

Village Voices

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Third Party External Review

I am pleased to announce that during the week of November 30th, Insight Education Group, Inc. will be on our campus conducting an independent external review of the Village Charter School. The goal of this independent review is to engage our school and the community in a reflective process that results in a concrete action plan for increasing student achievement and ensuring our schools success. The process includes a review of all policies and procedures, financial documents, curriculum inventory and resources, self-study, site visit (scheduled for December 1st and 2nd), and a Report of Findings. In addition to the above, IEG, Inc. will schedule stakeholder focus group meetings with students, parents, faculty/staff and board members. I need 8-10 parents (non-board members) to serve on the parent focus group which will meet during the school day (exact time not yet scheduled) of December 1st. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rebecca as soon as possible. Thanks!

Eco-Friendly Fundraiser for VCS

Our eco-friendly fundraiser has begun! We are partnering with EcoLabel Fundraising to raise funds in a more responsible way. Please visit www.ecolabelfundraising.com to order products. Our school receives **40% of each sale** for each fair-trade, eco-friendly and organic product you purchase. Select our school on the homepage, place your order and pay. **Free shipping to the school** is available if you order during our fundraising period. Fill out all steps in the checkout process with your information. In Step 2, enter the student's name and class in the Individual Student ID box (i.e. John Doe Mrs. Allen's Class). In Step 3, choose "Ship to School" for the shipping option. Contact Justin Webb (Kiley's dad) if you have any questions, 707-253-0909 or justin@reidsheetmetal.com

Winter Craft Faire

Our annual Winter Craft Faire is schedule for Thursday, December 3rd from 5:00 – 7:00 P.M. If you are interested in helping or have a craft idea, please contact Melanie Sanders at mommamelly@sbcglobal.net.

Illness Reminder

Just a quick policy reminder to families regarding illness:

- Please keep your child home if he/she has a fever (99 degrees or above) or other flu like symptoms (vomiting, sore throat, diarrhea, severe cough, etc.)
- Keep sick child at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, **without using fever reducing medications.**
- Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and to **not** share personal items like food and drinks.
- Call the school when your child will be absent.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

◆ NOVEMBER ◆

Thursday 11/19

Elsie's class to Patchworks Farm

Friday 11/20

Miss Barnum to Lamplighter's ????????

Tuesday 11/24

Elsie's Class to Spring Lake
Habitat and Home

Wednesday-Friday 11/25-11/27

Thanksgiving Break—NO SCHOOL
(Extended Care will NOT be offered)

◆ DECEMBER ◆

Tuesday 12/1

External Review site visit
Board Meeting 5:45 – 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday 12/2

Miss Malika's class to Santa Rosa Symphony
External Review site visit

Thursday 12/3

Bare Foot Books Sale 3:00
Winter Craft Faire 5:00

Monday 12/14

Board Meeting

Thursday 12/17

Winter Solstice Festival @ Tucker Farm

12/21 – 1/1

Winter Break

Santa Rosa Symphony Community Musician Cards

The Santa Rosa Symphony has donated 10 Community Musician Cards to our school. Each card is good for 2 tickets at the SRS Discovery Concerts (Saturday 2:00 open rehearsals only) during the 2009-2010 season. Stop by the office if you would like a card.

Saturday Cleaning for date 11/21: Kofahl, Velarde, Wells, Scott, Cahill/Silva

REPORT CARDS

Our 1st trimester has come to an end. Sometime during the week of the 30th report cards will be distributed if you questions please see your child's teacher.

WINTER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

This year's Winter Solstice Festival is schedule for the evening of Thursday, December 17 at Tucker Farm Center in Calistoga. As we get closer to the event you will be hearing from our teachers regarding their needs and how you can help.

Bare Foot Books

Our annual **Bare Foot Books** sale will take place the same day as our Craft Faire, Thursday, 12/3 beginning at 2:00 in Bonnie's front room. VCS receives 20% from each sale. Orders can also be placed through the catalog within our sale time frame (TBD). If you are interested in seeing what **Bare Foot Books** has to offer a viewing catalog will be available in each classroom and the office. Contact Carol Meredith (Salena's grandma) 322-5697 if you have any questions.

Child Care

If you are in need of childcare over the Thanksgiving or winter break contact Skye, 360-5607.

CLASS PICTURES

If you forgot to order individual or class pictures you must contact Lisa ASAP.

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