



Village Voices

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

Friday, March 5, 2010

Summer Care Program

VCS will be offering a summer care program to all 2010/2011 enrolled K-6th students. Each week will have a theme and a one day off campus outing (TBA).

Cost: \$175 per week for students registered and paid in full by April 30
\$190 per week for students registered and paid in full after April 30

Times: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

The weeks of:

June 7 June 14 June 21 July 12 July 19
July 26 Aug 2 **No session weeks of June 26, July 5, or Aug 9**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

❖ March ❖

Monday, March 8
Board meeting 5:45

Thursday, March 11
Elsie's class to Riverfront Regional Park

March 12 & 15
NO SCHOOL

Monday, March 22
Board Meeting 5:45

Spanish at VCS**

Our afterschool Spanish class began this week. If you missed this week's lesson you can still register in the office. The cost is \$20 per session (each session consists of 4 classes).

Session 1 – 3/3 – 3/24, **Session 2** – 3/31 – 4/28, **Session 3** – 5/5 – 5-26

Classes will be divided into three groups:

Kindergarten – Tuesday 1:15 – 1:45 in extended care room

7 and 8 year olds – Wednesday 1:15 – 1:45 in Elsie's classroom

9 years and older – Wednesday 1:45 – 2:15 in Elsie's classroom

Sign up and pay in the school office. Make checks payable to Skye Nashelsky.

**This is not connected to the Spanish offered through Marcela.

3/12 and 3/15 Childcare

Childcare will be offered by Skye over the upcoming 4-day weekend (March 12th – 15th) from 7:30 to 3:30. The cost will be \$30.00 for the day. Check with Skye to see if space is available.

New Speech & Language Pathologist

The Windsor Unified School District has hired a permanent Speech and Language Pathologist to cover schools under their umbrella which includes The Village Charter School. It is with great sadness that we say good-bye to Kellie Henkel who has worked with our students for the past 3 years and at the same time welcome her replacement Debbie Davison. Debbie will continue to caringly work with the same case load of students as Kellie. If you would like to sign a card of appreciation for Kellie, you can do so in the office.

Attendance and Tardiness

Absences and tardies impact our students and our school on many levels. When a child is not here or is late they lose out on valuable instructional time as well as the continuity and rhythm of the day and week.

Absences also have a profound impact our school finances. Historically many absences were considered excused and did not cause schools to lose revenue. But with the passage of SB 727 in 1997, schools now receive their pupil funding for actual attendance, without taking into account excused absences. To date, absences have cost The Village Charter School approximately \$15,000.

Please make plans and organize your schedule so that school attendance (and being on time) is a top priority in your family. Make carpool arrangements, plan appointments outside of school hours, have a backup plan to transport your child if you are unable to do so, and plan trips for already established school holidays.

Japanese Exchange Students

Japanese exchange students will be on campus the week of March 29th. We will be in need of additional parent support on campus and for driving during this week. Please check with your child's teacher on how you can help.

Weekend Cleaning – March 6: Norris, Morris, Kofahl, Hutchinson, Barbolak

VCS Board Meetings

The next VCS Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 8, 5:45 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend. See agenda at end of this newsletter.

COLD/COUGH

Many students and staff have been fighting the latest cold/cough that is going around. Some have even had fevers and pink eye. Please remind your child to wash their hands and to cover their mouths when sneezing or coughing. Students with severe symptoms should stay home. Students with fevers must stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours. Students with pink eye should follow physician's directions.

PSP DONATIONS

Don't forget you can make your payment online through PayPal.
www.villagecharterschool.net
"DONATE NOW ONLINE"

Community Smart Update

For those of you who shop at Oliver's and use your Community Smart Card, you may have been notified by them that they don't take them anymore. Oliver's was one of the big contributors, so we have to try and make up for it elsewhere. Please check out the website www.communitysmart.com to familiarize yourself with where they take Community Smart. If you still don't have a card, or need a replacement or one for a friend, let Anne Marie know (Emily and Nate's mom). Thanks for using Community Smart!

You can also contact Anne Marie if you need more information about the eScrip program or go to www.escrip.com.

Where Do You Shop?

In these tight economic times fundraisers that do not cost you the consumer any extra out of pocket expense could be the answer to bridging the gap of financial shortfalls. Are you aware that many grocery stores (and other merchants) offer a rebate program to participating organizations? Village Charter School currently participates with eScrip and Community Smart for just this type of fundraiser. To further encourage family participation VCS would like to know where our families shop. Please reply to annemarie95472@yahoo.com if you shop at any of the following grocery stores: Safeway, Raleys, Luckys, Whole Foods, Olivers.

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Thanks to those who are bringing in your empty ink jet cartridges. They are a huge help for the school. Each month if we turn in 30 cartridges (which we have been able to do, thanks to you!) we are awarded \$90.00 in store credit for Staples. Keep'em comin'!

Rainy Weather Gear

Please remember to send your child to school with proper rain gear; rubber boots, rain coat with hood and, ideally, rain pants on rainy days. 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.

To Do List

In meeting with parents this past month I have learned that there are many who desperately want to help but don't know how. We have come up with a list of things that need to be taken care of around the campus – jump in where you can.

Ongoing tasks: these tasks need to be done on a weekly or daily basis.

- Wash the Saturday cleaning rags (located in the shed)
- Rake/clean out sand box
- Rake out (fluff) playground bark
- Weed (anywhere, anytime)
- Sweep walkways and basketball court area

One time tasks: if this is something you can do please check in the office.

- Trim hedges (parking lot property line and tops along classroom walls)
- Wash fluorescent light covers in all classrooms
- Prune tree in planter outside of Elsie's room
- Install new slide style locks on bathroom doors in Elsie's room
- Install sink in after care bathroom (frame must also be constructed)
- Hang fire extinguishers as per fire inspection instructions

Yearbook Reminders

Remember to send your favorite pictures from festivals, field trips and the classroom to lisadragna@sbcglobal.net for yearbook submission.

**VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL – WINDSOR
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

Monday, March 8, 2010

Open Session: 5:45-7:45

4614 Old Redwood Highway

Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Posted 3/5/10

A G E N D A

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the Agenda (discussion/action)
3. Approval of Minutes (discussion/action)
4. Public Comments (discussion)

This is an opportunity for the community to address the Board of Directors regarding any items not on the agenda. The Board may not discuss items which are not on the agenda, but may choose to agendize items for the next meeting or direct the Administrator to address them. Each person will have five minutes to speak.
5. March Calendar (discussion/action)
6. 2010-2011 Calendar (discussion/action)
7. 2nd Interim Budget (discussion/action)
8. Facility (discussion/action)
9. Fundraising (discussion/action)
10. Committee Reports (discussion/action)
11. Summer Extended Care Program (discussion/action)
12. Hiring Committee (discussion/action)
13. 2010-11 Configuration (discussion/action)
14. Adjournment