



# BEAR NECESSITIES

AUGUST 30, 2011

Ross Valley School District Hotline: 721-4751

[www.rossvalleyschools.org/brookside](http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/brookside)

## Important Dates

Sept 5	Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
Sept 7	Parent Meeting, 9:00am, BLC MPR
Sept 8	Lower Campus Back to School Night, 6:30-8:00pm
Sept 22-23	<b>DATE CORRECTION!</b> Upper Campus Picture Days
Sept 23	Bears BBQ
Sept 28-29	Lower Campus Picture Days
Oct 15	OCTOBERFEST!

## Back-to-School Forms

There has been some confusion with the Back-to-School paperwork that is required by the school. The following are mandatory and need to be returned to the school as soon as possible (and are included in this newsletter where possible).

- Student Emergency Card (sent home via backpack mail)
- Email Communication & Photo Release
- RVSD Handbook, Parental Annual Notice Authorization (please find the handbook at [http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/pages/uploaded\\_files/handbook%20with%20calendar.pdf](http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/pages/uploaded_files/handbook%20with%20calendar.pdf)) Note: A few corrections have been made to the handbook **MANY FAMILIES ARE MISSING THIS FORM!**
- Field Trip Driver's Form (only mandatory if you plan to drive on a field trip)

Thank you!

**Back to School Night**  
**Upper Campus: TONIGHT!**  
**Lower Campus: 9.8.11**

## Upper Campus Principals' Message

Dear Brookside Upper Families,

We are adjusting during the second week to the 437 students who have joined us. The students are enjoying sharing the campus and seeing siblings at the common snack/recess time. Lunch adjustments were made this week to allow students to choose if they need more or less time in regards to their playing and eating needs. As with all changes, all of the staff is working diligently to allow students to enjoy a seamless transition to Brookside Upper.

See you tonight at 6:30pm in the multi-purpose/gym for Back to School Night!

Kind regards,

Dr. Marty Powers

Principal, Brookside Upper Campus

## Lower Campus Principals' Message

Brookside Lower Families,

I would like to thank you all again for an amazingly warm welcome! It has been a great start, and I am looking forward to an amazing school year! It is hard to believe that we have just finished our first week of school.

I have had so much fun getting to know your kids. On the first day of school, I asked them to find me on the yard during lunch and recess, introduce themselves, and ask me a question. Their questions have ranged from, "What is your favorite kind of taco?" to "What is your favorite thing to do in Italy?" to "What is your favorite continent?" I love their creativity!

### Focus on Nutrition

At Brookside Lower, one of the ways we promote student health and learning is by minimizing the amount of "junk food" students encounter while at school. Parents, please support the children and teachers by only bringing in healthy snacks on celebration days and by packing nutritious snacks and lunch everyday. We count on you to continue to keep BLC a healthy place to be. Not

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only is it good for their bodies, but it's also good for their developing brains and helps to provide an optimal learning environment.

#### Parking/Drop Off/Pick Up

Please be mindful, legal, and patient at pick up and drop off. Park only in designated spots—do not park illegally or double park in lots or on streets (San Anselmo Police officers will be cruising and will ticket). Be neighborly to our residents. We know many families are biking, scootering, and walking to school. Our streets are narrow. Despite all we teach our children, we know some weave in and out of cars, thinking drivers can easily see them and stop on a dime. We all are in a hurry to get where we need to go but take time in your haste to be cautious of others and careful in the way you maneuver your vehicles.

#### Help Wanted!

If you can assist with or have some fabulously fun ideas for lunch activities (from 12:00-12:45 each day), please let me know how you would like to help and what days you are available.

#### No Glass on Campus Please

We have had some broken glass recently, so I'd like to remind you that glass containers are not allowed on campus.

