

Quick Notes

Thursday, February 4, 2010

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School Calendar

Friday	Feb. 5		Conference Day. No classes. (Please stay tuned for possible weather-related changes.)
Monday	Feb. 8	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
Wednesday	Feb. 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.
Thursday	Feb. 11	Seatings at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m.	Pancake Dinner (Arts Festival Fundraiser) (See more information below.)
Thursday	Feb. 11-16		Marginal Arts Festival - Sponsored by Community High (See information below.)
Monday	Feb. 15		School Closed for Presidents' Day
Tuesday	Feb. 16	7:00 p.m.	Fat Tuesday Celebration - Sponsored by Community High (Fitzpatrick Hall, The Jefferson Center)
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)

Preschool & Kindergarten Information Session

Thursday, February 25, at 7:00 p.m.
(Snow Date: March 4)

Parents considering preschool or kindergarten for their child in fall 2010 are invited to our annual Preschool and Kindergarten Information Session. This session is open to the general public. We also 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 before February 25.

<p>Marginal Arts Festival (Sponsored by Community High School of Arts & Academics)</p> <p>For more information on the festival, please visit www.marginalarts.com .</p>	<p>Welcome to the FREE STATE of Marginal Arts! For the six days of Marginal Arts Festival, underrepresented communities, art forms, voices and artists of the region DECLARE their INDEPENDENCE from the hum-drum everyday and intend to celebrate the carnival season!</p> <p>Join us for absurdist activities, insightful discussions, carnival parades, scholarly lectures, top-flight performances, frolic and revelry, challenging museum and gallery exhibitions, family fun, literary readings, hands-on workshops, avant music, multimedia collaborations, international underground art forms, and Community bonding hilarity! WE declare that it is the CITIZENS that define the city, not the other way around. The artists, entrepreneurs and small communities that OCCUPY our city can make this our region a better place to live by starting a dialog. Grab your rubber chicken, silly hat, or crazy costume and TAKE TO THE STREETS. Party 'till Mardi Gras because the Free State ends on Fat Tuesday! (Brian Counihan, Marginal Arts Festival Director)</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>
<p>Sale at the Cool Stuff Store!</p>	<p>The Fantastic Fourteen need to make room for new inventory, so we are having a sale! Please visit the store on Thursdays at fruit break (after lunch for middle school students. Thanks so much for your support!</p>
<p>Needed</p>	<p>Community High needs to borrow strings of white Christmas lights, clothesline, and clothes pins for use in their Fat Tuesday Celebration decorations. If you can help, please e-mail roni@communityhigh.net as soon as possible.</p>
<p>CS Students' Paintings on Display</p>	<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>

Monthly Parent Work Day Feb. 20 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)	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!
Financial Aid Applications for 2010-2011 Deadline: February 28	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 .