

USC School News – March 12, 2018

Emergency Procedures

Some parents have asked about our emergency procedures. The school safety plan is reviewed by staff annually and is available in the office. Look for information about the language used during lockdown drills in a classroom news from your teacher. The school uses BrightArrow Technologies to deliver text/email messages to parents in the event of an emergency.

AmazonSmile Donation Program

Amazon will triple the donation amount to 1.5% of your first eligible smile.amazon.com purchase from March 12-31. Simply log on to AmazonSmile.com before shopping and select Equinox Center for Education as your charity!

Annual Family Potluck & Student Sing, Sunday March 18th, 12-2:15

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

Set up at 11:00 **1: Mo Taylor 2: Greg Gaiera 3: Chad Sefcik 4: Melanie Bettenhausen 6: Peter Stoll 7: Christine Yannone**

Greeters at the Door: 1: _____ 2: _____

Craft Set-up 11:30-12:00 **1: Sharyn Swartz 2: Mo Taylor 3: Melia Porter**

Craft helpers 12:00-12:30 **1: Jen McLaurin** 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

Craft helpers 1:45-2:15 **1: Anne Wadham** 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

Playground helper 1:45-2:15 **1: Greg G.** 2: _____ 3: _____

Make extra salad **1: Jenny W.** 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

Cook Extra Main Dish Offerings: 1: _____ 2: _____ 3: _____ 4: _____

Bring coffee (ask for donation or we have 30 cup percolator): 1: _____ 2: _____

Bring tea & hot water 1: _____ 2: _____

Bring half & half & sugar: **Scott Winfield**

Bring extra cups and hot cups: _____

Take Down Tables & Chairs 2:15: **1: Jillian S. 2: Scott Winfield 3: Thuja Winfield 4: Alyssa**

5: _____ 6: _____ 7: _____ 8: _____

Clean up and mop: **Scott Winfield** **2: Thuja Winfield** **3: _____**

4: _____ 5: _____ 6: _____

Recycling help: _____

Closing: **Rea Erickson**

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

Earth Day Celebration, March 28th, 12:00-3pm

We will celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday March 28 from noon to 3:00. We have a great line up of presenters and need 5 or 6 parent volunteers to help them and the kids during our afternoon of earthy learning and fun. We need a parent with a truck to pick up and return 2 smoothie bikes from Health & Human Services in Eureka. Please sign up on the bulletin board right outside first Grade or email the office at office.unionstreet@gmail.com. Thank you!

Community Event: Take a Child Outside Day, Sat, March 24, Flyer attached

Calendar Highlights for Family Vacation Planning:

March 18: Family Potluck & Student Sing, Arcata Community Center 12-2:15

March 28: Earth Day Celebration, 12:00-3:00

April 11-13: Parent conferences, half day

April 16 – 20: Spring Break

May 3: Open House

May 28: Memorial Day, No School

June 1& 2: School Play grades 3-5 at HSU

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 or Pam at office.unionstreet@gmail.com