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CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 3rd:

4th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, April 4th:

5th Grade Play Performance
6:00pm

Thursday, April 4th:

4th Grade UC Davis Marine Lab Field Trip

Thursday, April 4th:

Braving Adolescence Session #3
1-3pm

Friday, April 5th:

5th Grade Play Performance
6:00pm

Friday, April 5th:

Lost and Found Donation Day

Sunday, April 7th:

Skate and Donate @ CalSkate
12:00-2:30pm (see article)

Monday, April 8th:

2nd Grade Play Dress Rehearsal
9:15am

Tuesday, April 9th:

2nd Grade Play Performance
9:15am

Tuesday, April 9th:

ALL Yearbook Photos + Pages Due

Tuesday, April 9th:

Spring Fling Planning
2-3pm

Tuesday, April 9th:

Charter Council Meeting
6-9pm in Handwork Room

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

4/3/2019

Reminder: School will be closed for Spring Break the week of April 15th-April 19th + Friday, April 12th is an early release day for the grades.

No Parking During Drop-off!

No parking in the loading zone for any reason during drop-off! Please be considerate of others. This is for everyone's safety. Thank you.

Save the Date:

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

Skate and Donate

There will be a "Skate and Donate" event at CalSkate in Rohnert Park Sunday April 7th, 12:00-2:30! Bring the family, get your skate on, and support your school. Half of all admission earnings will be given back to SunRidge. You have to present the attached flyer, either physically or in electronic form, in order for a donation to be made to the school. Flyers were sent home with the children. Please come out and support SunRidge!

FYI- this is not a private event, which means the roller rink will be open to outside guests. We will not be able to request the music or video game area be turned off during the time we are there.

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!

On-Site Dental Clinic: Free Teeth Cleaning and Exams!

SunRidge will be hosting an on-site free dental clinic day on campus Thursday, April 11th from 8:45am-12:00pm where 5 experienced students from the Dental Hygiene department at SRJC will be offering teeth cleanings, dental exams, and instruction in oral hygiene, all of which are free to 20 of our students (K-8th Grade).

If you are interested in having your child receive a dental exam and a teeth cleaning please pick up a packet from the office and return the completed forms to the office no later than Friday, April 5th.

Pledge Plea

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!

Yearbook Photos Due NEXT WEEK!

It's that time of the year to gather photos and for our 8th graders to finish making their pages for the yearbook. Each class may submit a maximum of 40 photos. We are also looking for photos from the following classes/events/activities:

- Gardening
- Instrumental Music
- Choir
- Falling Leaves Festival

Deadline for submitting **class photos** is NEXT week, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 to Makena's box in the SunRidge Office. All photos must be submitted in the following manner:

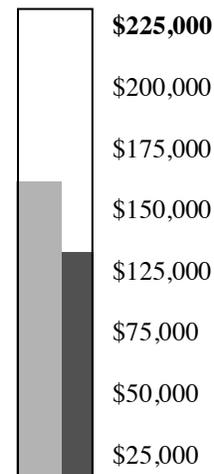
- On a disc or USB (labeled with grade or event)
- Full Size Max Quality jpg
- Labeled with Grade/Student(s)/event.jpg
 - For example: 8/Andy/Woodworking.jpg

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.



Deadline for submitting **8th grade pages** has passed. Please turn your pages in ASAP!! If you have any questions please contact your parent volunteer, Hassanah Meechan, hassanahmeechan@gmail.com.

SunRidge Auction Success!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped make the auction a great success this year! With your support, we grossed over \$20,000!

This money will go toward stage lighting and a sound system for class plays and special events, and will give students the opportunity to be trained in these skills. We're also going to fund improvements for the school kitchen, so keep a lookout for a new stove! With our deepest gratitude, The Auction Team

Meal Appreciation

Thank you to the first grade parents for providing our faculty with a delicious meal last week. We are so appreciative!

Overview: Mindfulness and Self-Care for Parents Talk

We had a wonderful parent evening with Chelsea True from Mindful Schools. For those of you who couldn't make it, attached is a booklet with an overview of information that was discussed at the event.

7th Grade Rummage Sale

Donation day will be Thursday, April 25th from 1:00pm-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!

Willie Out –Volunteers Needed

Willie will be out on medical leave for the next 4-8 weeks. Along with being the wheels behind everything regarding campus maintenance he plays a huge role in orchestrating many of our school events. That being said, we are in need of parent volunteers for the upcoming events:
 Thursday, April 11th: Spring Concert Set-up
 Friday, May 3rd: Mayfair Set-up
 Saturday, May 18th: Spring Fling Set-up
 Classroom Moving (last week of school)
 Saturday, June 8th: Graduation Prep/Set-up

If you are available to help during prep, set-up or cleanup of any of these events please contact Kalen at kwood@twinhillsusd.org or (707) 824-2844. We greatly appreciate your support!

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. 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

Circus Waldissima invites you to our Spring Youth Circus Extravaganza

It is fun for the entire family! Join in on the jubiliations for two performances as we journey AROUND THE WORLD to visit the wonders of the world while defying space and time. Be prepared to belly laugh with their hijinks, and be astonished by terrific tumblers, dancers, high flying trapeze artists, Chinese pole acrobatics, daring drops from aerial silks, a dazzling duo on the hoop and so much more.

Both shows take place in our authentic European big-top Circus Tent –

Summerfield Waldorf School Campus
655 Willowside Road, Santa Rosa, CA

Around the World:

Saturday, April 6th, at 7pm

Sunday, April 7th at 2pm

Tickets: <https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/4106253>

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 of 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.

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(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)

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

Seeking Clarinet Teacher

I'm looking for a local clarinet teacher for a beginner second grade student. Please contact Sheina 650-248-3186 or hisheina@gmail.com with any leads. Thank you!