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CALENDAR

Friday, May 17th:
Yearbook Orders Due

Friday, May 17th:
6th Grade Medieval Games

Monday, May 20th- Friday, May 24th:
8th Grade Trip to Monterey/Santa Cruz

Wednesday, May 22nd:
**6th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:00pm**

Monday, May 27th:
School Closed for Memorial Day

Wednesday, May 29th:
**Kindergarten Family Appreciation
12:30-2:00pm**

Friday, May 31st:
**SunRidge Foundation Meeting
8:30-10:30am**

Friday, May 31st:
**8th Grade Field Trip to Schultz Museum
8:20am-2:50pm**

Monday, June 3rd:
**Parent Council Meeting
7-9pm**

Tuesday, June 4th:
**Rising 1st Grade Parent Evening
6:00-7:15pm**

Thursday, June 6th:
Last School Assembly

Friday, June 7th:
Last Day of School –Grades Early Release

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

5/15/2019

Spring Fling Cancelled

As much as we were all looking forward to the festivities, food, and community of Spring Fling this Saturday, the weather has other plans. We are saddened to have to cancel the Spring Fling this year. We tried to find solutions to keep the event happening but logistics and impending weather made it impossible for us to ensure an event that would be fun and safe for your family. For those that have pre-purchased tickets/coins/archery passes, we will refund your purchases. Eventbrite purchases have already been refunded. We are grateful to everyone who had this event on their calendar to attend and all the parents and students who volunteered their time for Spring Fling. Thank you to our specialty teachers in Garden, Spanish and Woodworking who were bringing parts of the curriculum into our event. We are also grateful to our musicians: Faun Fables and friends, Woodlander, and Walk in the Rain featuring Natalie Johnson and Jeffree Whitebear. Thanks for understanding, Parent Council

Thank you to the following businesses for supporting the Spring Fling fundraiser. These businesses helped by offering discounted rates for services, donated product, sponsored areas of the event, or donated drawing prizes. All of the following businesses have offered to return to future events.

Archery for All *will be at Falling Leaves Festival Oct 26th

Circle of Hands

Diosa Arbusto

Emerisa Gardens

Enlivened Drinks (formerly The Kefiry)

The Marshall Store

The Tamale Factory

Thread Revival

Tomales Bay Oyster Company

Traditional Medicinals

Sofee & Lenee

Sonoma Laser Engraving

ABI507 New Update

Last Thursday the Twin Hills Union School District Board approved a motion (made by John Moise, SunRidge grandfather and board member) to oppose ABI507 unless amended. We are fortunate to have this support! The superintendent sent a letter on Friday to local legislators and learned that ABI507 had been amended to read:

The bill would authorize a charter school that established one site outside the boundaries of the school district, but within the county in which that school district is located before January 1, 2020, to continue to operate that site until the charter school submits a request for the renewal of its charter petition, and would authorize a charter school to continue operating that site if, before submitting the request for the renewal of the charter petition, the charter school first obtains written approval from the school district where the site is operating. The bill would authorize a charter school to relocate for not more than 5 years a site located within an area subject to a Presidential declaration of a major disaster or emergency, issued in accordance with federal law, to an area outside the area subject to the Presidential declaration, as specified.

ABI507 was voted on by the Assembly Monday with this amended language and it passed so the bill will now go to the Senate. The amended bill is due to many voices expressing concern and appreciation for schools like SunRidge. This amended language protects the school in the short term. For your information, charter renewals are every five years and our next renewal date is in 2022. Our lease with the Sebastopol Union School District expires in 2025. The long-term

goal is protecting the school's future and our investment in creating a beautiful and functional learning environment at our current site.

It is important to stay informed and to continue to communicate with our legislators. Thank you for being part of the solution!

Faculty Lunch Appreciation

Thank you to those Dragonfly parents for providing our faculty with a delicious lunch full of yummy fruits and veggies. We are so grateful for you!

