

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

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## CALENDAR

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 6:30pm:

**Class 2 parent evening**

Thursday, September 10, 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Class 1 parent evening**

Saturday, September 12, 2:00 – 6:00pm

**Back to School Party 2009**

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 - 9:00pm

**Charter Council Meeting**

Wednesday, Sept. 16:

- **Class 6 parent eve. 6:00-7:00pm**
- **Class 7 parent eve. 7:00-8:30pm**

Thursday, Sept. 17:

**Class 8 parent evening**

Tuesday, September 22, 7:00 - 8:30pm:

**Class 4 parent evening**

Thursday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:30pm

**Class 5 parent evening**

Saturday, September 26, 12:30-6:00pm:

**SunRidge Storytelling Festival**

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

**Kindergarten parent evening**

### **New Parent Orientation Event Builds Community**

Over 25 new parents attended the inaugural SunRidge New Parent Orientation event. Special thanks to all those new parents who came and made it a special evening. We are happy to have you as a member of the SunRidge community! The evening focused on sharing with new parents the qualities that make SunRidge special, the unique opportunities for volunteer service, decision making and governance of the school, and what it means to co-create a positive community environment that supports learning. A good time was had by all as evidenced by the empty chocolate chip cookie platters and full participation in songs led by Karen. Many thanks to those SunRidge parents who organized and hosted this event: Gena Perdue, Shyama Harris, and Josh Woodlander.

### **Parking Thank You**

Thank you to all parents in grades 1-8 who have been thinking of our kindergarten parents and not parking too long or unnecessarily so that there are space for those who must park between 8:20 – 8:45 each morning. This week has gone much smoother due to your thoughtfulness.

### **Back-To-School Party!**

It's that time of year again: making lunches, finding all the dress-code-approved clothes, and the annual ROCKIN' **Back to School Party!** (If you missed it last year, perhaps you are not aware how much darn FUN everyone had, so check out the details below. And don't worry, you don't have to pack a lunch.)

On **Saturday, September 12**, from **2 to 6 pm** on the backfield, we will party down with live music by GOATHOUSE. And yes, it is a Waldorf-inspired type of affair, so there will be Group Games, as well as Arts & Crafts. Not to mention the ever-popular not-so-Steineresque Dunk Tank. So, bring a blanket and (as always) your own plates and utensils (and a wee bit of cash) and enjoy a wonderful BBQ meal of chicken and Garden Burgers provided by the 8th grade class (to help raise money for furthering their own educations—what a worthy cause). Parking, as usual, is more plentiful at Apple Blossom School than in our little lot.

And hey, we also need **shade** for the Back to School Party, so **please** if you have an "easy up" or other shade structure, contact Paula Tucker at 874-2968, as soon as your lightning-fast fingers can dial that phone.

### **4th Annual Multicultural Storytelling Festival**

Clear your calendars and plan to come to this year's great event. Professional storytellers from around the Bay Area will be sharing stories suitable for all ages. This year's presenters include: Clara Yen, Wayne Harris, Erica Lann-Clark and David Rain. The diverse ethnicities of the storytellers—Chinese-American, African-American, Jewish and Native American—will shape the stories they present. There will also be a puppet play, a crafts area, as well as a Middle School Readers Theater. Overflow parking at Apple Blossom Elementary School. Refreshments will be sold throughout the event, and dinner will be offered by the 8th Grade, from 4:30 – 6:00 PM. The event is ASL interpreted.

**Saturday, September 26th, 12:30 – 6:00pm**

To purchase tickets in advance, call: 824-2844 Tickets: \$8/person, or \$20/family. For more information, Debbie Ezersky, 823-2854.

**Hot Lunches** start next week for grades 3—8 ! See attached form to order.

**Storytelling Festival Planning Meetings**

All interested are welcome!  
 Tuesdays, Sept. 15 & 22 - 3:15 pm  
 Meet in Room 4

**Bulletin: Electronic or Hard Copy? You Choose**

Last year, as part of our effort to reduce paper use and copying, we discontinued sending weekly bulletins home with children. Our email-only system did save paper, but a survey in January revealed that while about 30% of parents were more likely to read the bulletin when they received it electronically, more than 30% were less likely to read it when received electronically. There were also some indications that a higher than normal number of important bulletin messages were not being read after we switched to the electronic-only system.

While we fully support the values behind an electronic bulletin, we must also maximize the chances that our weekly communications in the Bulletin are read by as many parents as possible. Toward this end, we will be offering to send home a hard copy of our Bulletin to anyone for whom that method of receipt would make it more likely they would read it. Between now and October 1 we will create a list in the office of any parent who would prefer to receive a hard copy of the weekly Bulletin. You can add your name to this list by either calling the office (824-2844), or emailing your request to our Office Assistant (Mira) at [miran@sunridgeschool.org](mailto:miran@sunridgeschool.org). For those on the list, we will begin sending bulletins home in hard copy with your child (youngest sibling if more than one) beginning with our bulletin on October 7.

**Donations Needed for Supplies and Materials**

Many thanks to everyone who has sent in their \$100 contribution for class supplies and materials. If you haven't done yours yet, please do so soon, either in one part, or you can send it in two or more installments. If you are unable to do the full \$100, please do what you can. These donations will enable us to purchase classroom supplies during this year of severe state funding cuts. Thank you for your help with this important need.

