

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

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School Calendar

Wed.-Thurs.	Nov. 11-12	10:15 a.m.	Fall Open House for Prospective Parents
Wednesday	Nov. 11	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	Nov. 18	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (cheese bagel bites, chocolate granola bars, orange slices, lemonade)
Saturday	Nov. 21	7:00 p.m.	Caribbean Music Fest (Jefferson Center) Information below.
Saturday	Nov. 21	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day
Wednesday	Nov. 25	11:00-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m. (See attachment.)	Student Art Show (Ballator Gallery, Moody Center) Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (Moody Center dining hall) 1:00 Early Dismissal from Hollins University. No ASP.
Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 26-27		School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Tuesday	Dec. 1	9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Community School Spanish Festival (Parents welcome!)
Wednesday	Dec. 2	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (mini corn dogs, chips, chocolate pudding, lemonade)
Saturday	Dec. 5		Book Fair (Watch for more information.)
Wednesday	Dec. 9	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	Dec. 16	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.

Please mark your calendar and join us:

Community School Potluck Thanksgiving Luncheon and Student Art Show
Wednesday, November 25
Moody Center, Hollins University
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

We invite all members of our community – students, parents, staff, board members, alumni and friends – to join us for this time-honored, Community School tradition. Cherry and all our students have been working very hard on the incredible artwork that will fill the Ballator Gallery in the Moody Center. Close to three hundred people attend this event every year. Good food, good fellowship, and incredible student art...what a wonderful way to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday. **Please see the attached flyer for details.**

<p>Open House This Week! Wednesday & Thursday Registration 10:15 a.m. Program 10:30 a.m.</p>	<p>Call and remind your friends about our open house this week, then stop by the office to fill out a parent referral card. Current families can earn a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls at CS. If you have any questions about the open house or admissions in general, please call Victoria. Thank you for supporting our extraordinary school!</p>
<p>3rd Annual Caribbean Music Fest on Nov. 21</p> <p>Get your tickets now in the CS office!</p>	<p>Our Caribbean Music Fest is just two weeks away: November 21 at the Jefferson Center at 7:00 p.m. Our very own award-winning Community School World Pan Band will perform, along with four other locally acclaimed pan bands and Quest Taiko, an African drum ensemble. POP will provide refreshments. Tickets are available in the CS office and at the door [Adults: \$15, Students (7-18): \$8, children 6 and under: \$4]. Please buy your tickets now and support this important fall fundraiser!</p>
<p>Monthly Parent Work Days</p> <p>November 21 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Please join us for our parent work days on November 21 and December 19. You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. There is always something to fix and repair at CS, but with your help, we can keep repair costs to a minimum. Please call the office, so we will know how many people to expect. Thank you!</p>
<p>Open Auditions for CHS and Dumas Drama Guild World Premier Operetta</p> <p>Actors and singers 9 years and older are welcome to audition on November 23.</p> <p>For information, contact Roni at 345-1688 or roni@communityhigh.net.</p>	<p>Auditions for the operetta <i>Miss Lucy</i> begin at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, at the Dumas Theatre. Producers are looking to cast a variety of chorus and principal roles and welcome performers of all ages. Those auditioning should prepare one song, which can be performed either with accompaniment or a capella.</p> <p><i>Miss Lucy</i>, slated for performance on February 13 as part of the Marginal Arts Festival, shares the story of educator Lucy Addison’s early life in Roanoke and the blizzard that struck the city in December 1896 – just as the Supreme Court ironically sent down its “Separate but Equal” decision. The family-oriented operetta explores local history, folklore, and Roanoke’s ties to the railroad. CS parent and CHS drama teacher Les Epstein wrote the libretto. The score, by Tom Ohmsen and William Penn, celebrates the Roanoke Valley’s ties to bluegrass, blues, and hymnal music.</p>
<p>2010 Local Hero Award Call for Nominations</p> <p>Nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on November 30.</p>	<p>Since 2002, Community School has sponsored the Local Hero Award in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. We are currently soliciting nominations from all over the Roanoke Valley in search of individuals whose efforts in the community have exemplified those of Martin Luther King, Jr., and have made a positive difference in the lives of many. Our call for nominations is targeted toward young people in the Roanoke Valley who stand as role models for other young people. Our middle school students choose the recipient, create the award, and lead the ceremony recognizing the recipient. If you would like to nominate a young person for this award, or if you know of an organization that has potential nominees, information and entry forms can be found on our website under “Events and Forms.”</p>

