



WOODLAND STAR CHARTER SCHOOL

Learning to think, to care, to create.

17811 ARNOLD DRIVE, SONOMA, CA 95476

JUST THE FACTS

OCTOBER 1, 2009

Second Grade Class Meeting, Monday, 10/5, 6:00—7:30

'Revisioning Town Hall Meeting', 10/6/09, 6:30

Walk to school (Danny's Walk), Wednesday, 10/7, 7:45 am

Sprites Night Meeting Wednesday, 10/7, 8:30 am

Felting Class Wednesday, 10/7 w/Monica Ashley—8:45 Main Hall

Eugene Schwartz - Wednesday 10/7, 6:00 Main Hall

Parent Council Meeting 10/8/09, 6:30 to 8:30

First Assembly of the year, Friday, 10/9, 9:05, Altimira EARLY DISMISSAL 1:00 PM

October 12-16, Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

Sprites Night, 10/24/09, 5:00 to 8:00 Woodland Star Campus

DANNY'S WALK

Woodland Star Walk To School Day-

Wednesday, October 7th

Woodland Star parent Danny O'Reilly was killed by a drunk driver on April 19th 2004 while riding his bicycle home from work. For those of you who did not have the privilege of knowing him, Danny was an active member of our community, an environmentalist and an avid cyclist. In his honor, we call our Walk To School Day Danny's Walk, and this year's is Wednesday, October 7th. **We will leave promptly at 7:45** that morning from behind the baseball diamond at Ernie Smith Community Park on Arnold Drive. These walks give our community another way to honor Danny while showing our kids that cars aren't the only way to get around town. In addition, it's fun walking to school to-

gether. This walk corresponds with International Walk To School Day, so we'll be joining others from around the world (for more information go to www.walktoschool.org or www.cawalktoschool.com). If you have any questions about Danny's Walk, please call Rick Love at 996-9207.

Revision town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

The Revisioning Committee will discuss the 3 priorities for WSS in the 2009-10 school year as a result of the Revisioning process we engaged in last Spring. We will also be updating everyone on progress made on identified priorities thus far, answer any questions and welcome input

VINTAGE FESTIVAL

PARADE

A BIG THANK YOU TO AMANDA BRUMME FOR ALL HER HARD WORK ON THE FLOAT.

Also thank you to Jim Schaeffer and his dad, Jerry, for the flat bed trailer and gator to pull the float and for driving. Thanks to everyone that worked on the float, it turned out so beautiful. Woodland Star was well represented in the Parade. Thank You Woodland Star, for all the enthusiasm and support in helping me with the float. From all the parents that were here to help thru the week and at the Harvest Festival. Especially to all the Woodland Star Students who spent every recess, and available time stuffing tissue paper. Also thank all you who gave up your Sunday to be in the Parade with us!!!!

See back page for a few pictures.

Looking for Help!

Looking for volunteers to help with our Wardrobe Closet. We are looking for 2 possible 3 people to take over the Theatre department. Talk to Monica Conway if you can help. Also Woodland Star is in need of a Volunteer Coordinator for the school. Let Monica Conway know if you can help.

Second Grade is looking for a cozy chair to use in the classroom. Please contact Evelyn 996-5507 or Robin 996-2611.

From our Community:

Guitar/music lessons offered at Your Home

Woodland Star 8th grade parent Ralph Cetola, is now offering guitar/bass/beginner violin classes at your home. Classes will be a minimum of one hour in length. These can be individual private lessons or group classes if you would like to arrange for another friend to join. The classes will be offered on the west side of the valley (the side the school is located at) on Monday's and Tuesday's. Ralph is also giving individual private lessons at his home studio on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's. Call 938-1357 for more information



Looking for Car

Mr. Graham, 4th grade teacher, is looking for something a little safer for his daughter, perhaps you have an armored tank sitting around that Mr. Graham can purchase.



Eugene Schwartz - Educational Series Beginning October 7, 2009

As many of you know we embarked on a thorough re visioning process last Spring and from that process came many constructive thoughts and ideas. One such idea was a desire from the community that we all learn more about Waldorf Education. Eugene Schwartz will lead a 5 series course for our parent body to strengthen our knowledge of Waldorf curriculum and have a deeper understanding of the inspiration behind Waldorf Curriculum. The First session will be on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 6:00 to

9:00, and will be held in the Main Hall. Following are the dates for the entire session.

October 7

December 2

January 27

March 10

May 12.

Sign up forms available in the office. Scholarships are available as well in the

A healthy social life is found only, when in the mirror of each soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the whole community the virtue of each one is living". Rudolf Steiner

office. Please plan on attending this event!

Sprites Night Help

Sprite Night committee is looking for 12 parents to be guides for the evening. Guides will be wearing special costumes this year and be trained. You must be able to arrive at 4:30 on the night of Sprite Night and

take one group through the tour (approximately 45 minutes). If you are interested, please contact Andrea Gregory 529-2600 or jacogregory@hotmail.com .



Pledge Update

We are thrilled to announce we have received pledge cards from 49% of our families totaling over \$65,000, That leaves us with just \$55,000 reach our goal of \$120,000.

The days of one big fundraiser are over and we are switching gears to the Parent Giving Program as a way to be able to rely on steady income for our Specialty eachers's Salaries, without which we would be just a "regular" charter school.

We surveyed all the local public Waldorf Schools last spring. Below are the results from this survey. This is the averaged monthly payment (based on 12 months) from last year.

- Live Oak Charter School \$43.90 (\$118,000)
- Stonebridge, Napa \$58.00 (\$145,634)
- Novato Charter School \$61.93 (\$147,000)
- Sunridge, Sebastopol \$106.00 (\$220,000)
- Sebastopol Independent \$125.00 (\$322,000)
- Woodland Star \$18.00 (\$45,000)

It is really quite simple.... without \$50 per student per month, there will

be no Handwork, Movement, Woodworking, Singing, Music, Games, Gardening, etc. We are shooting for 100% participation so please help us reach our goal. It is only \$1.67 per day! Pledge Week ended Friday, Sept 25th. So please complete and return your orange card.

Otherwise you will receive the dreaded phone cal.....

Rick Concoff—Wednesday 11/17/09—7:00 sharp

The Values and Virtues character education curriculum brought to us by Summerfield teacher & Educational consultant Rick Concoff. Rick will come to WSS every 6 weeks to deliver a parent education series regarding working with Values and Virtues at home and to answer any questions that you might have. Rick will also be teaching an ethics class to the 7th and 8th graders as well as bringing the curriculum to the fac-

ulty.
 7-8:30 pm in the Main Hall. Suggested donation of \$5. Childcare available at \$5 per child.
 We will start right at 7:00 pm, please arrive on time or earlier!
 If you missed him last night, 9/30/09, he gave a fantastic presentation! You can join us at any time during the series...please come as often as you can!



eScrip

We have a new eScrip coordinator! Greg Howlett, Sweet Pea Parent, will be the new eScrip coordinator. Thank You Greg!

Please check you your eScrip accounts. Check to see if you are updated with credit card information and if your Safeway card has been

renewed. We average about \$300 in eScrip payments to the school each month. This is such easy income to the school! Please sign up today!



