

Quick Notes

Tuesday, October 27, 2009

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School Calendar

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.
Thursday	Oct. 29		Student Picture Make-up/Retakes
Tuesday	Nov. 3		Conference Day – No Classes (Please see the attached conference schedules.)
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 (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)
Wednesday	Nov. 25	11:00-1:00 p.m. 12:00-1:00 p.m.	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

Conference Day

On Tuesday, November 3, CS will hold its first Conference Day of the year. There will be no school on this day, but children are expected to attend their conference with their parent or caregiver. Prior to conferences, students, with the help of their teachers, compile a portfolio of the work that best demonstrates their progress over the past nine weeks. Students evaluate their own progress, share how they feel about their work, and set goals for the upcoming nine weeks. Conference Day is an important component of your child's social, emotional, physical, and cognitive assessment. Please contact your child's teacher if you need to reschedule your child's conference.

Remember:

1. **No regular classes on Tuesday, November 3.**
2. **Bring your child to his/her conference.**
3. **Please arrive on time and please respect the appointment, staff lunch, or planning time that follows your child's conference.**

<p>Bake Sale Tomorrow</p> <p>All items: \$.50</p>	<p>The Mexican Jumping Jellybeans (Betsy's class) will sponsor the bake sale tomorrow, October 28. The proceeds will help cover extra expenses from their Fall Festival trip. *Parents of the Jumping Jellybeans, please remember to send baked goods with your child on Wednesday.</p>
<p>Student Picture Make-up/Retakes</p>	<p>Picture make-up/retakes are scheduled for this Thursday, October 29. Students who were absent on picture day will be photographed. Parents should call the office to schedule retakes.</p>
<p>Halloween Costume Parade</p> <p>Friday, Oct. 30 10:00 a.m.</p>	<p>The early learner and elementary classes will hold a Halloween Costume Parade on campus this Friday, Oct. 30, at 10:00 a.m. Parents are welcome to attend. Please check your child's class blog for more information.</p>
<p>Welcome to our Bolivian Exchange Students!</p>	<p>Our eleven Bolivian students arrived in Washington, D.C., last Thursday night. After a few days of sightseeing, they met their host families in Roanoke on Saturday night and joined our students on campus Monday morning. For information and updates about the exchange and related activities, please visit Elena's blog at http://lalocaelena.blogspot.com/. Parents can email questions to Elena from the blog or directly to elenai@communityschool.net.</p>
<p>Fall Open House Wed. & Thurs., Nov. 11 & 12</p> <p>Did you know that current families can earn a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls at CS? For details, please see the additional information below.</p> <p>Are you curious about classrooms outside of your child's age grouping? Current parents are welcome to join us at the Open House.</p>	<p>Our Fall Open House is only two weeks away. This event is one of our most important opportunities to recruit new students. We have spaces open in the upper elementary and middle school classes for mid-year transfers, and we are already accepting applications for all levels for fall 2010.</p> <p>Please help our recruitment efforts by telling your friends about our upcoming open house. Place flyers in your business, church, synagogue, local coffee house, library, etc. Give invitation postcards to your neighbors, friends and relatives. Flyers, invitations, and referral cards are available in the main office and the admissions office. If you have any questions about the open house or admissions in general, please contact Victoria (563-5036 or victoria@communityschool.net). Thank you for supporting our extraordinary school!</p> <p>The event 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. The open house is a great opportunity for prospective parents to learn about our curriculum and philosophy and to speak with current parents.</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>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>Target Take Charge of Education</p>	<p>Community School participates in the Target Take Charge of Education program. Through this program, Target donates 1% of all Target charge card purchases to the school designated by cardholders. To help us in these efforts, all you need to do is have a Target charge card and then designate Community School to receive the gift.</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 <u>before</u> 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 (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>Please Return Your Family Handbook Receipt</p>	<p>If you have not already done so, please sign and return your family handbook receipt as soon as possible. If you did not receive a form, please pick one up in the main office.</p>