

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, May 4, 2010

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## School Calendar

Wednesday	May 5	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (Hot dog, chips, Jello cups, lemonade)
Monday	May 10	6:15 p.m.	<b>Board of Trustees Meeting</b>
Wednesday	May 12	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	May 19	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) – Parents Welcome (pizza rolls, chocolate granola bars, orange slices, lemonade)
Wednesday	May 26	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.
Friday	May 28		<b>Arts Festival and Grandparents'/Special Friends' Day</b> 1:00 p.m. Dismissal from Hollins University/No ASP
Monday	May 31		<b>School Closed for Memorial Day</b>
Wednesday	June 2	Pack a lunch!	No Pizza or LAM
Wednesday	June 9		<b>Conference Day – No Classes</b>
Thursday	June 10	12:00 noon 6:00 p.m.	Last Day of School Early Dismissal – No ASP Celebration Night
Friday	June 11		School Closed
Monday- Wednesday	June 14-16		Staff Work Days



# Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the 30<sup>th</sup> annual Strawberry Festival. We truly appreciate all of you and everything that you did to make the festival a success. Hopefully the gorgeous weather and huge crowds will lead to equally huge profits. In keeping with CS tradition, the profits will be announced on Celebration Night.

**CS Students Meet with Greg Mortenson**



Last Monday, our middle school met with Greg Mortenson at Hollins University. All of Katrina's classes read *Three Cups of Tea* and learned about Greg's charity, Pennies for Peace, which builds schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Our students helped collect pennies over the past three months and presented a check to Greg for \$745.17. Some students also read excerpts from their essays on why they thought Greg was a hero. He talked about his work and encouraged the students to stay involved with global issues. After the meeting, Greg autographed books and spoke individually to students. They were very excited about this opportunity, and we are grateful to Renee Goddard and Hollins University for including our classes in this special event.

**Hands-On Learning in Progress**



In Kim's math class, the students are doing a microfinancing unit. They sent loan money to people in Bolivia and Colombia and are looking at how quickly a small amount can make a difference. The consultants of Cornerstone Consultants ([www.cornerstoneconsultantspa.com](http://www.cornerstoneconsultantspa.com)) gave us enough money to give loans to three different people through Kiva ([www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org)). The students also looked at Beads for Life ([www.beadforlife.org](http://www.beadforlife.org)), a Ugandan microfinance project that makes jewelry from recycled paper beads.

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**Alumni Notes**  
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- 1) Congratulations to Daniel C. who graduates from Radford University this weekend with a B.S. in geography and a concentration in environmental studies. Daniel earned GIS certification and currently works mapping wetlands for Conservation Management, a company housed at Virginia Tech. Daniel attended CS for eight years (Seminar class of 1999).
- 2) Congratulations to Alex B. and Brian S. who were recently inducted into the National Honor Society at Salem High School (two of only twelve boys in the school to be selected). Alex has also been chosen to work with the Youth Conservation Corps this summer. He'll be based at Claytor Lake State Park working on trail maintenance and outdoor chores and doing environmental education in the evenings and on weekends. Both Brian and Alex attended CS for nine years (Seminar Class of 2008).

**Arts Festival Program Ads**

The funds received will offset the costs of the Arts Festival.

What's black and white and red all over? This favorite riddle has two answers as our Arts Festival approaches! The theme for this year's Art Show is "Black and White and Red All Over." We are also planning a special program booklet for this year's Arts Festival so this program will be "read" all over. We are selling 1/8-page and 1/4-page spaces in the program, so buy a space to congratulate your special Arts Festival performer or celebrate any special person at Community School. The 1/8-page space costs \$10 and the 1/4-space costs \$20. The order form is attached to this week's *Quick Notes*. If you have questions, contact Kim M at [kimmuch@communityschool.net](mailto:kimmuch@communityschool.net).

**Billing Questions**

Our business manager, Sue Nelson, will be out of the office between May 17 and June 1. If you have questions about your tuition or extended care payments, please contact Sue prior to May 17.

