

Quick Notes

Tuesday, March 30, 2010

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School Calendar

Wednesday	March 31		Deadline for 2010-2011 Re-enrollment Forms and Tuition Deposits
Wednesday	March 31	Pizza Day for Middle School Only! Bake Sale for Everyone!	Due to a calendar snafu, March 31 was not scheduled for Pizza or LAM. Please be sure to pack your Early Learner or Elementary child a lunch.
Thurs.	April 1		Strawberry Festival T-shirt Orders Due
Fri. – Fri.	April 2 - 9		School Closed for Spring Break
Monday	April 12	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting
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		Conference Day – No Classes
Tuesday	April 20	9:00 a.m.	Class Pictures (Rain Date: April 21)
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.	Elementary & Middle School Information Session
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		Berry Cleaning Day
Friday-Saturday	April 30-May 1		Strawberry Festival

Elementary & Middle School Information Session

Thursday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.






Do you ever wonder how the curriculum and expectations change as students move from one class to another or from elementary to middle school? What kind of homework will your child be assigned in the upper elementary classes? How do the middle school teachers deal with the increasing peer pressure of the “tween” and early teen years?

Join us at our Elementary and Middle School Information Session on April 22 for the answers to these and many other questions. Current and prospective parents are invited to attend. If you need free childcare during the session, please call the office in advance to reserve a space. Current parents, please note that this is a general information session intended to provide details on our program as it progresses through the elementary and middle school years. If you wish to discuss your child in particular, we encourage you to set up a meeting with the teachers and/or Holly.

If you know of a family that might be interested in Community School, please invite them to join us for this information session. You can also help publicize this event by posting flyers in your place of business, church, synagogue, favorite coffee shop, or similar public location. Cards and flyers are available in the main office and attached to this issue of *Quick Notes*. Don't forget to turn in a parent referral card (file attached) to qualify for a possible \$250 tuition credit. If you have any questions, contact Victoria (victoria@communityschool.net).

During the program, parents can choose to participate in either the elementary or middle school session. In each session, the teachers will lead a brief discussion on the curriculum, educational philosophy, homework, peer pressure, and daily class schedules. The teachers will also discuss the features that make Community School's program unique in the Roanoke Valley: hands-on learning, arts integration, Spanish studies, student responsibility and goal setting, off-campus learning, and middle school electives.

<p>Re-enrollment Due Tomorrow</p>	<p>Re-enrollment forms and deposits must be returned by tomorrow, March 31. All families, except for graduating students, must return a form so that we know whether or not your child will be enrolling for the fall. If you have any questions about enrollment, please contact Victoria (victoria@communityschool.net).</p>
<p>Bake Sale Tomorrow</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>***** Alumni Update *****</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Tony Z. will complete his degree this spring from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (School of Filmmaking). He is currently raising money to shoot a full-length feature film based on a screenplay he co-wrote with his father Tom Z. Tony has already secured some funding and won a prestigious grant from Panavision. He is a graduate of Community High School and attended Community School for 5 years (Seminar class of 2002). 2) Becca M. will complete her undergraduate degree in physical chemistry at The College of William and Mary this spring and has been accepted into graduate programs at Cornell, Yale, Rice, University of Wisconsin-Madison, and University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Becca attended Community School from preschool through middle school (Seminar class of 2002) and attended both Community High School and Lord Botetourt.

<p>Volunteers for Strawberry Festival</p> 	<p>Calling all Community School parents, alumni, staff, Board members, and friends! It is time to sign up to work at our upcoming 30th Annual Strawberry Festival. We have MANY shifts to fill! Go to our Strawberry Festival blog (http://strawberryfestcs.blogspot.com) to review the dates and times. We need everyone to work at least one shift at berry cleaning and one shift at the festival. If you are able to do more, great! Reminder: Free after school care if you are working at berry cleaning between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. and/or working at the festival on Friday between 3:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Questions: katlync@communityschool.net or michi@communityschool.net</p>
<p>Advance-Sale Tickets</p> 	<p>Advance-sale ticket packets have been distributed to families. 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>
<p>Strawberry Festival Large Orders Organize an order at your place of business!</p> 	<p>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, complete a large order form and bring, mail, or fax it to the school office. Find the form attached to last week’s Quick Notes or download it from the Strawberry Festival blog at http://www.communityschool.net/0910/Strawberry_Fest_large_order_form.pdf. If you know additional companies that may like to order, please send the contact information to Kim Halsey at kimh@communityschool.net. Thank you!</p>
<p>Festival Sponsors Needed!</p> 	<p>We spend approximately \$30,000 to organize and run the Strawberry Festival. Last year, we raised about half of those 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, allowing us to direct even more of the earnings to our students’ benefit. This year presents us with the 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 (patties@communityschool.net).</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>

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



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.