



## SUNRIDGE SCHOOL

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### CALENDAR

Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>:

**Flag Football Game  
4pm @ SunRidge**

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:

**7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Track and Field**

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:

**SunRidge Foundation Meeting  
8am Library**

Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>:

**Lost and Found Donation Day**

Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup>:

**Falling Leaves Festival  
11am-3pm @ SunRidge Charter School**

Monday, October 29<sup>th</sup>:

**Nurse's Screening -2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>:

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Pumpkin Patch Field Trip  
9:30am-2pm**

Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>:

**Grades Early Release Day  
12:50pm: 1-3  
1:00pm: 4-8**

Thurs., Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> -Fri., Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>:

**No School -Parent/Teacher  
Conferences**

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>:

**Parent Ed Evening w/ Ben Klocek  
6:30-8:00pm**

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:

**Parent Tea w/ Rick Concoff  
1:30-2:30pm**

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:

**Portrait Make-up/Retake Day  
Morning**

# SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

10/24/18

### A few reminders for next week:

- Grades Early Release Day -Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Grades 1-3 12:50pm
  - Grades 4-8 1:00pm
- No School -Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> & Friday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (Parent Teacher Conferences)

### Falling Leaves Festival THIS SATURDAY: Calling all makers!

Knowing you have been so busy creating and making wonderful gifts for the Falling Leaves Festival, we know you are probably wondering when should I hand all these lovely items in? So we would be ever so grateful if they were all in by Friday morning, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for all your time and hard work on this project. See you Saturday at the Festival!!

### What's happening at the Falling Leaves Festival this year?

We are buzzing with excitement about the Falling Leaves Festival this Saturday! As usual, the ticket booth, located near the entrance from the back parking lot, will be selling stars and tickets for the puppet shows and storytelling. Stars are the currency of the festival for food, drinks, games to play and crafts to make. The marketplace accepts cash, charge or star money. This year we are also welcoming vendors to our festival. [Bodega Pastures](#), Diosa Arbusto, [Fairyshadow](#), [Ragged Thistle Clothing](#) and [Sofee & Lenee ~ German Kinder Accessories](#) will all be there! On stage Natalie, Julius and Howard will open the festival to be followed by SunRidge family musicians, [Gradina Baltic](#) Choir, [Bija Voices](#) and [Benedettville](#). Class 6 and 7 have prepared a delicious menu vegetable kabobs or chicken skewers served on rice bowls with an array of sauce choices.

Crafts to make will be candle dipping, candle and holder decorating, corn necklaces and cookie decorating. Thanks to Class 8 students, this year children at the festival will be tempted to not wake the Sleeping Dragon, go fishing at the Faerie's Crystal Cave and dig for treasure at the Dwarves Mine. [Sieglinde De Francesca](#), author of Donsy of Gnomes, will be our storyteller. She will also be doing book signings for all of her gentle gnome stories. Not to be missed, our beloved Pocket Person will be roaming around with their cape of many treasure filled pockets along with our Pied Piper who will be creating merriment wherever he is. We can't wait to see you there! Falling Leaves Festival Saturday, October 27<sup>th</sup> 11-3pm

### Ways to Help

Each class has sent out a Sign Up Genius with your class booth shifts and needs. Beyond that we are still looking for volunteers in the games area. The 8th grade has created some wonderful new games for our festival but need some more support. Would you like to have some fun and help create the wonderment of the festival? Adults, graduated students and older current students are welcome to become a dragon tamer, work in the mine or become a fairy. Please contact [sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com) with your interest.

### Employer Matching Gift Program

Great news! We've received a matching donation from an employer of one of our parents. This is an exciting development! Do you or someone you know have a similar opportunity with an employer? SunRidge is always looking for new funding possibilities to provide the high-quality education that you expect. Please contact Robert Simmons, [robert24simmons@gmail.com](mailto:robert24simmons@gmail.com), as he has more information and would really like to hear from you!

