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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 10th:
2nd Grade Play
6pm

Thursday, April 11th:
SRJC Dental Day
8:45am-12:00pm

Thursday, April 11th:
Spring Concert (see article)
6pm

Friday, April 12th:
Early Release Day
Grades 1-3 12:50pm
Grades 4-8 1:00pm

Friday, April 12th:
Lost and Found Donation Day

Saturday, April 13th:
Home School Orientation

Monday, April 15th –Friday, April 19th:
School Closed –Spring Break

Monday, April 22nd:
8th Grade Presentations

Tuesday, April 23rd:
Spring Fling Planning
2-3pm

Tuesday, April 23rd:
6th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:00pm

Wednesday, April 24th:
8th Grade Project Presentations

Wednesday, April 24th:
Graduation Committee Meeting #2
2:15-2:45pm

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

4/10/2019

Spring is here! Just a reminder that school will be closed next week for Spring Break

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Friday, April 12th is an early release day for the grades

Pick up protocol

A parent and a faculty member recently observed on different occasions that parents picking up students in the back parking lot were driving in the opposing lane to pass cars that were waiting to pick up their kids. There is no safe way to get around the line of cars waiting. Parents picking up children are to park in the parking area, not the driveway and loading areas. Please be courteous and park in the parking area if your child is not at the pickup area. The faculty are doing their best to dismiss all the children on time everyday for pick-up. Together we can make pickup flow smoothly and safely.

Save the Date:

- **Spring Fling:** Mark your calendars for the Spring Fling, which will be on Saturday, May 18th. More information to follow!

Spring Concert

Our annual 5th-8th grade Spring Concert will be on Thursday, April 11th. Students are working hard in both choir and orchestra to prepare a wonderful evening of music! The concert begins at 6pm. All students performing in choir should arrive no later than 5:45pm. Students performing in orchestra should arrive no later than 5:30pm to warm up.

As this is the only after-school event required by the music program, we ask that all students' grades 5-8 prioritize this concert above their usual Thursday evening activities. It is important that all grades have full attendance to support each other on stage.

Students are to wear their class colors in combination with black and white. Students performing in orchestra must be able to remove or cover their colorful item of clothing easily to perform in black and white for orchestra. Class colors are as follows:

- Grade 5: Yellow
- Grade 6: Red
- Grade 7: Blue
- Grade 8: Purple

Thank you for supporting our students in making beautiful music!

New Aftercare Coordinator Hired

We are pleased to announce that we have hired Kim Hoch as our new Aftercare Coordinator. She is currently in training with Deanna this week and will start full time after spring break. Feel free to come by and introduce yourself to Ms. Kim and Ms. Cynthia (our Aftercare Assistant).

We would also like to express our eternal gratitude for Deanna. She has played a quintessential role in developing and mentoring our program for the past two years. Aftercare would not be what it is today without Deanna's remarkable vision and dedication. Her grounded approach to working with our community will leave its mark on this program. Deanna will continue to mentor Kim during this transition. While she is going to miss everyone here at SunRidge, she is looking forward to retiring and focusing her time on other interests. Thank you Deanna for all you have given to our school, you're truly a gem!

Pledge Appeal

By virtue of your child being enrolled at SunRidge School, we know you support Public Waldorf Education and the robust curriculum that SunRidge delivers. As you may know, there is a budget gap between state funding for intellectual development and academic achievement and the actual cost of a vibrant, holistic Public Waldorf Education. Voluntary parent pledges are needed to help close this gap. This is why pledge is important.

- Parents pledge because gardening fosters in their child a life-long love of the land by introducing sustainable ecological concepts and practices.
- Parents pledge because they hear beautiful music and lovely songs from their child.
- Parents pledge because their child enjoys communal, nutritious snacks prepared with classmates and parent volunteers.
- Parents pledge because of the handwork skills their child learns through the grades.
- Parents pledge because they value having instructional aides support students and teachers in the classroom.
- Parents pledge because they support their child's education being a whole child experience that fosters a love of learning.

These are only a few highlights of why parents pledge, so simply put, we need your pledge to offer the programs you chose for your children at SunRidge.

Last year we raised \$75,000 between April 1 and June 30 and met our goal. This year we need to raise \$85,000 by June 30. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive for 100% participation. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive for contributing a fair share of the pledge total. These incentives support each classes' field trip funds.

