



WHAT'S UP?

ONGOING MEETINGS:

SCS GOV. BD. - 2nd Monday of each month.

Rm 8 at 6:45 p.m.

SCSF - 1st Wednesday of each month

5:30 p.m. Rm 8

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE TALK

1st Monday of each month

9:00 a.m. in Rm 1

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Monday, Dec. 3 - Friday, Dec. 7

- Scholastic Book Faire, Playbox

Thursday, December 6

- Mandated Health Screenings, All Day

Friday, December 7

- Rm. 14 - Marin Museum,
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- **Minimum Day, 12:45 release**

Tuesday, December 11

- 8th Gr. - Exploratorium,
9:00 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Wednesday, December 12

- Rm. 11 - Marin Museum,
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 13

- CL2 - Lucia Celebration, 9:00-9:30 a.m.

Friday, December 14

- Rm. 10 - Nutcracker, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Friday, December 21

- **Minimum Day, 12:45 release**

Monday, Dec. 24 - Friday, Jan. 4

- Winter Break, **NO SCHOOL**

Monday, January 7

- **RETURN TO SCHOOL!!**

Friday, January 14

- Rms. 2 & 12 - Exploratorium, 9:00 a.m.
- 1:30 p.m.

Dear Friends and Families of Sonoma Charter School,

It is unbelievable that this is the first week of the second trimester! Thank you all for taking the time to come in for conferences. I hope they were fruitful!

Our school's motto is Truth, Growth and Respect. I take the liberty of rearranging the order so that we can begin the year with the theme of Respect. We use morning ceremony to offer words of wisdom and ways to practice what we (or should I say "I") preach. The first trimester we focused on what respect and courtesy look like and sound like, and now we hope that some of the lessons stick. During second trimester, we'll spend time looking at the issue of Truth...what it means to be true to yourself, to be a true friend, to stand up for the truth. It's our hope that even though these are brief daily lessons, they are lessons that will help our children live more peaceful and productive lives.

I hope you all had a family-filled yet restful Thanksgiving! Welcome back!

Hugs to you all,

Nora

CLUSTER 3 FIELD TRIPS

7th Grade: If you haven't made the \$130 trip payment which was due on 10/26, please do so immediately! The final trip payment of \$125 (or your balance in full) is due no later than Friday 12/7. Also remember that the trip forms are due no later than 12/7 – turn them in ASAP. Chaperon forms and payments are due no later than 12/7 as well. Are you starting to think about clothing for the trip? Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

6th and 8th Grade: This is just a friendly reminder that a \$50 payment for the Headlands and Ashland field trips is due no later than 12/7. Thank you, *Julie Shoffner-McGee*, 935-6250, shoffner@mmconsult.com.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Can you think of someone who deserves recognition for volunteering at SCS? There are a lot of unsung heroes among us who support the teachers, the staff and students in significant ways and in some instances without much notice. Please take a few minutes and forward your nominations...there are lots of people out there who deserve to be thanked!

Volunteer Corner will appear in each edition of the Update. Send information about volunteers you want to see highlighted in Volunteer Corner to *Leslie Nicholson* at LlnCM@aol.com.

BOARD CORNER

Next Governing Board Meeting
Monday, December 10, 6:45 p.m.
Room 8

GET SWEEP INTO THE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIRE BLIZZARD!

Our book faire will be here December 3–7, 2007. Please mark the dates and times as we have added extra hours to ensure that you can do your Christmas shopping (and keep it a secret). Students who get in the spirit and wear a wintery accessory can enter our winter guessing contest, and any student can enter to win a poster.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help with the faire. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for our library, encourage the love of reading in our children, and get into the holiday spirit! Please check the table below, and contact *Jarka* at js415@aol.com. Thank you! *Lynn McArthur, Julie Jay, and Jarka Stepanek.*

BOOK FAIRE DATES

12/1/07	10-noon	set up
12/3/07	3-4:30 pm	sale
12/4/07	3-4:30 pm	sale
12/5/07	3-4:30pm	sale
12/6/07	3-4:30pm	sale
12/7/07	(minimum day)	
	8:30-10am	sale
	12-2pm	sale
	2-4pm	take down

GUITAR / PIANO LESSONS

Anyone interested in guitar or piano lessons contact Lynn McArthur at 933-8544. Lynn is our current music teacher for Grades 3-8.

HOLIDAY WREATH SALES

Cluster 3 Fundraising needs your help! You too can volunteer for our Holiday Wreath booth at Safeway. We need volunteers for Dec. 8th, 9th, 15th and 16th. Shifts are 9:30 - 1:00 pm or 1:00 - 4:30 pm. We also need volunteers on Friday, Dec. 7th and 14th to pick up the wreaths in Sebastapol and deliver them to the Safeway booth. The sale of these wreaths will help fund 6th, 7th and 8th grade overnight field trips. Please e-mail *Molly* at mkoler@scs.k12.ca.us or sign up in the office to volunteer. Thank you, *Molly Koler*

HOLIDAY GREETING CARDS

David Sporrang has hand-colored holiday greeting cards for sale in the Art Room. Cost is \$3.00 each, 2 for \$5.00, 5 for \$10.00 or 12 for \$20.00. He also has Bear Flag Note cards available. Stop by and support our local cartoonist!

CLUSTER 3 PLAY

We've completed auditions For Cluster 3's production of *As You Like It* and the cast has been announced. Performances will be April 26, 27 and 28. If you have not yet filled out a permission slip but feel that your child would like to do the play please e-mail me at blairza@hotmail.com . While I am at it, two parents have stepped forward to help but I feel we will need more, so once again if you can offer any help to this production please let me know. Thanks, *Blair*

