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CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 22nd:

6th Grade Parent Evening
6:30-8:00pm

Monday, May 27th:

School Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 28th:

3rd Grade Field Trip
11:00am-2:15pm

Wednesday, May 29th:

Kindergarten Family Appreciation
12:30-2:00pm

Thursday, May 30th:

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

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 in Library

Tuesday, June 4th:

Returning + New Kinder Parent Evening
6:00pm in Kindergarten Classrooms

Friday, June 7th:

Rose Ceremony
9:00am

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

5/22/2019

School Closed THIS Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day!

End of the Year Events

- The Rose Ceremony will be held on Friday, June 7 at 9:00am on the blacktop near the basketball courts. The current first graders will be presenting the current eight graders with a rose to honor them and wish them well on their journey towards high school.
- 8th grade graduation will be held on Saturday, June 8 at 11:00am on blacktop near the basketball courts.
- The Rose Petal Procession will be held on Sunday, June 9 at 10:00am in the Kindergarten Garden for the rising 1st grade and their families.

Yearbooks Still Available

You're in luck, there are still 30 yearbooks left, buy yours today! Order forms are available in the office.

Help Us Meet Our Pledge Goal!

We are short \$45,000! Help us reach our pledge goal by June 18th, the district deadline by which all contributions for the current (2018-19) school year must be received. The essential programs of SunRidge are supported by your pledge. Your pledge is vital for the continuance of these programs. This year's pledge goal of \$225,000 has already been spent in budgeted dollars for your children and we may need to reduce positions and/or programs if we can't reach our goal. Please make a contribution. Remember that each class receives incentives for full class participation in the pledge program and/or when a class contributes its fair share of the total pledge goal. Each class can receive up to \$500 towards field trip funds, paid for by the school's foundation. Please contact Ms. Kalen or Ms. Theresa if you have any questions.

Math/Physics Teacher Hired

We are pleased to announce that Brian Eberly, SR parent, and Charter Council member, has been hired as next year's middle school math and physics teacher. Brian has a background in physics and engineering and has taught math at CREDO for the past three years. We are excited to have him join the middle school team!

ABI 507 New Update

The Twin Hills Union School District Board recently approved a motion (made by John Moise, SunRidge grandfather and board member) to oppose ABI 507 unless amended. We are fortunate to have this support! The superintendent sent a letter to local legislators and learned that ABI 507 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.

ABI 507 was voted on by the Assembly 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. The 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. Our 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 be informed and to continue to communicate with our legislators. Thank you for being part of the solution.

Save the Date: Rising First Grade Parent

Please save the date for the first parent evening for your year's first grade on Tuesday, June 4th from 6:00 - 7:00pm. 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.

Hello Summer Event

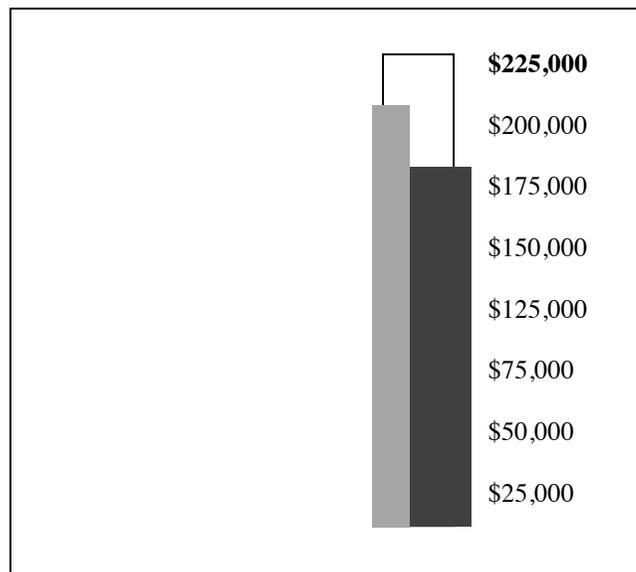
Parent Council is hosting 'Hello Summer!' to celebrate the beginning of summer and the ending of this school year right after school on June 7th. Join us at the back pick up spot for root beer floats, popcorn and a photo booth! That's right, we said root beer floats! Our floats will be made with organic Strauss ice cream and organic root beer kefir soda for a delicious last day treat. We will also have pre-order lunches available for our hungry students and families. A flyer will be coming home soon with event information and order form. Mark your calendar to eat and play on the last day of school.

Hello Summer
 June 7th
 12:50-2:30
 Back parking lot

Class 6 runs, jumps, jousts, tugs, fires, hurls, dances, and shines through all the mud at the 2019 Mayacamas Medieval Tournament!

First, and most importantly, I want to truly appreciate Horseless Carriage-Drivers and Chaperones Isolde, Jonas, Cheryl, Rebecca D, Rebecca H, Jina, and Cassandra; Setter-Uppers Clint, Tina and Jina; Instant Portrait Crafters Cheryl and Cassandra; Guides Emily and Rebecca H.; Ms. McKenzie for her brilliant tunic and sash work; Seamstresses Paula and Ynez for assisting with the tunics and sashes; Ring Joust Judge Michelle, Count Catapult Curt Quantz, and especially Swordmistress and Shirebuilder Rebecca D. (who did double duty), our magnificent Queen Kathleen; our spirited Guardian Lady Jehanne Hale; and Moat Craftsman Clint Janssen, who stayed after the event to help restore the pit to level (itself a herculean task!) I am humbled by and grateful for the generous efforts of our parent body!

\$225,000
 \$200,000
 \$175,000
 \$150,000
 \$125,000
 \$75,000
 \$50,000
 \$25,000



Last Friday, May 17th at Sonoma Mountain Village, our Class 6 competed in many athletic contests to please the King and Queen. The Queen charged them to prove themselves to their shire mates by working together in playful challenges. Later the king challenged them with athletic events, where they earned colored ribbons for their skillful efforts in archery, the hunter's throw (w/javelin), rope jousting and sponge dueling, the steeplechase run, the catapults, slings and trebuchet, the ring joust, moat jumping, swordsmanship and the legendary shire vs. shire tug o' war. So many of them were recognized as exceptional in their accomplishments at the shire building and athletic events. During their lunchtime, squires from 7 schools entertained the gathered folk with Morris dancing (our school!), a pair of beautiful poem recitations, and a sword dance, among others. At the end of the day, the king and queen praised the students, conferring knighthood and accolades upon the gathered squires. It is a day that will long live in our memories. Hooray and Huzzah, Class 6!

Library Thank You's

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.

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 and 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.

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

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 29)

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 your child or student.

Warmly,
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