#### Wednesday Morning Meetings and Spirit Days

At our Wednesday Morning meetings, we acknowledge birthdays for the week. If you or your child knows of any birthday song or poem in English or in another language, please write it down and send it in to me (include your child's and his/her teacher's name so s/he can be recognized for their contribution). Throughout the year, a few of the topics and activities at our Wednesday meetings will include recognizing students for their achievements as well as contributions to their classmates and the school; performing skits on topics such as character education, safety, conflict resolution; conducting a student interview of a staff member; drawing the Friday Lunch Bunch class; singing the Brookside Cheer or Song; other ideas to foster and strengthen our Brookside Bears Community. Wednesdays are our spirit days. When there isn't a specific dress-up theme, have your student wear Bear Wear or anything that is blue, yellow, and/or white.

Go Bears!

Mari Kernan  
Principal, Brookside Lower Campus

## **Tuesday, September 6, 2011 First Full Day of School!**

### **Lower Campus**

#### **Monday—Friday**

Kindergarten  
8:25am-1:50pm

#### **Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri**

1st grade  
8:55am-3:00pm  
2nd & 3rd grade  
8:25am-3:00pm

#### **Wednesday**

1st thru 3rd grade  
8:25am-1:50pm

### **Upper Campus**

#### **Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri**

1st—3rd grade  
8:45am-3:00pm  
4th & 5th grade  
8:45am-3:10

#### **Wednesday**

1st thru 5th grade  
8:45am-2:05pm

## **From Your B.U.C. Parent Club**

The Brookside Parent Club is looking forward to seeing you at the parent only Back To School Night! We'll be introducing our new leadership team and asking you to join us as a volunteer for our school. There are options for all; with ways to help in your child's class, at special events and with various committees. If you need direction on how to join in, just mark interest areas on your Child Info form at Back To School Night and we'll contact you with options. All parents are automatically members of the Parent Club and we would love to hit 100% parent volunteer participation. Don't forget to **bring your checkbook** to Back To School Night for the classroom and field trip funds as well as a chance to buy some great BEARWEAR!

### **Speaking of BEARWEAR...**

T and B Sports will be at Back To School Night with the following BEARWEAR merchandise available for purchase:

- T-shirts
- Long Sleeve Shirts
- Hooded sweatshirts (zip and no zip)
- Baseball Hats
- PJ pants



### **All in Youth & Adult sizes.**

Last but not least is a "Mark Your Calendar" for Octoberfest... which will be on October 15th. We hope to see you all there! Start saving your prizes, books and volunteer time now.

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Questions or comments for your Parent Club?  
Contact any one of the Co-Presidents

Cynthia Kula, Volunteers  
cynthia\_kula@yahoo.com

Tyler Higgins, District  
tylerwesthiggins@gmail.com  
Sarah Sanders, School  
sjsanders@live.com

Gina Wyatt, Community  
gina.wyatt@comcast.net



## Help Wanted

*The following key volunteer coordinator opportunities are still available:*

### BEAR NECESSITIES EDITOR

The editor is responsible for gathering newsletter articles and information for the weekly Bear Necessities publication. The editor will work closely with both Brookside principals, support staff and the Parent Club.

### BOOK FAIR CHAIR

The book fair chair(s) organize the annual Upper Campus book fair held the week before school lets out. This includes working with the vendor and organizing volunteers.

For more information please contact Cynthia Kula(cynthia\_kula@yahoo.com) or Sarah Sanders (sjsanders@live.com)

## Site Council Openings!

There are three parent openings on the Site Council – one at upper and two at lower. All parents are encouraged to run for a seat. Once we gather names we will hold an election and each parent in the school will have a vote. It is a two year term. If you are interested or need more information please contact Jeannine Dixon at [jrdixon@comcast.net](mailto:jrdixon@comcast.net).

## Choicelunch Tidbits

Welcome back to school and to school lunches! Back by popular demand is our school lunch vendor Choicelunch, who continue to whip up tasty, healthy dishes for our kids. The program will be running pretty much the same as last year – all meals are ordered online at <http://www.choicelunch.com/> using registration code Ross.

