



COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 22, 2011

School Calendar

(Please visit http://www.communityschool.net/news_cal.html for a more detailed school calendar.)

Wednesday	Nov. 23	11:00-1:00 pm 12:00-1:00 pm 1:00 pm	Student Art Show (Ballator Gallery, Moody Center) Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (Moody Center dining hall) Early Dismissal from Hollins University. No ASP.
Thursday- Friday	Nov. 24- Nov. 25		School Closed for Thanksgiving Break
Wednesday	Nov. 30	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (quesadillas, chips, corn, lemonade) Bake Sale (sponsored by upper elementary)
Saturday	Dec. 3	9:00 – 1:00 pm	Parent Work Day
Monday – Friday	Dec. 5 – Dec. 9	See updated attached flyer.	Community School Book Fair Location: Boxwoods House, 1 st floor art & Spanish rooms
Wednesday	Dec. 7	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Middle School Choirs)
Wednesday	Dec. 14	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Bolivian Exchange Program)
Monday – Friday	Dec. 19 - Dec. 30		School Closed for Winter Break

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Potluck Thanksgiving Luncheon and Student Art Show

Tomorrow, Wednesday, November 23
Time: 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
Location: Moody Center, Hollins University

Don't forget to bring two (2) or more nonperishable food items for the Salvation Army food drive!

We invite all the members of our community—students, parents, staff, board members, alumni, and friends—to join us for this time-honored, Community School tradition. Close to three hundred people attend this annual event. In preparation, all of our students have been working very hard on their pieces for the art show. Good food, good fellowship, and incredible student art...what a wonderful way to begin the Thanksgiving Holiday! Please see the flyer attached to *Quick Notes* on November 8 for details.

Community School's Book Fair 2011

The attached flyer has been updated since last week!

Dates: December 5 - 9
Times: 2:00 - 5:00 pm daily and for special events (see attached updated flyer)
Location: Spanish and art rooms (1st floor of the Boxwoods House) and online through the link on our website to Amazon.com

Friends and family (and busy parents) may access a Book Fair website for our school through a link on the Community School website. This website will have information specific to our Book Fair, schedules of special events, teacher wish lists, etc. This website opened on November 20.

For the entire month of December, all Amazon purchases made through our website will be added to the Book Fair totals and will be split between the teachers for their classroom budgets. Just enter the Amazon site through the link on our website and your purchase will qualify for a donation to Community School. A wish list has been created for each teacher on the Amazon website. You can find it by clicking on "wish lists" and then typing pattie@communityschool.net into the search box. The teachers' names are listed on the left side of the Community School page.

Orders for 40th Anniversary T-Shirts

You may have seen our faculty and staff sporting new Community School t-shirts commemorating our 40th anniversary. We are now taking orders for adult- and child-sized t-shirts and hoodies. They will be delivered in time for the holidays and would make great gifts. Fill out the order form attached to the November 15 *Quick Notes* and send it, with payment (cash, check, MC, or Visa), to Pattie Stratton no later than November 30.

Free Public Lecture on Whole Child Education and Academic Achievement

Adele Diamond, world-renowned expert on the importance of play (particularly dramatic play) and whole-child education on children's academic achievement, is coming to Roanoke. She is speaking at the VT/Carilion Research Institute on December 1 at 5:30 pm. The lecture is free. A live webcast will be available at <http://research.vtc.vt.edu/live-webcast>. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Parent Work Day

Next Parent Work Day:
Dec. 3 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Our next parent workday will be on Saturday, Dec. 3. Please email Michi Hines, administrative director, to sign up (michi@communityschool.net). You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. Future parent workdays are scheduled for Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 3, and April 21. Thank you for your assistance!

Feeding America Needs Our Help

Deadline to turn in UPC codes is
Friday, December 16, 2011

Community School is participating in Feeding America's program (FeedingAmerica.org) to reduce childhood hunger. ConAgra Foods will make a monetary donation to Feeding America based on the number of UPC codes collected for a total of 5 million meals on behalf of local food banks throughout the school year. This program asks you to cut the UPC codes from a specific list of brand foods. You should have received a handout on Conference Day with details on this program and a list of brand

foods. If you use these products, cut the UPC codes and send them to school with your child. Childhood hunger is a serious and growing problem in our country.

Local Family in Need of Assistance

Chris and Amber Yopp are local residents whose house caught fire last Monday. Fortunately, no one was there at the time, but they have been displaced and lost most of their belongings to smoke damage. They have two children who are in need of clothing. If your children have outgrown clothes in the following sizes, would you be willing to pass them on to the Yopps? Their oldest is a girl and youngest a boy. Sizes are:

girl – Pants: size 12-14, Shoes: size 3 Children, PJs: size XL

boy – Pants/shirts: size 5-6, Shoes: size 12 Toddler, PJs: size 5/6

Chris is a minister at First Christian Church downtown and could really use suits if anyone has any they would like to get rid of (although, I'm sure they'd take anything). His sizes are 34x34 pants and jacket is 42 long. Amber only needs shoes; she's covered on clothing donations. Her shoe size is 8.5.

CS parent Cherilyn C. is coordinating donations. Please contact her (cherilyncolbert@gmail.com) by Tuesday, November 29, if you can help.

Needed for Playground

At Community School, outside play is important to **all** students. We could use the following items to enhance their outdoor building and creativity needs. Please call the office and let us know in advance if you can donate these items.

Tree limbs (various lengths, but no more than 5' long)

Bricks

Visit our Staff Bulletin Board

This week's featured staff: Jennifer (middle school teacher), Pat (art teacher), and Lynn (after school coordinator). Come by the second floor hallway in the Boxwoods House to learn all about us!

School Calendar Change

New Arts Festival Date: May 18

Please note that this year's annual Arts Festival, originally scheduled for Friday, May 25, 2012, has been moved to **Friday, May 18, 2012**. The event will take place on the campus of Hollins University. Dismissal will be at 1:00 pm from Hollins, and there will be no after school care provided. If you have any questions, please contact Holly at hollyh@communityschool.net. Friday, May 25, will be a full school day, and after school care will be available that day.

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