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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 24th:

**8th Grade Project Presentations
6-8pm**

Wednesday, April 24th:

**Graduation Committee Meeting #2
2:15-2:45pm**

Thursday, April 25th:

**SunRidge Foundation Meeting
8:30am in Library**

Thursday, April 25th:

**Dianne Ferlette Storytelling
11:00am (Grades) + 1:45am (Faculty)**

Thursday, April 25th:

**6th Grade Knighting Ceremony
5:30-7:00pm**

Friday, April 26th:

**Rummage Sale Donations Accepted
8:30am-3:30pm in Gym**

Friday, April 26th:

4th Grade Fieldtrip to Taylor Mountain

Friday, April 26th:

7th Grade Explorers Challenge

Saturday, April 27th:

**7th Grade Rummage Sale
9-3pm in Gym**

Monday, April 28th:

**7th/8th Grade Field Trip to Berkeley
Botanical Gardens**

Monday, April 28th:

**8th Grade Project Presentations
6-8pm**

Monday, April 28th:

**6th Grade Girls Bball @ community
church**

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

4/24/2019

7th Grade Rummage Sale THIS WEEKEND!

DONATE: this Friday April 26th, from 8:30am-3:30pm

SHOP: Saturday, April 27th, from 9am-3pm

Please donate your in-good-condition items to help benefit the 7th Grade field trip fund. Ms. Gosling's class thanks you! *Please note that we cannot accept used children's car seats*

Annual Mayfair Event: May 3rd

Our annual Mayfair is coming up next Friday, May 3rd from 10:15am to 12:30pm. The 8th grade procession will begin at 10:30am followed by the dances, which will be from 10:45am to 12:00pm. The school day starts and ends at the usual Friday times. Since this is a school day event, school rules apply. Here are a few key reminders:

- The dress code is in effect.
- Please leave dogs at home.
- Playground will be open following lunch.
- Students will sit with their classes for the dances. Kindergarten parents may sit with kindergarten classes. Some parents of students in grades 1-8 may sit with the classes, per arrangements with each teacher. We encourage families to spread blankets or shade tents just beyond the circle of classes.
- Kindergarten parents may sign their child out via the roster their child's teacher will have. Parents of students in grades 1-8 may sign out students in office following the dances if you are picking your child up early.
- Bring a picnic and your pop-up shade structure if you have one, folding chairs and/or picnic blankets.
- Please bring one basket of organic, pre-washed and sliced strawberries to contribute to the huge bowls for strawberry shortcake (served by 5th grade).
- Remember to bring short cake if you've volunteered to make some.
- The garland makers could use many pre-cut 30" strands of either soft willow or ivy along with flowers and green florist tape.
- Please refrain from using cellphones and cameras during the event. We will have a few designated photographers to take photos to share.
- See the attached flier for more information.

We need parent volunteers for set-up (8:30-10:00am), parking lot duty (9-10am) and cleanup (1:00-3:00pm). Due to the absence of Willie we need lots of help with prep! We also need people with trucks to help set-up the day before, Thursday, 5/2 between 8:15am and 10:15am, as well as the morning of the event. If you are available and interested in any of these options please contact Makena or Kalen at mcollin@twinhillsusd.org or kwood@twinhillsusd.org to let them know what you would like to volunteer for. Thank you!

Yearbook Sales Start Today

Yearbooks are officially on sale! Orders are due by May 17th (PLEASE NOTE: a limited number of books are available. Orders will be accepted while supplies last. Yearbooks are \$30 each and are sold on a first come first serve basis.) There are now two ways to order your yearbook:

1. **Credit Card:** To use a credit card, debit card or PayPal, go to www.yearbookforever.com and enter "SunRidge" in the school search and choose our school. NOTE: There is an additional online service fee of \$2.25.
2. **Cash or Check:** please fill out the attached order form and return to

the office with payment.

Let's Fill the Pot at the End of Our Financial Rainbow!

We are \$69,000 short of our pledge goal. We want all the children to have a full curriculum. We want all the children to have instructional support and quality materials. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive for 100% pledge participation. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive for contributing a fair share of the pledge total. Both of these incentives go towards each class' 8th grade trip. Let's band together and finish strong. We need every contribution to reach our goal! We need pledges for April, May and June! Contact Theresa with your pledges, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. We need to raise the \$69,000 by June 30th. Thank you for your continued caring support.

Spring Fling Information

The Spring Fling is May 18th 4-7pm! The stage is filled with music and the food is delicious. This year you can try your hand at archery set up by Archery for All or jump rope making using an old fashioned technique for making cordage. The playground will be open for play with spots for bubbles, chalk drawing and treasures to find in the sandbox. We are excited about our menu! We are serving organic tamales made from fresh ground corn by The Tamale Factory. The Nunez family has been nixtamalizing, the process of cooking and grinding fresh corn, to make tamales instead of using masa harina locally since 1974. The recipes used can be traced back five generations in their family. Experience the old world tradition with a modern, organic twist. Tamale choices will be pork, chicken and the vegan gluten free option of black beans with butternut squash. Tamales will be served with an organic green salad with homemade vinaigrette dressing. Be sure to treat yourself to a special Kefir using aromatics grown and harvested on campus and brewed by Enlivened Beverages or a snow cone topped with fresh organic fruit syrups. This year we will be treated to an oyster bar from The Marshall Store featuring oysters from Tomales Bay Oyster Company. Refreshing herbal tea from Traditional Medicinals and herbal water will be available throughout the event.