**Lost & Found Donation Day #1 THIS FRIDAY**

Is your child missing any clothes? If so, head over to the Lost & Found to claim any of your child's clothing. Our first donation day will be THIS Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Clothes and other items that have been in the lost and found for more than 30 days, for the months of August and September, will be donated to local charity at the end of the day on Friday. Our Lost & Found is located in the hallway right near the pick-up area.

**FARE for Halloween –Get a pumpkin today!**

FARE stand for Food Allergy Research and Education. This group is encouraging non-food allergy free offerings for trick or treaters with the Teal Pumpkin Project. Homes with Teal Pumpkins are a "signal" that an allergy-free offering for trick or treaters is available. The SunRidge HomeSchool is offering free teal pumpkins for families in a tub near the office. There is a limited amount available; but you can make them at home! Here is more info about the Teal Pumpkin Project: <https://www.foodallergy.org/education-awareness/teal-pumpkin-project> Happy Halloween!

**Ben Klocek: Connect Before You Expect (November 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Save the date: November 5th 6:30 -8:00pm in the library with Ben Klocek

"In this age of distracted attention, striving for connection with our children gives us the relationships we need to help them grow into loving, attentive, helpful people. We will explore how an awareness of their development and our own habits of attention can guide us in building a relationship with our screen technology that is healthy and empowering for us and our children."

**Portrait Make-up/Retake Day is Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>**

For retakes, children must bring their original prints into the office prior to Wednesday, 11/7. Please indicate what you'd like done differently on the envelope.

For parents who forgot to order or are reordering, please pick up an order slip from the office and turn it back in no later than Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>. Any forms turned in after the 7th will be charged a \$20 late fee.

**Save the Dates: Parent Tea with Rick Concoff (educator/parenting coach)**

Come Join Rick Concoff, veteran Waldorf educator and parenting coach:

When: Tuesdays  
November 6, 13, 20  
1:30-2:30 pm

\*\* (see attached document for more information)

Where: In the Conference Room

What: An informal sharing and conversation about the challenges, questions, and yes, the joys of parenting emerging adolescents.

Bring: A cup, teabags, snacks (optional) to share

We'll supply: Hot water and a safe space

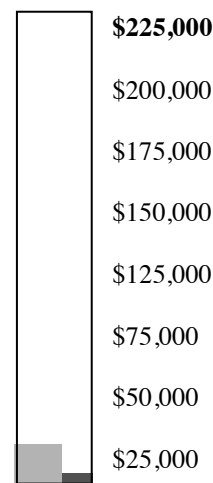
Please feel free to thank Rick with a donation. See attached article about "Parenting Martial Arts".

**2018-19 Pledge Report**

Pledges received through September 30<sup>th</sup>:  
**\$15,376**

**Pledge Participation Rate: 36%**

In the graph to the right, light grey represents the pledge revenue that was needed to be on track toward our annual goal, and the dark grey shows the amount of pledges received. The amount needed to be on track through the end of September is \$33,750.



**Copperfields School Fundraiser Next Weekend!**

November 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> is the annual Money for Schools Fundraising weekend at all Copperfield's bookstores. Our school is signed up to receive 20% of all purchases on those two days. All you have to do is mention SunRidge at the register. Help support our school while you shop for your favorite books. All the money raised goes straight to our school library!



**Faculty Meal Appreciation: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Thank you to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents for providing our faculty with a bountiful autumnal meal. The food was so beautifully presented and so nurturing. The faculty is so grateful for this sumptuous gesture!

**Attendance Matters**

Why is attendance important? Attendance is the basis of our budget and is essential for several reasons. Each absence whether excused or unexcused costs the school \$45. When 10 children are absent each day (about our average) the lost income for the year is over \$87,500 annually. Secondly, SunRidge offers an education that is collaborative, social and experiential. Your child misses out when late or absent. Lastly, as a school of choice we ask for parent support in providing this education. It is respectful of everyone's efforts and especially the teachers, to ensure your child is here on time every day.

What are excused absences? Valid excuses include illness, doctor's or dentist appointments. Please limit absences to times when your child is ill or injured and inform the office of the reason for the absence.