<p>CS Spanish Festival on December 1</p> <p>(9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.)</p> <p>Deadline for lunch orders: November 25</p>	<p>Our Seminar and Bolivian exchange students invite you to mark your calendars for the Community School Spanish Festival on Tuesday, December 1. Join your child's class as it travels around campus learning about twelve different Spanish-speaking countries and enjoy a delicious lunch from El Rodeo in your child's classroom. The menu includes two tacos, rice, chips, and salsa for only \$5 per person. Parents, grandparents, relatives, and amigos are invited. Watch for lunch order forms to come home in your child's backpack! Please place your order before November 25.</p>
<p>New Student Work on the CS Website</p>	<p>1) Claymations created by middle school students in the Claymation Friday Group may be viewed at http://cs-student-work.blogspot.com/2009/10/claymation-tortise-and-hare.html.</p> <p>2) Check the blog archives for elementary Vokis that showcase Kim's and Betsy's students reading their original cinquains.</p>
<p>CS Students Out and About in Roanoke</p>	<p>1) In October, The Laughing Frogs (Beth's class) had an awesome opportunity to record with entertainer/musician Dan Zanes. Students (and a few parents) went to the Downtown Music Lab in the Jefferson Center and met the singer and then recorded two songs with him: "Smile, Smile, Smile" and "Hello." Our recording session included practicing, recording each song twice, and then listening to the finished product. It was fun, but hard, work, and students enjoyed seeing the beautiful Downtown Music Lab.</p> <p>2) Members of POP and other middle school students volunteered at CHIP's Pumpkinfest on Halloween at the Salem Farmer's Market. Students worked from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. running the kids' games. They were all enthusiastic and helpful. A big thank you to all of the students and parents who volunteered!</p>
<p>Money Matters</p>	<p>The November tuition payment is due November 20 for those families and caregivers on the 9- or 10-month payment plan. If you have any questions, please email Sue Nelson at sue@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>Updates from the Community High Drama Department</p>	<p>1) CHS fall drama performances: Friday, November 20, & Saturday, November 21, at 8:00 p.m. at the Dumas Center. Admission is \$5. The students will perform two one-act plays: "Capture the Moon," a Yiddish folktale, and "I Never Saw Another Butterfly," a story about children surviving the harsh conditions of the Terezin Ghetto during the Nazi Holocaust of the 1940's (based on the poems and paintings left by the children after they were sent to Auschwitz in 1944). For information contact CHS at 345-1688.</p> <p>2) Students in the CHS drama program recently participated in the Virginia Theater Association Competition. Their presentation received accolades, and all of the seniors received four call-backs to colleges after their auditions.</p> <p>3) CHS just held its first annual school-wide Shakespeare Monologue competition. Congratulations to Kenny I. who will represent CHS on December 5 at the regional competition at Virginia Western.</p>

<p>El Rodeo Supports CS Spanish Program</p>	<p>Support the Spanish Program without spending additional money! Visit the El Rodeo restaurant on Plantation Road on Tuesdays, mention you are a Community School family, and they will donate 20% of your food bill back to our Spanish program. This is a fun family activity that will allow you to hear your child order in Spanish and enjoy a delicious meal. Thank you for your support.</p>
<p>Thanksgiving Luncheon/Art Show (November 25)</p> <p>Special Activities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Food drive for the Salvation Army's food pantry. 2. Raffle of Howard Finster print to benefit the CS Arts Festival. 	<p>This year, along with your potluck lunch contribution, we are asking that each family donate two (2) or more canned food items for the Salvation Army's food pantry. Food banks are severely challenged this year and your generosity will be much appreciated. Donation boxes will be placed at the luncheon site for your donations.</p> <p>Also at the luncheon, raffle tickets will go on sale for a chance to win a striking Howard Finster print. Howard Finster is perhaps the most well-known folk artist in America. His works are in numerous museums and galleries across the country. This print was generously donated to Community School by Richard Kurshan, alumnae parent, and beautifully framed by Louie and Lelia Cross. The print will be on display at the luncheon, and the tickets will sell for \$5 each or five tickets for \$20. All proceeds will go toward the cost of our annual Arts Festival in May. The winner will be announced at the spaghetti supper scheduled for February 11.</p> <p>Many, many thanks for all of your support!</p>
<p>POP Activities</p> <p>"The Big One" t-shirts and hoodies</p> <p>Plastic cap recycling drive</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The middle school group, POP (People of Peace), is selling "The Big One" long-sleeve t-shirts and zip-up hoodies in child and adult sizes. Long-sleeve t-shirts are \$18.50, and hoodies are \$25. If ordered before November 25, the t-shirts are discounted to \$15 and the hoodies to \$22. We will distribute the ordered shirts and hoodies on December 18, so you will have them for the holidays. Contact katrina@communityschool.net for information. 2. POP is working with Aveda to coordinate recycling efforts for plastic caps (milk caps, soda bottle tops, even ketchup and mustard caps). We are also sponsoring recycling of Capri Sun and Honest Kid juice and drink pouches. Send any caps or pouches you may have to your child's classroom, and POP members will collect them throughout the year. Thanks for your help.
<p>Strapped for Time?</p> <p>Let our Before & After School Care Free Up Your Schedule.</p>	<p>Burdened by a lengthy "to do list"? Let our BSC and ASP services free up your time. Before School Care (BSC) operates from 7:00 - 8:15 a.m. Our After School Program (ASP) operates from 3:45 - 6:00 p.m. Both programs offer a variety of well-supervised activities, and we provide a healthy snack in ASP. BSC and ASP operate on a drop-in basis – no advance notification required. You receive a monthly bill for the days your child attends. Daily charges are \$6/one child, \$10/two siblings for BSC and \$12/one child, \$18/two siblings for ASP. Send your questions to michi@communityschool.net.</p>