

Quick Notes

Tuesday, September 22, 2009

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School Calendar

Wednesday	Sept. 23	12:15-12:45 p.m.	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.
Thursday	Sept. 24	7:00 p.m.	Middle School Gatherings (in Emilie's room)
Monday	Sept. 28		Student Pictures – Early Learner & Elementary Students (Please see details below.)
Tuesday	Sept. 29		Student Pictures – Middle School Students & Siblings (Please see details below.)
Wednesday	Sept. 30	12:15-12:45 p.m.	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) - Parents Welcome (chicken nuggets, chips, brownies, lemonade)
Monday	Oct. 5		No Classes - School Closed for Staff In-Service Day
Wednesday	Oct. 7	12:15-12:45 p.m.	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		Fall Festival (Watch for details from your child's teacher.)
Friday	Oct. 16		School Closed – Everyone rest up after the Fall Festival trips!
Wednesday	Oct. 21	12:15-12:45 p.m.	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for Middle School) - Parents Welcome No pizza day for Seminar students.

Notes from the Administrative Director (Michi)

NEW CELL PHONE SAFETY POLICY

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:

CELL PHONES ARE PROHIBITED DURING DROP OFF AND PICKUP.

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>Order Scholastic Books in Spanish</p> <p>Order deadline: Sept. 25</p>	<p>Reading in Spanish is an excellent way for students to practice and expand their language skills, and Scholastic offers a nice selection of books in Spanish. If you are interested, Elena has order forms for you to pick up. Please return all orders, with a check made payable to Scholastic, to Elena by September 25.</p>
<p>Student Pictures</p> <p>Sept. 28 EL & Elem. Sept. 29 Middle School & Siblings Rain date: Sept. 30</p>	<p>Please call the school office to request a sibling photo--only students on the list will be photographed with siblings. If a family requires more than one set of proofs, please notify the office before September 28. Clothing for portraits can be dressy or casual. Small prints, plaids or solids work well. T-shirts with pictures or writing generally take attention away from the face. Most colors of clothing work well, although large areas of black and white do not work well.</p>
<p>Class Names for 2009-2010</p>	<p>Due to the weather, the class name skits were held on Monday, September 21. Community School's "Class Act" students are also known as:</p> <p><u>Early Learners (Together):</u> The Wooden Shoes Katlyn's class: Nods Tulie's class: Wynkens Ruth Ann's class: Blynkens Beth's class: Laughing Frogs <u>Middle Elementary (Together):</u> Super Heroes Katie's class: Fantastic 14 Lena's class: Earth Keepers Kim's class: Team Brain Builders Betsy's class: Mexican Jumping Jellybeans Katrina's class: The First Years Linda's class: Potato Heads Emilie's class: Class Sticks Seminar: Insert Name Here</p>
<p>New this year! Monthly Parent Work Days</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.</p> <p>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>Group Voice Lessons</p>	<p>There are still openings for the voice class offered on Tuesdays at 3:45 p.m. If you are interested in the group lesson, please contact Jessica Lawson at 540-520-6975 or Jessica@ReachOutProductions.com. Students will work on vocal technique, an array of musical genres, sight reading skills, and personal goals. Class starts on September 29, so sign up soon.</p>

<p>New Student Welcome</p>	<p>Welcome to Caroline T. who will be joining Lena's class on Monday. Her parents, Kirk and Patrice T., are on your family address list, so please add her name to your list as well.</p>
<p>Needed for Class</p>	<p>1) Buttons wanted for a class project. If you have a button collection at home that you no longer need, please send it to Tulie's class! We need a variety of sizes, shapes, colors, and types. 2) Baby food jars wanted for classroom project. Please send clean 2, 4, or 6 oz. glass baby food jars to Tulie's classroom by September 28. Thanks!</p>
<p>Box Tops for Education – Special Drawing</p>	<p>Box Tops for Education is having a big promotion to win a ton of extra box tops for Community School. During the promotion, you can enter daily. If we win the drawing, we can get either \$25,000 (2nd/3rd) or \$50,000 (grand prize)! Please visit: http://www.thebigclip.com/index.tbapp. Last year, we received over \$500 from Box Tops. Whether or not you enter the drawing on our behalf, please clip those coupons and send them to school!</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>
<p>Scholastic Software Clubs Earn Software for CS</p>	<p>All software purchases made from Scholastic Software Club earns points toward software for our computer lab and classrooms. You may view the software titles available and make your purchase online. This cuts down on paper wasted by sending out fliers with each student and also the necessity on your part to send a check in with your child. It should be a simpler and "greener" process all the way around. Approximately one week after the cut-off date on the ordering site, your software will be delivered to school and Lelia will deliver it to your child. Please consider supporting our technology department by purchasing your children's software through Scholastic. The website for you to view the software and place the order is http://teacher.scholastic.com/clubs/routing.asp. The user name is "lelia" and the password is "software." You can find this link and another simple way to support us on Lelia's blog: http://purple-puter-lady.blogspot.com/. This information will be in the sidebar. Thank you very much!</p>

<p>Parent Packets</p>	<p>We will distribute Family Address Lists during Gatherings. Please watch for your Parent Packet including this item and other important information. In the interim, you can read the current Family Handbook on our website at http://www.communityschool.net/pdfs/parenthandbook.pdf.</p>
<p>After School Program and Club</p> <p>Check out some of the fun activities your children will pursue after school this year!</p>	<p>Our After School Program and Club is a “happening place” this year! Lynn, our After School Coordinator, wants to share some of the upcoming activities with you. Club Day will be on Wednesdays, from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. The focus will be on giving back to the school and community. Listed below are some of activities currently planned:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students will practice cooking skills by doing some of the prep work for the Lunch-A-Month program. They will make pudding and jello desserts and will do some cooking for after school snacks. 2. Two CS mothers will be teaching knitting and crochet. Each child will choose the one he or she likes best and then make “granny squares” to be joined together to make quilts for shut-ins through Home Instead. We welcome donations of scrap yarn, and we would like to borrow knitting and crochet needles. 3. Students will be making items to sell at the Strawberry Festival. 4. Our big after school project will involve the creation of a school compost pile. After School students will be working in conjunction with the Early Learner classes to collect organic materials from the classrooms on a daily basis. The compost will be used to help our plants and trees. We will learn about composting with guest speakers coming to talk about this, and other areas of interest, on Wednesdays. 5. Students will make crafts to go with the themes and/or holidays of each month. On Friday, we made origami gifts for Grandparents’ Day on Sunday, September 13. Two students shared their origami skills with the other students and will be demonstrating more origami throughout the year. 6. The Fun Project for the year will be collecting scrap donations (from our families) of nails, screws, metal, wood, cardboard boxes, paint, brushes, etc. We also need safety glasses and tools on loan. Using the collected materials, we will stretch our skills as creative recyclers and build a “city” in the field by Williamson Road. We invite all students and parents to join us on a Saturday (date to be announced) to assist with this community creation.