

# USC School News - Feb. 26, 2018

## Drop-off and Pick-up – Please Help!

Do Not Stop on Union Street! If you are not able to pull into driveway due to traffic congestion, keep going and turn at Community Center Parkway and circle back around (if traveling south use traffic circle). In driveway, pull up close to next car in front of you - it helps clear congestion on Union Street! Thank you.

## Board Meeting Wednesday, March 7, 6 pm

## March Lunch Menu Attached

## Grades 3-5 State Testing

Please read the attached letter regarding state testing.

## Annual Family Potluck & Student Sing, Sunday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 12-3

Union Street Charter families fill the Community Center at this wonderful school community event! The students present a music performance and everyone enjoys a festive potluck. There is a sign up on the porch or you can email the office to help (see job list below). We ask families who are new to the school to come and enjoy the event for the first time without needing to do anything other than bring your family, place settings, and potluck dishes.

## Arcata Community Center Schedule

- 11:00 Set up, need 4-8 people to set up tables and chairs!
- 12:00 Food set up, socializing & child activities (craft room)
- 12:30 Student Sing, All School Circle & Simple Gifts song
- 1:00ish Eating
- 1:45 Socializing & child activities (craft room & playground)
- 2:15 Clean up

## Event Details

- 1) Seating is not assigned. Families are encouraged to share tables as numbers allow. Bring your own "table set ups" including plates, cutlery, cups and table cloths
- 2) The bleachers are off limits to all children (except during singing performance). No running or chase games inside the building. Please monitor your children and help them to use appropriate indoor behavior!
- 3) Student craft activities are in the senior dining room from 12 to 12:30 and from 1:45 to 2:15. The parent-supervised playground is available before & after eating. Help direct children to available activities.
- 4) If it is raining or wet outside, the children may not play outside the community center (even in the covered areas); doing so causes water to be tracked inside creating dangerously slippery floors.
- 5) Student singing performance is at 12:30. Parents and siblings of students sit in the bleachers to watch.
- 6) After the singing, children will join their families in a large circle around the perimeter of the room. A staff member will speak and we will all sing "Simple Gifts" (see lyrics below).
- 7) Please ask your children to accompany you in the serving lines. Lines go down both sides of each table. The food is evenly distributed between tables and it speeds things up if you stay with your line. A table for vegetarian main dishes is at the end of the food lines and reserved for those folks who don't eat meat.
- 8) Please wait until 2:15 to begin cleanup so that parents have time to socialize after the meal. We can use lots of helpers for clean up after 2:15. Please join in even if you didn't sign up.
- 9) Like all school events, this is a no alcohol event.

## **POTLUCK SUGGESTIONS:**

**A – C (17):** Vegetables, Vegetable dishes & Bread

**D – K (21):** Main Dish: roasts, chicken dishes, ham, casserole, other main dish, etc.

**L – N (15):** Potatoes, Rice & Pasta

**O – SH (18):** Salads, all types: green, fruit, grain, pasta, etc. (we need a lot)

**SI – Z (14):** Desserts & Drinks

**VEGETARIANS:** Vegetarian Main Dishes. The vegetarian main dish table is at the end of the serving line.

**WE NEED PARENT HELPERS FOR SPRING SING, please sign up on school bulletin board by first grade or email the office!**

### **We need helpers for:**

Set up at 11:00

Craft Set-up 11:30-12:00

Craft helpers 12:00-12:30

Craft helpers 1:45-2:15

Playground helper 1:45-2:15

Make extra salad

Make extra main dish

Bring coffee

Bring tea & hot water

Bring cream & sugar

Bring extra cups and hot cups

Clean up at 2:15

Recycling help

### **SIMPLE GIFTS – (WORDS TO OUR TRADITIONAL PRE-FEAST SONG!)**

'Tis a gift to be simple, 'Tis a gift to be free,

'Tis a gift to come down where we ought to be,

And when we find ourselves in the place just right

It will be in the valley of love and delight.

When true simplicity is gained

To bow and to bend we will not be ashamed;

To turn and to turn will be our delight, till by turning

And turning, we come round right

## **Calendar Highlights for Family Vacation Planning:**

March 7: Board Meeting 6 pm

March 18: Family Potluck & Student Sing, Arcata Community Center 12-3:00

March 28: Earth Day

April 11-13: Parent conferences, half day

April 16 – 20: Spring Break

June 14: Last Day of School

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

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