

Quick Notes

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

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School Calendar

Tuesday	Feb. 16	7:00 p.m.	Fat Tuesday Celebration - Sponsored by Community High (Fitzpatrick Hall, The Jefferson Center)
Wednesday	Feb. 17		CS Middle School Students Leave for Bolivia
Wednesday	Feb. 17	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (cheese bagel bites, chocolate granola bars, orange slices, lemonade)
Saturday	Feb. 20	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day
Wednesday	Feb. 24	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	Feb. 25	7:00 p.m.	Preschool & Kindergarten Information Session (Early learner & lower elementary classrooms)
Sunday	Feb. 28		Deadline for Submitting Financial Aid Application to SSS
Wednesday	March 3	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)
Monday	March 8		School Closed for Staff In-Service Day
Wednesday	March 10	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	March 17	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)
Friday	March 19		Strawberry Festival Baking Day

Baking Takes the Cake!

Baking Day is approaching, and we need volunteers for baking our famous, secret recipe shortcakes. Remember, every caregiver is expected to volunteer 12 hours over the course of the Strawberry Festival, either on Baking Day (March 19), at Berry Cleaning (April 29), in the park or at large order on the festival weekend (April 30 & May 1), or in some combination of shifts from each. It takes over 2500 volunteer hours to pull this off, so we really do need everyone!

Remember: The Festival Only Works If You Do!

The wonder of a delicious strawberry shortcake is the stuff of which dreams are made – help the dreams of over 25,000 people come true. We need a lot of volunteers for Baking Day. Sign up as soon as possible to get your pick of shifts. To sign up, visit our Web site (www.communityschool.net) and click on the strawberry in the upper right corner. Scroll down and look for the link to the Baking Day volunteer sign up. We plan to have the link operational later this week. Questions? Please contact michi@communityschool.net.

<p>View “Positive Parenting” On-line at Your Leisure</p>	<p>Did you miss the Blue Ridge PBS show “Positive Parenting” last Tuesday night? You can still view the production on-line via their Web site at http://www.blueridgepbs.org/html/local/parenting.html. In fact, if you are pressed for time, you can choose to view each segment individually. The eleven-minute segment “Pre-Schoolers” showcases Community School’s early learner program. Video of our students and classes also appears during other segments of the show. Don’t forget to recommend the program to your friends and acquaintances!</p>
<p>Update on the Arts Festival Fundraiser Dinner</p>	<p>The Pancake Dinner scheduled for February 11 has been cancelled. Everyone who paid will be receiving e-mails concerning refunds. The middle school students will perform their piece for the CS student body on Tuesday, February 16, at 1:00 p.m. in Talmadge Hall. The drawing for the Finster print will be held during the Strawberry Festival at 3:00 p.m. on May 1; tickets are for sale until that day. We thank everyone for your support of this event.</p>
<p>Preschool & Kindergarten Information Session</p> <p>Thursday, Feb. 25 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date: March 4)</p>	<p>Join us for our annual Preschool and Kindergarten Information Session. This event is open to the general public, but we encourage current CS parents with rising preschool and kindergarten students to attend the session and learn more about our incredible early learner and lower elementary programs. If you want to take advantage of our free childcare during the session, please call the school office.</p> <p>Do you know a family that might be interested in CS? Cards and flyers with information about this event are available in the school office. If the family enrolls, you can receive a \$250 credit on your fall tuition. Referral cards are available in the main office and the admissions office. If you have any questions, please call Victoria.</p>
<p>Job Opening at CS</p>	<p>Community School is in the process of interviewing for a full-time art teacher. An art education or related degree is required. The position overview 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>Monthly Parent Work Day</p> <p>Feb. 20 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Please join us for a parent work day on February 20. You will be working on painting projects with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. Please call the office, so we will know how many people to expect. Thank you!</p>
<p>Financial Aid Application Deadline: February 28</p>	<p>Link to the 2010-2011 financial aid application from our Web site at http://www.communityschool.net/apply_tuition_aid.html. We will no longer be mailing financial aid application forms to families. The Financial Aid Committee will notify families of tuition grant awards in late March. Questions? Contact michi@communityschool.net.</p>

Tuition Payments & Tax Information	<p>February 20 is the due date for those families/caregivers paying tuition on a monthly payment plan. If you need a statement of services or tuition for your 2009 tax return, please contact Sue Nelson at sue@communityschool.net. Statements are only sent by request.</p>
On-line Software Orders	<p>Lelia will no longer be offering Scholastic Software orders on-line.</p>
Substitute Teachers Needed	<p>Community School is in the process of interviewing for substitute teachers. If you love children and have a degree in education, child development, or a related field, please contact Holly at 563-5036 or hollyh@communityschool.net.</p>
CS Students' Paintings on Display	<p>Nine portraits of past Nobel Peace Laureates painted by select middle school students are on display now through the month of February in Roanoke's Main Library.</p>
<p>The Power of a Penny</p> <p>It might be a pittance to us, but to a child in Afghanistan or Pakistan, a penny can purchase them a new world.</p>	<p>Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists--one penny at a time. Founded by Greg Mortenson, author of <i>Three Cups of Tea</i>, Pennies for Peace raises funds to open schools in central Asia. To date, Mortenson's efforts have built over 100 schools serving over 28,000 students throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan.</p> <p>The Middle School's Service Friday Group is spear-heading the Pennies for Peace Drive. Participating students are visiting classrooms to read the storybook version of Mortenson's book. Each classroom has received a specially decorated milk jug for the pennies. Between now and April, when Mortenson visits Hollins University, we hope to fill these jugs.</p> <p>Pennies do not mean a great deal in the First World, but in Central Asia: 1 penny = one pencil, 2 pennies = one eraser, 15 pennies = one notebook, \$2 or \$3 = one teacher's salary for one day, \$20 = one student's school supplies for one year, \$600 = one teacher's annual salary, \$5,000 = support for existing school for one year, \$50,000 = one school building and support for up to five years.</p>