



COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Quick Notes

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

School Calendar

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

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 Info Below	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)
Thursday	Dec. 8	6:00 pm	Bolivian Exchange Information Meeting (drama room)
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
Monday	Jan. 2		Classes Resume

Community School Book Fair Next Week!

Dates: December 5 - 9
 Times: 2:00 - 5:00 pm daily and for special events (see flyer attached to November 22 QM)
 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.

Buy a Holiday Song & Support the CS Choirs

The Middle School Choir and Show Choir are once again sharing holiday songs for \$1 per person, per song. Choose a song for your favorite Community School person, and a group of choir members will sing your holiday greeting during the week of December 12. Your recipient will also receive a card showing who sent the song. All proceeds go to the choirs for their spring trip to the Kings Dominion Choral Festival. What a great way to wish someone happy holidays and to support the choral program! Please fill out your requests on the attached form and return to Kim M. by Wednesday, December 14.

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.

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.

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!

New Student Welcome

Welcome to Danielle M. (Linda's class) and her parents Charles and Lisa. Their contact information is available in the school office.

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. 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.

Visit our Staff Bulletin Board

This week's featured staff: Emily (middle elementary teacher), Katlyn (early learner teacher), and Keri (middle elementary teacher). 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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