even though the auction has closed, they have generously agreed to extend the offer. To subscribe, please go to <http://www.livingcrafts.com/subscriptions.php>, and in the box labeled "offer code", type *SunRidge*. And viola! You have a wonderful magazine and we have a wonderful \$7.00.

Donations Requested for Hawaiian Dance and Song Assembly

The Hawaiian dance assembly is being provided free, but the performers do have travel expenses and would greatly appreciate donations toward those expenses. Sending in up to \$5.00 per student would really be nice.

Community Service Needs**Needed: Notetaker for the Parent Council**

The Parent Council needs a parent volunteer who is not a parent council member to take notes for each monthly meeting. This is a great way to stay in touch with what is going on without taking on the responsibility of being an official parent council representative. If interested, please contact Pam Koppel: 824-8351.

Needed: Storytelling Festival Committee

The Diversity Committee takes on the responsibility of planning the Storytelling Festival each year. This year, many members are unable to do this initial, but important work. Lisa Cahn, one of the original planners, is ready to chair this group but is in need of at least 3 - 4 more parents who are able to start meeting as soon as school gets out and be available to call storytellers and plan the festival. Please call Lisa at 824 5759 if you can help in this way. We are hopeful that with the help of a few committed parents now, the festival will continue to bring the same caliber of storytellers and fun to our school as it has in the past.

Needed: Calendar Sales Coordinator(s)

Last year our calendar sales project generated approximately \$8000 of needed revenue with a minimal amount of labor by our community. Past members of the calendar team cannot continue in this role. This project is very well designed and does not involve a huge amount of time, but meeting of the team begin during the summer. If you can help, please contact Diane Nadler: 823-1967.

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

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

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.

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.