What does truant mean? In California, a student is truant if he/she is absent or tardy by more than 30 minutes without a valid excuse on 3 occasions in a school year. A student is considered habitually truant if he/she is absent without a valid excuse for 5 or more days during a school year.

Chronic absence is defined as being absent for any reason (excused or unexcused) for 10% or more of the school year, thus a student who misses 18 days or more is “chronically absent”. Last year, our district’s chronic absenteeism average was less than 7% while SunRidge’s chronic absenteeism was 16%.

### Seamstress Volunteer Needed

Our kindergartens are in need of a volunteer seamstress to create 4 extra kindergarten sets (two per class). The sets include: a bag, apron, pillowcase, and a few napkins). We will provide the fabric if you can provide your expertise! Please contact Makena or Kalen if you are interested [mcollin@twinhillsusd.org](mailto:mcollin@twinhillsusd.org) or [kwood@twinhillsusd.org](mailto:kwood@twinhillsusd.org)

### Prospective Parent Tours

Do you know of parents who are interested in sending their child(ren) to SunRidge next year? If so, please spread the word that there are prospective parent tours of grades 1-8 from 9-10:15am on the following dates: December 5<sup>th</sup>, January 16<sup>th</sup> and February 13<sup>th</sup>. For those interested please sign up with Erin in the office or by calling (707) 824-2844.

### Hot Lunch Order Forms for November/December

For November/December Hot Lunch, grades 3-8 can order by filling out the Hot Lunch form and attaching payment. Forms and payment can be dropped off in the Hot Lunch folder that is attached to Erin’s desk in the office. Pick up your form outside the office or download it online at <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/hot-lunch-program.html>

### Hiring Update

We are seeking wonderful people for the following positions:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Aide
- After Care Coordinator and Assistant

Job descriptions and applications are available on the Twin Hills Union School District website.

### Classified + Community Events

At the end of every week’s bulletin, a section titled Community Events will appear containing happenings in the community that may be of interest to SunRidge families. The Classified section will follow containing not-for-profit ads regarding housing, items for sale, and other community needs. Please email your requests for these sections to Makena in the SunRidge office [mcollin@twinhillsusd.org](mailto:mcollin@twinhillsusd.org) for review and possible placement in future bulletins. Requests should be submitted no later than the end of the day on Monday every week.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Social Dance Opportunity

Want your middle schooler to learn social dance in an inclusive environment? Kenna Lee, a SunRidge mother, is organizing a teacher for kids who prefer to learn ballroom dance without strict gender roles (panty hose purely optional). You can choose whether you are a leader or follower each class. Contact Kenna at [kenna@milliontinythings.com](mailto:kenna@milliontinythings.com) or 707-

235-7576 if you want to be on the email list for dates and times.

### RISE Workshop (Young Women Ages 11-14)

The RISE workshop is designed to be an alternative to the traditional ‘sex-ed’ class given in public schools around the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. In a comprehensive, nurturing and informative environment, girls are introduced to an overview of the anatomy of their reproductive systems. The class continues with an in-depth explanation of menses and the physical, emotional and spiritual changes girls may be feeling at this important time in their lives. The RISE workshop strives to teach girls to celebrate their bodies and selves with a self-respecting approach based in information. The class includes yoga, a question and answer forum, and culminates in a creative arts session; wherein the girls compose a beautiful, self-expressive full size spirit portrait.

Group size is limited to ensure individualized attention. See attached flyer for more information. Or contact Maggie at (707) 583-9518 or Jessica at (707) 843-1415.

**Please sign up by Saturday Oct. 20 to reserve a spot!**

### Analy High School Parent Preview Days

Join us for a guided tour of our school and learn more about our excellent programs. November 5, February 4 from 9-11am. See attached flyer for other important dates for prospective parents.

### Being Adept Offers: Beautiful Boy Film Screening Fundraiser **DATE CHANGE**

Parents and older student bodies are invited to attend an early screening of *Beautiful Boy*, the true story of a local boy’s addiction to methamphetamines and his relationship with family and friends, particularly his father during this harrowing time. This event is sure to spark some honest conversation among family members. A reception following the movie will feature Dr. David Smith, a famous addiction doctor and the founder of the Haight-Ashbury free clinics. There will also be a panel of young adult recovered addicts to offer perspective. This event is a fundraiser for Being Adept to underwrite programs for disadvantaged schools.

