

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

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## School Calendar

Wednesday	Dec. 16	12:15-12:45 p.m. <b>No Bake Sale</b>	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.	<b>Monthly Parent Work Day</b>
Mon.- Fri.	Dec.21- Jan. 1		<b>School Closed for Winter Break</b>
Monday	Jan. 4		<b>Classes Resume</b>
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)
Monday	Jan. 11	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Jan. 13	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.
Friday	Jan. 15		Local Hero Award Ceremony (Watch for more information in January.)
Monday	Jan. 18		School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday

Best Wishes for a Safe and Joyous Holiday Season!

<b>Holiday Songs</b>	Don't forget to sign up for a Holiday Song for your favorite student, teacher, or friend! The deadline is Wednesday, December 16. You can find details and order forms in last week's Quick Notes.
<b>Bake Sales Resume January 6</b>	There will not be a bake sale this Wednesday. Bake sales will resume January 6, 2010.
<b>P.O.P. Party</b> (Wednesday, Dec. 16)	P.O.P will visit Pop's Ice Cream and Soda Bar on Memorial Avenue this Wednesday for our annual holiday party. Please pick up your child at Pop's by 5:00 p.m.
<b>Monthly Parent Work Day</b> December 19 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	Please join us for our parent work day this Saturday (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><b>Jack Tale Players Performance</b></p> <p>(This performance was funded by an arts integration grant from Target.)</p>	<p>Early learner and elementary students were treated to a performance by the Ferrum College Jack Tale Players on December 8. This entertaining and educational presentation, under the direction of R. Rex Stephenson, is based on traditional stories and music of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With fast-paced action, energetic actors, innovative staging, and foot-stomping music, the Jack Tale Players combine the art of traditional storytelling with theatre to create unique story theatre. Students heard several folk songs performed with traditional mountain instruments – a wash-tub bass, autoharp, washboard, spoons, and fiddle – and were treated to two jack tales: “The Story of Wicked John and the Devil” and “The Story of Hardy Hard Head.” It was a fun morning!</p>
<p><b>Tuition Payments</b></p>	<p>The December tuition payment is due December 20 for those families/caregivers on the monthly payment plan. If you have any questions, please e-mail Sue Nelson at <a href="mailto:sue@communityschool.net">sue@communityschool.net</a>. A reminder for those paying twice a year. Statements will be sent out in early January.</p>
<p><b>Thank You!</b></p>	<p>A big thank you to everyone who came out and supported our book fair! It was a great success! It was wonderful to see so many CS families out on Saturday for the events and throughout the rest of the week as well. Congratulations to the Gunn family, who won the free family photo session with Forever Today Photography! Forever Today is offering a 10% discount to CS families who schedule an appointment by the end of December. Visit <a href="http://www.forevertodayphotography.com">www.forevertodayphotography.com</a> for more information!</p>
<p><b>CS Cool Stuff Store Opens January 8</b></p>	<p>Starting January 8, Katie's class will be opening the Cool Stuff Store during fruit break on Thursdays. Items will range from 5 cents to \$2. We will be selling notebooks, pencils, pens, and a few toys.</p>
<p><b>CS Running Club Update</b></p>	<p>On Saturday, December 12, seventeen members and supporters of our club braved the frigid eighteen-degree weather to run in the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis in downtown Roanoke. It was a glorious event, and the Community School participants did us all proud. Everyone did extremely well, learned a lot about dressing for a cold run, a lot about perseverance, and a lot about themselves, all while raising \$395 for a worthwhile cause. We all cheered each other as we crossed the finish line, and we took great joy in everyone's accomplishments. Several Community School staff and teachers bravely and patiently withstood the cold to cheer us on.</p> <p>Participating for CS: Samantha S.; Emily &amp; Jay F.; Max and David B.; Eve-lynn, Molly, and Sue D.; Bucky M.; Michael and Sophie G.; Caleb and Richard A.; Caroline S. and Donna M. and their dog Ginger; Harlee and Melanie F.; and Phineas and Josh C.</p> <p>Lending much appreciated support were Rob and Pattie S., Giuliana and Jupiter C., Randy F., Laura M., Linda R., and Anna Beebe and Oliver S.</p>

<p><b>Raffle to Raise Funds for Arts Festival</b></p>	<p>You can purchase raffle tickets for the Howard Finster print from Connie in the school office. Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket or \$20 for five, with the drawing on February 11, 2010. You do not have to be present to win. All proceeds will go toward the cost of our annual Arts Festival in May.</p>
<p><b>Weather-Related School Closing &amp; Delay Information</b></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. <b>Please note:</b> CS does not follow the other systems; we make our own decisions regarding weather closings and delays.</p>
<p><b>CS Family Handbook</b></p> <p>Holly is still missing "Community School Family Handbook Receipts" from the families listed at right. Please sign and return this form as soon as possible. If you need another copy of the receipt, please pick one up in the main office. Thank you.</p>	<p>We have recently updated the Community School Family Handbook. You can find it under on our website <a href="http://www.communityschool.net">www.communityschool.net</a> under "How to Apply."</p> <p>Aiello, Ametepe, Amstutz. Anderson, Austin  Bodnar  Carter, Clinevell, Colbert  Graves, Grubb, Gunn  Herron, Holt  Kaiser  Lauricella, Lawson  Medina  Pekala, Pressley  Rice, Richards, Rowland  Sanders, Skelton, Smusz, Stratton  Walsh, Wang</p>