

Quick Notes

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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School Calendar






Wednesday	April 14	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Monday	April 19		Conference Day – No Classes
Tuesday	April 20	9:00 a.m.	Class Pictures (Rain Date: April 21)
Wednesday	April 21	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (Pancake & sausage on a stick, syrup, cooked apples, cookie, lemonade)
Thursday	April 22	7:00 p.m.	Elementary & Middle School Information Session
Wednesday	April 28	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Thursday	April 29		Berry Cleaning Day
Friday-Saturday	April 30-May 1		Strawberry Festival
Wednesday	May 5	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (Hot dog, chips, Jello cups, lemonade)
Monday	May 10	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	May 12	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.



Volunteers Needed for Strawberry Festival



Calling all Community School parents, alumni, staff, board members, and friends! **It is time to sign up to work at our upcoming 30th Annual Strawberry Festival.** We have MANY shifts to fill! Go to our Strawberry Festival blog (<http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com>) to review the dates and times. We need everyone to work at least one shift at berry cleaning and one shift at the festival. If you are able to do more, great! **Reminder:** Free after school care if you are working at berry cleaning between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and/or working at the festival on Friday between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Questions: katlync@communityschool.net or michi@communityschool.net.

<p>Strawberry Festival Large Orders Organize an order at your place of business!</p> 	<p>Order 15 or more shortcakes, and we will deliver them to your business on Friday, April 30. You can also pick up large orders at our large order location at St. John's Episcopal Church (corner of Elm and Jefferson). To order, complete a large order form and bring, mail, or fax it to the school office. Find the form attached to last week's <i>Quick Notes</i> or download it from the Strawberry Festival blog at http://www.communityschool.net/09-10/Strawberry_Fest_large_order_form.pdf. If you know additional companies that may like to order, please send the contact information to Kim Halsey at kimh@communityschool.net. Thank you!</p>
<p>Advance-Sale Tickets</p> 	<p>Advance-sale ticket packets have been distributed to families. We ask all parents, staff, and board members to sell 10 tickets. These tickets act as an "insurance policy " in case of poor weather on Festival weekend. You may keep them for yourself or sell them. The tickets are \$5.50 each. This represents a .50 savings over day-of tickets plus no standing in line! Please turn in the money in cash or check form by Wednesday, April 28. Need more? See Pattie on campus or e-mail her (patties@communityschool.net.)</p>
<p>Festival Sponsors Needed!</p> 	<p>We spend approximately \$30,000 to organize and run the Strawberry Festival. Last year, we raised about half of those expenses in cash donations. If we could identify ten new cash sponsors, we'd be well on our way to covering all of the festival expenses, allowing us to direct even more of the earnings to our students' benefit. This year presents us with the challenge of securing gifts in a climate of economic uncertainty. If your company, or someone you know, would be interested in sponsoring the festival, please contact me. I will reach out to them with a request or (even better) work with you to provide material you could share on behalf of our school. Support of our festival gives sponsors a variety of marketing opportunities and a link to a long-standing Roanoke tradition that offers a family-oriented, fun event.</p> <p>Thank you for supporting CS and the Strawberry Festival! Contact Pattie on campus or by email (patties@communityschool.net).</p>
<p>The Strawberry Festival Community Chest Needs Your Help</p> 	<p>The Strawberry Festival Community Chest needs your help! The Community Chest booth showcases strawberry-themed goods made and/or donated by parents, grandparents, students, and friends. Although the crafted items are slightly different each year, there are specific items that are perennial favorites—our famous T-shirts; homemade, sewn creations: and of course, our homemade strawberry jam, which is a sell-out item every year. Community Chest relies upon your help to replenish the stock.</p> <p>Please consider joining our team of "Strawberry Jammers." Let Sue Deegan know if you are interested in obtaining the strawberry jam recipe—it's a winner! Sue can also provide the strawberry supplier information.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your help as we prepare for another successful Strawberry Festival. Please call or email Sue Deegan with ideas and/or craft donations for the booth: (540) 387-3106 or e-mail sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com.</p>
<p>Festival Blog</p> 	<p>Access the Strawberry Festival blog at http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/ or by going to www.communityschool.net and clicking on the strawberry on the upper-right side of the screen. The blog link can be found at the bottom of the Strawberry Festival page.</p>

<p>Re-enrollment Forms Were Due Before Spring Break</p>	<p>Re-enrollment forms and deposits were due on March 31. All families, except for graduating students, should have returned a form so that we know whether or not your child will be enrolling for the fall. If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Victoria (victoria@communityschool.net).</p>
<p>Elementary & Middle School Information Session Thursday, April 22 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>*Please note that this is a general information session intended to provide details on our program as it progresses through the elementary and middle school years. If you wish to discuss your child in particular, we encourage you to set up a meeting with the teachers and/or Holly.</p>	<p>Current and prospective parents are invited to join us at our Elementary and Middle School Information Session on April 22. Parents can choose to participate in either the elementary or middle school session. In each session, the teachers will lead a brief discussion on the curriculum, educational philosophy, homework, peer pressure, and daily class schedules. If you need free childcare during the session, please call the office in advance to reserve a space.</p> <p>If you know of a family that might be interested in Community School, please invite them to join us for this information session. You can also help publicize this event by posting flyers in your place of business, church, synagogue, favorite coffee shop, or similar public location. Cards and flyers are available in the main office and attached to the March 30 issue of <i>Quick Notes</i>. Don't forget to turn in a parent referral card to qualify for a possible \$250 tuition credit. If you have any questions, contact Victoria (victoria@communityschool.net).</p>
<p>Pennies for Peace Concludes on April 23</p>	<p>The Middle School students will continue to collect and roll your coins for Pennies for Peace until April 23. So far our school has donated 47,360 pennies to help schools in Afghanistan. We plan to meet with Greg Mortenson when he visits Hollins University on April 26 and present him with a check. Thank you for your generosity!</p>
<p>CS Interviewing for Technology Teacher</p>	<p>Community School is in the process of interviewing for a technology teacher. The position overview and applicant requirements can be found on our Web site under the heading of <i>NEWS</i>. For more information, please contact Holly at 563-5036 or hollyh@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>***** Alumni Update *****</p>	<p>Sarah S. graduated with a Master of Fine Arts from the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA) last spring. She is currently teaching photography at Anne Arundel Community College in Maryland. Sarah attended Community School for middle school (Seminar class of 1998).</p>
<p>CHS and the Taubman Museum of Art Sponsor Summer Arts Institute</p>	<p>Community High School and the Taubman Museum of Art are co-sponsoring a Summer Arts Institute. This program is intended to offer a variety of rigorous and creative arts experiences to prepare secondary students (ages 13-18) for the pursuit of these subjects at the college level. These programs are designed to appeal to both novice students and to those with developed passions. While the Institute will not offer specific academic credit, certificates of completion will enhance a student's resume. Sessions include theater, performing arts production, film, painting, creative writing, and museum exhibition planning and design. There are a limited number of seats for each session; preference will be given to serious candidates. Admission is rolling. For more details and to apply, visit http://www.taubmanmuseum.com/TM_artinstitute.htm.</p>