

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, January 5, 2010

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## School Calendar

Wednesday	Jan. 6	12:15-12:45 p.m. <b>No Bake Sale</b>	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	1:30 p.m.	Local Hero Award Ceremony Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University (See information below.)
Monday	Jan. 18		School Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday
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.	Pancake Dinner (Arts Festival Fundraiser) (See more information below)
Monday	Feb. 15		<b>School Closed for Presidents' Day</b>

## Notes from the Director (Holly)

At Community School, one of our educational objectives is to help our students develop strong communication skills. Communication is not only writing and speaking; it also includes reading and listening. Discussion, debate, and civil discourse are expected and welcomed in the quest for further knowledge and the development of relationships.

Our faculty, staff, and board members work diligently to share and receive information and the opinions of our community. Younger children have “take home” folders; *Quick Notes* is published weekly; classroom FYIs and blogs are published regularly; board meetings are open to the community; faculty and staff respond daily to e-mails and phone calls; student conferences are held four times a year; and meetings between faculty, staff, and parents are conducted continuously throughout the year.

We understand that the “Information Age” can be overwhelming. However, the educational success of your child requires two-way communication. We invite all community members to model positive and constructive communication skills to our children. Do not hesitate to write, call, e-mail, visit, or set up a meeting if you have a question, concern, compliment, or brilliant idea. The lines are open.

<p><b>Weather-Related School Closing &amp; Delay Information</b> 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>
<p><b>Bake Sales Resume January 13</b></p>	<p>There will <u>not</u> be a bake sale this Wednesday. Bake sales will resume January 13.</p>
<p><b>Local Hero Award Ceremony</b></p> <p>Friday, Jan. 15, at 1:30 p.m. in Talmadge Recital Hall (Hollins University)</p> <p>Students will be dismissed from the Community School campus at 3:15 p.m. on January 15. Our After School Program will operate on a regular schedule.</p>	<p>Since 2002, Community School has sponsored the Local Hero Award in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. We solicit nominations from all over the Roanoke Valley in search of individuals whose efforts in the community have exemplified those of Martin Luther King, Jr., and have made a positive difference in the lives of many.</p> <p>Our middle school students create the award, choose the award recipient, and lead the ceremony recognizing the award winner. This year’s ceremony will be held on Friday, January 15, at 1:30 p.m. in Talmadge Recital Hall on the campus of Hollins University. Most of our students will attend the ceremony, and we invite all of our community to attend as well.</p>
<p><b>CS Cool Stuff Store Opens January 7</b></p>	<p>Starting January 7, 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. If the weather is too cold to be outside, the store will be open inside Katie’s classroom.</p>
<p><b>CS Running Club</b></p>	<p>Due to the cold temperatures, the running club will not meet on Thursday, January 7.</p>
<p><b>Arts Festival Pancake Dinner</b></p>	<p>Save the date: The second annual Arts Festival Fundraiser Dinner is scheduled for February 11 at Central United Methodist Church in Salem.</p>

	<p>This year, the meal will be a pancake supper 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. More details will be included in next week's Quick Notes. 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.</p>
<p><b>Raffle to Raise Funds for Arts Festival</b></p>	<p>You can purchase raffle tickets for the Howard Finster print from Connie in the school office. Ticket prices are \$5 per ticket or \$20 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.</p>
<p><b>CS Family Handbook</b>  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, Colbert  Graves, Grubb  Herron  Kaiser  Lauricella, Lawson  Medina  Pekala, Pressley  Rice, Richards, Rowland  Sanders, Skelton</p>