



COMMUNITY
SCHOOL

Quick Notes

Tuesday, September 27, 2011

School Calendar

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

Wednesday	Sept. 28		Student Pictures (upper elementary)
Wednesday	Sept. 28	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 upper elementary)
Thursday	Sept. 29		Rain Date for Student Pictures
Thursday	Sept. 29	6:00 pm	Bolivian Exchange Information Meeting for Host Families (Art room)
Monday	Oct. 3		No Classes – School Closed for Staff In-Service Day
Wednesday	Oct. 5	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (quesadillas, chips, corn, lemonade) Bake Sale (proceeds benefit Middle School Choirs)
Wednesday	Oct. 5	6:15 pm	Board of Trustees Meetings (Emilie T.'s room)
Tuesday – Thursday	Oct. 11- Oct. 13		Fall Festival Trips (Please see information below.)
Friday	Oct. 14		School Closed – No Classes
Wednesday	Oct. 19	12:15-12:45 pm	Pizza Day (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome Bake Sale (proceeds benefit Bolivian Exchange Program)
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 upper elementary)
Wednesday	Oct. 26	7:00 pm	The Hudson Trio Concert (Fall into the Arts Series) Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University
Saturday	Oct. 29	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Monthly Parent Work Day (Please see information below.)
Wednesday	Nov. 2	12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch-A-Month (12:05-12:45 for middle school) Parents Welcome (all beef hotdog, chips, fruit, lemonade) Bake Sale (proceeds benefit Middle School Choirs)
Wednesday	Nov. 2	6:15 p.m.	Board of Trustees Meeting (Emilie T.'s room)

Community School Fall Festival Trips

“A new Center for Disease Control report shows physical activity in schools has positive effects on grades and test scores.

The report analyzed studies over the last 25 years from all 50 states. While states and individual schools are dropping PE to concentrate on meeting testing standards, the report concludes schools should actually increase physical education to raise test scores.

The majority of studies showed school-based activity programs increased students' grades, test scores, and academic behavior.”

Blue Ridge Outdoors, Sept. 2011 Issue

While grades and test scores are not the primary focus at Community School, we have always believed there is a direct and positive link between physical/outdoor activity, academic behavior, and personal well-being. The Fall Festival trips, our longstanding, annual, outdoor and camping tradition at Community School, have proven time and again to be a valuable experience for our students, staff, and parents. We consider Fall Festival days to be school days and expect students to attend.

Fall Festival trips will take place the second week in October. Teachers distributed handouts at Gatherings. These handouts provide details about cost, schedules, and the gear and supplies your child will need. Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions.

Fall Festival fees cover the cost of food, supplies, activities, and shelter/accommodations. **All payments should go directly to your child's classroom teacher. Payments are due by Friday, October 7.**

Classes	Fall Festival Trip/Activity	Fee
Katlyn's, Sharon's, and Ruth Ann's	Pumpkin Patch Day Trip Day of trip TBA	No fee
Beth's, Tulie's, Emily C.'s, and Keri's Classes	Camp Alta Mons (overnight camping) Wed. - Thurs., Oct. 12-13	\$60 (1 parent/1student)
Kim's and Betsy's Classes	Douthat State Park (overnight camping) Tues. - Thurs., Oct. 11-13	\$40 per student
All Middle School Classes	Watoga State Park (overnight camping) Tues. - Thurs., Oct. 11-13	\$40 per student

Student Pictures

Rain date: September 29

September 28 – Upper Elementary

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.

Steel Drum Band

Join the fun on Wednesday at 3:30!

Did you know that Community School has its own steel drum band? Well, we do! Perhaps you've seen us in our bright tie-dyes at the Caribbean Festival at The Jefferson Center. Or, maybe you've heard our lovely tropical sounds at the Strawberry Festival. We are a multi-aged band that meets Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 at the Hollins University Chapel. Transportation to the chapel is provided by Community School. Not only do we learn how to play the steel drums, but also the marimbas and ukuleles. The minimum age required to join is 7 years old. There's no maximum age, so parents are welcome to join, too! The monthly fee is \$45 per person. For more information, please contact Holly at hollyh@communityschool.net.

Needed for Art Classes

The art department needs old blue jeans, especially larger sizes, for an art project. Also, please don't forget to have your children bring in their rocks for the cairn project.

Music Program for Young Children

Music Together is a national program and is not associated with Community School.

Music Together in Roanoke is beginning its Fall Semester. This music and movement program is for children ages newborn to age 5 and their parents or caregivers. At Music Together, music is learned through developmentally appropriate activities that support and respect the learning styles of all participants. Classes meet for 45 minutes each week for ten weeks to experience original and familiar songs, rhythm rhymes, movement activities, and instrumental jam sessions. The music includes a variety of meters and tonalities. Music Together Big Kids is especially developed for children ages 5-7, and classes are 1 hour long. All fall classes are held in Roanoke at The Lifestream Center located on the corner of Grandin Road and Windsor Avenue, except for Thursday mornings when classes are held in Moneta. Brochures and registration materials are available in the Community School office, and more information can be found at www.musictogetherinroanoke.com.

"Fall Into the Arts" with The Hudson Trio

The October performance of our new Fall into the Arts Series will feature The Hudson Trio, a New York-based piano trio comprised of Vladimir Valjarevic on piano, Caroline Chin on violin, and Robert Burkhart, "the adventurous cellist." Musical selections will include chamber music pieces from Mozart, Mendelssohn, and some contemporary composers, as well as a few Hungarian ballads. A generous local donor has underwritten this event, so 100% of the proceeds will go towards our new Yamaha MIE piano lab.



Location:	Talmadge Recital Hall, Hollins University
Date & Time:	Wednesday, Oct 26, at 7:00 pm
Tickets:	\$16.50 each, available through our website (www.communityschool.net)
Babysitting:	Available for free on the CS campus for CS families

In addition, we are delighted to announce that Vladimir Valjarevic has offered to donate his time and talent to conduct a master's class for our students on October 27, the day following the concert. This is an incredible opportunity for our students to work with and learn from a talented performer.

Mark your calendars, purchase your tickets, get ready for some beautiful music and a great date night (with free babysitting), and help bring your child a little bit closer to the wonderful learning opportunities of our piano lab. To learn about The Hudson Trio, visit their website at <http://thehudsontrio.com>. If you have any questions about this performance or the Fall into the Arts Series, please contact Pattie at patties@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!

Parent/Caregiver Pledge Forms Overdue

Community School's Parent/Caregiver 2011-2012 Pledge forms were due in the office on August 15. If you have not signed and returned your copy, please do so as soon as possible. If you need another copy, forms can be found in the main office. We are missing pledge forms from the following families: Benton, Carter, D'Ardenne, Johnson, Kaiser, Shaffer, Trethewey, and Rowland.

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