

# Quick Notes

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

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## School Calendar

Wednesday	Oct. 7	12:15-12:45 p.m. Bake Sale	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (pancake & sausage on a stick, syrup, cooked apples, cookie, lemonade)
Tuesday – Thursday	Oct. 13-15		<b>Fall Festival</b> (Please see details below.)
Wednesday	Oct. 14		<b>No Pizza or Lunch-A-Month due to Fall Festival</b>
Friday	Oct. 16		<b>School Closed</b> – Everyone rest up after the Fall Festival trips!
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		<b>Bolivian Exchange Students Arrive</b>
Saturday	Oct. 24	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	<b>Monthly Parent Work Day</b> (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		<b>Conference Day – No Classes</b> (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)
Wednesday – Thursday	Nov. 11-12	10:15 a.m.	<b>Fall Open House for Prospective Parents</b>
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.

## CS Prepares for International Day of Climate Action



350.org is an international campaign dedicated to building a movement to unite the world around solutions to the climate crisis – the solutions that science and justice demand. Organizers hope to inspire the world to rise to the challenge of the climate crisis and to create a new sense of urgency and of possibility for our planet. The focus is on the number 350, as in parts per million, the level scientists have identified as the safe upper limit for CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. But 350 is more than a number. It is a symbol of where we need to head as a planet.

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.

All of these visits will be part of our preparations for Trash-Free Lunch Week (October 19-23). Parents are encouraged to visit 350.org and to participate in these activities with your children.

<p><b>Wednesday Bake Sales Begin Oct. 7</b></p> <p>\$.50 per item.</p> <p>Funds raised support class and choir projects, materials, and trips.</p>	<p>Beginning Wednesday, October 7, the upper elementary classes and the middle school choirs will hold bake sales during lunch time. MS Choir and Show Choir are baking and selling on the first and third Wednesdays, with Betsy's and Kim's classes doing the same on the second and fourth Wednesdays. Upper elementary will use the funds raised for service projects and class trips, and the choirs will use the funds for show choir outfits, for choir music and accompaniment disks, and to offset costs for the trip to the Kings Dominion Choral Festival in the spring. All items will be fifty cents. Be sure to bring your money on Wednesdays** for dessert and snack goodies beginning October 7.</p> <p>**Please note: there will not be a bake sale during Fall Festival week and on the Wednesday of the Thanksgiving luncheon.</p>
<p><b>Fall Festival Activities</b></p> <p><b>Correction:</b> The fee for Katlyn's, Tulie's and Ruth Ann's classes for Fall Festival is \$10 per student.</p>	<p>At Gatherings, the teachers distributed handouts providing details about cost, schedules, gear, and supplies. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions. Fall Festival days are considered school days, and attendance is expected. Fees cover the cost of food, supplies, activities, and shelter/accommodations. <b>All payments should go directly to the classroom teacher and should be paid by Monday, October 12.</b> We understand that some families find it difficult to pay for this activity. We welcome contributions toward the expenses of students for whom the fee is too costly. Our priority is for every student to have the opportunity to experience our <i>Fall Festival</i> tradition. The fee and trip schedule is included at the end of this <i>Quick Notes</i>.</p>
<p><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Caribbean Music Fest</b></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. We will have tickets available in the office after October 7. Adults: \$15; Students (7-18): \$8; kids 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. 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>

