

Quick Notes

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

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School Calendar

Sat.-Fri.	Dec. 5-11		Book Fair – Vouchers good at any Barnes & Noble store
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)
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

Notes from the Development Director (Carissa)

Please Consider a Year-end Gift to Community School

I extend heartfelt thanks to all the families, staff, and Trustees who have pledged and/or contributed to our 2009-2010 Annual Fund. In this difficult economic period, I am humbled by the generosity you continue to show our school. As we approach the end of the year, please make your gift or pledge and honor the excitement Community School adds or has added to your life or to the life of someone you love. Help us strengthen our resolve to make Community School a haven for our students during a time of so much uncertainty. Remember, your contribution does not have to be extravagant to make a difference. Every gift helps, especially now. Your support helps us continue to offer the very best education available for all our students. Contributions can be made by check or credit card, and you can also use our secure online server at communityschool.net/giving.html. For more information about annual giving or to make a donation, please contact Carissa. Please send your gift or pledge today.

<p>Reminder for Choirs</p> <p>Performance this Thursday, Dec. 10</p>	<p>The Middle School Choir and Show Choir will be singing again at the Valley View Barnes and Noble for the CS Book Fair on Thursday, December 10, at 12:30 p.m. Students need to either bring money for lunch in the Food Court OR bring their bagged lunch to eat. If you missed our performance on Saturday, come see us on Thursday.</p>
<p>Book Fair Continues Through Friday</p>	<p>Don't forget that you can still use your book fair vouchers at any Barnes and Noble through Friday, December 11. Community School will receive a donation from Barnes & Noble based upon our total purchases. For details and vouchers, please check last week's Quick Notes.</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 attached flyer.</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>
<p>CS Running Club Members Participate in Drumstick Dash</p>	<p>On Thanksgiving Day, in the very chilling early hours of the day, seven of our CS Running Club members, one Bolivian Exchange student, seven Community School parents, and one Community School support dog ran through the lovely streets of downtown Roanoke, along with 7982 other brave souls, in the Rescue Mission's Drumstick Dash. It was a glorious event, and the Community School participants did us all proud. Several of our runners had the best running times of their brief running lives, and everyone did extremely well. We all cheered each other as we crossed the finish line, and we took great joy in everyone's accomplishments. Participating for CS this year were: Satoshi; Christopher, Alexandra, and Yad J.; Martina R.; Moss and Samantha S.; Caleb and Richard A.; Renee G.; Max and David B.; Sophie and Michael G.; and Donna M. and her dog Ginger. Parents Rob and Patti S. and grandparents Jerry G. and Jane C. provided support.</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>CS Cool Stuff Store Opens January 8</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. Profits will go to buy classroom supplies, with a percentage of our profits going to charities chosen by the students.</p>

Middle School Students Help Create Viewshed in Roanoke County



Our middle school volunteer group POP worked with Friends of the Blue Ridge on Friday, November 13, to plant trees for a viewshed in Roanoke County.

The seminar class and Jennifer's Friday Group joined the POP members as they worked really hard planting 60 trees, both evergreens and hardwoods. They learned how to properly plant trees: placing, partially filling in the hole to steady the tree so the burlap can be cut open and rolled back, then finishing filling in the hole and building a moat around each tree trunk. Don't forget mulching and staking!

Friends of the Blue Ridge also gave the students demonstrations on pollution and how watersheds work. The viewshed is off Rt. 220 South in Roanoke County and will block the view of the Volvo and Mercedes dealerships from the parkway.

Weather-Related School Closing & Delay Information

If there is any chance of a weather-related school closing or delayed opening, please check one or more of the following: WSLC-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.

Raffle to Raise Funds for Arts Festival

You can purchase raffle tickets for the Howard Finster print from Connie in the school office. Ticket prices are \$5.00 per ticket or \$20.00 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.

CS Family Handbook

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.

We have recently updated the Community School Family Handbook. You can find it under on our website www.communityschool.net under "How to Apply."

- Aiello, Ametepe, Amstutz, Anderson, Austin
- Bodnar
- Carter, Chapman, Clinevell, Colbert
- Graves, Grubb, Gunn
- Herron, Holt
- Jabbarpour
- Kaiser
- Lauricella, Lawson
- Mack, Medina
- Pekala, Pressley
- Rice, Richards, Rowland
- Sanders, Skelton, Smusz, Stratton
- Walsh, Wang