

# USC School News – Nov. 13, 2017

## Work Party Thank You!

Many thanks to our Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> work party crew: Lisa, John & Ava Wood, Clara & Carina McDonald, and Catherine Leach. The crew deep cleaned classrooms, moved wood chips, and cleaned porch benches. Thank you for helping to clean up our school! Our next work party is Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>.

## Parent Conferences & Half Days, November 15 - 17

If you haven't signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, please do so ASAP!

### **PARKING AND PICK-UP ON CONFERENCE DAYS**

- 1) 12:15 to 12:25: Depot pick-up. Please pick up students who are not eating lunch at school.
- 2) 12:30 to 1:00: All driveway spots and yellow curb in front of the school are **3 minute parking**, just long enough for you to walk up to collect your child and leave.
- 3) 1:00 to 5:30: All driveway spots are available for parking. The best parking options will be the community center and up the hill on Union Street.
- 4) Planning, patience, and allowing extra time are key to making school parking work effectively. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **AFTER SCHOOL ON CONFERENCE DAYS**

After school care charges start at 12:45. After school is very crowded on conference days; it really helps if you are able to pick up your child before 1:00. At 1:00 students have silent reading and stories. If you return with your child for a conference, please check your child into after school; there is no charge for this service while you are in conference. After school cannot accommodate younger siblings who are not elementary school age.

## Conference Report Recommendation

Union Street Charter creates a non-competitive and supportive environment. Teachers do not see our conference reports as traditional "report cards" and we hope they are not used as such. Conference reports are intended to help you understand your child's academic and social development, to highlight strengths and challenges, and to encourage parent-teacher dialog, and are not to be shared with students. Teachers give students feedback on a regular basis. If your child wants more information about how the teacher views his or her progress, please ask the teacher to talk with your student individually. Teachers

are happy to do so.

## Free Day Passes at Redwood State Parks

Save the Redwoods League is offering free day passes to download and print out. This is a great opportunity to get outside on **Friday Nov. 24th**. Lots of North coast state parks still have passes available. See attached Letter for more information.

## Family Makers Night, Nov. 16

Presented by the Humboldt Office of Education. See attached flyers.

## Calendar Highlights for Family Vacation Planning:

**Please schedule Family Vacations when school is on break.**

Nov. 15, 16, 17: Parent Conferences and Half Days

Nov. 20 - 24: Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 22 - Jan. 5: Winter Break

Jan. 15: Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Observed

Feb. 19 – 23: Presidents Break

April 16 – 20: Spring Break

June 14: Last Day of School

June 17: All School End of Year Picnic & 5th grade graduation

## Questions or Suggestions?

Please contact Rea Erickson at [rea.unionstreet@gmail.com](mailto:rea.unionstreet@gmail.com) or Pam at [office.unionstreet@gmail.com](mailto:office.unionstreet@gmail.com)