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CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 5th:

Class 2 Parent Evening

Thursday, December 6th:

**Kindergarten Parent Evening
6-8pm**

Friday, December 7th:

**Lost and Found Donation Day
(see article)**

Tuesday, December 11th:

Rick Concoff –Parent Tea

Tuesday, December 11th:

**2nd Grade Lantern Walk
6-7pm**

Wednesday, December 12th:

**6th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:00pm**

Thursday, December 13th:

4th Grade Parent Evening

Friday, December 14th:

**8th Grade Sponsored Dance
(7th/8th)**

Monday, December 17th:

3rd Grade Parent Evening

Tuesday, December 18th:

**Charter Council Meeting
6-9pm
Handwork Room**

Friday, December 21st:

Winter Assembly

Friday, December 21st:

**Grades Early Release
12:50pm 1-4
1:00pm 5-8**

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

12/5/18

*The gift of light we thankfully take
But it shall not be alone for our sake
The more we give light, the one to the other
It grows and spreads, and shine even farther
Until every heart, by love set aflame
All round the earth, great joy shall proclaim
Not long shall continue the darkness of year
The light draws near*

A few reminders:

- Save the Date: Winter Assembly is Friday, December 21st more information to follow.
- Friday, December 21st is a Grades Early Release Day
 - 12:50pm 1-4
 - 1:00pm 5-8
- School will be closed for Winter Break from Monday, December 24th through Friday, January 4th.
- School will resume on Monday, January 7th.

Winter Spiral Appreciations

Our hearts are full of gratitude for all the helpers who made our Winter Spiral such a beautiful event. Thank you to those parents who donated Evergreens especially, Allie McCann, Diedra Warner, and Gabriel Fowler. Also to all of those who lent us crystals, stone, candles, shells, apples, holly and extra support during each of the class spirals. Thank you to our faculty for their collaborative efforts to create such a wonderful spiral. What a beautiful tradition that allows us to see each child and class grow from year to year. We will hold the image of each child's glowing candle to bring light to us as the nights continue to get longer.

Lost and Found Donation Day #2 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 second donation day will be THIS Friday, December 7th. Clothes and other items that have been in the lost and found for more than 30 days, for the month of October, 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.

Drop-off/Pick-up Reminders

Just a reminder to use the yellow loading zone in the front of the school as a quick drop-off area in order to keep traffic flowing in the morning. Please do not release your child from the car while stopped in the street or driveway of the front parking lot. Also, if you arrive early for pick-up and your child has not been released yet, we ask that you park in the designated parking spots in the back of the school instead of sitting in the pick-up lane. This will allow traffic to circulate. Thank you for your understanding.

Looking For After Care Coordinator & Assistant

We are still seeking wonderful people for the following two positions:

- After Care Coordinator
- After Care Assistant

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

Library News

I just want to thank our wonderful library volunteers for their efforts in entering books in our digital system, hosting classes in the library and shelving books. Thank you to Bill Kenney, Yvette Simone, Sue Bonner, Brandy Rucker, Trieneke Kylstra, and Miho Pizzorno.

We welcome those of you who might be interested in working in the library in the New Year. We are always happy to have more help. Please email Dianne at diannenamkung@gmail.com to share your interest. Thanks!

Let's Improve SunRidge's Chronic Absenteeism Rate

Students miss school for a number of reasons including illness, vacations, lack of transportation, family medical emergencies, and funerals. The California State Board of Education voted recently to add chronic absenteeism data for K-8th grade students to the California School Dashboard; the dashboard measures schools and districts based on academic performance, suspension rates, and other student data. Chronic absenteeism is defined as not attending 10% or more of school days regardless of whether the absences are excused or unexcused. For 2017-18, the California state chronic absenteeism rate is 11%; Sonoma County's 2017-18 absenteeism rate was 12%; Twin Hills Union School District rate was 7.4%; SunRidge's rate was 18%. A nonprofit group, Attendance Works, notes that by third grade, students who have been chronically absent often are not reading at grade level. Students that come to school consistently, on time, well-rested, and having eaten a healthy breakfast are ready for the great education and experience SunRidge offers – please help us improve our school's attendance rate. You can do that by having your child attend school for Main Lesson and scheduling appointments or early pickups afterwards.

Last Parent Tea with Rick Concoff 12/11

Tuesday December 11th is the last meeting! Come join Rick Concoff, veteran Waldorf educator and parenting coach:

When: Tuesday
December 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".

