



SUNRIDGE SCHOOL

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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 1st:

2nd Grade Swimming
12:30-1:00pm

Wednesday, May 1st:

6th Grade Bball @SCDS
3:45pm

Wednesday, May 1st:

1st Grade Parent Evening
6:00pm

Friday, May 3rd:

May Faire Event
10:15am-12:30pm

Monday, May 6th:

2nd Grade Swimming
12:30-1:00pm

Monday, May 6th:

6th Grade Bball @RVC
3:45pm

Monday, May 6th:

Parent Council Meeting
7-9pm

Wednesday, May 8th:

First Grade Play –Dress Rehearsal
9:30am

Wednesday, May 8th:

2nd Grade Swimming
12:30-1:00pm

Wednesday, May 8th:

6th Grade Bball @Community Church
3:45pm

Thursday, May 9th- Friday, May 10th:

4th Grade Fort Ross Field Trip

Thursday, May 9th:

First Grade Play (call 5:30pm/starts6)

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

5/1/2019

Annual May Faire Event THIS Friday, May 3rd

Our annual May Faire is THIS 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!

ABI507: Contact Your Legislator

Please contact your legislator as soon as possible and let your voice be heard regarding ABI507, which will disallow charter schools from operating outside of their authorizing district. Here are some talking points for communicating via a phone call or email:

- The bill should not apply to existing schools.
- An exemption process should be available for school districts who have created mutually beneficial agreements.
- The bill should be more closely targeted to addressing the primary problem the author's claim they want to eliminate (perhaps by capping oversight fees at a certain percentage).

Most SunRidge families will be in Assembly District 10 (Asm. Marc Levine) and Senate District 2 (Sen. Mike McGuire). Families living in northern parts of the county will be in Assembly District 2 (Asm. Jim Wood) and Senate District 10 (McGuire). Contact information for each of our legislators is below for your convenience.:

Assemblymember Marc Levine (916) 319-2010

assemblymember.levine@assembly.ca.gov

Please cc his Chief of Staff Terry Schanz:
Terry.Schanz@asm.ca.gov

Senator Mike McGuire (916) 651-4002
senator.mcguire@senate.ca.gov

Assemblymember Jim Wood (916) 319-2002
assemblymember.wood@assembly.ca.gov

This bill is currently in the state assembly. If passed, it will then go to the Senate. If the Senate passes it, it then goes to the governor. If you'd like further information about how bills become laws, here is a link:

<http://capitolmuseum.ca.gov/legislation/life-cycle-of-a-bill>

A sample letter is attached. Feel free to personalize it.

Get Your Yearbook 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.

Update on Willie's Whereabouts

Willie, our wonderful site coordinator, will be on an extended medical leave. He is managing a lot of pain and may need a second back surgery. Please hold him in your healing thoughts! Jaime Onofre is providing extra custodial hours. That being said, we need your help for the set-up and clean-up of the upcoming events: May Faire, Spring Fling and graduation. Please contact the office if you can help (707) 824-2844.

Spring Fling Volunteers

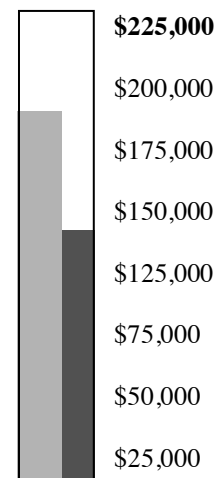
To make Spring Fling a fun and successful event, we need volunteers for set up, food service, archery, and clean-up. An

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.



all school [Sign Up Genius](#) has been created to fill all the needs of the Spring Fling. Please sign up [here](#).

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. Refreshing herbal tea and 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=bulletinpost>. Purchase tickets for the Spring Fling at Eventbrite. You might be surprised at the low-ticket cost for a homemade, organic and mostly local meal plus an outdoor music concert. Our school values community events where everyone can come together, have fun and still raise some needed money. 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. 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. Each grade has a field trip budget for that year and a field trip savings, which accumulates to fund the larger trips that happen in the older grades. Tickets will also be available after school on May 9th and 16th from 12:45-1:30 at the back pick up 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. If you have any questions, including food allergies concerns, please email sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you at Spring Fling!

Spring Fling Gratitude

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.

The Tamale Factory
The Marshall Store
Tomales Bay Oyster Company
Enlivened Drinks
Traditional Medicinals
Archery for All
Emerisa Gardens
Circle of Hands
Thread Revival

If your business would also like to support the Spring Fling, contact Brandy at sunridgeparentcouncil@gmail.com.

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.

7th Grade Explores At Ragle Ranch

Our 7th grade was the 12th class to tackle the Explorers' Challenge event, held at our local regional park in perfect weather last Friday. The event consists of 6 challenges - forming their nation (England, France, Portugal, Spain and Italy) with only knowing their explorer's name, a 5-way tug o' war, an at-sea scenario where they had to rank 15 items important to their survival, knot-tying, completing orienteering loops in the park with map and compass, and wandering through the blind maze. England just barely beat our Portugal for the most points earned. Congratulations to all the students for accepting and surpassing the challenges. I'd like to give my special thanks to Ms. Gosling, Ann Hamilton and Guy Tillotson for helping to create the event! Bon voyage!

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.

Article: Our Students Deserve More

In a recent article in the Press Democrat Steve Harrington, the SONOMA COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, says: "Our county's future depends on the success of our children and how well our public schools serve them. Sonoma County school districts are doing a commendable job serving roughly 70,000 public school students with the resources they have. However, many local school districts are facing significant financial challenges now and in the years ahead that threaten to compromise the high quality of education in our county." Visit this link to read the full article: <https://www.pressdemocrat.com/opinion/9514597-181/close-to-home-our-students?sba=AAS>

State Testing Schedule

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.

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)

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 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