

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

Tuesday, September 1, 6:30pm:  
**Parent Council Meeting**

Wednesday, September 2, 6:45pm:  
**New Parent Orientation**  
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Monday, September 7:  
**School Closed** for Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 8, 6:30pm:  
**Class 3 parent evening**

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30pm:  
**Class 2 parent evening**

Saturday, September 12, 2:00 – 6:00pm  
**Back to School Party 2009**

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00pm:  
**Charter Council Meeting**

Wednesday, Sept. 16:  
**Class 6 parent evening**

Thursday, Sept. 17:  
**Class 8 parent evening**

Saturday, September 26, 12:30-6:00pm:  
**SunRidge Storytelling Festival**

### Welcome Back!

*Thank you so much to everyone who came during the last two weeks to help prepare our classrooms and campus. Everything looks great, and we couldn't have done it without you.*

### Early Release Every Day this Week

The first week of school, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday will all be early release days. Our schedule will be the same as last year: Grades 1-3: 8:30—1:00; Grades 4-8: 8:20—12:40. Grades 1-3 will eat lunch before being released, grades 4-8 are released earlier, before lunch.

During the first week or so, please allow extra time in the morning for the inevitable extra traffic, and always pick up your child within 15 minutes of their release time.

### Beginning Monday, August 31

We will start our regular weekly schedule on Monday, August 31. Full days for kindergarten will continue last year's schedule: 8:45—1:00. The release time for 1<sup>st</sup> grade is 2:10pm. Second grade will be ready for pick-up at 2:35pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade at 2:45, and 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> will be ready for pick-up at 2:55. **Eighth grade students get picked up in front of their classroom by the basketball court, even if a younger grade sibling is being picked up in front drive-up area.** Please arrive within 15 minutes of pick-up times. Every Thursday throughout the year is an early release day for faculty meeting purposes. Early release days pick up for Kindergarten is 11:45am; for 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> it is 1:00pm, and for 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> it is 12:40.

### Parking Reminder

Kindergarten and most 1<sup>st</sup> grade parents need to park to bring their children in, which leaves few spaces for others to also park. Parents of 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders can help make sure the younger students' parents have room to park and minimize congestion by arriving before 8:20 (we provide supervision on the back field starting at 8:00am), dropping your child off at the upper drop off area, and, if you must park, to limit your time parking so others can use the space after you. Thank you for your cooperation with this need.

**Kindergarten note:** after 8:40am, you may park briefly in the drop off lane if there are no other spaces available. Please put on your blinking hazard lights if you leave your car to alert drivers behind you that you are not in the vehicle.

### Look for First Day Packets

A First Day Packet will be sent home with your child today. Please look for it, take the time to read the material, and return the emergency contact card ASAP.

### Kindergarten Welcoming Tea

New and returning kindergarten parents are invited to gather from 8:45-9:30am on Thursday, August 27, to celebrate the start of a new school year. Please bring your own mug and meet on the deck by the casitas on the hillside just below the office.

### AfterCare Changes

Our AfterCare program is struggling financially because it is small and it is difficult to staff a small program and meet expenses while also keeping fees reasonable. To begin the year we will only be offering AfterCare to students in grades K-6, as we cannot provide an adequate program for the age spread from K-8. Also, we can only offer AfterCare until 4:30 pm, as the 4:30-5:30 time is no longer viable with such low

numbers. We regret these changes but they are necessary if we are to continue providing AfterCare at all.

On the good news front, Dylan Zara is returning to work in the program after a year living in Redding. Welcome back, Dylan!

Please remember that you must have new registration forms on file in the office before your child can participate in Aftercare. Aftercare information and forms are available in the office. Space is limited, and fees are less when paid in advance

**New Parent Orientation:**

Wednesday, September 2nd, 6:45pm, Community Room  
 Welcome New Parents! On behalf of the parent body, we would like to extend to you a warm welcome to SunRidge School. This gathering will offer you a wealth of information and resources, as well as impart a sense of who we are as people and a community. Please arrive by 6:45 pm for hors d'oeuvres, and we'll begin soon thereafter. We'll try to wrap it up by 8:30 p.m. Returning parents are also welcome to attend. Please contact Gena Perdue to sign up for the orientation 843.1171

or [monkeyporkbun@gmail.com](mailto:monkeyporkbun@gmail.com)  
 <<mailto:monkeyporkbun@gmail.com>> . New Parent Orientations are offered once a year and your attendance is encouraged. Warmly, Shyama Harris, Josh Woodlander & Gena Perdue. <<mailto:monkeyporkbun@gmail.com>>

**Communications**

Our primary means for communicating important information to parents is through our Weekly Bulletin. Please read the bulletin every week in order to stay informed.

**SAVE THE DATE** ~ Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 – 6:00pm, for our annual **Back to School Party 2009!** Come frolic and play! 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. See you there!

