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CALENDAR

Mon., November 19th –Fri., November 23rd:
No School –Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday, November 27th:

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

Tuesday, November 27th:

Charter Council Meeting
6-9pm in Handwork Room

Wednesday, November 28th:

Dine + Donate @ Papas & Pollo
All Day (see article)

Wednesday, November 28th:

Site Committee Meeting
2pm

Wednesday, November 28th:

8th Grade Play (2 performances)
8:35am-10:35am
6:00pm-8:00pm
Gym

Thursday, November 29th:

Winter Spiral 2nd-5th Grades
(See article for exact times)

Friday, November 30th:

Winter Spiral 1st, 6th & 8th Grade
(See article for exact times)

Friday, December 1st:

Winter Spiral DF, MS & 7th Grade
(See article for exact times)

Monday, December 3rd:

Parent Council Meeting
7pm in Library

Wednesday, December 5th:

Prospective Parent Tour (Grades)
9:15-10:15am

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

11/14/18

School Closed Monday, November 19th through Friday, November 23rd for Thanksgiving Break!

Air Quality Update

It was wonderful to see all our students this morning! We are happy to report that we have air purifiers in all K-8 classrooms thanks to our amazing parent community. All activities such as recess, games/movement and gardening class will be held indoors until the air quality improves. Attached is SCOE's (Sonoma County Office of Education) protocol around Air Quality and school closures for your reference.

Coat Drive

Inspired by the story of Martin, who shared half of his woolen coat on a cold winter night with someone who had no cloak or shelter, the HomeSchool is sponsoring a Coat Drive for the month of November. We are collecting coats in good condition to donate to The Living Room a day center that serves homeless and at risk women and children. If you have a coat to donate, look for the Coat Drive coat boxes located near the office and pick up areas. You can also leave them in the HomeSchool room. Thank you.

Dine and Donate @ Papas & Pollo Wednesday, November 28th

Come support our school and a fantastic local restaurant all in one day! There will be a dine and donate day at Papas and Pollo in Sebastopol on Wednesday, November 28th. Dine in or take out at any point during the day and mention SunRidge. A portion of the proceeds from your bill will be donated back to our school. Encourage your friends and family to participate as well. Hope to see you there!

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, as he has more information and would really like to hear from you!

New Winter Spiral Information

As autumn gives way to winter, numerous cultures hold traditions to embrace light within the darkest time of the year. We invite you to celebrate our Winter Spiral to experience the light each child gives as she/he walks the Winter Spiral with her/his class. Families are invited to dress in festive attire. For safety reasons, tie long hair back and avoid full skirts and dresses. In order to maintain a quiet atmosphere, we ask families with younger siblings to sit next to an exit in case they become restless and need to be taken outside of the building. Please leave cameras at home. Please see flyer (attached) for more details regarding the event!

Thursday, 11/29	Arrival	Ceremony
2 nd Grade	4:25pm	4:30 to 5:25
3 rd Grade	5:25pm	5:30 to 6:25
4 th Grade	6:25pm	6:30 to 7:25
5 th Grade	7:25pm	7:30 to 8:25

Friday, 11/30	Arrival	Ceremony
1 st Grade	4:50pm	5:00 to 5:55
6 th Grade	5:50pm	6:00 to 6:55
8 th Grade	6:50pm	7:00 to 7:55
Saturday, 12/1	Arrival	Ceremony
Dragonfly K	3:20pm	3:30 to 4:25
Morning Star K	4:20pm	4:30 to 5:25
7 th Grade	5:50pm	6:00 to 6:55
Monday, 12/3		
HomeSchool (in room)		

Supplies Needed for Winter Spiral

Below is a list of items needed for the Winter Spiral, which is the week after Thanksgiving Break.

- Evergreens (please contact Makena, mcollin@twinhillsusd.org, to let us know)
- Strings of lights
- Battery operated candles
- Packs of tea lights

Please label items with your name if you would like anything to be returned. All items, except the evergreen boughs, can be dropped off starting Monday, 11/26. Boughs can be dropped off in front of the gym Thursday morning, November 29th. Thank you!

