

Quick Notes

Tuesday, March 9, 2010

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School Calendar


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)
Thursday	March 18		Bartering Day (Middle & Upper Elementary Classes)
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
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
Thursday	April 22	7:00 p.m.	Elementary & Middle School Information Session
Thursday	April 29		Berry Cleaning Day
Friday- Saturday	April 30- May 1		Strawberry Festival




Strawberry Festival Baking Day Alert

Only 10 days until Baking Day on Friday, March 19. Our goal is to bake 5,000 shortcakes! We need parent volunteers for the following shifts:

Shift	Number of Parent Volunteers Still Needed
7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.	6
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	1
1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	10
5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	12
8:30 p.m. - Done	17

Please go on-line to the Strawberry Festival blog to sign up: <http://strawberryfectcs.blogspot.com>.

<p>Thank You!</p>	<p>Carissa South, Community School's Director of Marketing and Development, has taken a position as Director of Development with the Science Museum of Western Virginia. We would like to thank Carissa for her 3½ years of dedicated service to Community School, and we wish her well on her new adventure.</p>
<p>Needed</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 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. 2) The Seminar art students need thin, white, wire coat hangers—the variety that dry cleaners use for shirts.
<p>Correction</p>	<p>Special thanks to Gerard Montgomery for volunteering his time during the recent parent workday. We apologize for omitting his name last week!</p>
<p>After School</p>	<p>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>Festival Sponsors Needed!</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 Michi on campus or by email (michi@communityschool.net).</p>

<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>The Strawberry Festival Community Chest Needs Your Help</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 sue.deegan@faulknerflynn.com.</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>Pennies for Peace Donations</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>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></p> <p>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.

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| | <ol style="list-style-type: none">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. |
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Early Pick-up

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.