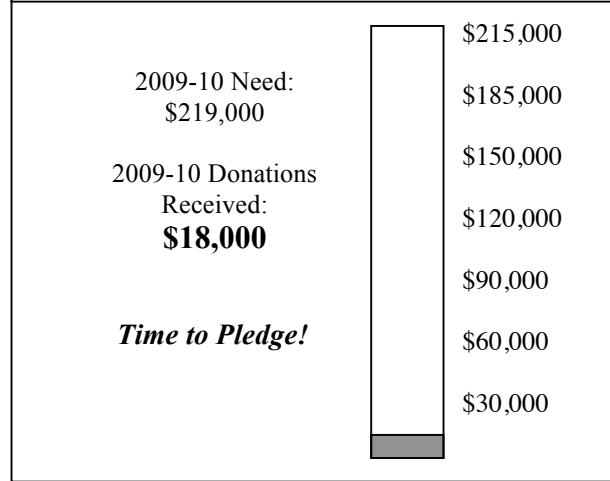
**Donations Needed for Supplies and Materials**

Part of how we hope to balance the budget this coming year is to request parent contributions to meet the cost of supplies and materials for our classrooms. Most Waldorf methods schools now do this in addition to requesting monthly pledges, as materials and supplies are extremely expensive in a Waldorf methods school (about \$2000 per class). A one-time, **\$100 per student per year** contribution will keep things running as usual. Thank you in advance for your help with this important need.

**Storytelling Festival Planning Meetings**

All interested are welcome!  
 Friday, Aug. 28 - 1:00 pm  
 Tuesday, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22 - 3:15 pm  
 Meet in Room 4

**2009-10 Pledge Program Report**



**Pledge Update**

Thank you once again to everyone who helped us raise over \$209,000 in pledges last year! While we didn't reach our original goal, we exceeded our revised expectations given the economic crisis that hit last fall. As the new year begins, please make sure you have sent us your pledge commitment for this year, and, even more important, please send those pledges in every month!

**Important Community Service News**

The Parent Skills & Interests Survey is an extremely valuable tool that supports filling SunRidge service needs. I developed the survey in Jan. 08 and it is now significantly improved. In order for the survey to have its full value, it is important that every SunRidge parent fill it out. I will not be using the old survey so all returning parents will need to fill it out this year. The survey is an online link that you will receive via email. It takes about 5 minutes or less to complete. If only one parent receives SunRidge emails please take responsibility for your child's other parent and forward the email with the survey link to them. You will receive the survey within the first two weeks of Sept. Thank you in advance for your openness and cooperation with this detail. ~Shyama, Community Service Coordinator [shyama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shyama@sbcglobal.net)

**Welcome New Parents!**

If you are a new Parent at SunRidge, we have a thorough and very helpful Community Service Guide for you. If you have not yet received the Guide, you will get it at the New Parent Orientation on Sept. 2nd (6:45pm Community Rm.), or pick up your copy in the office.

**Dress Code Reminder**

Please help us implement our new dress code change by being clear on what clothing your child should wear and sending them to school without images, writing, numbers, etc. on clothing. We realize that the new code eliminates much clothing that would be fine to wear except for the

fact that it contains images of some kind (many very beautiful or valued). Our previous code, however, was just too difficult to interpret, follow, and enforce. The new code being implemented is designed to minimize dress code issues so that we can focus on education. With clear adult partnership on this issue, it will cease to be one...

### **Crosswalk Duty in Place**

Many thanks to Ellie Dwight, Leslie Washington, Chris Dunia, Patricia Bernard, Melanie Wright, and Kenna Lee-Ribas for signing up to do morning crosswalk duty every week. Please mind their directions as they work to ensure the safety of the children in our lower lot.

### **Utensils Needed**

As you are going through your cutlery or browsing at a thrift shop, please keep in mind that we are still in need of more forks and spoons for our collection that we started gathering last year to work towards having waste free events at our school. Bring cutlery to the office and please know that it will be put to good use at the Back to School Party, the Storytelling Festival, the Farmer Markets, and by individual classes this year. Thanks so much! Dianne, for the Diversity Committee

### **Classified**

*(We can list rentals, parents selling used items, free items or trades. We cannot list for-profit business ads)*

**For Sale: Violin stand and chin pad**, very lightly used, \$20.00. Call Amy at 829-3345.

### **Rental**

New efficiency studio in Bellevue Ranch, Southwest Santa Rosa. Part of larger home with Waldorf kids. Call for details. Dave: 318-7185.

### **Devotional Chanting with Shyama**

Sahar on Tabla, Duane Light on Bansuri  
100% of Proceeds will Benefit SINGLE MOTHERS OF SEBASTOPOL

Saturday Sept. 26th, 7pm

Devi Yoga Center, 7151 Wilton Ave., Downtown Sebastopol (just left of Rite Aide)

Suggested Donation: \$10-\$20; all are welcome, give what you can; not ideal for children under 4 yrs. old.

Single Mothers of Sebastopol (SMoS) Defined: This fund is for mothers who are raising their child(ren) without any financial or childcare support from the biological father or any co-parent figure. If you are a SMoS with an interest in receiving benefits from this fund, please contact me. Support is given on a first come/first serve basis, as well as according to need.

For more information contact: [shyama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shyama@sbcglobal.net)

### **Car Need Washing?**

Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade is hosting another great car wash this Saturday, August 29, raising funds for their 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip. It will be at Foster's Freeze just south of town on Hwy 116 from 11:00am to 3:30pm. Come on down, support our 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and leave without the dust and dirt of summer on your wheels.

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