

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

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School Calendar

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)
Fri.-Sat.	Nov. 20-21	8:00 p.m.	CHS Fall Drama Performance (Dumas Center) Information below.
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. 1:00 p.m.	Student Art Show (Ballator Gallery, Moody Center) Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (Moody Center dining hall) Early Dismissal from Hollins University. No ASP.
Thurs.-Fri.	Nov. 26-27		School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Monday	Nov. 30	5:00 p.m.	Deadline for Local Hero Nominations (Information below.)
Tuesday	Dec. 1	9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.	Community School Spanish Festival (Parents welcome!)
Tuesday	Dec. 1	6:00 p.m.	Bolivian Exchange Meeting for Students Interested in Going to Bolivia in 2010 (Art Room)
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. 5-11 Dec. 5 & 6		Book Fair – Vouchers good at any Barnes & Noble store Book Fair – CS student activities at Valley View Barnes & Noble (See details below.)
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.
Mon.- Fri.	Dec.21- Jan. 1		School Closed for Winter Break

3rd Annual Caribbean Music Fest This Saturday, November 21

Our Caribbean Music Fest is this week: 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>Bake Sale Reminder</p>	<p>The Middle School Choir and Show Choir will be holding a bake sale on Wednesday, November 18. For the families that signed up for this bake sale, remember to send your goodies on Wednesday. The choral program appreciates the support of everyone.</p>
<p>CHS Fall Drama Performances Nov. 20 and 21 8:00 p.m. Dumas Center</p>	<p>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>Monthly Parent Work Day This Week</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>Thanksgiving Luncheon and Student Art Show</p> <p>Wed., November 25 Moody Center, Hollins University 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>We invite all members of our community – students, parents, staff, board members, alumni and friends – to join us for this CS 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. Please see the flyer attached to last week's Quick Notes for details.</p> <p>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. Donation boxes will be placed at the luncheon site for your donations.</p> <p>At the luncheon, raffle tickets will go on sale for a chance to win a striking Howard Finster print. 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>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>CS Book Fair at Barnes and Noble</p> <p>Begins: Saturday, Dec. 5 Ends: Friday, Dec. 11</p> <p>Distribute the attached vouchers to everyone you know.</p> <p>On Saturday and Sunday (December 5 and 6), our students will provide entertainment, including songs, dramatic readings, and other fun activities. More information on the schedule will be provided in the next two weeks.</p> <p>Vouchers cannot be used with on-line purchases.</p>	<p>The CS Book Fair is quickly approaching! From Saturday, December 5, through Friday, December 11, anyone can use the attached vouchers at any Barnes & Noble store nationwide, and CS will receive a donation of up to 20% of the value of purchases made using the vouchers. Missing a voucher? Provide our CS book fair I.D. number (449884) instead.</p> <p>*You can use B&N gift cards and/or your B&N Reader's Advantage discount card when making purchases. You can order books now that may not be in stock, and, as long as you pick them up--using a voucher--during the dates of our book fair, CS will get credit for your purchase. Barnes and Noble carries a lot more than just books: CD's, DVD's, stationery, magazines, greeting cards, games, toys, puzzles, mugs, diaries, bulk coffee and tea, and so much more will count towards our book fair total.</p> <p>How Can You Help Make This Our Best Book Fair?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Distribute the vouchers to friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers so their purchases can benefit CS too! 2) Sign up to provide entertainment. We need parents and students with special talents (face painting, balloon sculpture, instrumental music, etc.) Contact kimmuch@communityschool.net or katrina@communityschool.net if you would like to help. 3) If you have a costume of a character (super hero, book character, or a cartoon character), we would like to set up photo opportunities for patrons. Contact Katrina or Kim M at the previous emails. 4) Pre-order whole Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes for \$35 each. (CS receives \$7.) Flavors include original, chocolate, pumpkin, and white chocolate raspberry. To pre-order, contact Katrina by Monday, November 30, to guarantee pickup during the Book Fair weekend.

El Rodeo Supports CS Spanish Program	<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>
Welcome	<p>Welcome to Emma M. (Katrina's class) and her parents Richard and Teresa. Their address and phone information is available in the school office.</p>
CS Teacher Publishes Young Adult Novel	<p>Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin, one of our Seminar teachers, has written a young adult novel, <u>Mallrat</u>. It is now available on Amazon.com. If you decide to order a copy for the young adults in your life, be sure to do so through Community School's website portal to Amazon.com (http://www.communityschool.net/giving_amazon.html). Congratulations Jennifer!</p>
New Student Work on the CS Website	<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>
POP Activities "The Big One" t-shirts and hoodies Recycling drive	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> POP 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. Order before November 25, and t-shirts will be discounted to \$15, hoodies to \$22. We will distribute the ordered shirts and hoodies on December 18. Contact katrina@communityschool.net for information. POP is recycling plastic caps (milk caps, soda bottle tops, even ketchup and mustard caps) and Capri Sun and Honest Kid juice and drink pouches. Send caps or pouches to your child's classroom, and POP members will collect them all year.
Trying to Decide What Media Is Appropriate for Your Child?	<p>The website http://www.common sense media.org/ has lots of information on all types of media that children may encounter and may help parents in deciding the appropriateness of movies, video games, etc. There is also a "Teacher" section. Their mission statement is:</p> <p>Common Sense Media is dedicated to improving the media and entertainment lives of kids and families. We exist because media and entertainment profoundly impact the social, emotional, and physical development of our nation's children. As a non-partisan, not-for-profit organization, we provide trustworthy information and tools, as well as an independent forum, so that families can have a choice and a voice about the media they consume.</p>