Save the Date: Rising First Grade Parent Evening

Please save the date for the first parent evening for next year's first grade on Tuesday, June 4th from 6:00 - 7:15pm. The meeting will begin in the 8th grade so that parents can see the results of eight years of education. Then the group will move to the first-grade classroom for introductions, a preview of the Rose Petal procession on June 9 at 10am, a presentation of first-grade expectations and the importance of pledge and on-time consistent attendance, and to sign-up for summer help and chores. Another parent meeting will be scheduled in August before school starts.

Yearbook Order Due Friday

We only have about 65 yearbooks left! Order yours before they sell out. Online sales will end on Friday, May 17th. Cash/check sales will be available through Friday until we sellout of books. Remember there are 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.

All Library Books Due by THIS Friday, May 17th

Parents, please remind your child(ren) who are in grades 2-8 that their library books are due back in the library by Friday, May 17th. Students who do not return their books by the end of school will not receive their end of the year report until they either turn in the book or replace it. Thank you for your cooperation with this policy.

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

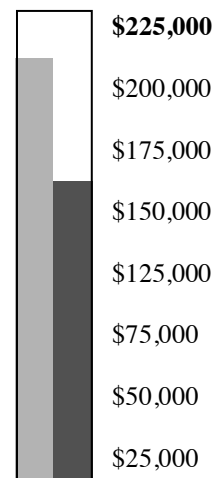
We are \$55,000 short of our pledge goal. We want all the children to have a full curriculum. We want all the children to have instructional support and quality materials. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive for 100% pledge participation. We want every class to receive the \$250 incentive 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 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 \$55,000 by June 30th. Thank you for your continued

NEW 2018-19 Pledge Report

Pledges received through
May 8th:
\$164,423

**Pledge Participation Rate:
58%**

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 May is \$213,750.



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Classroom Enrichment Fundraising Events

The Spring Fling and Falling Leaves Festival are events organized by the Parent Council with funds from the SunRidge Education Foundation to raise money for classroom field trips. Visit the hallway outside the office to see photos from past field trips. Our events use skills in marketing, entertainment, food, games and art. But most of our success simply comes from parent volunteers passionate about supporting this school. If you have an interest in helping to organize these events in a small or large capacity please contact Brandy at sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com.

Class 5 runs, throws, wrestles and leaps to great heights!

Friday, May 10th at Summerfield, Zeus, Athena and Apollo witnessed Mr. Quirt's class excel at the Summerfield Olympiad, bringing strength, grace, agility and beauty to their efforts. The gods smiled upon their singing of the Olympic hymn, taking of the Olympic Oath, and participation in field events. Ian and Josephine ran beautifully, carrying the Olympic torch to the temple. Students rose up to challenge the long jump, Greek wrestling, the javelin distance throw and discus, and the running events of the short and long run and the baton relay. Aside from being the farthest thrower or the fastest runner, there were so many SunRidge students who stood out as exceptionally graceful or who moved with beautiful fluidity. It is clear that these students applied a serious approach to their training time, and the results were evident to all those gathered. It was a remarkable day of movement, joy and reverence. Mr. T is very proud of this class's accomplishments – the students were truly stellar to behold. A big thank you to parents for their help in judging the discus and supporting the event.

Library Thank You

As this school year comes to an end, I want to thank the

many volunteers who have worked in the library to serve students, enter books into our digital system and shelve books. Our students are fortunate to not only have a library but also to have such dedicated volunteers to read to them and check their books in and out. Thank you Bill Kenney, Trieneke Kylstra, Sue Bonner, Yvette Simone, and Brandy Rucker. Your work is very much appreciated.

Crossing Guard Duty

Are you looking for a way to fulfill your parent participation hours but don't have a lot of time to commit? We are looking for a few crossing guard volunteers to come during morning drop-off from 8:15am to 8:30am to help our students and their families safely cross the parking lot. If you are interested in volunteering for a couple of mornings a week please email Makena at mcollin@twinhillsusd.org.

Seeking SunRidge Educational Foundation (SEF) Board Members

As we near the end of the school year, the Foundation would like to thank again all of you who in whatever way, supported the fundraising efforts for SunRidge this year.

If you would like to have more of a say in how funds raised for the school are spent or invested, we would greatly value having you as a Foundation board member!