#### When/Where:

Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018  
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

CineArts at Sequoia & Piazza D’Angelo Restaurant  
25 Throckmorton Avenue  
Mill Valley, CA 94941

Please visit the following link for tickets:

[https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-screening-of-beautiful-boy-stars-steve-carell-timothee-chalamet-tickets-50615362913?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTUyMTMzNTEvYmVpbmdhZGVvdEBnbWFpbC5jb20vMA%3D%3D%0A&utm\\_source=eb\\_email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=invitefor\\_malv2&utm\\_term=eventpage](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/early-screening-of-beautiful-boy-stars-steve-carell-timothee-chalamet-tickets-50615362913?ref=enivtefor001&invite=MTUyMTMzNTEvYmVpbmdhZGVvdEBnbWFpbC5jb20vMA%3D%3D%0A&utm_source=eb_email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=invitefor_malv2&utm_term=eventpage)

### Sonoma County Diversity & Inclusivity Summit

The Diversity and Inclusivity Summit is bringing teens, interested parents and adults from all over Sonoma County

together to learn how to make our communities more welcoming places. Each summit will begin with a presentation followed by breakout discussions. Let's share our difference and our similarities and see how we can create a more inclusive community celebrating our diversity.

Dates & Topics (6:30-8:30pm):

**November 26** Recognizing Ethnicity and Incorporating Diversity

**December 10** Supporting Teens who are Trans

**January 28** LGBTQ Inclusion and Support

**February 25** Embracing Those Living with a Chronic Illness or Disability

**April 8** Creating a Culture of Inclusion

Bring a friend! Sessions meet at Congregation Shomrei Torah  
2600 Bennett Valley Rd. Santa Rosa

### Sebastopol Family Dances

Come celebrate the fall series of Sebastopol Family Dances, which is followed by a community contra dance. Live music, easy to learn, all ages on the following dates (4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month):

October 27 (wear a costume)

November 24

Where: Wischemann Hall, 465 Morris St.

When: 5-6:30pm

Tickets: \$5/person and \$10/family

More info at [nbcds.org](http://nbcds.org)

### CLASSIFIED

(We can list rentals; parents selling used items, free items, lost and found, or trades. With the exception of private, after-school care available for SunRidge students, we do not list for-profit business ads.

After 2-3 publications, ads will automatically be dropped)

### Office Help Wanted in Santa Rosa

Small office and project based

Part Time 10-15 hours per week (20 Max)

9 am – 1 pm

Monday - Friday

#### Needed Experience

Administrative

Windows OS

Microsoft Office with Excel

Bookkeeping

Telephone

Send Resume to: [resume@remotesatellite.com](mailto:resume@remotesatellite.com) and or call

Robert or Beth at (707) 545-8199

### Seeking Housing

A friend, and supporter of SunRidge School, is seeking immediate housing in or near Sebastopol. Privacy and community are both desired! I'm a respectful, kind, open-hearted vegetarian. I seek a home free of drugs, smoking, and indoor cats. Would love a quiet, nature-ful and harmonious home, biking distance to SunRidge School. Prefer long-term rental but immediate short-term rental is possible. Contact Lisa Quigley: 707-360-1760 or [lisavidya@yahoo.com](mailto:lisavidya@yahoo.com).

### Vacation Rental

Temporary house for rent during the holidays. You can rent for the two months or for part of it. It's a 4 bedroom/ 2 bath house. Great for your holiday guests as it is close to Sebastopol downtown and easy access to Hwy 116.

Contact Carol 235-0641 or [carola@sonic.net](mailto:carola@sonic.net)

### Got Planting Containers?

I am looking for about ten 15 to 20 gallon plastic planting pots for transplanting bamboo. Do you have any lying around that you are willing to part with? I was buying used ones at Harmony but they are sold out. Doh! Thanks, Ann ([annh@pacific.net](mailto:annh@pacific.net))