<p>*****  <b>Alumni Update</b>  *****</p> <p>CS alumnus wins best new poet honor at 2009 National Slam Poetry Competition</p>	<p>Congratulations to Jared S. who was recently chosen as Rookie of the Year (best new poet) at the 2009 National Poetry Slam competition in West Palm Beach. About 68 teams of 5 to 6 members each competed. Jared's team, Urbana Slam, was from New York City. He will head to Berkeley, California, this week to perform in the Individual World Poetry Slam. Jared currently lives in New York City where he pursues his passion for performance poetry while trying to break into the theater/dance/performance world in sound support and sound design. He attended CS for 8 years (Seminar class of 2000).  Hear a July 2009 podcast featuring Jared on Indiefeed Poetry at <a href="http://castroller.com/podcasts/IndiefeedPerformance/1153371">http://castroller.com/podcasts/IndiefeedPerformance/1153371</a>.</p>
<p><b>Needed for Classroom</b></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><b>CS T-shirts Available</b></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 is attached.</p>
<p><b>Carpools Needed</b></p>	<p>Several CS families are currently looking for carpools in the following areas: Vinton/Hardy, northeast Roanoke County close to CS, and Cave Spring/Bent Mountain. If you are interested in a carpool arrangement in one of these areas, or if you can help out one of these families, please contact Victoria (<a href="mailto:victoria@communityschool.net">victoria@communityschool.net</a>).</p>
<p><b>New Student Welcome</b></p>	<p>Welcome to Andy W. (Katlyn's class) and his mother Fei W. Their address and phone information is available in the main office.</p>
<p><b>Thank You</b></p>	<p>Thank you to Jeanne C. and Michelle K. for assisting with student pictures last week.</p>
<p><b>Box Tops for Education</b></p> <p>Our goal this year is \$500!</p>	<p>The Box Tops for Education program can earn cash for Community School every time you buy groceries. Just look for the Box Tops for Education logo on many of your favorite products and clip them off. The program has three easy steps:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Clip Box Tops Coupons</b></p> <p>from participating products. They are printed on hundreds of General Mills products throughout the grocery store.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Send Your Box Tops Coupons to School</b></p> <p>and turn them in at the "Box Tops for Education" bucket located in the main office at Community School. We submit them to General Mills.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Community School Gets a Check</b></p> <p>for the value of each Box Tops coupon redeemed. Generally, coupons are valued at \$.10, but watch for special promotions in your grocery store and on cash register receipts. Sometimes additional values will print out, and you can send the receipt in to school.</p>
<p><b>Campbell's Labels</b></p>	<p>Save Campbell's, Swanson, Franco-American, Market Day, and</p>

<p><b>for Education</b></p> <p>New procedure: We must submit the UPC code, not the whole label.</p>	<p>Pepperidge Farms UPC labels, and Prego and V-8 lids from your groceries. Turn in your UPC labels/lids at the bucket located in the main office at Community School. We process and submit them to Campbell's, and Campbell's credits Community School with points to redeem for merchandise. Watch for special promotions and products that carry 5-point values!</p>
<p><b>Please Return Your Family Handbook Receipt</b></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><b>New Cell Phone Safety Policy</b></p>	<p>Community School's parking lot is very congested during drop off and pickup. For the safety of your child and everyone at Community School, we are implementing a new cell phone safety policy:</p> <p><b><u>CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED DURING DROP OFF AND PICKUP.</u></b></p> <p>We need everyone to give full attention to their driving while on our school property. This reduces the risk of an accident involving another vehicle or, more seriously, an accident involving a child, parent, staff member, or visitor. Thank you very much for your cooperation.</p>
<p><b>New this year! Monthly Parent Work Days</b></p> <p>October 24 November 21 December 19</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. <b>Join us on October 24, November 21, and December 19, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM.</b> 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><b>The Best "Free Money" We'll Ever Get</b></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 <b>Kroger</b> from our families' use of Community School/Kroger Gift Cards to purchase groceries and gas. This is such an <b>easy</b> 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, <b>thank you!</b> 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><b>Food Lion</b> 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>

<p align="center"><b>Fall Festival Trip Information</b></p>		
<p align="center"><b>Classes</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Trip Details</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Cost</b></p>

Katlyn, Tulie, Ruth Ann	Pumpkin Patch Trip Wednesday, October 14	\$10 per student
Beth, Katie, Lena	Peaks of Otter Thursday, October 15	\$10 per student
Kim and Betsy	Apple Ridge Farms Tues. – Wed., October 13-14	\$35 per student
Middle School	Sherando Lake State Park (Linda, trip leader) Watoga State Park (Emilie, trip leader) Tues. – Thurs., October 13-15	\$40 per student