

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

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School Calendar

Wednesday	Nov. 4	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	Nov. 9	1:15-2:15 p.m.	Hispanic Heritage Parade (Please see information below.)
Wed.-Thurs.	Nov. 11-12	10:15 a.m.	Fall Open House for Prospective Parents (Please see information below.)
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 details below.)	Student Art Show (Ballator Gallery, Moody Center) Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (Moody Center dining hall) 1:00 Early Dismissal. 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.

Fall Open House Next Week

Wednesday and Thursday, November 11 and 12
10:15 a.m.

Our Fall Open House is one of our most important opportunities to recruit new students and a great chance for prospective parents to learn about our curriculum and philosophy. You can help our recruitment efforts by reminding your friends about this event, giving out invitation postcards, and placing flyers around the Valley. You can pick up flyers, invitations, and referral cards in the main office. Remember: Current families can earn a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who

enrolls at CS (details below). We have space in the upper elementary and middle school classes for mid-year transfers, and we are accepting applications for all levels for fall 2010.

The open house will begin with registration at 10:15 a.m. in the drama room, followed by an information session at 10:30. From 11:00 to noon, current parents will lead tours through our classrooms. The tours will conclude back in the drama room with refreshments and a chance to chat with other parents and staff.

Are you curious about classrooms outside of your child's age grouping? Current parents are welcome to join us at the open house. If you have any questions about this event or admissions in general, please contact Victoria (563-5036 or victoria@communityschool.net). Thank you for supporting our extraordinary school!

<p>Hispanic Heritage Parade (November 9)</p>	<p>On Monday, November 9, from 1:15-2:15 p.m., the upper elementary and Bolivian exchange students will dress up as famous Latin Americans and visit all the classes to share what they have learned about the individuals they represent. Students should come to school dressed in their ordinary clothes.</p>
<p>3rd Annual Caribbean Music Fest</p> <p>Get your tickets now in the CS office!</p>	<p>Community School is proud to announce that the third annual Caribbean Music Fest will take place at the Jefferson Center on November 21, 2009. This collaborative event between CS and Quest Music Academy is a family-fun event and will feature our very own award-winning Community School World Pan Band. Tickets are available in the CS office and at the door (Adults: \$15, Students (7-18): \$8, children 6 and under: \$4).</p> <p>The concert is a fundraiser for the school, and our success depends on ticket sales and how many ads we sell for the program. If your place of business will support Community School by purchasing an ad, please pass a form along to the right person. Ask your mechanic, hair stylist, dentist, acupuncturist – all are welcome, and your efforts on our behalf would be greatly appreciated! If you have any questions, please contact Carissa (carissa@communityschool.net). Thank you!</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 Receives Target Grant</p>	<p>Community School recently received a \$1,000 grant from Target to promote "Arts Integration in Schools." We are using this money to bring the Jack Tale Players to campus and to allow some of our classes to see "Tale of a Fourth Grade Nothing" free of charge.</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>Community School's communal lunch, held on the Wednesday before Thanksgiving, is traditionally a time when we come together to enjoy great food, each other's company, and our children's wonderful artwork. 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 would 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>*****</p> <p>Alumni Update</p> <p>*****</p>	<p>From Ruby B.: I thought I'd let you know what my brother William and I are up to these days. I'm a junior at Duke now, majoring in linguistics, minoring in Arabic and getting a certificate in early childhood studies. I spent a part of my summer doing "Duke in Greece" and taking philosophy, and right now I'm doing two internships at two different schools and having fun playing with little kids. William (Buddy) just started his freshman year at the University of Alabama; he's on the pre-med route and thinking about majoring in Biology or Human Development. I randomly stumbled upon the website today, so I thought I'd send you an update. I miss you guys!! (Ruby attended CS for three years for middle school, Seminar Class of 2003, and William for three years in elementary and middle school before their family moved out of state.)</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 at \$15 and the hoodies at \$22. We will distribute the ordered shirts and hoodies on December 18, so you will have them for the holidays. Order forms and more information will be available on Conference Day. 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>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>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>
<p>Looking for Ways to Save a Little Money on Your Tuition?</p>	<p>Community School families are eligible for a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls at CS. To qualify for the credit, you must submit a completed referral form or e-mail the referral information to Victoria before the family has submitted an admissions application. If multiple current families refer the same student, the \$250 credit is divided evenly between the referring families. The credit will show up on your account in the semester that the new student enrolls. Referral credits are not given for siblings of current students or for talking to prospective parents who are visiting CS if you did not previously refer those parents -- that includes talking to prospective parents while you are a substitute teacher, volunteering at CS, or just hanging out on campus. Please note: Your referral will stay active for only two years. After that time, you need to resubmit the form. Referral forms are available in the office. You can reach me at victoria@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>Amazon.com</p>	<p>Community School will earn money from all products purchased via the Community School website link to Amazon.com. You must do your shopping through the Community School website link. Money earned from this program supports technology purchases for the school. The items in the "ads" within the link are published by the Amazon server and not chosen by CS. You are by no means limited to the items on this page. If you do not see what you are looking for, use the "Search Amazon" box. This is a great way to ask friends and family to participate, especially for holiday shopping!</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>