

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, March 16, 2010

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## School Calendar

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, cookies, lemonade)
Thursday	March 18		<b>Bartering Day</b> (Middle & Upper Elementary Classes)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>March 19</b>	<b>Volunteers Still Needed!</b>	<b>Strawberry Festival Baking Day</b> (See information below.)
Tues.-Thurs.	Mar. 23 -25		<b>Middle School Trip to Washington, D.C.</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 2010-2011 Re-enrollment Forms and Tuition Deposits</b>
Wednesday	March 31	<b>Pizza Day for Middle School Only! Bake Sale for Everyone!</b>	Due to a calendar snafu, March 31 was not scheduled for Pizza or LAM. <b>Please be sure to pack your Early Learner or Elementary child a lunch.</b>
Fri. – Fri.	April 2 - 9		<b>School Closed for Spring Break</b>
Monday	April 12	6:15 p.m.	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>
Wednesday	April 14	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	April 19		<b>Conference Day – No Classes</b>
Wednesday	April 21	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)
Thursday	April 22	7:00 p.m.	<b>Elementary &amp; Middle School Information Session</b>
Wednesday	April 28	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	April 29		<b>Berry Cleaning Day</b>
Friday-Saturday	April 30-May 1		<b>Strawberry Festival</b>




## Strawberry Festival Large Orders








Strawberry Festival is fast approaching. One way you can help is by organizing a strawberry shortcake order for your workplace. Order 15 or more shortcakes, and we will deliver them to your business on Friday, April 30. You can also pick up large orders at our large order location at St. John's Episcopal Church (corner of Elm and Jefferson).

To order, please complete a large order form and bring, mail, or fax it to the school office. You can download the form from the Strawberry Festival blog ([http://www.communityschool.net/09-10/Strawberry\\_Fest\\_large\\_order\\_form.pdf](http://www.communityschool.net/09-10/Strawberry_Fest_large_order_form.pdf)) or use the attached copy.

If you know additional companies who may like to order, please e-mail the contact information to Kim Halsey at [kimh@communityschool.net](mailto:kimh@communityschool.net). Thank you!

<p><b>CS Students' Work Featured in On-line Gallery</b></p> 	<p>The Carnegie Mellon CyberAcademy was so impressed with our students' work on internet safety that they created a student gallery and featured Community School students first. To visit the Cadet Gallery go to <a href="http://www.carnegiecyberacademy.com/funstuff.html#gallery">http://www.carnegiecyberacademy.com/funstuff.html#gallery</a>.</p>
<p><b>Re-enrollment Forms and Deposits</b></p> <p>Deadline: March 31</p>	<p>Re-enrollment forms and information for 2010-2011 were mailed to families on March 12. Forms and deposits must be returned by March 31. If you have any questions about enrollment, or if you did not receive your re-enrollment information, please call Victoria or e-mail <a href="mailto:victoria@communityschool.net">victoria@communityschool.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Interim Appointment Announced</b></p>	<p>Community School is pleased to announce the appointment of Pattie Stratton as Interim Director of Marketing and Development. She may be reached at <a href="mailto:patties@communityschool.net">patties@communityschool.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Tuition Payment</b></p>	<p>Tuition is due on March 20 for those families on the ten-month payment plan. Any questions should be directed to <a href="mailto:sue@communityschool.net">sue@communityschool.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>Free CD Child ID Kits Available</b></p>	<p>When: Saturday, March 27  Where: Tanglewood Mall  Time: 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  Sponsored by: Pleasants Masonic Lodge #63  For information: Call 725-1134 or 798-5894  Receive a CD that includes a picture, electronic fingerprints, other vital information, and a short video of your child. This type of kit assists law enforcement searching for missing or lost children.</p>
<p><b>Bake Sale on March 31</b></p>	<p>Tulie's class will be hosting a bake sale on Wednesday, March 31. Because it would be hard for the little ones to go door-to-door selling treats, we will be opening a bakery store in our classroom. The store will be open for business from 12:00 -12:45. All items will be 50 cents. All proceeds will go into our Make A Wish Foundation fund. Please be sure to stop by for some homemade goodies!</p>