What does being a SunRidge Educational Foundation (SEF) board member mean? Simply put, you will have a direct and important say as to how best spend and manage funds for the long term health of SunRidge. We meet once a month (usually the last Friday) in the SunRidge library for a couple of hours and any more time you choose to give is up to you.

Please nominate yourself, if you are interested. (DO NOT nominate another person as they may not be able to fully commit).

There is currently one open board position and likely more vacancies as the school year ends, so if you are passionate about SunRidge and would like a say in fundraising events and how to improve the school, we would very much like to hear from you! If you have any questions on how the Board works, or question about Board Positions, PLEASE don't hesitate to reach out to Robert Simmons at 707 710 5080 or robert24simmons@gmail.com.

More Reviews of New Books Purchased for our Library

As shared last week, I want to feature some of the new books we purchased for our library with funds raised from the Copperfield's Fundraiser for Schools over the last 2 years.

The Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich - The first book in a 4 book series about a young Ojibwa girl living on an island in Lake Superior with her family in the late 1800's. Beautifully descriptive of the rhythms of seasonal work that has to be done in order to sustain their lives and the realities of the challenges faced by the Native Americans living there at that time. We now have all 4 books in the series. Best for 3rd on up.

The Girl Who Drank the Moon by Kelly Barnhill - This recent Newberry Award winner is described as "An epic fantasy about a young girl raised by a witch, a swamp monster, and a Perfectly Tiny Dragon, who must unlock the powerful magic locked deep inside her." Best for 5th on up.

State Testing Grades 6 + 7

Testing provides information regarding where student achievement is strong as well as areas where instruction and learning could be improved. Here is the schedule:

- 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.

Raising Resilient Kids Article

A "resilient child recognizes a stressful event, often responds emotionally, recoils temporarily, then bounces back and returns to a prior emotional state, figuring out in his own way what he can do to manage the difficult situation." To read more please click on the link below:

<https://www.peps.org/ParentResources/by-topic/development/resilient-kids>

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

Green New Deal Town Hall Meeting TONIGHT!

Climate-Jobs-Justice

What would it mean for our communities and our farmlands? New green jobs? Clean air and water? Healthier communities? Find out TONIGHT (5/15) at the Green New Deal Town Hall Location: Sonoma County Fairgrounds (1350 Bennett Valley Rd., Santa Rosa)

What: Local high school students, climate change experts, and community leaders are among the speakers, and Congressmen Jared Huffman and Mike Thompson will also weigh in.

Suggested donation \$10.

Find out more at www.conservationaction.org/GND or call (707) 571-8566.

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.

Vaping Conversation Panel @ Anly High School

Statistics show an alarming number of young people are becoming addicted to nicotine through vaping. They think it’s cool and harmless, and don’t grasp that safer doesn’t mean safe. It’s time to tackle this public health epidemic as the community crisis it really is. News reports and anti-vaping school programs are a start, but more is needed. Join us in working on a way forward.

You are invited to join us for a community conversation, expert panel discussion and Q&A session: Wednesday, May 22nd @ Anly High School 6:30-8:30pm. See flyer for more information.

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 20)

For registration information and forms, please email: lizturkel@gmail.com

For more information please see attached flyer.

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)

Swim Lessons

Hi SunRidge. I would like to offer 20+ years experience teaching swim lessons to our community this summer. Do you have a pool at your home or in your neighborhood that could be used for this purpose? Private and group lessons available at reasonable rates! Call Jenni Meyer at (707) 490-8324.

House Rental for Summer

We are renting out our 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, and 2,000 sq. ft. house in rural Sebastopol this summer. House is available from June 26-August 7 and is \$4,500 for the 6 weeks. Located about 10 minutes from downtown Sebastopol on a dead end lane off Barnett Valley Road with beautiful views of the valley. House is fully furnished and is located on a 2-acre property shared with one other house. Contact: autumnstreamfellow@hotmail.com for photos & more details.

Summer Reading Support for Your Child

I am a reading specialist in the district and have 20 years of teaching experience in grades K-6. In addition to being a teacher in the district, I have been a parent at SunRidge for 7 years. You can reach me, Carol Schoffer, at carola@sonic.net or at 707-235-0641.

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 you

child or student.

Warmly,
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