They have added some fun and innovative meals to the menu:

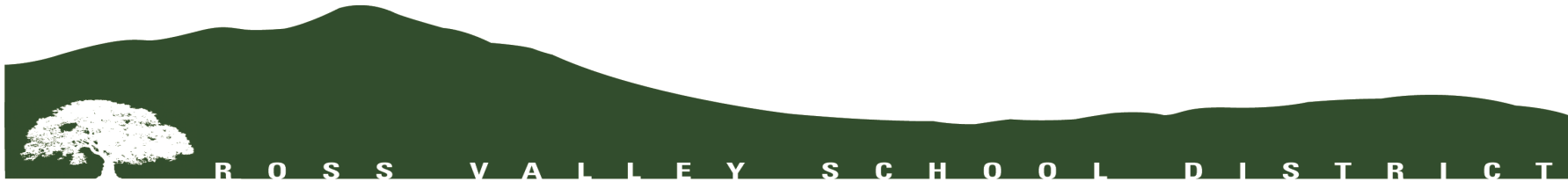
- Dynamite Bagel Dog - like Pig in a Blanket on a bigger scale
- Sunbutter and Strawberry Jam Sammie - an allergy-free PB&J
- Fiesta Burrito with Pico de Gallo salsa on the side
- Cheesy Crunch Salad - meatless but packed with protein and veggies

Meals can be ordered the day before by 9am and cancelled the day of by 9am for credit (great on sick days!). Feel free to order as many or as few meals as you'd like – it's a treat for everyone to get a hot lunch at the end of a long week!



Questions? Contact Susan Reed  
451-4074 or [food@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:food@rossvalleyschools.org).

**\*\*\*\* All Brookside Families: if your student has switched Brookside schools, be sure to change their location on the Choicelunch website by going to My Students then Edit so their meals will be delivered to the correct school! The change is effective immediately. \*\*\*\***



**2011-2012 AUTHORIZATION FORM  
PARENTAL ANNUAL NOTICE & STUDENT HANDBOOK**

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHOOL HANDBOOK & “ANNUAL NOTICE TO PARENTS”  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

I have received, read, and reviewed with my child, the Ross Valley School District policies and procedures on **Conduct and Discipline, Student Internet Use Agreement, and Attendance** in the handbook. I hereby acknowledge receiving the School Handbook as required by state law.

I am aware of my rights relating to activities, programs, and courses of study which might affect my child. In addition, I understand there is a district wide program, the Multi-Age Program, housed at Manor School that requires a separate application.

Please carefully read the Handbook. If you **DO NOT** want your child to participate in any of the following programs, please indicate with a check mark below in the box next to the program and sign below.

- Counseling
- Family life and sexually transmitted disease courses
- Release of directory information (name, address, etc to YES )
- General measurement of students (STAR testing; see handbook)

**PARENTAL ANNUAL NOTICE  
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Please review and sign below to acknowledge that you have been informed of your rights in the Parental Annual Notice. ***Return this page to your student’s school by the end of the first week of school.***

This signed notice will be filed in the student’s cumulative file. The Student Emergency Contact Card must also be returned at the same time.

I acknowledge receipt of the 2011-2012 Parental Annual Notice with my signature below.

**SIGNATURE**

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

**2011-2012 AUTHORIZATION  
EMAIL COMMUNICATION AND PHOTO RELEASE**

**EMAIL COMMUNICATION**

Dear Parents:

Email has become the District's **primary source** of communication. This includes notices from the board, the superintendent, site principals, community alerts, events, surveys, etc. Policy requires your authorization to allow us to send you information via email; without it the District cannot send you this important information. Your email information will be used **only** for school-related purposes and only in the best interest of students. Participation is totally voluntary.

YES, I give permission for the Ross Valley School District to use my **Email address(es)**.

NO, I do not give permission for the Ross Valley School District to use my **Email address(es)**.

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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## PHOTO RELEASE AGREEMENT

This is to authorize the Ross Valley School District and its school sites to release photographs of students for publication on District and classroom web pages, and for use in conjunction with news media releases.

In signing, you agree that your child's photograph may be used by the Ross Valley School District on its web pages. Any child whose photo is used by the District for this purpose **will not** be identified by first or last name on the District's web pages.

Additionally, you are agreeing that news media (such as the Independent Journal, Ross Valley Reporter, news channels, etc...), may use photographs of your child. In these cases, student names **may be used**.