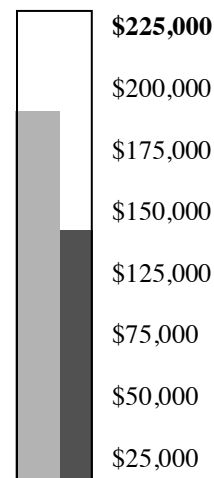
Purchase tickets for the Spring Fling at Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/spring-fling-2019-tickets-60742063146?aff=bulletinpost1>. You will likely be surprised at the low ticket cost for a homemade, organic and mostly local meal plus an outdoor music concert. We value community events where everyone can come together and have fun. This year we have created tickets with pricing that covers the cost of the event and gives a small amount to the Enrichment Funds. We also have full package tickets that include unlimited archery and gold coins for one price and an early bird bonus option of 11 gold coins for \$20. The Spring Fling is a fundraiser and as such the option to donate beyond the ticket price is also on Eventbrite. Those donations go straight to the Classroom Enrichment funds. Not only do we get to enjoy this event, but it also raises some money too! Like the Falling Leaves Festival, the proceeds from Spring Fling are given to the school for classroom enrichment funds, which is where field trips are funded from. Each grade has a field trip

NEW 2018-19 Pledge Report

Pledges received through April 24th:
\$144,868

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 April is \$191,250.



budget for that year and a field trip savings, which accumulates to fund the larger trips that happen in the older grades. Tickets will be available after school on May 9th and 16th from 12:45-1:30 at the back pickup spot. Any remaining tickets will be available at the event. The Spring Fling has a capacity of 220 people, not including children under the age of 2.

To make this event fun, successful and to ensure the continuing of the Spring Fling, we will need volunteers for: set up, food service, facilitating activities, and cleanup. An all school Sign Up Genius has been created to fill these needs. Please sign up here (<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0a45afaa23abf94-spring1>). We look forward to seeing you at Spring Fling! If you have any questions, including food allergies concerns, please email sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com.

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.

Spring Concert Appreciations

We would like to thank all of those that made the spring concert a wonderful success. Thank you to the students for participating, the parents for your continuous support, and the teachers for all their hard work. We would especially like to thank Dennis Bird, Dale Thurber, Christan Mastor, and Kent Don for helping set the stage! We couldn't have done it without you.

Rotary Teacher Grant Awarded

We are pleased to announce that Sasha Prosser, our Morning Star Teacher, has been awarded the Mark Sell Rotary Teacher Grant for a Jora Compost Tumbler. This grant is funded entirely by the Rotary Club's annual crab feed, which happens every year and will take place next February 2020. Please continue to support this program and our teachers by attending next years' crab feed!

Library News

Parents: Please help your student remember to return his or her book to the library by Thursday, May 16. Our school has a policy regarding library books that are not returned by the end of the year that require the student to either replace the book or send in the replacement cost before they receive their end of the year report. Teachers will be helping students to remember this and your help is also greatly appreciated.

State Testing Started This Week

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

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.

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. And more all the time. 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

The Equitable and Inclusive Early Childhood Workshop

We would love to have you come out to our Leadership Cohort workshops sponsored by North Bay LGBTQI Families and funded by the LGBTQ Giving Circle Sonoma County. We are studying equity frameworks and we meet again in Sebastopol on Sunday, May 19 to discuss the topic: "An Equitable and Inclusive Childhood."

Some topics covered in the workshop include:

- Examining our personal experiences with bias and privilege and their impact on how we teach
- Understanding power structures within race, class, gender and sexual orientation constructs
- Practicing appropriate and supportive language in the "Learning Moment"
- Reviewing current children's literature, films and other resources

Details:

Sunday, May 19 from 10am-2pm

- Childcare provided with advanced notice - there is a limit and priority given to LGBTQ parents - please RSVP 3 days in advance.

- Lunch provided

- Workshop held on a farm in Sebastopol

- To Register: Email lesliewiser@gmail.com or call/text 707-210-2773 to RSVP and for the address.

We will be working with facilitator Tarah Fleming who was an integral part of CA's process in passing the FAIR Education Act to include LGBT History in the Classroom. Tarah has decades of experience in equity work and has trained both the Oakland and Berkeley city school district in HRC's Welcoming Schools program.

Summer Tools Camp

Play-Explore-Build-Tinker

For kids aged 6-12

July 8-12 or 22-26, 2019

9am-2:30pm (after care available)

Mt. Wolf Ranch, Willow Creek Rd. Occidental

At Tools Camp we believe in trying things, creating experiments, testing things to see if and how it works. We believe in learning how to fall and exploring evening deeper.

For more information please check out our website:

www.toolscamp101.wlxsite.com/toolscamp or email: toolscamp101@gmail.com

For more information 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)

Tutoring Available for Your Student

I am an experienced Waldorf educator with over 20 years of teaching experience and am now available for tutoring. I have worked with students from 6 to 16 years of age, teaching all the subjects of the Waldorf curriculum. My tutoring style uses imaginative and motivating images, games and movement, as well as rigorous adherence to academic standards.

I look forward to hearing from you and working with your child or student.

Warmly,
Adam Stopeck
astopeck@gmail.com
707- 974-5696

Seeking Childcare

I am looking for someone to provide childcare in my home Tuesdays from 2:45-6 pm (3 girls ages 14, 11, and 9) and Wednesdays 12:30-2 pm (one girl, 9). There may be occasional extra hours/days. I can pay \$15/hr. This person will need to pick up from school, transport to appointments, and help with homework. They will also need to pass fingerprinting and have references. If interested, please contact

Marla: marzipan29@sbcglobal.net

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.