Please help us achieve our goal of 100% participation this year!

7th Grade Rummage Sale

****Date Change!**** Donation day will be Friday, April 26th from 8:30am-3:30pm in the gym. If you've been spring-cleaning, purging or "tidying up", please consider setting aside your unwanted (but in good condition!) items to help raise funds for Ms. Gosling's class field trip fund! Unfortunately we don't have storage space and renting it is not economical, so only a few more weeks of hanging on to things if you have been- thank you!

Lost and Found Donation Day THIS Friday

In the spring-cleaning spirit, it's time for another lost and found donation day! Items in the lost and found that do not have a name on them will be donated this coming Friday, 4/12. Please head over to the lost and found this week to claim any items that might belong to your child.

Library News

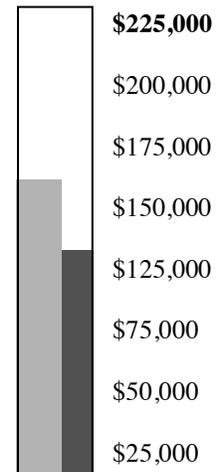
SunRidge Library would like to thank the 6 squires from the

NEW 2018-19 Pledge Report

Pledges received through March 15th:
\$125,830

**Pledge Participation Rate:
55%**

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 March is \$168,750.



6th grade who worked in the library shelving and organizing books a few weeks ago. They were a pleasure to work with and very industrious. Thank you to Galen, Daniel, Elias, Lorenzo, Ari and Quinlan.

State Testing Information

Students in grades 3-8 will be taking the annual online state tests based on the Common Core standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will take an online test of the Science Standards. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher and/or Ms. Kalen.

The Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) created these tests, and the test is known as the California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP). Our students completed these tests last year and scored better than the county and state averages in all subjects. Testing provides information regarding where student achievement is strong as well as areas where instruction and learning could be improved. Here is the schedule for 2019:

- 3rd, 4th & 8th grades will test from April 22 - May 3
- 5th will test on specific days between May 6 – 31 (due to a field trip)
- 6th and 7th will test from May 13 – 31

SunRidge schedules these tests over the course of two weeks with a week for make-ups. This allows for students to take sections of each test over several days and integrates the testing schedule into our regular schedule of classes. Testing begins during main lesson so it is important for students to arrive on time, well rested and fed.

As a public school, we are required to test students in grades 3-8. If we have fewer than 95% of our students test we will fail to meet our expected participation goal and as such may be designated as a school in need of intervention.

We encourage students to take the test and learn from the experience.

We are consciously integrating the Common Core standards with Waldorf's developmental philosophy and pedagogy. The faculty use a resource published by the Alliance for Public Waldorf Education, as well as Common Core aligned resources, for integrating standards within blocks of study. Students are provided with opportunities to practice assignments similar to the tests to become familiar with content, types of questions and test-format.

As you know, annual state testing is one indicator of student progress. Multiple measures ensure that the whole child is seen from a variety of perspectives. SunRidge students are assessed in a school-wide reading screening several times a year. In addition, your child's teacher records students' academic progress through observation, presentations and projects, work samples, main lesson books, artwork, quizzes and tests. We want to encourage students (and parents) to view these tests as one kind of assessment. In preparing students for testing, the faculty cultivates a positive attitude of doing one's best, for we are always learning and growing!

Did you know there are Investment Opportunities that will also benefit SunRidge School?

The SunRidge Educational Foundation has been searching for socially minded investment opportunities and recently met with Rudolf Steiner Foundation (RSF) Social Finance, based in San Francisco. RSF Social Finance has a Waldorf Affinity Program via their Social Investment Fund, designed as an investment opportunity for individuals and families to place savings which will aid communities selected on the basis of their social benefit and also support local schools with grants.

Funds invested in the Waldorf Affinity Program – Social Investment Fund earn interest annually (currently 1.25%) and the identified Waldorf School (e.g.

SunRidge via the SunRidge Educational Foundation) will receive an annual grant from RSF, which totals 0.50% of the investments gathered from the school's community. A minimum investment for this program is \$1,000. Individual accounts need to be kept open for 12 months for SunRidge to receive the 0.50% grant.