<p><b>Invitations for Grandparents and Special Friends</b></p>	<p>Pattie is busy compiling a list and getting ready to send invitations for our annual Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day. If your child would like to invite someone who is not already on the list, or if you want to make sure that your special person is on the list, please contact Pattie at <a href="mailto:patties@communityschool.net">patties@communityschool.net</a> as soon as possible.</p>
<p><b>Arts Festival Props Needed</b></p>	<p>The following items are needed for "Music Man, Jr.": overalls that would fit middle school students and band instruments (trumpet, saxophone, or trombone) for the River City Boys Band. If you have any of these items, please contact Kim M at <a href="mailto:kimmuch@communityschool.net">kimmuch@communityschool.net</a>. Thank you!</p>
<p><b>Arts Festival and Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day Schedule</b> Date: Friday, May 28 Location: Hollins Univ.</p>	<p><b>Times:</b> 8:30-10:00 a.m. Student Art Work on Display in Tayloe Gym Breakfast for Grandparents and Special Friends also in Tayloe Gym 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Student music and drama performances in the Hollins University Theatre</p> <p><b>RSVP:</b> Grandparents and Special Friends should RSVP to Pattie at 540-563-5036 or <a href="mailto:patties@communityschool.net">patties@communityschool.net</a>.</p>
<p><b>New Policies for 2010-2011 Tuition Contracts and Early Withdrawals</b></p> <p>Please note: Tuition payment schedules remain unchanged. The first tuition payment will be due by July 20, 2010.</p>	<p><b>New Tuition Contract Policies for 2010-2011:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) We will mail 2010-2011 tuition contracts to families in mid-May. Signed contracts are due in the school office by June 10, 2010.</li> <li>2) Financial aid and tuition discounts may be forfeited if the signed tuition contract is not received by June 10, 2010.</li> <li>3) It is the Executive Director's and/or School Administrator's right and sole discretion to dismiss or suspend any student for lack of progress or for conduct that is not in the best interest of the student and/or of the school.</li> </ol> <p><b>New Early Withdrawal Policies for 2010-2011:</b></p> <p>If a student withdraws from Community School after enrolling for the 2010-2011 year, the following policies apply. Payment of the tuition deposit constitutes enrollment.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Withdrawal by 6/10/2010: the tuition deposit and registration fee are non-refundable.</li> <li>2) Withdrawal from 6/11/2010 up to the first day of school (9/7/2010): withdrawal fee of \$600 plus the loss of the tuition deposit and registration fee.</li> <li>3) Withdrawal from the first day of school (9/7/2010) up to the start of the second semester (1/31/2011): full payment of the first semester tuition plus a withdrawal fee of \$1200.</li> <li>4) Withdrawal from the start of the second semester (1/31/2011) through the last day of school (6/9/2011): full payment of the annual tuition.</li> </ol>

## Still Available!

- 1) We still have several sets of student-created strawberry notecards available for purchase. Many parents expressed an interest in them but were unable to break away from their posts at the festival to visit the Community Chest. If you are still interested, please talk to Connie in the office.
- 2) Some Strawberry Festival t-shirts are still available. If you would like to get one, please contact Pattie @ [patties@communityschool.net](mailto:patties@communityschool.net).

## El Rodeo Lunches

We will leave school at the scheduled time & meet parents at El Rodeo (Plantation Road location).

Date	Time	Class(es)
May 10	12:05	Betsy
May 11	12:00	<b>Ruth Ann*</b>
May 12	12:05	Beth
May 13	12:05	Kim H.
May 14	11:50	Katie
June 1	12:00	<b>Tulie*</b>
June 2	12:05	Katrina
June 3	12:20	<b>Katlyn*</b>
June 4	11:00	Lena

Parents, grandparents, and/or friends are welcome! Please let your child's teacher know the number of guests at least two days before their trip. All **elementary and middle school** students will order and pay in Spanish! Lunches will be **\$7.00 in CASH** (please, no checks). **Send the money to your child's teacher. Gracias!** Elena

**\*Early Learners:** Katlyn's, Ruth Ann's, and Tulie's classes will have a picnic at school with food from El Rodeo on the dates assigned for their classes. We will order a taco, quesadilla, and chips for each student. The cost for their lunch will be **\$3.00**. Drinks will not be included, so please send a drink.

Note: \$7.00 price includes lunch, drink, dessert, tip, and tax. If you wish to order from the buffet, you will pay full price plus drink and tip.