

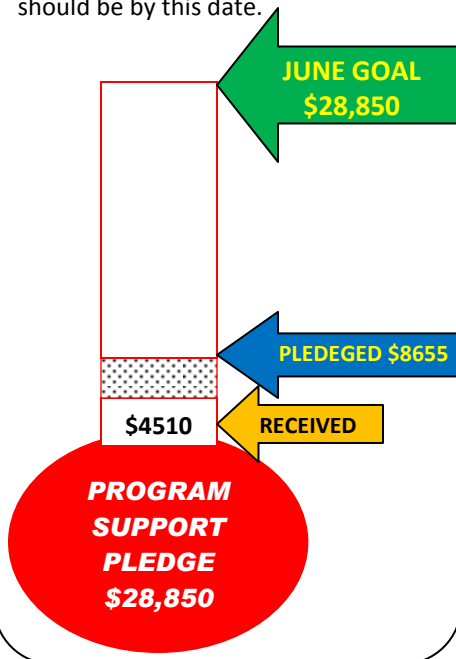
Village Voices

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE VILLAGE CHARTER SCHOOL

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Parent Support Pledge

We are still at only 88% participation in our PSP program. If you have not yet filled out a pledge form please take a moment to do so and submit it to Carolyn in the office. Our PSP goal (based on the pledges made at the start of the school year) is \$28,850. At present, we have collected \$4,660 towards that goal--55% of where we should be by this date.



DAY OF THE DEAD

Friday night's festival was (once again) absolutely incredible. The weather was beautiful, the food delicious and plentiful, the decorations and alters were breathtaking and the performance...well, that was grand! It cannot be said too many times—we are blessed with an incredible community and teachers that never stop striving! Thank you!

And now for the thank you's... Over the past few weeks, many parents worked behind the scenes in preparation for the Day of the Dead festival. To all the parents that helped with student/show prep, set-up/clean-up and the parking—thank you. It was a huge task that you all made appear seamless. Thank you, Sharon Post, for making (and organizing the decoration of) the sugar skulls in Bonnie's class. Thank you to Lisa Dragna for making the framed sugar skulls for Elsie's class and life-sized skeletons for the stage. To Jessica Mullins-Thomas, Colby McManamon and Gina LoMonaco, thank you for helping with the costumes in Miss Malika's class and the flowers. Thank you, Kelly Bonsall, Kelly Coalson and Nicole Barbolak for your instrumental role in the stage design. And, thank you, Melanie Sanders, for your work with the teachers to make sure their dreams for this festival came to be.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

◆ NOVEMBER ◆

Thursday 11/5
Bonnie's and Elsie's classes on walking field trip to WFC to see Santa Rosa Symphony (9:30 A.M.)

Monday 11/9
Board Meeting (5:30-8:00 P.M.)

Wednesday 11/11
Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
(Extended Care will NOT be offered)

Thursday 11/12
Elsie's class to SRJC Planetarium and SR High Vet Lab
Bonnie's class to Gristmill for hike

Friday 11/13
Malika's class on walking field trip to WFC to see Charlotte's Web

Thursday 11/19
Elsie's class to Patchworks Farm

Monday 11/23
Board Meeting (5:30-8:00 P.M.)

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)

NEWS FROM THE BOARD

First we would like to welcome two new Board members – Howard Frazee and Justin Webb. Howard is Carl's father, and he is a math teacher at Santa Rosa High School. Justin is Kiley's father, and he is a project manager for Reid Sheet Metal. We look forward to the new perspectives each will bring to the Board.

Another membership change is that Malika has resigned after two years as the teacher representative. Her input and insights were a great asset, and we will miss Malika at the meetings. The teachers are working on a plan for their future representation on the Board. Remember that Board meetings are always open to the public (except for the occasional closed session that we usually save for the end of the meeting). We generally meet the second and fourth Mondays from 5:45 to about 7:30. The first part of the meeting is reserved for public comment, when anyone can bring any topic to the meeting. We limit each topic to 5 minutes, and if it is something that requires more attention or action, we put it on an upcoming agenda. The agendas are posted on the bulletin board in the office, and the minutes from passed meetings are kept in a binder in the office once they have been approved.

Alexandra Jacobs, Board Chair

Saturday Cleaning for 11/7: Thomas, Morris, Clark, Binckley

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TOYS AND SCHOOL

The teachers have requested that we remind families that personal toys are not to be brought to school or into extended care. We try very hard to provide crafts, activities, books and toys for your children to play with while they are here. We find that toys brought to school from home tend to become a cause for distraction and/or conflict. If there are things you would like to donate to our extended care program or for recess, please see Rebecca. Thank you for your cooperation!

NOTE: Speaking of donations...anyone out there have a recycle bin full of paper for Skye and his group of paper airplane makers?

LOST AND FOUND

We will put the lost and found items out on a table by the office. Anything left as of Wednesday will be donated.

From Miss Malika's Class

Miss Malika and her class would like to extend a very warm thank you to Eli Thomas (Dylan's dad) for the beautiful walnut table that he built for the butterfly garden.