More information on RSF Social Finance can be found at <https://rsfsocialfinance.org/> and information on opening a Social Investment Fund account can be found at <https://rsfsocialfinance.org/invest/social-investment-fund/>. This is a great way to have your savings work for both you and for the SunRidge community as a whole.

100 years of Waldorf: Videos and more!

"The first Waldorf school was founded in Stuttgart in 1919. Today there are over 1,100 Waldorf schools and almost 2,000 Waldorf kindergartens in some 80 countries around the globe. We are making our Centennial an occasion to further develop Waldorf education for contemporary times, and focus more consciously on its global dimensions, with many exciting projects on all continents. Keep your ears and eyes open, and

be part of the movement: 100 years are just the beginning!" Here is a link to videos that highlight Waldorf Education: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChcWrD-n5LO3ZRiTrHgaqUA>

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

Film Screening *In the Parlor* TONIGHT

TONIGHT, Wednesday April 10th, at the Sebastopol Grange, you have the unique opportunity to meet director and producer Heidi Boucher and view her film about home funerals, "In the Parlor".

Heidi is an anthroposophist who lived and worked with Nancy Poer. The film portrays an intimate view of death and mourning and the healing forces of gathering in community for home funerals.

This event is a fundraiser for Final Passages. Doors open at 6pm with homemade food and goodies available before the film viewing at 6:30 pm. Heidi will lead a discussion afterwards. Suggested Donation \$10-30 at the door.

Credo Clue on Stage

Credo's Theater Club invites you to come to see their first show Clue on Stage! A completely student-run production full or color, twists and laughter.

It's a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well . . . dead. So whodunnit? Join the iconic oddballs known as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock, and Mustard as they race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist.

When:

Wednesday, 4/10

Thursday, 4/11

Friday, 4/12

7pm at Credo High School in Rohnert Park

Tickets: \$10 for students \$15 for adults

Advance tickets available at:

Solstice Yoga and Nature Camp ☀

Summer 2019 Dates

Session 1: July 1st-3rd & July 5th

Session 2: July 8-12th
 Time: 9 am- 2 pm
 Age: 5-12yrs
 Location: The Permaculture Skills Center in Sebastopol, CA
 Instructors: Lauren Ohlsen (SunRidge parent) and Kelly Schwartz-Deal

More info on our website or email or call
kelitagirl1@gmail.com
 (707) 321-7707
<http://www.solsticeyogakids.com>
 Sign up early, spaces are filling fast!

Summer Theater Camp 2019: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Come join us for 3 weeks of theatrical learning and fun as we bring to life the magical world of William Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream with Liz Turkel Vose!

Our days together will include: theatrical and traditional games, improvisation, characterization, voice work and speech, storytelling, movement, history of Shakespeare and his work, stage fundamental, ensemble work, costuming, and the exciting work of staging and performing a play.

Ages: 10-14
 Dates: July 15-August 2 (public performance on Aug. 2)
 Times: Monday-Friday 9am-2pm
 Location: Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm
 655 Willowside Rd., Santa Rosa, CA
 Tuition: \$750 (675 Early Bird Rate when you register by March 29)

For registration information and forms, please email:
lizturkel@gmail.com
 For more information please see attached flyer.

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)

Teacher Training Accommodations Needed

This summer Sebastopol Charter School and Summerfield Waldorf School will be hosting teacher-training conferences. Teachers from around the region will join together in your community. Often times accommodation poses challenges for teachers, whether financial or due to the distance from the event. To alleviate this issue as well as to create connections within our worldwide movement, a new website, www.steinerbnb.com, has been created by a Bay Area class teacher.

In order to support the participants of this summer's teacher training courses, which run from June 18th - June 28th, you can list your home, spare room, couch or even tent space on Steiner BnB. Should you want to offer this space only for the conference, you can easily use the calendar to block off all other dates. You are also welcome to list your space on an ongoing basis for visitors coming to your area.

Thank you for considering hosting a visiting teacher this

summer! Please contact Heather Fields at
heather@steinerbnb.com.

Furnished Studio: Short Stay Available

Short stay available from 1 June – 14 July
 Furnished Studio flat near Nason & Orchard in JC area, Santa Rosa. One person only! Upstairs, small studio bedroom with private kitchen and bathroom. Mature woman. Price negotiable. Contact deborahjean2017@gmail.com or 707-799-0383