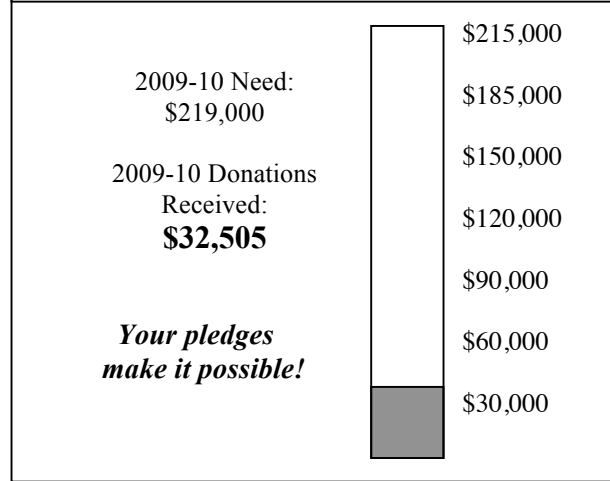
**Valkyries and Other Basketball Players**

CYO offers basketball for boys and girls in 3rd through 8th grades. All levels of players are welcome to try out and be placed on a team on October 10 & 11. Practices begin mid-October, with a 10-game season running December to February. For more info go to [www.sscy.com](http://www.sscy.com) or contact St. Sebastian CYO Athletic Director John Namkung at 322-5448 or [jknamkung@gmail.com](mailto:jknamkung@gmail.com) ~ Curt Quantz

**Looking for a Boys Basketball Coach**

A number of boys in our middle school have expressed an interest in representing SunRidge on the basketball court. Is there a parent (or two) out there interested in coaching the team? Please contact Mark Rice or Curt Quantz.

**2009-10 Pledge Program Report**



**Pledge Update**

Please make sure you have sent us your pledge commitment for this year, and, even more important, please send those pledges in every month! With state funding cuts this year, we will be depending even more on the stability of our parent pledge program. Please help us keep our educational program stable!

**Utensils Needed**

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 Diversity Committee.

**Important Community Service Information**

This week you and/or your child's other parent(s) will receive an email note with an online link to the **Community Service Skills & Interest Survey**. Please fill it out this week; it takes about 5 minutes or less. If you did not receive the email please call the office 824-2844 or email: [theresat@sunridgeschool.org](mailto:theresat@sunridgeschool.org) and ask for the Community Service Skills & Interest Survey to be sent to your email address. If you do not have an email address, contact Shyama to arrange a way to do the survey: 827-7931. We thank you in advance for your enthusiasm and cooperation.

**Online Survey Person Needed**

Work with Community Service Coordinator to maintain/update online surveys (in Survey Monkey) and generate reports in Excel for parent interest/skills survey and community service hours log. Requires use of a computer (PC or Mac) and Microsoft Excel. Training available. Time commitment: 1-2 hrs. per month. If this is in your field of expertise, please contact Shyama: [shyama@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shyama@sbcglobal.net)

### Tribes for Parents

Most of you have heard that 21 SunRidge teachers and staff recently received two days of training in the social emotional learning process called "Tribes." Those two days will be followed by two more days, Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, and Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an exciting new development for SunRidge, which we will be reporting on as the Tribes principles and processes are implemented in our classrooms.

We have also arranged for Mary Palin—the Tribes trainer working with us—to offer a **parent education evening on Tribes**. We have reserved the large room at Apple Blossom School for this event to accommodate as many parents as might/should be interested. Please put this opportunity on your calendar now: **October 29, 6:45-8:45pm**.

### Students Speaking

By Claire FitzGibbon Lampson, Fifth Grade  
Attention Story Lovers!

Come surround yourself with stories brought to life by many gifted artists at SunRidge's Multicultural Storytelling Festival on Saturday, September 26th from 12:30-6:00 pm. There will be many choices of stories from different cultures told outside and indoors. You will get to meet many people old and young alike since people of all ages love a good story.

### Community Service Needs

We have several committees and operations areas that would be so grateful for your support: Community Service, Parent Ed, Fundraising, Gardening, Public Relations and more. Please take a close look at the attached 'Needs List' and be in touch with the contact person if you'd like to offer your service. Thank you. ~Shyama, Community Service Coordinator

### AfterCare Needs

AfterCare would like to offer special activities for the children after school. Do you have an interest you could share? Drumming, dance, yoga, art, music, etc? This would be a great way to do some community service hours. Also, Aftercare would like to set up a woodworking area—does anyone have wordworking bench, or could build one? Woodworking tools—other than hammers—are also needed. Talk to Rebecca, 824-2276.

### Santa Rosa/ Sebastopol Carpool Desired

Hello fellow Waldorf parents. I live in downtown Santa Rosa and my daughter attends 2nd grade at the Independent Charter School. We are looking for other families to share the CO2 burden of commuting between Sebastopol and Santa Rosa. If you are interested please call Nichole at 545-2747. Thank you.

### Classified

*(We can list rentals, parents selling used items, free items, lost and found, 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.

### Room for Rent

Spacious master bedroom with private bath, walk-in closet, deck and private entrance if wanted. Nice NW Santa Rosa neighborhood, near Hwy's and shopping, easy to downtown. \$700 per month, utilities included. Available now. Please call Rebecca at 525-8750.

### Rental Available

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

### Housing Need Sebastopol Area

For two adults, one SunRidge student and one baby (in October). Can pay up to \$1,000/ mo including utilities. Prefer 2 BR, but 1 BR is okay. Washer/Dryer hookup is important (cloth diapering). Please call Ruth, (707) 293-7477. Thank you

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

### Lost

#### Missing Bow for Upright Bass

German style. Lost sometime last May on the SunRidge campus. If found please contact Robin Zickel by email at [webbfoot@comcast.net](mailto:webbfoot@comcast.net) or by phone at 823-2477.

#### Lost Scarf

Multi-colored scarf disappeared from picnic table in back field on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Please call Alissa at 236-0747.

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