Meal Appreciation Goes To 5th Grade Parents

We would like to send a big thank you to our 5th grade parents for providing faculty and staff with a delicious meal during our First Aid training last week. The tamales, salad, drinks and desserts were such a treat!

Next Parent Tea with Rick Concoff 11/27

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

When: Tuesdays
November 27, December 4 + 11
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".

Emergency Planning Continues

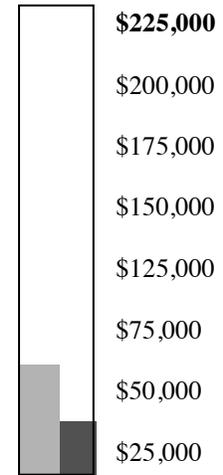
Faculty and staff met with RESIG (Redwood Empire School Insurance Group, SunRidge's insurance provider) staff to review emergency procedures on October 25th and were trained in first aid on November 8th. We value opportunities to prepare for possible emergencies and encourage family's to discuss a family plan for a home emergency such as fire or earthquake. Attached is a link to a RESIG document that provides more information. Please read it as it provides a handy list of emergency contact numbers and provides an overview of safety measures, such as student release procedures, we will implement if an emergency occurs while students are on campus.

NEW 2018-19 Pledge Report

Pledges received through October 31st:
\$40,000

Pledge Participation Rate: 43%

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 October is \$56,250.



<http://www.sunridgeschool.org/quick-reference-information.html>

November is Fundraising Check-In Month!

Are you certain you're all signed up with SunRidge's online fundraising sources?

AmazonSmile and eScrip sign-ups are quick and easy, add SunRidge Educational Foundation to your giving list today. Follow the links below to get started, or see it all at our school fundraising page: <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/whole-food-market-scrip-e-scrip-and-store-cards.html>

Before your holiday shopping gets rolling, take a few minutes to add AmazonSmile to your browsing bar and choose SunRidge Educational Foundation in Sebastopol, CA as the organization you support. Use it every time you shop through Amazon, and our school foundation will earn 0.5% of your purchase! Grandma, Grandpa, Aunts and Uncles can all make their purchases fund our school. <https://smile.amazon.com/>

With eScrip you register your purchasing cards or club card account and local merchants give 2-5% of your purchases back to our school! See what your shopping can do at: <https://www.escrip.com>. If you're already a member, check your account to be sure your cards are up to date. When your cards expire, so do the benefits!

Thank you for taking the time to check in, and for keeping SunRidge on your "nice" list!

14 Children's Books That Promote a Growth Mindset

Below is a link with suggestions for fourteen books that let kids know it's OK to not at first succeed, that failure and challenges can be viewed as opportunities rather than dead ends, and that determination often results in a far better

outcome than being perfect.

<https://selfsufficientkids.com/growth-mindset-childrens-books/>

Hot Lunch Contact Change

November 1st marks the change over for parent volunteers in charge of the Hot Lunch Fundraiser. The new contact person for hot Lunch orders is Miho Pizzorno, parent to Miako in 6th grade. She can be reached at (707) 799-1734

or mihocommunitymarket@gmail.com. Please contact her regarding your hot lunch orders. You can pick up your form outside the office or download it online at <http://www.sunridgeschool.org/hot-lunch-program.html>

Hiring Update

We have hired a math instructor! Lisa Quigley has taught middle school science in the Sonoma Valley and has a strong background in environmental science. She has found housing and purchased a car after teaching outside of the country for several months and is now becoming familiar with the new math curriculum we are using and is meeting with each of the class teachers to understand where each class is. Ms. Q, as she will have the students call her, will start as soon as her paperwork is cleared. Stay tuned!

We are still seeking wonderful people for the following positions:

- 1st 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 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

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 (4th Saturday of the month):

November 24

Where: Wischemann Hall, 465 Morris St.

