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# Weekly Bulletin

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October 22, 2009

## Calendar:

TONIGHT, October 22, Pre-Auction Party at the Mina Home, 7PM

**Friday, October 23, All School Conferences, No Classes**

Saturday, October 31, Halloween Festival

Wednesday, November 4, Internal Tours for Current Families

Thursday, November 5, Internal Tours for Current Families

**Friday, November 6, All School Conferences, No Classes**

**Monday, November 9, Veteran's Day Observed, School Closed**

Saturday, November 14, Community Open House, 10AM – Noon

Wednesday, November 18, Parent Association Meeting, Sanctuary, 8:30AM

**Wednesday, November 25, Minimum Day, Noon Dismissal, No Childcare**

**Thursday/Friday, November 26/27, Thanksgiving Recess, School Closed**

## Pre-Auction Party: TONIGHT

Our Pre-Auction Party is tonight at the Mina Home (2254 Vineyard Rd, Novato) at 7PM. This will be a fun evening of drinks, hors d'oeuvres and brainstorming! We'll share ideas about themes (we want your suggestions!), fill committee positions, and talk about volunteer opportunities. There will be something for everyone, no matter how involved you can be with this event. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Parent Teacher Conferences: TOMORROW

All School Parent Teacher Conferences will be held tomorrow, October 23 and Friday, November 6. There will be no classes on these days. **Childcare will be available for the duration of your child's conference.** Limited all-day care will be available for a fee to those children who are contracted for Aftercare or have two full-time working parents. Sign-up forms were distributed to families whose children are contracted for Aftercare, and additional forms are available in the front office.

## Halloween Festival:

Mark your calendars and come join the fun next Saturday, October 31, from 10AM – noon, as our Elementary students host our annual Halloween Festival! This year's theme is "The Harvest". The Elementary students design and create games and booths for our 2-6 year old students. Friendly costumes and non-scary masks are welcome.

## Book Browse:

The orders from our Book Passage Book Browse have arrived! If you placed an order during the event last Wednesday or Thursday, please see Kate in the front office to pick up your items. If you didn't get a chance to order books last week, it's not too late to participate! Orders may be placed with a check or credit card either at Book Passage or online at [www.bookpassage.com](http://www.bookpassage.com) until October 29. To order online, enter the website under children's events/book fairs and click on MdTL. Thank you to all of you who participated.

**Internal Tours for 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year Primary and 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Elementary Parents:**

We invite our 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Year Primary Parents to tour our Elementary program, and our 3<sup>rd</sup> Year Elementary Parents to tour Upper Elementary Wednesday or Thursday, November 4 or 5, at 8:45AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to observe in the Elementary classrooms and have your questions answered by a current Elementary parent. Space is limited so please sign up on the sign-up sheets located on the Primary and Lower Elementary sign-in tables.

**Elementary Aftercare:**

We would like to remind parents about the Elementary Aftercare guidelines. These guidelines are in place because we can only allow a maximum of 12 children in Elementary Aftercare. Please make sure to sign your child up in the morning for Aftercare on the sign-up sheets located on the Elementary sign-in tables. Please respect the spaces on the sign-up sheets. If there are no spaces left, check the sheets on the other Elementary sign-in table. If those slots are full as well, Aftercare is full. If you find that you need Aftercare later in the day, please call no later than 2:00 that afternoon. We will close off Aftercare after 2:00 as Claire prepares snack and activities for the numbers at that time. If your child is not signed up for Aftercare and is not picked up by 3:15, we will need to call parents to pick up. Thank you for your understanding.

**Emergency Kits Billing:**

All families with new students (including siblings) will see a one-time charge of \$20 on their November bill to cover the cost of new emergency supplies.

**Annual Fund:**

Thank you to the Mathews Family for their generous donation to the Annual Fund, and to PG&E for matching funds for the Tanihara Family.

**Thank you!**

- John Lamond for working with the Upper Elementary students to build the garden boxes.
- Alex Bottmeyer for working with the Upper Elementary students to remove shrubbery alongside the Bungalow in the Elementary yard.
- Parent Association Chairs for organizing the Book Browse.
- Linda Kealey for organizing and staffing the Clothing Swap and to the Green Committee members for set-up and cleanup.