

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

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## School Calendar

Wednesday	Jan. 20	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (pancake & sausage on a stick, syrup, cooked apples, cookie, lemonade)
Wednesday	Jan. 27	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	Feb. 3	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (hot dog, chips, jello cups, lemonade)
Friday	Feb. 5		<b>Conference Day.</b> No classes.
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.	<b>Pancake Dinner</b> (Arts Festival Fundraiser) (See more information below.)
Thursday	Feb. 11-16		<b>Marginal Arts Festival</b> (Sponsored by Community High) (Watch QN for more information.)
Tuesday	Feb. 16		<b>Fat Tuesday Celebration</b> (Sponsored by Community High) (Watch QN for more information.)
Monday	Feb. 15		<b>School Closed for Presidents' Day</b>
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)
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> (Watch QN for more information.)

## Local Hero Award

On Friday, January 15, Community School's 2010 Local Hero Award was presented to Betsy Bursey, one of our own CS teachers. The following is an excerpt from the award presentation speech written by Sylvia E. and Audrey S.

Betsy has been teaching for thirty years, and of those, she has been with Community School for twenty-two. Outside of teaching, Betsy enjoys making greeting cards, drawing, spending time with her friends and family, and volunteering. She volunteers about twenty hours a week! She is a member of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church where she leads Bible study groups and teaches Sunday school. As a member of Soldier's Angels, she writes letters and creates care packages to send to soldiers who are deployed overseas.

Betsy shares her commitment to service with her students. They have sent packages, letters, cards, and e-mails to deployed soldiers. They have created blankets and care packages for wounded soldiers. In December, when Betsy found out that a local veteran and his family were without food and Christmas presents, she used her church and school connections and her own money to make sure the family was cared for. Betsy's and Kim's students used their fundraising money to shop for the soldier's children.

As John Gardner said, "Some people strengthen the society just by being the kind of people they are." Betsy adds strength to our school, our community at large, and our nation.

<p><b>CS Students' Paintings on Display</b></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>
<p><b>Save the date: Arts Festival Pancake Dinner</b>          You can purchase raffle tickets for the Howard Finster print from Connie in the school office (\$5 per ticket or \$20 for five). You do not have to be present to win.</p>	<p>The second annual Arts Festival Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, February 11, at Central United Methodist Church in Salem. This year, the meal will be a pancake supper--pancakes (all-you-can-eat), sausage, fruit, coffee, tea or lemonade--with Linda and Emilie's classes performing "Fractured Fairy Tales." There will be two seatings, at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$7.00 for adults, \$3.50 for children under ten, and free for children three and under. The drawing for the Howard Finster print will also take place at the dinner. It promises to be a fun evening with the proceeds going toward the cost of our annual Arts Festival in May. Please send in your order form--attached to this QN--by Monday, February 8.</p>
<p><b>Financial Aid Applications for 2010-2011</b>           Did you receive the e-mail last week with details about financial aid applications? If not, please contact Victoria.</p>	<p>The link to SSS for 2010-2011 financial aid applications is now active on our Web site at <a href="http://www.communityschool.net/apply_tuition_aid.html">http://www.communityschool.net/apply_tuition_aid.html</a>. Paper copies of the application may be downloaded from the SSS Web site or picked up in our school office later this week. <b>We will no longer be mailing financial aid application forms to families.</b> You should submit your completed financial aid application to SSS by February 28. Note: SSS will charge you an additional fee if you choose to mail a paper copy of the application instead of filing online. The Financial Aid Committee will notify families of tuition grant awards in late March. Please see Michi if you have questions about the financial aid process.</p>
<p><b>Sibling Applications for Fall 2010</b>           Call now if you are interested in a new sibling enrollment for next fall.</p>	<p>We invite siblings of current CS students to submit applications for fall 2010 now. Siblings of current students have priority for available spaces, but we need to know how many siblings are interested in order to reserve those spaces. Please call Victoria to discuss sibling applications and to arrange a student visit. Re-enrollment information for current students will be sent home in mid-March.</p>
<p><b>CS Cool Stuff Store Is Open</b></p>	<p>Katie's class will operate the Cool Stuff Store during fruit break on Thursdays. Items range from 5 cents to \$2. We will be selling notebooks, pencils, pens, and a few toys. If the weather is too cold to be outside, the store will be open inside Katie's classroom.</p>

<p><b>Receive Notification of School Closings Through Twitter</b></p> <p>We've added another tool to our communications arsenal. Now you can follow CS on Twitter. We will use Twitter as another method to notify parents of unscheduled early dismissals and weather closings.</p>	<p>It's easy to become a CS follower. Just go to our homepage (<a href="http://www.communityschool.net">www.communityschool.net</a>) and click on the small Twitter button on the lower right side of the page. You must have an account to follow us. If you don't have a Twitter account, you will be able to create one from this page. Don't worry, it's easy and free. As you set up your account, you will have the option to have our notifications sent to your cell phone as a text message, or you can read notifications on your computer. I recommend that you set your account to send our tweets to your cell phone, as you will know almost immediately, wherever you are, if we have to call for an early closing. At this time, we will only use this service for weather and early closing notifications. You don't have to worry about being inundated with tweets from us! If we decide to use this service for notifications of other school-wide events, you will read it in QN before we implement it.</p> <p>Happy tweeting!</p>
<p><b>Update to Campbell's Labels School Fundraiser</b></p>	<p>Campbell no longer accepts label fronts from their products. They will only accept the UPC codes found on the back of their products. Thank you for bringing in your UPC codes!</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 (C. &amp; I.)  Carter, Clinevell  Graves, Grubb  Herron  Kaiser  Lauricella, Lawson  Medina  Pressley  Richards, Rowland  Sanders</p>
<p><b>Weather-Related School Closing &amp; Delay Information</b></p> <p>While rare, Friday, December 18, was a good example of a weather-related early school closing.  <b>Please be prepared!</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>