



COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Quick Notes

Tuesday, October 18, 2011

School Calendar

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

Tuesday	Oct. 18		Bolivian Exchange Students Arrive in Washington, D.C.
Wednesday	Oct. 19	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Bolivian Exchange Program)
Thursday	Oct. 20		Bolivian Exchange Students – 1st Day at Community School
Friday – Saturday	Oct. 21 - Oct. 22	7:30 pm	CHS Play Production ("For Whom the Southern Belle Tolls," "Kitty the Waitress" and "An Actor's Nightmare" by Christopher Durang) https://www.facebook.com/JuneMMcBroomTheater
Wednesday	Oct. 26	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (mac & cheese, green beans, lemonade) Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the upper elementary classes)
Wednesday	Oct. 26	7:30 pm	The Hudson Trio Concert (Fall into the Arts Series) Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University
Thursday	Oct. 27	9:30 am	Hudson Trio Master Classes for CS Students
Saturday	Oct. 29	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Monthly Parent Work Day (Please see information below.)
Tuesday	Nov. 1		Retakes for Student Pictures (Rain date: November 2) Call the school office by Oct. 31 to schedule a retake.
Wednesday	Nov. 2	6:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meeting (Emilie T.'s room)
Tuesday	Nov. 8		Conference Day (No classes)
Wednesday	Nov. 9	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (sponsored by Keri's class)
Tuesday	Nov. 15	10:00 am	Open House for Prospective Parents
Wednesday	Nov. 16	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (tacos, chips & salsa, black beans, lemonade) Bake Sale (proceeds benefit the Bolivian Exchange Program)
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

Bolivian Exchange Students Arrive

On Wednesday, October 19, eleven new students will be joining the Community School family for six weeks. As we celebrate the fourteenth anniversary of our Bolivian Exchange Program, please join me in welcoming Jorge, Daniela D., Enrique, Eduardo, Stephanie, Nancy, Jose Pablo, Daniela V., Diego, Alejandro, and Wendy. We wish them a fun-filled, memory-making experience.

For those of you who are not familiar with the program, our Spanish teacher, Elena, created the exchange so that our students could practice their Spanish language skills while learning about another country's culture. In the fall, students from Domingo Savio in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, come to stay with Community School host families while attending school with our students. In the spring, some of our middle school students will travel to Santa Cruz to be hosted by their families and attend school with their students. The benefits for host families, traveling students, and the community at large are impressive and lifelong.

The Hudson Trio Next Week!

Date & Time: Wednesday, Oct 26, at 7:30 pm
Location: Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University
Tickets: \$16.50 each, available on the CS website
Babysitting: Available for free on the CS campus for CS families



Visit our Staff Bulletin Board

During the first several weeks of school, we take the time to get to know the students very well. The children play games, participate in morning meetings or share talk, interact on the playground, attend Fall Festival, and create projects that tell the community all about themselves!

It's always funny, however, to see a student's reaction when they meet a teacher or staff member outside of school! We really don't live on campus. We have families and pets of our own, and we all have interests and hobbies that keep us busy. In order to introduce the faculty and staff to you and to the children, Holly has created a bulletin board on the 2nd story of the big house. Each week, information on three staff members will be displayed.

This week's featured staff: Bill H. (MS teacher), Connie F. (office manager), and Elena I. (Spanish teacher). Come by to learn all about us!

Save \$250 on Your Tuition Bill!

Community School families are eligible for a \$250 tuition credit for referring a new student who enrolls full time at CS. To qualify for the credit, you must submit a completed referral form or e-mail the referral information to Victoria **before** 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 and on the admissions page of our website (<http://www.communityschool.net/apply.html>). You can reach me at victoria@communityschool.net.

With our fall Open House fast approaching, now is the perfect time to submit your referrals. There is no limit on the number of tuition credits that you can earn. One family received 3 credits this semester—a substantial tuition savings!

Peek Into Our Classes



Early learners are:

- ✓ creating their own colorful fall foliage using bleeding tissue paper
- ✓ recording their own sounds as they learn about their five senses
- ✓ visiting The Booker T. Washington National Monument and a local farm with their middle elementary buddies to compare farms of today with those of "yesteryear"

Lower elementary students are:

- ✓ exploring colors and color words in a bilingual science unit
- ✓ reading *Mouse Paint* and mixing colors while creating their own mouse paintings

Middle elementary students are:

- ✓ using D.B. Johnson's "Henry" picture books (based on the real life adventures of Henry David Thoreau) to study nouns
- ✓ examining farms and animals and planting seeds
- ✓ collecting items for a local animal shelter

Upper elementary students are:

- ✓ developing observation skills by describing items in nature and having partners try to locate the objects based on the written descriptions

Middle school students are:

- ✓ participating in an Ellis Island simulation in a unit on immigration
- ✓ designing a construction project using metric measurements and using another student's design to manufacture a project
- ✓ contrasting historical fact and fiction by reading *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* and *House of Tailors*
- ✓ locating 25 species of native trees and depicting them with proper scientific nomenclature and facts about habitat and ecology
- ✓ reading *Company Aytch* and *Soldier's Heart* in their study of the Civil War
- ✓ finding supporting arguments from text and using parenthetical citations

School Spirit Week

Middle School is sponsoring a School Spirit Week for the whole campus the week of October 24-28. Each day will have a theme, and we encourage everyone to participate. Have fun!

Monday (10/24)	Crazy Hat or Hair Day	Wear the craziest hat you have or fix your hair in a crazy way
Tuesday (10/25)	Inside-Out Day	Wear all of your clothes inside out
Wednesday (10/26)	Character Day	Come to school dressed as your favorite book, movie, tv show or game character
Thursday (10/27)	Wacky Day	Put together a wacky outfit
Friday (10/28)	School Spirit Day	Wear your Community School shirts and show your school pride

Class Community Service Project

Keri's students are currently taking donations for Angels of Assisi. Please help us help them. They are in need of the items listed below. If anyone would like to donate any of these items, please send them to Keri's classroom. Thank you!

Sam's Club gift card	Kitty litter scoops	Sponges & scrub brushes
Purina cat, kitten, dog and puppy foods (dry)	Dog & cat toys	Window cleaner
Regular kitty litter	Paper towels	Bleach
Rabbit food	Small rags for cleaning	Laundry detergent
Rabbit shavings	Towels	"Scrubbing Bubbles" cleaner
Cat towers		

Family Handbook Relocated on Website

The Community School Family Handbook can now be viewed on Community School's website under "News and Calendar" instead of under "How to Apply."

Tuition Payment Due by October 20

For those paying tuition monthly, the October installment is due October 20. If you have any questions, please contact our Business Manager, Sue N., at sue@communityschool.net.

Monthly Parent Workdays

Many of the forty parents who participated at our parent workday in August expressed interest in helping meet our continual need for repairs during the school year. With your help, we can utilize a variety of maintenance & repair skills to keep the school in good shape while keeping costs under control. To that end, we have scheduled six monthly parent workdays this year.

Dates: Oct. 29, Dec. 3, Jan. 14, Feb. 11, Mar. 3, and April 21
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please email Michi Hines, administrative director (michi@communityschool.net) if you can help. You will be working with Gene Lurker, our maintenance and repair supervisor. Thank you!

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