

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

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School Calendar

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 (Please check the preliminary performance schedule 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.
Saturday	Dec. 19	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day
Mon.- Fri.	Dec. 21- Jan. 1		School Closed for Winter Break
Monday	Jan. 4		Classes Resume

Spanish Festival on December 1

If you dream of traveling south of the border and learning about different Spanish-speaking countries, then please join your child's class from 9:15 to 11:30 a.m. on December 1. The Seminar class and Bolivian exchange students will delight you with their games and presentations from eleven different countries.

To culminate the festivities, we will be serving lunch from El Rodeo in your child's classroom for the absolute low price of \$5.00 per lunch* (two tacos, rice, chips, salsa and lemonade). We would love for all the community to join us in this fun, cultural event!

Don't forget that you can also support our Spanish program by visiting the El Rodeo restaurant on Plantation Road on Tuesdays. Mention that you are a CS family, and they will donate 20% of your food bill back to our Spanish program.

*We must receive your lunch order by tomorrow, November 25. Order forms went home with your child last week. Please contact Elena at elenai@communityschool.net if you have questions.

<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>Please see the flyer attached to Quick Notes on November 10 for details about the luncheon and art show.</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 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. Please see the preliminary schedule below.</p> <p>Vouchers cannot be used with on-line purchases.</p>	<p>The CS Book Fair is almost here! 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 Cheesecake Factory cheesecakes for \$35. (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.

<p>Preliminary Performance Schedule for the Barnes and Noble Book Fair</p> <p>Please contact your child's teacher if you are unable to attend.</p>	<p>Saturday, December 5 10:00 a.m. – Upper Elementary (Kim and Betsy) sings folk songs and silly songs. 10:30 a.m. – Lower Elementary (Beth) performs two special stories. 11:00 a.m. – Early Learners (Katlyn, Ruth Ann, and Tulie) share songs. 11:30 a.m. – Middle Elementary (Katie and Lena) present a sculpture garden.</p> <p>Lunch Break 1:00 p.m. – Middle School Choir performs. 1:30 p.m. – Piano Duets with Joe Hart and Kim Mucha 5:00 p.m. – Jennifer Hollingsworth-Austin shares excerpts from her book in progress, "Scared for Life."</p> <p>Sunday, December 6 3:00 p.m. – Special Story Time with Katrina</p>
<p>POP Activities</p> <p>Today is the last day to order t-shirts and hoodies for the discounted price!</p> <p>Recycling drive</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 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. 2. 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.
<p>Needed for Class</p>	<p>Katie's Fantastic Fourteen need 4 to 6 walkman cassette players or small tape recorders for use with audio books.</p>
<p>Weather-Related School Closing & Delay Information</p>	<p>If there is any chance of a weather-related school closing or delayed opening, please check one or more of the following: WSLs-TV 10 and WDBJ-7 or WVTF (89.1), Q-99 FM and K-92FM radio stations. Best bet for accurate, timely information: call Community School (563-5036) after 6:00 a.m. on the morning of a potential closing and listen to the voice mail message or check the CS web page. Please recheck the listings throughout the morning as our opening status occasionally changes as weather conditions change. On days of a delayed 10:00 a.m. opening: classes start at 10:00 a.m., and there is no Before School Care. You may drop off your children beginning at 9:45 a.m. If weather requires an early school dismissal, we will post it on our web page and the TV and radio stations listed above. Please note: CS does not follow the other systems; we make our own decisions regarding weather closings and delays.</p>
<p>Monthly Parent Work Day</p> <p>December 19 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)</p>	<p>Please join us for our parent work day on 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>

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>
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>