

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, March 23, 2010

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## School Calendar

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.
Thursday- Friday	March 25 and 26	8:00 p.m.	<b>Community High School Presents</b> <i>The Mad Woman of Chaillot</i> (Taubman Museum of Art)
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>
Thurs.	April 1		<b>Strawberry Festival T-shirts Orders Due</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>





## Advance-Sale Tickets



Advance-sale ticket packets will be distributed this week. We ask all parents, staff, and board members to sell 10 tickets. These tickets act as an "insurance policy" in case of poor weather on Festival weekend. You may keep them for yourself or sell them. The tickets are \$5.50 each. This represents a .50 savings over day-of tickets plus no standing in line! Please turn in the money in cash or check form by Wednesday, April 28.

<p><b>CHS Spring Play</b> March 25 &amp; 26, 8:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Community High will present its second theater production of the year, <i>The Mad Woman of Chaillot</i>, on Thursday and Friday, March 25 and 26, at 8:00 p.m. at the Taubman Museum of Art. This verbal comedy will appeal to middle school students, but young children may find it more difficult to follow.</p>
<p><b>Re-enrollment Deadline: March 31</b></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>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>Flowers for Friends Raises \$150 for Earthquake Relief</b></p>	<p>The middle school service Friday Group thanks everyone who participated in "Flowers for Friends." Sales of flowers and donations brought in over \$150, and all the money raised will be sent to help victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Your generosity is appreciated!</p>
<p>***** <b>Alumni Update</b> *****</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Congratulations to Walter P. who was one of seven freshmen recognized as Students of Excellence by the Public Schools of Robeson County and local chambers of commerce. Students were selected for their leadership, service, and academics. Walter currently attends Purnell Swett High School in North Carolina. He was a member of Community School's Seminar class of 2009.</li> <li>2) Congratulations to Genevieve A. who made the Dean's List her first semester at Suffolk University's Sawyer School of Business and entered her second semester of college as a sophomore due to the credits earned in dual-enrollment classes in high school. She plans to spend next year studying in Madrid and to apply for Suffolk's joint undergraduate/MBA program in 2011. She is also participating in an alternate spring break this year, volunteering for Habitat in Colorado. Her mother, Maria, notes, "We owe so much of her success to the lessons she learned at Community School." Genevieve was a member of the CS Seminar class of 2005.</li> </ol>

<p><b>Needed</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Katie's class needs boxes of different sizes for a math project. Boxes for shoes, jewelry, ties, sweaters, and small appliances would be wonderful. We would also like rolls of ribbon at least a yard long.</li> <li>2) 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> </ol>
<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>Ace of Cakes</b></p> 	<p>650 lbs. of flour, 150 lbs. of sugar, 32 gallons of milk, 300 lbs. of butter, 50 lbs. of baking powder, 10 lbs. of salt, and most importantly over 400 volunteer hours went into making 11,200 shortcakes ready for our festival. And we made them in ONE DAY! Thank you to all the volunteers who worked so diligently to make our shortcakes. Special thanks to Adam Honeycutt, our master mixer who worked from dawn to dusk mixing every batch of dough. A huge BERRY THANKS to the baking day committee—Kim Gerette, Carolyn Edelstein, and Wendy Hayth-Perdue—for their leadership and commitment to this labor intensive event. The shortcakes are in the freezer, and in six weeks, they will be ready for our 30th Annual Strawberry Festival.</p>
<p><b>Strawberry Festival Large Orders</b></p> 	<p>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).</p> <p>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 (<a href="http://www.communityschool.net/09-10/Strawberry_Fest_large_order_form.pdf">http://www.communityschool.net/09-10/Strawberry_Fest_large_order_form.pdf</a>) or use the attached copy.</p> <p>If you know additional companies who may like to order, please e-mail the contact information to Kim Halsey at <a href="mailto:kimh@communityschool.net">kimh@communityschool.net</a>. Thank you!</p>

**Festival Sponsors Needed!**



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!

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.

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.

Thank you for supporting CS and the Strawberry Festival! Contact Pattie on campus or by email ([patties@communityschool.net](mailto:patties@communityschool.net)).

**New Strawberry Festival Blog!**



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 <http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com/> or by going to [communityschool.net](http://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.

**The Strawberry Festival Community Chest Needs Your Help**



The Community Chest makes a nice profit for the school and has a faithful following in the festival goers.

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.

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. 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.

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](mailto:sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com).