

Quick Notes

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

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School Calendar

Tues.-Thurs.	Oct. 13-15		Fall Festival
Wednesday	Oct. 14		No Pizza, Lunch-A-Month, or Bake Sale due to Fall Festival
Friday	Oct. 16		School Closed – Everyone rest up after the Fall Festival trips!
Mon. – Fri.	Oct. 19-23		Trash Free Lunch Week at CS (Please see information below.)
Wednesday	Oct. 21	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.
Thursday	Oct. 22		Bolivian Exchange Students Arrive
Saturday	Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Monthly Parent Work Day (Please see information below.)
Wednesday	Oct. 28	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.
Tuesday	Nov. 3		Conference Day – No Classes (Please watch for more information in future <i>Quick Notes</i> .)
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)
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.

3rd Annual Caribbean Music Fest Get your tickets now in the CS office!

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).

The concert is a fundraiser for the school, and our success depends on ticket sales and how many ads we sell for the program. There is an ad sheet attached with details. Please, if your place of business will support Community School by purchasing an ad, pass a form along to the right person. Or, if you would ask your mechanic, hair stylist, dentist, acupuncturist – all are welcome, and your efforts on our behalf would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

<p>International Day of Climate Action Activities</p> <p>Trash-Free Lunch Week (October 19-23).</p> 	<p>To recognize "International Day of Climate Action" on October 24, the middle school is planning a variety of activities. The students are tracking the school's trash output, and Emilie's class will be visiting other classrooms to explain what they are doing and how we can all reduce the amount of carbon being released into the air. Linda's class will be preparing a puppet show explaining different kinds of energy. Katrina's class is working with Cherry to create a large installation piece about the significance and importance of the number 350. Donations of clean plastic are welcome: toys, tools, food containers, broken toys – the more interesting the better.</p> <p>350.org is an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis. Parents are encouraged to visit 350.org and to participate in activities with your children.</p>
<p>Tuition Payment Due on October 20</p>	<p>If you are paying on the monthly installment plan, your fourth tuition payment is due by October 20. Contact Sue (sue@communityschool.net) with questions about your account.</p>
<p>Bolivian Exchange Information</p> <p>Students arrive in Washington, D.C., on October 22!</p>	<p>For information and updates about our Bolivian Exchange Program, please visit Elena's blog at http://lalocaelena.blogspot.com/. Her blog will be the primary mode of communication for everything pertaining to the exchange program. There is a calendar on the blog where Elena will post all exchange activities. Parents can also email questions to Elena from the blog or directly to elenai@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>First Monthly Parent Work Day on October 24</p> <p>9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>There is always something to fix and repair at CS; the list is never ending. If you were not able to participate at our rainy August parent work day, don't despair. We plan to have monthly parent work days. With your help, we can keep repairs costs to minimum. Join us on October 24, November 21, and December 19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Please call the office, so we will know how many people to expect. You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. Thank you!</p>
<p>Wednesday Bake Sales</p> <p>\$.50 per item.</p>	<p>The upper elementary classes and the middle school choirs will be holding bake sales during lunchtime on Wednesdays. The funds raised will be used for service projects, class trips, show choir outfits, choir music and accompaniment disks, and to offset costs for the trip to the Kings Dominion Choral Festival in the spring. Be sure to bring your money on Wednesdays** for dessert and snack goodies! **Please note: There will not be a bake sale during Fall Festival week and on the Wednesday of the Thanksgiving luncheon.</p>
<p>Needed for Classroom</p>	<p>We need small dolls and toys for our dollhouses. If you have some that your child no longer uses, and you are willing to donate them to our class, please send them Katlyn's way. Please keep in mind, they must be suitable and safe for three year olds to use. Your help is greatly appreciated.</p>

<p>Amazon Portal and Scholastic Updates</p>	<p>Thank you to everyone who shopped on Amazon through our portal. We had a record return from last month of \$94! Please keep up the good work and refer your friends and families to our Amazon page at http://www.communityschool.net/giving_amazon.html. Every little purchase helps. Currently, there is a promotion that gives us 8% back on Wii gaming systems purchased through our link. If you've got one of those on your to-buy list, you can avoid the hassle of crowded stores and earn a little extra \$\$ for CS!</p> <p>The Scholastic software orders are not faring so well. Please consider using the online option to purchase quality software at a low price for your children and thereby allow us to increase our software library at school. Again, you can avoid the malls, as Lelia will deliver the software to your child (or you, if pre-arranged) at school. Place your order at http://www.scholastic.com/parentordering. The user name is "lelia," and the password is "software". Thank you!</p>
<p>CS T-shirts Available</p>	<p>Don't forget to order your CS t-shirts! These are great-looking shirts available now in all sizes. Youth and regular adult in small/ medium/large are \$15; adult XL and XXL cost \$17. The order form was attached to the October 6 issue of Quick Notes.</p>
<p>Please Return Your Family Handbook Receipt</p>	<p>Each family should have received a Community School Family Handbook Receipt at their respective Gatherings or via their child. If you have not already done so, please sign and return the form as soon as possible. If you did not receive a form, please pick one up in the main office.</p>
<p>The Best “Free Money” We’ll Ever Get</p> <p>Both of these programs are a great benefit to CS, and anyone can participate—THERE IS NO COST TO THE PURCHASER. Please encourage grandparents and other family members to sign on, too.</p>	<p>Last year, we received almost \$3500 from Kroger from our families' use of Community School/Kroger Gift Cards to purchase groceries and gas. This is such an easy program. Gift Cards are for sale in the main office for \$5 (which is returned to you as a credit on the card). You add value to the card either at the Kroger Service Desk or at the checkout, then use the card to pay your bill. The card is electronically tied to Community School, and Kroger donates a percentage of your total bill to the school. If you already have a card and use it whenever you shop at Kroger, thank you! If you shop at Kroger but aren't "Shopping for Community School," please stop by and get a card from Connie. It's a great program for the school.</p> <p>Food Lion also has a great shopping benefit program...go to their website and link your MVP card to Community School. Then each time you check out, the amount is tallied, and we receive cash back from Food Lion. Easy!</p>