

Quick Notes

Tuesday, March 2, 2010

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School Calendar

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, Rice Krispie Treats, lemonade)
Monday	March 8		School Closed for Staff In-Service Day
Monday	March 8	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
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		Re-enrollment Information Mailed to Families
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)
Friday	March 19		Strawberry Festival Baking Day (Sign up now for your shift!)
Tues.-Thurs.	Mar. 23 -25		Middle School Trip to Washington, D.C.
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		Deadline for 2010-2011 Re-enrollment Forms and Tuition Deposits
Wednesday	March 31	No Pizza or LAM today!	Due to a calendar snafu, March 31 was not scheduled for Pizza or LAM. Please be sure to pack your child a lunch.
Fri. – Fri.	April 2 - 9		School Closed for Spring Break



The Strawberry Festival Community Chest Needs Your Help




Are you cleverly crafty? Are you searching for an outlet to exhibit your homemade creative talents? The Strawberry Festival Community Chest needs your help! What is Community Chest? Named by former students, the Community Chest is one of the many fundraising facets of the Strawberry Festival. The Community Chest booth showcases strawberry-themed goods made and/or donated by parents, grandparents, students, and friends.


Each year we receive wonderful sewn and crafted items. 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.

Please consider joining our team of Strawberry Jammers. Yes, our parents make the strawberry jam that is sold at the festival, and our repeat jammers, as well as new recruits, are needed. Please 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.

The Community Chest makes a nice profit for the school and has a faithful following in the festival goers. 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 sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com.

<p>Sign Up Now for Baking Day</p> 	<p>Don't forget to sign up now to get your pick of shifts! Visit the Strawberry Festival blog at http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/. 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 & 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>After School</p>	<p>Parents: When you pick up your child from the After School Program, please make sure you initial the date on the attendance sheet. This procedure helps to ensure your child's safety!</p>
<p>Lunch-A-Month Menu Changes</p>	<p>This Wednesday, March 3, we will serve Rice Krispies Treats in place of pudding. On May 17, we will serve cookies. On May 19, pizza rolls will replace the cheese bagel bites.</p>
<p>Needed for Class</p>	<p>The Seminar art students need thin, white, wire coat hangers—the variety that dry cleaners use for shirts. Thank you!</p>
<p>New Student Welcome</p>	<p>Welcome to Dillan (Katlyn's class) and his parents Surendrabhai and Damini. Their address information is available in the school office.</p>
<p>Thank You!</p>	<p>Special thanks to Scott & Melanie Rice for volunteering their time during the recent parent workday. The teachers love the painting jobs they did!</p>
<p>Elementary Classes Plan Bartering Day</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>New Strawberry Festival Blog!</p> 	<p>Community School's 30th 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 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>New Inventory in the Cool Stuff Store</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>Job Opening at CS</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 hollyh@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>Tax Information</p>	<p>If you need a statement of services or tuition for your 2009 tax return, please contact Sue Nelson at sue@communityschool.net. Statements are only sent by request.</p>
<p>The Power of a Penny</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Additions to CS Family Handbook</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"> 1. The teacher shall obtain written parent authorization noting any known adverse reactions. 2. Sunscreen shall be in the original container labeled with the child's name. <p><i>Insect repellent:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The teacher shall obtain written parent authorization noting any known adverse reactions. 2. Insect repellent shall be in the original container and labeled with the child's name. 3. A record shall be kept that includes the child's name, date of use, frequency of application, and any adverse reactions. 4. Manufacturer's instructions for age, duration, and dosage shall be followed. <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>