When: 5-6:30pm

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

More info at 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)

SunRidge Family Seeking Transportation Help

We are seeking a SunRidge family to help with transportation to and from school for our kinder and 2nd grader. Mom's health makes it difficult to drive. We live just off Hwy 12 as you enter Sebastopol. Please contact us if you feel you are able to help. (707) 703-7990 or aharlin@yahoo.com. We are able to give up to \$400.00 compensation for your help with this.

Seeking a Farm/House sitter

Looking for farm/house sitter to feed and care for our animals from 12/26/18-1/28/19. Our place is located off Fredricks Road in South Sebastopol and is 7 minutes from SunRidge. Please contact Leslie at (707) 260-4277 or lesliewiser@gmail.com

SustainaBee Looking for Hive Space

Do you have space on your property to place 50 hives (or more) and want to help increase the bee population and stimulate the pollination of plants in West County? If so, SustainaBee is looking for partners starting Spring 2019 to host hives for 6-8 months a year! It won't take up your time, bees are great for the environment, and you can look forward to some of the wonderful honey in the fall that the bees have made through the season. For more information, email or call Amber at amber@sustainabee.com / (310) 892-6791.

Don't have the space to place 50 hives but still interested in becoming a host? Check out our website at sustainabee.com/hosting-hives/ for more information on how you can get involved in helping your local honeybee populations while receiving benefits."

Child Care Extraordinaire with Joti Shephi

Available: Monday through Wednesday

Cost:

\$10 per hour per child when there are more than 2 children

\$12.50 per hour with 2 children

What you will get:

An experienced, one-of-a-kind, highly recommended, talented childcare provider. Joti has worked with children for over two decades in classrooms, gardens, camps and as a nanny. She takes children outdoors, sings with them and does crafting of all sorts. She tends to the children and their family's needs with nurturing and responsible care. She gets along well with animals and leaves the house cleaner than she finds it. She is clear in her communication and is always open to feedback and learning what works best for each child. To find out more please text or email her at jotishephi@gmail.com or 510-847-6543

What people are sharing about Joti:

"Joti is an excellent nanny! She was part time with us- our 3 year old son, for over a year. She is honest, dependable, trustworthy, lovable, funny, creative, and always has a twinkle in her eye. My son loves her and she loves him, I couldn't ask for anything more "
-Jennifer Osterman

"Joti is amazing with our kids (1 and 3 years old). We feel so grateful to have had her in our lives. Her care and creativity with them is some fo the best we've experienced and would recommend her to anyone."
-Emily Hirsh

"My daughter loves being with Joti!! She always comes back with bits of songs or stories about their adventures like tracking, or building forts or other wild woodland things. Adventure care with Joti is awesome. "
-Linda Basso

Quigley at lisavidya@yahoo.com.

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 and or call Robert or Beth at (707) 545-8199

House for Rent

1250 sq ft. Available Dec 1st. We're renting the bottom level of our house on a peaceful lane near Lynch Road. We have a 5 year-old boy and 4 kitties so could consider a dog but no more cats. We have a trampoline, zip line, tree house & hot tub so we're very family friendly.

We are looking for a kind family, a maximum of 4 people who want to share the responsibilities and bounty of chickens and a garden, enjoy mainly organic/non GMO foods, humanely raised meat and limit screen time for children. \$2200/month plus security.

Please respond by texting Rose, (415) 948-4919, with details of your situation, such as your employment history and what your housing needs are. The more you can tell us about yourself and other applicants, the better. Thank you!

For Rent: 4 bedroom/2bath house

4 bedroom/2bath house for rent on Gravenstein Hwy South. We are looking for like-minded folks to share this property amongst a natural builder, midwife, yoga teacher, and musician...Unfortunately no pets. Great location yet is right on the highway! Rent is \$2700/month. Please email carola@sonic.net or call Carol at 235-0641

Looking for a Mattress

A friend and supporter of SunRidge School, who has recently returned to Sebastopol, is in need of a full-sized mattress. If your family has one for a reasonable price, please contact Lisa