

Village Voices

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

Friday, October 23, 2009

Parent Support Pledge

It is our goal that every Village family contributes to our Parent Support Pledge (PSP) program. Step one to this goal is to get a pledge form from all of our families, including 2nd households. Currently, we have 40 out of 53 families (not including 2nd households) participating in PSP. If you have not yet submitted a pledge form or would like to make an adjustment to your original pledge, please pick up a form from the office or ask to have one emailed to you. Remember...even the smallest contribution makes a significant difference in our budget. It is our hope that by Monday, November 2nd, we have a PSP form on file from every Village Family. Thank you for your support and commitment to the Village Charter School!
--The VCS Board of Directors and The Foundation

Lost & Found

The lost & found box is overflowing. Items remaining after Friday will be donated. Lost & found is located in the extended care room.



Congratulations Extended Care
Your Frankenstein scarecrow placed 1st!

DAY OF THE DEAD

Our first fall festival will be the celebration of the Day of the Dead. This festival will be an evening, **pot luck at 5:00 pm** followed by the **performance at 5:30 pm** that will include an illuminated alter walk, plays, poems, song and dance.

Festival Needs:

Candles: Each child is to bring 5 votive candles (not tea lights).

Alter: Each class will have an altar. Students are to bring in photos, flowers and/or a favorite food of ancestors, pets or friends that have passed.

Pot Luck: Please bring food to share. Each family needs to bring their own plates and utensils—paper plates, cups, etc. will **not** be provided.

Parking/Shuttle: See note below

Sound System Support: See Rebecca

Set-up: Contact Melanie for times

Clean-up: Many hands make light work.

If you are able to help, please contact Melanie 537-7015, mommamelly@sbcglobal.net

Costumes:

Elsie's class -Please see Elsie if your child has a role as a director, researcher or ancestor. Female festival actors will wear the skirts & blouses we wear for the Chavez Festival. Male festival actors should wear dark pants & white shirts; we will provide vests for them.

Bonnie's class – Dress as an ancestor spirit. Ideas: skeleton costume, black sweats with painted bones.

Malika's class – Each child is to bring in black

FESTIVAL PARKING

We will need volunteers to assist with directing traffic and possibly shuttling people to and from the school. Please see Rebecca if you have any creative ideas about how best to deal with our limited parking situation.

Reminder: Parking will be not allowed at Cricklewood on Friday evening.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

◆ OCTOBER ◆

Monday 10/26

Board Meeting 5:45 pm

Tuesday 10/27

Miss Malika's class- Spring Hill

Friday 10/30

Day of the Dead

5:00 Potluck

5:30 Festival

◆ NOVEMBER ◆

Thursday 11/5

Elsie' class – SR Youth Orchestra
Miss Barnum's Class - Grist Mill

Monday 11/9

Board Meeting 5:45 pm

Wednesday, 11/11

NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day

Thursday, 11/12

Elsie's class – Vet Lab &
Planetarium @ SRJC

Friday 11/13

Miss Malika's class - WFCM

Independent Study and ADA

VCS receives state funding for our ADA (average daily attendance). Every day that a student is absent impacts us financially. It is the policy of VCS to distribute Independent Study (IS) packets to students who are absent two or more consecutive days due to illness or vacation. The gathering of this packet material is time consuming to the teachers but very beneficial to the students who missed out on the lessons. It is important that all students who receive an IS packet complete it in the time allotted and return it in its entirety back to the teacher. Planned absentees can receive packets in advance if given time.

Saturday Cleaning for 10/31: Miller, Partida-Bakshi, Eljumaily, Caldwell, Sierra