

Top 10 Reasons

*To be part of the annual Strawberry Festival presented by
Community School*

10. Our Strawberry Festival is a time-honored tradition and a premier event in the Roanoke Valley. It draws up to 25,000 people to Elmwood Park.
9. The festival is so popular that many people come from as far away as Pennsylvania and West Virginia to enjoy our strawberry shortcakes and other desserts.
8. Each year, Community School parents, staff, alumni and friends bake an average of 12,000 shortcakes using our secret recipe. **(BAKING DAY IS ON FRI., MARCH 23)**
7. The Thursday before the festival, parents, students, staff, alumni and friends cap, clean, slice, and sweeten approx. 7000 pints of fresh strawberries for our desserts. (Sign-up information will be available after Baking Day.)
6. During the festival, we scoop nearly 400 gallons of premium vanilla ice cream and squirt almost 950 cans of real whipped cream.
5. Festival goers can choose among many strawberry desserts: strawberry shortcakes, strawberry sundaes, strawberries and cream, chocolate covered strawberries and strawberry smoothies.
4. The Strawberry Festival has something for everyone – live entertainment, arts and crafts, games and activities for children.
3. Community School has been an important educational option in the Roanoke Valley for 40 years.
2. The Strawberry Festival is a shining example of teamwork, volunteerism, and community involvement. It is Community School parents, students, staff, alumni and friends who organize and work this event; giving over 2400 man hours. **We ask each parent to volunteer to help bake shortcakes, clean berries and work at the festival. Do you have relatives and/or friends who can help? Do you know of a business that values community service and would like to work?**

Number One Reason

1. We are celebrating our 32nd Strawberry Festival!

- ❖ Interested in serving on a SF committee? First meeting will be on 1/28/12 @ CS, 10 am. Contact Michi Hines, michi@communityschool.net