



# Village Voices

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

Tuesday January 19, 2010

Dear Parents,

Many of our children receive or have received services from the school's speech pathologist, Kellie Henkel. Kellie is well liked by the children and an important part of the classroom services provided at Village Charter School.

Some of you may have heard that Kellie's family suffered the loss of their home due to fire on New Year's Eve. Luckily, no one was injured and the family has been receiving the assistance of the Red Cross to help them through this crisis. Kellie has two children at home, a toddler and a 3 month old. And although they have been getting donations of clothing, there are many personal items that they may still need.

I would like to take a collection of donations for a gift certificate to Target to help them purchase diapers, personal items, toys, etc. to help them "catch up". If you would like to contribute, please leave your donation at the school office by Friday, January 29th.

Thank you all,  
Trish Griffus (Cody's mom)

### Rainy Weather Gear

During the rainy wet weather we ask that all children come to school prepared for outdoor activity. Please send your child to school with proper rain gear; rubber boots, rain coat with hood and, ideally, rain pants. Indoor activities will be available for students who are not dressed appropriately for outdoor play. Also we ask that you send a change of clothes to be kept in your child's cubby through the end of the rainy season.

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher conferences will be held in the afternoons during the week of February 1<sup>st</sup>. Please note that **school dismissal time is 1:00 from Monday, Feb. 1 through Friday, Feb. 5**. Sign-up sheets for meetings will be posted in your child's classroom.

### \*\*Individual Parent Meetings with Rebecca

Starting in February, I would like to meet with every family. These individual meetings allow me the opportunity to sit and listen...listen to stories, answer questions, talk about the future, etc. I know time is scarce, so I thank you for your willingness to share some of it with me. A schedule will be posted in the office. Please take a moment to stop by and sign up for a time. Many thanks! Rebecca

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ◆ JANUARY ◆

**Monday, January 25**

VCS Board Meeting 5:45-8:00

**Wednesday, January 27**

Malika's Class to Wells Fargo Center

### ◆ FEBRUARY ◆

**February 1 – 5**

Parent Teacher Conferences  
1:00 dismissal

**February - March**

Meetings with Rebecca\*\*  
Sign-up sheet in office

**Thursday, February 4**

Elsie's class to Patchwork Farm

**Thursday, February 11**

Elsie's class to SRJC  
6:30 Aikido Promotion  
Grades 1-6 --more info to come

### After School Spanish Classes

Susan Volmerding (parent of Joshua in Miss Malika's class) has come across an opportunity to offer Spanish lessons to students in K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. If you are interested in Spanish for your child and would like additional information please contact Susan at [suzseed@yahoo.com](mailto:suzseed@yahoo.com).

### Yearbook Reminders

Remember to send your favorite pictures from festivals, field trips and the classroom to [lisadragna@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lisadragna@sbcglobal.net) for yearbook submission.

**Weekend Cleaning for January 30: Sanders, Partida-Bakshi, Cadigan-Carranza, Frazee**

**Weather Related School Closures**

During the winter months tune your radio to KSRO 1350 AM for storm related information and follow school closure instructions for the Windsor Unified School District or Mark West School/Larkfield area.

**COUNTY PARK PASS**

Does anyone have a Sonoma County Park Pass that they would like to donate to the school? Elsie's class hikes every Thursday at local parks and Bonnie and Malika's classes go several times a year.

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