

# Sierra Montessori Academy Weekly News

September 8-11, 2009

Just a quick reminder to all, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, in celebration of Labor Day. The school year is well on its way and with that comes activities that we will need parent volunteers as drivers for our field trips. Information on requirements will be included in the next newsletter. I have a few reminders included in this newsletter that I need to make you aware of as well as copies of information that I felt you might find informative. Have a great long weekend and I will see everyone on Tuesday—Mrs. Beilby

## School Lunch Program

Thanks to all for returning the information thus far! This week I have attached a different type of form that may be a little more comfortable for some. There are many forms that are voluntary in nature that may be sent home and this is one of them. With that being said, it is impossible to apply for grants that may be available to SMA without the information I am requesting. Some of the grants available may be facilities money, technology, as well as numerous others that come up throughout the year. Without some of the demographic data available we will not even be able to apply. If you have already turned in a lunch form there is no need to do the form attached. Thank you so much!

## Water Bottles

One of the essentials needed at school is a water bottle that students can refill with the bottled water we have on campus. Cups can be spilled which then causes messes and we want to only use them in an emergency. So please pack a plastic water bottle that can be kept at school.

## Classroom Enrollment

We need our school enrollment to GROW to keep our program flourishing! We currently have 71 students enrolled and our current facilities will allow up around 90. I will be doing an advertising campaign this month which will focus on the Grass Valley/Auburn areas. If you know of some great vehicles we might be forgetting to advertise in, let me or Pam know. Happy parents and students are the best advertising I know! Spread the word that we have a few openings still available and the best part is we are a PUBLIC Charter and we are FREE!

## Flu Update

We were it this week with many absences attributed to flu like symptoms. I have not received any word as to which virus it might be. Do remember, if your child has a fever, keep them home until the fever is gone.

## Announcements

Our Parent Booster Club is up and running. I will use this portion of the Weekly News to announce various activities and needs:

- **Rummage Sale** (date yet to be determined) Clean out those closets and boxes and donate them to the SMA Rummage Sale! Rebecca Meyer (parent) and Adriane Johnstone (teacher) are the SMA Representatives on this event. For more information about helping or donating give Rebecca a call at 277-1891 or email at [rsm@cantrip.org](mailto:rsm@cantrip.org)
- **SMA Garden Project**—Margaret Topete (parent) and Judy Silberman (teacher) are our SMA Representatives on this event. In past years the garden has been a great learning experience and I would like to see this continue. If you can help or donate time and or materials contact Margaret by either calling her at 885-4921 or email at [topfour@ncbb.net](mailto:topfour@ncbb.net)
- **T Shirts**—Last call for the September Order for T Shirts. Order form is attached.

**Have a good idea to raise money for our school? Give me a call and SHARE!**

## Opening on the Council of Directors

With the recent resignation of Alyssa Chase from the Council of Directors, the current board will need to appoint a parent member to the open position. If you are interested, the only prerequisite is being a parent with a child that attends our school. Submit a letter stating your interest in the position. The interviews will be held in open session during the September 15<sup>th</sup> COD meeting or the October COD meeting. Any questions or clarification please give me a call at 268-9990.

## Last Call!

Our students have the opportunity to be a part of the Kadie Brock's Acting and Dancing Company. It is an after school program which will meet 1 hour weekly. The cost is \$48.00 per month. Sign up sheet is in the office. She will be forming the class soon.

## URGENT!

The End of Day Pick Up situation has gotten better, but Wednesdays continue to be a problem. Just a reminder, there is two lanes that you can wait for your student in. Be sure that you are not blocking traffic at the top of the entrance. I did have the Highway Patrol stop by to let me know they will be ticketing if this continues to be a problem. Please do not get out of your car if you are in the pick-up lane, this causes much distress for others that are trying to leave. If you would like to schedule play dates, talk with other parents, or just want to greet your child, please park your car in a designated parking area and walk up to the quad area.