

SWCS Community E-Newsletter

June 4, 2010

Property Update

At the Board meeting last night, the Board discussed some of the issues brought forth this week by the architect. These were all relatively minor issues (all internal) and were resolved easily. There is a meeting with the City of Portland on June 10. This is a pre-application meeting where the developer and City talk about the plans and if there are any concerns on the part of the either party going forward. Next step after that will be applying for permits.

As was mentioned last week, we will be packing up the two buildings immediately following the close of school. Both campuses will be packed up, and the Vermont campus will actually be moved out. We plan to put everything at the Vermont campus into a portable storage unit and then move that unit to the Hood campus. So, here are three ways that we can use your help:

- Packing up classrooms – A “packing help” sign-up sheet will be posted soon at both campuses.
- Moving Vermont items into portable storage -Dates/times coming soon.
- Boxes! - We have a lot in storage, but we will probably need a few more. Since most of what we have is paper/books, please bring any spare smaller boxes (like the size of paper boxes) our way. Flattened is preferred to facilitate storage.

End of Year Celebration - June 6 – 3-5:30pm

Please join Southwest Charter School as we celebrate the end of the school year with a family gathering on Sunday, June 6 from 3:00-5:30 at Willamette Park. We will be meeting at the covered area near the play structure. There will be all kinds of fun for the kids: disc golf, arts and crafts, a drum/instrument/microphone stage for performing, and even a carnival game or two. Bring blankets to sit on, picnic food and supplies for your family, lots of water if it's warm, and any fun Frisbees, hula hoops, or games you like. Don't miss it! If you have any questions please feel free to contact Kristen Corwin at 503-292-4439 or kristencorwin@aol.com. We hope to see you there!

Chevy's TUESDAY, June 8th!

When you bring the attached SW Charter School flyer to the Chevy's Restaurant in Tigard SWCS gets 25% of the sales- all day long! It's time for a "*caliente y picante o simplemente deliciosa comida*," (hot and spicy or just plain delicious meal).

Location of Chevy's Restaurant: Just east of the I-5 Highway where the 217 South turns into Kruse road.

Address: 14991 Bangy Rd, Lake Oswego, OR 97035-3201, Chevy's phone (503) 620-7700

SWCS Fundraising Committee Meeting -Wednesday, June 9, 6:30pm @ Hood Campus

Fundraising will always be important here at SWCS, but with the looming State budget crisis, the need just got bigger. The Fundraising Committee will be meeting along with several Board members to plan for next year. All active fundraising folks are invited and anyone else interested is welcome too.

SWCS Talent Show - June 14 & 15

We just couldn't resist any longer! Our school is full of so many amazing, talented and cute kids (many who love to be on stage) that we are putting together a very low-key, but really fun (!), talent show on June 14 and 15 from 1:30-2:30. We had only one volunteer offer to help get the Vermont kids here to join us, so Sarah's class will be staying put and Lisa's class will be walking down to join in on Tuesday. If you can help with preparation, planning or transporting kids, please contact Kathy Price, kathyprice@swcharter.org.

Field Day - June 16

On the second to last day of school, we head to the park for a fun-filled day of games. We need your help! If you can help plan, prep, or help on June 16, please contact Kathy Price, kathyprice@swcharter.org. There are also sign-up sheets at the Hood Campus.

No ASE on June 17

There will be no After School Enrichment on Thursday, June 17. Please plan to pick up your students promptly at the end of school. They will be so excited to see you and start summer!

Charter School Survey

If you haven't already done this, DO IT NOW! As part of our funding from Oregon Department of Education (ODE), we are asked to have parents, students and staff to complete an online survey. We'd like to have 100% participation. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey for yourself and have your children (grades 2 and up) complete the student survey too. We'd really appreciate your help having the kids do the survey at home instead of at school. Our computers are limited and we'd rather not take instructional time to complete it. To access the survey, click on (or enter) this link: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/default.aspx>. Select the Charter School Parent Survey or Charter School Student Survey. Deadline for completion of this survey is June 15!

Life is Sweet - SAVE THE DATES!

We have a two week fundraising event at the "Sweet Tomatoes" Restaurant from Monday, June 14th - Sunday, June 27th. For everyone that eats at the Tigard "Sweet Tomatoes" carrying our flyer, the restaurant gives SWCS 20% of the sales. A copy of the flyer is attached to this email and printed copies will be available at school near the end of May. Please send the flyer to everyone you know so that we can get as many people as we can to partake in this tasty and healthful event. Here's the other bonus - Buy Sweet Tomatoes through our school Scrip program. With the Scrip profit and the 20% back, every \$25 card used nets SWCS \$7 for each.

Dates: From Monday, June 14, 2010 - Monday, June 28, 2010

Times: 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Address: Sweet Tomatoes, 6600 SW Cardinal Lane, Tigard, OR 97224

Summer SCRIP! Get your Costco card renewed here!

New deadlines -the last two Tuesdays in June are the 8th and 15th, (8:30 am) - SCRIP continues through the summer with 1 order per month. Summer order days are Monday July 13th and August 10th. You can email your order and pay by credit card or, order the week before the deadline and mail in your check. Your orders can be picked up on that Friday or sent out to you. I will send home the summer order forms next week.

Scrip orders arrive Thursdays and will distributed Fridays. Don't forget to get your Sweet Tomatoes Scrip cards to use at the upcoming fundraiser in June. When you buy and tasty or cool stuff via our SCRIP program you fund the school for free.

LAST COFFEE BATCH FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR (going, going almost gone)!

Our SWCS "Griffin Blend" Private Reserve Coffee has been selling like mad! With school ending (yikes, only 5 ½ weeks left) our next coffee sale won't be until the fall. Cost is only \$12 for a "real" one pound bag in ground or whole bean. One cup and you'll be passionate about coffee all over again. Our "Griffin blend" coffee is a full city roast "Tanzanian Songea Peaberry." It is an excellent example of Tanzania's legendary Peaberry coffee. It hails from the Mbeya Region of southern Tanzania, near the town of Vwawa.

Upcoming SWCS Events

June 6 - All School End-of-the-year Picnic at Willamette Park, 3-5:30pm

June 7 - 2/3 Canoe Trip

June 8 – Chevy's Restaurant fundraiser

June 8 - K Zoo Trip

June 10 - K Audubon Trip

June 14 & 15 - SWCS Talent Show, 1:30-2:30pm

June 14-28 - Sweet Tomatoes Fundraiser for SWCS

June 16 - Field Day
June 16 - Middle School Celebration, 6:30-8pm
June 17 - Last Day of School!

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