<p><b>Needed</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) The computer lab has turned into a part-time video studio. In order to provide more interesting backgrounds, Lelia needs large, solid-colored sheets or tablecloths. The bigger the better. If you'd like to see some of the videos that the students have made so far, visit the Purple 'Puter Lady's Blog and click on the "Student Work" link. We've also been exploring green screen digital photography, so examples of those images will also be posted soon.</li> <li>2) The After School Program needs clean, empty, individual serving yogurt cups. The students will transform them into Easter baskets for patients in the VA Hospital.</li> </ol>										
<p><b>Baking Day This Friday, March 19!</b></p> 	<p>We still need parent volunteers for the following shifts!</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.</td> <td>Need 5 More</td> </tr> <tr> <td>9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.</td> <td>FULL</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.</td> <td>Need 6 More</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.</td> <td>Need 5 More</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8:30 p.m. – Done</td> <td>Need 16 More</td> </tr> </table> <p>Please go on-line to the Festival blog for sign-up instructions:  <a href="http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com">http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com</a>.</p>	7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	Need 5 More	9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	FULL	1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Need 6 More	5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Need 5 More	8:30 p.m. – Done	Need 16 More
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<p><b>Festival Sponsors Needed!</b></p>  <p>Last year, we raised about half of the festival expenses in cash donations. If we could identify ten new cash sponsors, we'd be well on our way to covering all of the festival expenses!</p>	<p>Each year we work hard to make the Strawberry Festival our most successful fundraiser of the year. A significant portion of our proceeds comes from cash sponsorships and in-kind gifts that help offset the festival's expenses. Strawberry Festival is well known and well loved throughout the Valley, but we have never (YET!) had our costs completely covered by sponsorships.</p> <p>We spend approximately \$30,000 to organize and run the festival. If we can get these costs covered, the festival earnings would benefit our students even more. This year presents us with the further challenge of securing gifts in a climate of economic uncertainty. If your company, or someone you know, would be interested in sponsoring the festival, please contact me. I will reach out to them with a request or (even better) work with you to provide material you could share on behalf of our school. Support of our festival gives sponsors a variety of marketing opportunities and a link to a long-standing Roanoke tradition that offers a family-oriented, fun event.</p> <p>Thank you for supporting CS and the Strawberry Festival! Contact Pattie on campus or by email (<a href="mailto:patties@communityschool.net">patties@communityschool.net</a>).</p>										
<p><b>Sign Up Now for Baking Day</b></p> 	<p>Don't forget to sign up now to get your pick of shifts! <b>Visit the Strawberry Festival blog at <a href="http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/">http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/</a>.</b> Questions? Please contact <a href="mailto:michi@communityschool.net">michi@communityschool.net</a>.</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>New Strawberry Festival Blog!</b></p> 	<p>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 <a href="http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/">http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/</a> or by going to <a href="http://communityschool.net">communityschool.net</a> 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>
<p><b>The Strawberry Festival Community Chest Needs Your Help</b></p>  <p>The Community Chest makes a nice profit for the school and has a faithful following in the festival goers.</p>	<p>Are you cleverly crafty? Are you searching for an outlet to exhibit your homemade creative talents? The Strawberry Festival Community Chest needs your help! The Community Chest booth showcases strawberry-themed goods made and/or donated by parents, grandparents, students, and friends.</p> <p>Although the crafted items are slightly different each year, there are specific items that are perennial favorites—our famous T-shirts; homemade, sewn creations; and of course, our homemade strawberry jam which is a sell-out item every year. Community Chest relies upon your help to replenish the stock.</p> <p>Please consider joining our team of Strawberry Jammers. Let Sue Deegan know if you are interested in obtaining the strawberry jam recipe—it's a winner! Sue can also provide the strawberry supplier information.</p> <p>Thank you in advance for your help as we prepare for another successful Strawberry Festival. Please call or email Sue Deegan with ideas and/or craft donations for the booth: (540) 387-3106 or e-mail <a href="mailto:sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com">sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com</a>.</p>
<p><b>Pennies for Peace Donations</b></p>	<p>Each classroom has received a specially decorated milk jug for donated pennies. Between now and April, when Greg 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.</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> Community School will apply sunscreen and/or insect repellent to Early Learner students under the following conditions:</p> <p><i>Sunscreen:</i></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><i>Insect repellent:</i></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> 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>