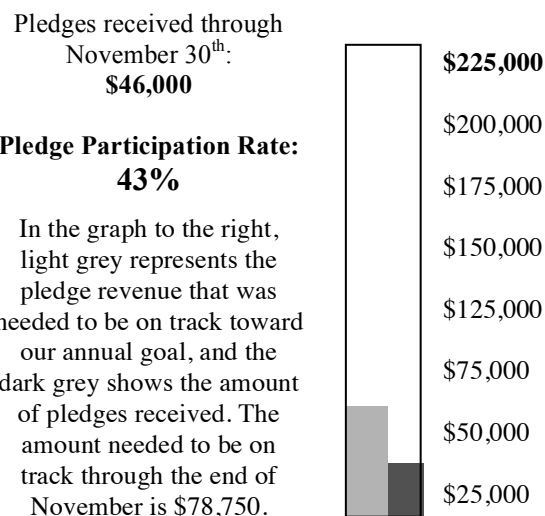
New Hot Lunch Order Form for January/February!

Hot lunch forms for January and February are now available. You can find a copy on our website, or outside the office. If you have any questions you can contact Miho Pizzorno at mihocommunitymarket@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting this 6th grade fundraiser!

Parents Guide to Head Lice

Visit this link to access California Department of Public Health's parent guide to head lice. This is a great resource with easy steps to control head lice.
<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/CDPH%20Document%20Library/AParentsGuidetoHeadLice.pdf>

NEW 2018-19 Pledge Report



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

Winter Classes for Grades K-6

The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center is offering winter classes for grades K-6 December 15, 2018-January 7, 2019. Gingerbread Doghouses, kids night, animation, movie making, cooking, cartooning and more!

Register online today at schulzmuseum.org/learn/classes-camps or (707) 284-1272
Free assistance is available.

Wildfire Mental Health Collaborative

Healthcare Foundation Northern Sonoma County, through Wildfire Mental Health Collaborative offers free help for those recovering from the devastating fires of 2017. Drop-in counseling sessions, individual/group counseling, download free app Sonoma Rises, online wellness self-assessment at www.mysonomastrong.com, restorative yoga and meditation sessions, and mental health professionals available to work with your group. Call or text NAMI Sonoma County confidentially at (866) 960-6264 or visit www.mysonomastrong.com

LifeWays Holiday Season FREE Mini Course

LifeWays North America is offering a free online mini

course to create your family vision for the holiday season. Online Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, 2018. Click here for more information or to register: https://lifewaysnorthamerica.org/workshops_training/december-visioning-a-free-online-mini-retreat/

Angel Doll Workshop

Join us for an Angel Doll Workshop with Truth on Thursday, December 13th, 9:30am to 4:00pm. This workshop will be held in the downtown area at Petaluma Avenue Homes. To sign-up call 707-573-1685. The cost for the workshop is \$76.

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):

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

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)

Waldorf Dolls and Woollies

The Q'ewar project in Andahuaylillas, Perú is a cooperative of indigenous women who make the most exquisite Waldorf dolls, doll clothing, and wool clothing for children and adults. They are striving to create a Waldorf school for their children and generations to come. So far they have a nursery, a kindergarten, and an after-school music program. Their workshops are well aired, clean, and beautiful. They also have a couple of humble but beautiful rooms for volunteers who want to support this social transformation initiative. The project provides a dignifying source of work for the women in one of the most neglected areas of the country. Here in northern California, the Ronan family has supported this non-project organization since its creation in 2002. There are also a couple of Waldorf teachers from Vermont very committed to this cause. Please consider reaching out to Marcela at 707 318 5603 or spanisharts@sbcglobal.net to see their offerings or visit q'ewarproject.com for more info. Prices range from \$7.00 to \$125.00. Totals of more than \$200.00 are considered donations so we are happy to provide a tax exemption letter for you. Playhouse dolls, math gnomes, little people, baby dolls of many sizes, medium dolls, big dolls, and more are available at the best prices and quality. Each product is an artistic labor of love. All your money goes back to the project. We take

cash, or checks made to Friends of Q'ewar or Venmo. Felices Fiestas!

Move Over Mozart

Move Over Mozart mid-year piano recitals are at the end of January. Piano Lessons AT school AFTER school one day a week. \$35 per month!

This is a great time for new students to join! End of Year piano recitals are in May. To register or for more info go to: MozartPianoLearning.com DIRECTOR: LYNN FLECK (707) 824-0307 MoveOverMozart@gmail.com

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.

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."

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