

Quick Notes

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Community School 7815 Williamson Rd. Roanoke, VA 24019 540/563-5036
http://www.communityschool.net fax 540/362-1183 learn@communityschool.net

School Calendar

Tuesday	Dec. 1	6:00 p.m.	Bolivian Exchange Meeting for Students Interested in Going to Bolivia in 2010 (Art Room)
Wednesday	Dec. 2	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (mini corn dogs, chips, chocolate pudding, lemonade)
Saturday	Dec. 5-11 Dec. 5 & 6		Book Fair – Vouchers good at any Barnes & Noble store Book Fair – CS student activities at Valley View Barnes & Noble (Please check the performance schedule below.)
Wednesday	Dec. 9	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.
Wednesday	Dec. 16	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.
Saturday	Dec. 19	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day
Mon.- Fri.	Dec.21- Jan. 1		School Closed for Winter Break
Monday	Jan. 4		Classes Resume
Wednesday	Jan. 6	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (chicken nuggets, chips, brownies, lemonade)

Get your holiday shopping list together. It's time for our annual book fair!

This year's book fair will again take place at Barnes and Noble Valley View Mall and begins Saturday, December 5. We have planned a variety of events for both Saturday and Sunday, but your voucher is good for the entire week, until Friday, December 11. Our events will include a variety of musical performances, stories, a special reading with middle school teacher Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin of her book-in-progress, and a story time on Sunday afternoon. Please see the performance schedule below for specific events and times.

Also, on Saturday and Sunday only, you can enter to win our contest! Tracy Morris of Forever Today Photography is giving away a family photo session and CD of the shoot. To enter, simply visit Barnes and Noble that weekend and drop your name into our bowl. Winners will be contacted the following week and announced in Quick Notes.

Most teachers have shared wish lists with B&N. The process has changed for this year. In the children's section of the store, there will be a stand with individual tags for books that identify the teacher's name and desired book or item. When you choose a tag, please find the item in the store or ask a B&N bookseller for help. If the book is not in stock, you can simply take the tag to the register and pay for the item. If it is in stock, you can leave the item at the checkout. All books will be delivered to Community School.

Our school receives a percentage of all purchases that use our Community School code. This includes books, magazines, greeting cards, CD's, DVD's, games, toys and stationery, as well as purchases made in the cafe, including drinks and snacks, mugs, bulk coffee and teas, and whole cheesecakes. You can use your Barnes and Noble membership card for your discount and shop with gift cards. Community School can earn up to 20% of all purchases. While we will not receive credit for any online purchases, the voucher and school code can be used nationwide, so please forward your vouchers and share our school code (449884) with your friends and family across the country. Our best tool in raising money through the book fair is sharing our event with as many people as possible. With everyone's support, we can make this year's book fair our biggest yet!

<p>Performance Schedule for the Book Fair at Barnes and Noble</p> <p>Please contact your child's teacher if you are unable to attend.</p>	<p>Saturday, December 5 10:00 a.m. – Upper Elementary (Kim and Betsy) sings folk songs and silly songs. 10:30 a.m. – Lower Elementary (Beth) performs two special stories. 11:00 a.m. – Early Learners (Katlyn, Ruth Ann, and Tulie) share songs. 11:30 a.m. – Middle Elementary (Katie and Lena) present a sculpture garden. Lunch Break 1:00 p.m. – Middle School Choir and Show Choir perform. Also, skits by Seminarians and Bolivians. 1:30 p.m. – Piano Duets with Joe Hart and Kim Mucha. 5:00 p.m. – Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin shares excerpts from her book-in-progress, "Scared for Life."</p> <p>Sunday, December 6 3:00 p.m. – Special Story Time with Katrina</p> <p>Thursday, December 10 12:30 p.m. – MS Choir and Show perform, along with piano selections from choir members.</p>
<p>Attention MS Choir and Show Choir Parents</p>	<p>The MS Choir and Show Choir will sing at the Valley View Barnes & Noble as part of the CS Book Fair on December 5. The choirs sing at 1:00 p.m., so please have your choir member at B&N by 12:45 p.m. Your student will have a reminder note on Thursday. If you have any questions, OR if your student will not be able to attend, please contact Kim M. at kimmuch@communityschool.net. The choirs will also sing at B&N on Thursday, December 10, at 12:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Send a Holiday Song to Your Favorite CS Friend or Teacher!</p>	<p>The MS Choir and the Show Choir are once again sharing holiday songs as a fundraiser for the spring Kings Dominion Choir Festival trip. Choose a song from our list of holiday favorites for your favorite CS person, and a group of choir members will sing our holiday greeting to him/her during the week of December 14. Your recipient will also receive a card showing who sent the song. The cost is \$1.00 per person per song – what a great, inexpensive greeting! Forms and money are due by Wednesday, December 17. Please see the flyer attached to this QN.</p>

<p>Weather-Related School Closing & Delay Information</p>	<p>If there is any chance of a weather-related school closing or delayed opening, please check one or more of the following: WSLS-TV 10 and WDBJ-7 or WVTF (89.1), Q-99 FM and K-92FM radio stations. Best bet for accurate, timely information: call Community School (563-5036) after 6:00 a.m. on the morning of a potential closing and listen to the voice mail message or check the CS web page. Please recheck the listings throughout the morning as our opening status occasionally changes as weather conditions change. On days of a delayed 10:00 a.m. opening: classes start at 10:00 a.m., and there is no Before School Care. You may drop off your children beginning at 9:45 a.m. If weather requires an early school dismissal, we will post it on our web page and the TV and radio stations listed above. Please note: CS does not follow the other systems; we make our own decisions regarding weather closings and delays.</p>
<p>Author! Author!</p>	<p>The middle school is pleased to announce that Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin will read from her recently published young adult novel, <i>Mallrat</i>, on December 11 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will be copies of the book for purchase and signing after the reading. Parents are welcome to join us in Emilie's room.</p>
<p>Experiential Learning On and Off Campus</p> <p>2nd Quarter Middle School Friday Groups</p>	<p>This quarter, our middle school students are participating in the following Friday Groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) "Flight" (with Jennifer): making kites, frisbees, flying rockets, etc. Includes a visit to the Science Museum of Western Virginia. 2) "Reading Buddies" (with Emilie): a community service project at Westside Elementary. Students prepare lessons and materials in the morning and work with at-risk children in the afternoon. 3) "Local Hero Award" (with Cherry): painting portraits of Nobel Peace Prize recipients. 4) "After Middle School Explorations" (with Linda): Seminar students visit area high schools and learn about the programs they offer. Also includes exploring careers and volunteer opportunities.
<p>POP Activities</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. POP is selling "The Big One" long-sleeve t-shirts and zip-up hoodies in child and adult sizes. Long-sleeve t-shirts are \$18.50 and hoodies are \$25. We will distribute the ordered shirts and hoodies on December 18. Contact katrina@communityschool.net for information. 2. POP is recycling plastic caps (milk caps, soda bottle tops, ketchup and mustard caps) and Capri Sun and Honest Kid juice and drink pouches. Send caps or pouches to your child's classroom, and POP members will collect them all year.
<p>Needed for Class</p>	<p>Katie's Fantastic Fourteen need 4 to 6 walkman cassette players or small tape recorders for use with audio books.</p>
<p>Monthly Parent Work Day December 19 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Please join us for our parent work day on December 19. You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. There is always something to fix and repair at CS, but with your help, we can keep repair costs to a minimum. Please call the office, so we will know how many people to expect. Thank you!</p>