



Wednesday, September 28 2011

All School Gathering

We invite the school community to gather together for an afternoon/evening of work, food, and celebration on Friday September 30th.

3:30 – 5:30 School work day

To do list:

- Thorough cleaning of each classroom and bathrooms
- Hang white board in library (cement walls)
- Fix counter in Malika's room (need L-brackets and small screws)
- Computer and printer set up in Elsie's room

*Check with teachers for other individual classroom needs

If you are interested in helping set up for the evening please see Miss Barnum.

5:30 – 6:30 Potluck and picnic on the lawn - A signup sheet for potluck dishes is posted in main classroom hallway and outside of Mrs. Carter's classroom. Each family is asked to bring one dish large enough to feed 10.

6:30 – 7:30 Community dance, led by a professional caller and fiddler, under the tent. Any parent/musician who wishes to join the fiddler can meet him at 4:00 p.m. for practice.

We suggest a \$10 per family donation be made to cover the costs of the evening.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

❖ SEPTEMBER ❖

Wednesday, Sept 28th
Playground meeting 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept 29th
Shilpa's class hike

Friday, Sept 30th
All school celebration

❖ OCTOBER ❖

Week of October 3rd – 7th
Parent/Teacher Conferences
All students out at 1:00 p.m.

Monday, October 3
Board Meeting 5:45

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CONFERENCE WEEK OCT 3 – OCT 7

1:00 DISMISSAL ALL WEEK

Teacher/Parent conferences will be held the week of October 3rd. **This is a 1:00 dismissal week for all students.** Look for sign-up sheets in all classrooms or hallway.

Just an FYI

The WFC will be holding a major event (Catwalk for a Cure) on Friday, October 7th. Due to set up needs and the timing of the event, classes will be limited to the immediate school classroom facility and basketball court area on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (10/5 – 10/7). We ask that everyone be mindful of the additional activity on these days as well as all WFC event days.

Amish Quilt Raffle

To kick off our fundraising efforts in a big way, Miss Barnum purchased a beautiful Amish quilt on her travels during the summer, which we will be raffling off starting next week. We will have fundraising packets available to go out with every child, including raffle tickets and instructions to get us started.

The goal of this fundraiser is for every student to raffle off 100 tickets @ \$1 each.

This has the potential to make the school over \$10,000.

But that is not the only great thing. For every 100 tickets a child sells, he or she will earn a \$5 gift certificate to either Tierra's produce or Whole Foods.

When every student sells his/her 100 raffle tickets, there will be a big, school wide Pizza party to reward all the students for their efforts. This beautiful quilt will make its first appearance at our September 30th school gathering.

Families will have approximately six weeks to sell their tickets with the raffle taking place at our Solstice Festival in December.

Watch for the fundraising packets next week!

Interested in the Village Gardens?

A committee is forming to explore ideas, create a vision, and break ground on the Village Gardens. Some ideas include a fairy garden, native garden and of course, a food forest. We'll take a few fieldtrips for inspiration and have a few planning discussions before breaking ground. If you'd like to join in, or you have resources or services to donate, please contact kirstenmiller@sbcglobal.net.

WHOLE FOODS CARDS FUNDRAISER

Do you shop at Whole Foods? Whole Foods now offers a fund raising opportunity in that if we purchase gift cards in advance they will give 4% back to the school. We are looking to round up some families and see if we can make this worthwhile. We would need to get a minimum of 25 families to commit to \$100 each as this Whole Foods program starts at \$2500. Of course higher commitments are welcomed and encouraged.

Once you get your gift card, you can use it like a regular gift card at Whole Foods across the nation; use some now and keep the balance for later etc. etc. Essentially, you are pre-paying for groceries. Gift cards are available in denominations of \$100. Smaller increments may be available, inquire to Anne Marie at info below.

If you are interested in helping the school through this fundraiser, please contact Anne Marie at annemarie95472@yahoo.com.

Forward this to any extended family members or friends who may be interested and email me back with your commitment amount. Thanks!

PGP DONATIONS

Don't forget you can make your payment online through PayPal.

www.villagecharterschool.net

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Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

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- **Oliver's Market**
- **Molsbry Market**
- **Safeway**

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