



Upcoming Events

School cleaning:

Sept. 12th: Chamberlain
Sept. 19th: Smit
Sept. 26th Wood

School Board Meeting

Thurs. Sept. 10th 5:30pm

Visiting Hour at school for perspective new students' parents Thursday, Sept 24th @ 1:00 pm (we have an enrollment opportunity)

International Peace Day
Sunday, September 21st

Picture Day

Wednesday, Sept. 30th

Thursday, Oct. 1st

Back to School Night

Welcome back everyone!

We have 8 new students: Merran Grindley, Jude Chon, Orion Chon, Ember Pera, Dylan Chairez, Cooper Love, Boston Matuszewicz, and Greyson Hallmark who we welcomed at our Flower Ceremony on the Peace Patio today. Please introduce yourselves to our new families and give them a warm welcome.

And of course we want to again welcome our new elementary teacher for the Yellow Door Class, Rena Spooner!

SIGNING students in & out, parking lot protocol

Each parent or carpool driver needs to sign in the student(s) he/she is dropping off in the morning and picking up in the afternoon each day. **New families:** we have a parking lot protocol to keep the kids safe and traffic moving. If you are parking, please park first in the grass area next to the basketball court before filling up the parking area next to the kiosk. If you are not parking, please enter the gravel parking area to the right and move in a counter-clockwise direction. We want to leave room for cars to pull in to the right, turn towards the kiosk and exit on the left without having to back up. This makes it safer for the students and keeps the flow of cars moving. Thank you!

Now
Enrolling!

Enrollment opportunities

We have one opening in the Green Door Class. A seventh grade boy would be the perfect balance for the class, but of course, we don't discriminate.

The Giving Tree

One of Rena Spooner's (our new teacher) favorite books is The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein. You know the story of the tree that gave its all. We have our own SLS giving tree. Our signature Monterey pine tree reached the end of its natural life after many years of battling beetles and the extended drought. The professional arborists we consulted gave no viable options other than taking it down. We could have attacked the beetles with chemical injections that are toxic, which would have slowed its demise, but no one felt it could be saved.

We have saved the wood and will have it milled so we can re-purpose it into a "tree house." Designs are being drawn up that will include a deck for sitting on and under, our version of an outdoor cafeteria. Watch for opportunities to get involved in this project and turn this loss into a creative positive. This magnificent tree's stored energy will be utilized by SLS students long into the future; it will keep giving.



TUITION



September tuition payments (your 2nd tuition payment) are now due. There is a "Tuition Payments" manila envelope on the bulletin board outside of the office. Please put your payments in the envelope with the month and your child's name written in the memo section of your check. Payments not received by the 10th of the month will incur a late fee of \$30.00. Thank you!

BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE

Staff will be available to watch early arrivers beginning at 8:00am Monday through Thursday. There will be afternoon childcare offered from 3:00-5:00pm with **Kari Helberg** (Ethan and Kali's mom), our new provider. Cost for the early morning is \$3.00 per day and cost for after school care is \$5.00 per hour or part of an hour. Bills will be sent home at the end of each month. You do not need to sign up ahead of time for either the morning or afternoon childcare; drop-ins are welcome.

SCHOOL CLEANING

All families are expected to clean the school once during the year. The job includes



cleaning each classroom, the kitchens, bathrooms and art rooms, as well as sweeping the outside paths. Expect to spend about 6 hours to complete the job. Cleaning instructions are posted on a clipboard in the storage shed next to various cleaning supplies. There is a sign up sheet in the kiosk. Please check your calendar and choose a weekend for your family. Too busy? You can arrange Amelia Rutiz to do it for you for a fee of \$150 with some forward planning. Here's the word from our illustrious co-ordinator:

“Dear Parents, If you are unable to clean SLS for the 2015-2016 school year, please contact me before Monday Sept 14. If you are uncertain PLEASE contact me either way. This allows me to plan ahead and coordinate my schedule accordingly for the year. Thank you for your timely response and understanding. Amelia Rutiz (805) 674-1169 or ameliamom@aol.com.”

SCHOOL CALENDARS

2015-2016 calendars are coming home with independent studies this week. Keep it handy so you can stay informed and be ready for events, field trips and holidays.

RAISE THE ROOF

We have new roofs on the Art Building and the Bathroom Buildings!

THANK YOU....

To everyone who kindly showed up for our beginning of the year work day to help get school looking ship shape. Nice work: Jena Baird, Kari and Brian, Alexandra and Alexander, Franca and Courtney, Courtney Ehlinger, Don Canestro, Jeff Priest, Lance and Corinne, Steve and Shannon.

In addition big thanks to Tim Hawkins and Don Howell for prepping and painting Rena's new classroom. And a thank you to Courtney Ehlinger for help in moving furniture so the carpets can be cleaned.

P.S.

Parent letter feedback is most welcome. Please submit any entries to your editor, Miranda Canestro at sanders@lifesci.ucsb.edu by Wednesday of the preceding week. If you have not signed up to receive the letter by email, please contact Miranda or Devon Stubler at dstubler@hotmail.com so they can add you to the list. As usual, a printed copy will be posted in the kiosk.....hoping to catch your eye.