

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, February 23, 2010

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## School Calendar

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.	<b>Preschool &amp; Kindergarten Information Session</b> Current Families Invited! (Early learner & lower elementary classrooms)
Sunday	Feb. 28		<b>Deadline for Submitting Financial Aid Application to SSS</b>
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		<b>School Closed for Staff In-Service Day</b>
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.
Monday	March 15		<b>Re-enrollment Information Mailed to Families</b>
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		<b>Strawberry Festival Baking Day</b>
Wednesday	March 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.
Wednesday	March 31		<b>Deadline for Re-enrollment Forms and Tuition Deposits for 2010-2011</b>
Wednesday	March 31	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.



## New Strawberry Festival Blog!



Community School's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Strawberry Festival now has a blog. Please visit this page for any upcoming news, pictures, and frequently asked questions. Also on this blog are links for the Large Order Form and Volunteer Sheets. You may access the blog by going to <http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/> or by going to [communityschool.net](http://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><b>Bake Sale</b></p>	<p>The Fantastic Fourteen will provide baked goods for the bake sale on February 24. We will be raising money to purchase inventory for the school store.</p>
<p><b>Preschool &amp; Kindergarten Information Session This Thursday</b></p> <p>Feb. 25 at 7:00 p.m. (Snow Date: March 4)</p>	<p>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>Don't forget to remind your friends, neighbors, and co-workers to attend! If you have questions about this event, please contact Victoria (victoria@communityschool.net or 563-5036).</p>
<p><b>Financial Aid Application Deadline: February 28</b></p>	<p>Link to the 2010-2011 financial aid application from our Web site at <a href="http://www.communityschool.net/apply_tuition_aid.html">http://www.communityschool.net/apply_tuition_aid.html</a>. <b>We will no longer be mailing financial aid application forms to families.</b> The Financial Aid Committee will notify families of tuition grant awards in late March. Questions? Contact michi@communityschool.net.</p>
<p><b>Sign Up Now for Your Baking Day Shift</b></p>	<p>Baking Day is approaching, and we need lots of volunteers for baking our famous, secret recipe shortcakes. Sign up as soon as possible to get your pick of shifts. To sign up, visit the new Strawberry Festival blog at <a href="http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/">http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/</a>. Questions? Please contact michi@communityschool.net.</p> <p>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 &amp; 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!</p>
<p><b>Beginning Guitar – Note Reading for Middle School Students</b></p>	<p>Kim M. will teach a beginning guitar group class for middle school students on Monday afternoons from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m. The class will meet on March 1, March 15, March 22, and March 29. The fee for the class is \$27.95 for the four lessons and the book, payable to Community School. The class will include basics in reading music on the guitar (reading notes on the first three strings) and tuning the guitar. For more details and the sign-up form, see the attached information sheet. Class size is limited to 8 students. Forms and payment must be received by Friday, February 26, 2010.</p>
<p><b>Elementary Classes Plan Bartering Day</b></p>	<p>Upper and middle elementary classes are planning a Bartering Day for March 18. Starting March 1, children in these classes should bring a gently used item that they no longer want. The item should be something that will have value to other students, so it is easy to trade. Over the next few weeks, upper and middle elementary classes will learn about bartering systems. On March 18, toys will be traded according to the worth assigned to them.</p>

<p><b>New Inventory in the Cool Stuff Store</b></p>	<p>The Cool Stuff Store has new inventory! Come check out our cool pencil sets, erasers, putty, origami paper, and more! The store is open during fruit break on Thursdays for elementary students. Middle school students need to ask their teachers what time is a good time to visit the store.</p>
<p><b>Bolivian Exchange Update</b></p>	<p>Elena and eleven of our middle school students arrived safely in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, during the morning hours of February 18. They are happily ensconced with their Bolivian host families and have already begun attending classes at Colegio Domingo Savio.</p> <p>Community School would like to welcome Bernie Walsh (father of Marleigh and Garrett) as our substitute Spanish teacher while Elena is in Bolivia (2/17 - 4/2). This is Bernie's second year as our substitute Spanish teacher. He is a strong Spanish speaker, a frequent traveler to South America, and a member of our Board of Trustees.</p>
<p><b>Job Opening at CS</b></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 <a href="mailto:hollyh@communityschool.net">hollyh@communityschool.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Additions to CS Family Handbook</b></p> <p>Effective February 22, 2010, two additions have been made to the Community School Family Handbook:</p>	<p><u>Over-the-Counter (OTC) Skin Products</u></p> <p>Community School will apply sunscreen and/or insect repellent to Early Learner students under the following conditions:</p> <p>Sunscreen:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The teacher shall obtain written parent authorization noting any known adverse reactions.</li> <li>2. Sunscreen shall be in the original container labeled with the child's name.</li> </ol> <p>Insect repellent:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The teacher shall obtain written parent authorization noting any known adverse reactions.</li> <li>2. Insect repellent shall be in the original container and labeled with the child's name.</li> <li>3. A record shall be kept that includes the child's name, date of use, frequency of application, and any adverse reactions.</li> <li>4. Manufacturer's instructions for age, duration, and dosage shall be followed.</li> </ol> <p><u>Early Pick-up</u></p> <p>When a student is picked up prior to 3:10 p.m., a parent or authorized caregiver must sign the child out in the main office.</p>

<b>View “Positive Parenting” On-line at Your Leisure</b>	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 <a href="http://www.blueridgepbs.org/html/local/parenting.html">http://www.blueridgepbs.org/html/local/parenting.html</a> . 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!
<b>Tax Information</b>	If you need a statement of services or tuition for your 2009 tax return, please contact Sue Nelson at <a href="mailto:sue@communityschool.net">sue@communityschool.net</a> . Statements are only sent by request.
<b>Substitute Teachers Needed</b>	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 <a href="mailto:hollyh@communityschool.net">hollyh@communityschool.net</a> .
<b>The Power of a Penny</b>	The Middle School’s Service Friday Group is spear-heading our Pennies for Peace Drive to help open schools in central Asia. Participating students are visiting classrooms to read the storybook version of Greg Mortenson’s book <i>Three Cups of Tea</i> . 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. It might be a pittance to us, but to a child in Afghanistan or Pakistan, a penny can purchase them a new world.