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CALENDAR

Thursday, May 9th- Friday, May 10th:
4th Grade Fort Ross Field Trip

Thursday, May 9th:
First Grade Play (Evening)
5:30-7pm

Friday, May 10th:
First Grade Play
9:30-10:30am

Friday, May 10th:
7th Grade Safari West Field Trip

Friday, May 10th:
5th Grade Pentathlon

Monday, May 13th:
2nd Grade Swimming
12:30-1:00pm

Monday, May 13th:
6th Grade Girls Bball @WCA
3:45pm

Tuesday, May 14th-Thursday, May 16th:
5th Grade to Jug Handle Farms Field Trip

Tuesday, May 14th:
Charter Council Meeting
6-9pm

Wednesday, May 15th:
2nd Grade Swimming
12:30-1:00pm

Friday, May 17th:
Yearbook Orders Due

Friday, May 17th:
6th Grade Medieval Games

Saturday, May 18th:
Spring Fling (see article)

SUNRIDGE BULLETIN

5/8/2019

May Faire Appreciations

Our May Faire last Friday was a wonderful success and we couldn't have done it without a number of generous volunteers and wonderful student helpers. We would like to specifically thank Dennis Bird, Shawn Headley and Jonas Sauter for help with set-up and clean-up, Matthew Jones and Robert Simmons for setting up the new sound system, Marley Rewerts and Doug Baxter for their help with parking and Dawn McCarthy, Nils Frykdahl, Darina Drapkin, Mr. Volonts and the middle school orchestra for their beautiful music. And to all the parents who brought shortcake, strawberries and flowers we thank you! Finally, we would like to thank Mr. T for all his hard work in preparing our students for their dances and skits. This event would not have been what it was without him. Mr. T would also like to express his gratitude to the 8th graders for their amazing attitude and dedication to their opening skit.

ABI507 Update

The office of Assemblywoman Christy Smith, author of ABI507 confirmed that there has not yet been a vote in the assembly. Ms. Smith's staff is working with the California Charter School Association to craft language that addresses the following:

- Define the law as applying to new charters only and grandfathering existing schools located in districts outside their authorizing district (such as SunRidge)
- Include language providing for both the authorizing district and the district where a charter is located to each approve a charter's renewal (renewals usually occur every five years and this would apply to SunRidge)
- Provide for emergency situations (such as natural disasters) where a school may need to locate outside of its district

This new language is expected within the next two weeks. We will continue to provide you with updates regarding next steps. Thank you for supporting the school; it will continue to be important to make our voices heard so that the language is adopted.

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.

All Library Books Due by 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.

Staffing Update

Class Teachers

We are happy to inform you that all of our class teachers are

returning. Heather Colby-Serreano, our current (part-time) 8th-grade teacher will be the full-time 1st-grade teacher next year.

Specialty Instruction:

Middle School Math/Physics position– Curt Quantz, Rebecca Davenport and Kalen Wood are the hiring committee for this position. They've interviewed three applicants and will be observing demonstration lessons this week in the 6th grade.

Transitions:

- Kathleen Austin, our marvelous choir teacher and middle school aide has earned her CA credential and will be a first-grade teacher at Sebastopol Independent Charter next year.
- Makena Collin, our wonderful administrative assistant, will be pursuing her goals as an occupational therapist intern.
- Lili Chambers, our creative 2nd-grade assistant, is excited to study art in a graduate program next year.

We are so appreciative of their contributions to SunRidge and wish them all well in their next endeavors! We will be posting for available positions on the Twin Hills Union School District website soon.

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 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 will 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: Spring Fling and graduation. Please contact the office if you can help (707) 824-2844.

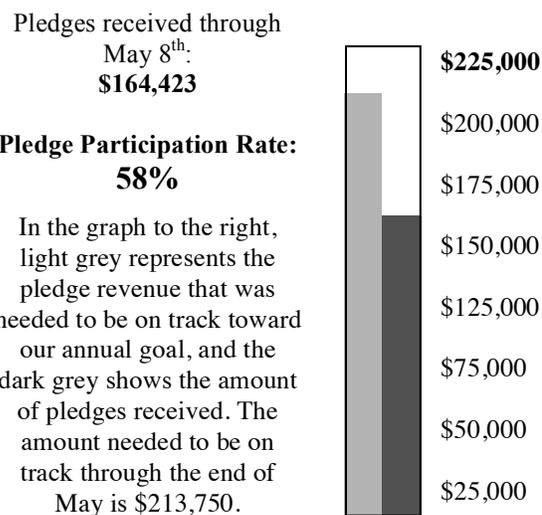
Spring Fling Volunteers

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

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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.

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 1 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.

New Books Featuring Native American Fiction in the Library

I am excited to start sharing some of the new books we purchased for the library with the money raised from the Copperfield's Fundraiser over the last two years. As I mentioned in an earlier piece about the library, the teachers, director and library volunteers agreed to weed out of our collection books deemed negative, inaccurate, and/or biased about Native Americans and Indigenous People. We have purchased some books to take the place of these that are written by Native authors or deemed accurate by Native reviewers. Here's a look at a few that just arrived:

The Arrow Over the Door by Joseph Bruchac: A historical novel based on a true encounter between the Quakers (referred to as "Friends" in the novel) and the Abenakis, in 1777. Complete with black and white drawings and author's notes on the research that went into the writing of this novel, it is most appropriate for 5th and up.

When We Were Alone by David A Robertson: "When a young girl helps tend to her grandmother's garden, she begins to notice things about her grandmother that make her curious. . . . As she asks her grandmother about these things, she is told about life in a residential school a long time ago where everything was taken away." Beautifully illustrated and gently related, once the context is explained, it is appropriate for 1st and up.

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:

- 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.

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

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 @ Analy 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 @ Analy High School 6:30-8:30pm. See flyer for more information.

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.wixsite.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
astoneck@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