**Please initial the statements you agree to and sign this document:**

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, my child may have his/her photographic image(s) posted on the Ross Valley School District's web pages. I understand that no names will be used to identify my child's image.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES, my child may be photographed or recorded by the media, and his/her image(s) may be used in that media's publications or broadcasts. I understand that the media outlet may use my child's name.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, my child may not have his/her photographic image(s) posted on the Ross Valley School District's web pages. I understand that my child's name or image will not be used.

\_\_\_\_\_ NO, my child may not be photographed or recorded by the media, and his/her image(s) may not be used in that media's publications or broadcasts. I understand that the media outlet may not use my child's name or image.

## SIGNATURE

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**“COMMUNITY INFORMATION”**  
**MONTH OF AUGUST / SEPTEMBER 2011 – CREATED 8/29/31**  
**(RVSD happenings, various community programs, services and other opportunities)**

**DISTRICT OFFICE HOURS**

Monday – Thursday  
 Open: 8 am to 12 noon / Open: 2 pm to 4 pm  
 Closed Friday

**RVSD BOARD MEETINGS**

(All meetings are held at the District Office (DO), 110 Shaw Drive, San Anselmo, CA, Board Conference Room / Check website for updates)

• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 9/13/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Workshop</u></b>	<b>Tues., 9/20/11</b>	<b>7-9 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 9/27/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 10/11/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Technology Workshop</u></b>	<b>Tues., 10/18/11</b>	<b>7-9 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Self-Evaluation</u></b>	<b>Sat., 10/22/11</b>	<b>TBD</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 10/25/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 11/8/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>New Board Member Workshop</u></b>	<b>Sat., 11/19/11</b>	<b>9 am to 4 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 11/29/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 12/13/11</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 1/10/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 1/24/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 2/14/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 2/28/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 3/13/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 3/27/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 4/3/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 4/24/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 5/8/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 5/22/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 6/12/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>
• <b><u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u></b>	<b>Tues., 6/26/12</b>	<b>Starts at 7:00 pm</b>	<b>DO Conference Room</b>

NOTE: Meeting locations sometimes change at the last minute for a variety of reasons; but most often to accommodate anticipated overflow public attendance. **Please check Agenda Online for the meeting location.** If you have any questions, contact the Superintendent's Office at 415.451.4060.

For a board agenda and all supporting documents please visit <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net> or pick-up a copy at the District Office. (Note: Agenda and board packet information are available 72 hours prior to each meeting.) Questions: Call 415.454.2162 or e-mail [superintendent@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:superintendent@rossvalleyschools.org).

**OTHER RVSD MEETINGS / EVENTS**

Visit the link - <http://www.rossvalleyschools.org/calendar>

## **TAMALPAIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT PARCEL TAX RENEWAL – MEASURE B**

Attached is an FAQ on the upcoming Tamalpais Union High School District's Parcel Tax Renewal - Measure B slated for the November 8<sup>th</sup> Election. For more information please visit [www.citizens4tamdistrict.org](http://www.citizens4tamdistrict.org).

### **FLO (FLEXIBLE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES)**

**FLO** (Flexible Learning Opportunities) is an RVSD-based group for parents who have children that are "Unique Learners." Unique Learners show variations in areas such as giftedness, attention, memory, speech and language, auditory, visual, or sensory processing, organization, motor skills, behavior, and social skills.

**FLO** was created by parents to offer a variety of support, educational programming, and resources to RVSD parents over the course of the school year. **FLO** provides a speaker series, monthly support group, and resource library.

To become a member of FLO's online community, please visit: <http://flo.groupcafes.com> to request an invite. Log into FLO's website for location, address and phone number for Parent Connection meetings.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Friday, 9/9/11 – 9-10:30 am: Meet & Greet with Toni Beal, Director of Education Services: Learn How to Start the Year off Right! Location: District Office Conference Room

Wednesday, 10/5/11 - 7-8:30 pm: Stephanie Stein of Matrix: *How to Tell if Your IEP is Appropriate*. Location: Wade Thomas MPR

Friday, 11/4/11 – 10-11:30 am: Diane Provo, MA: How to Communicate Effectively with Your Child. Location: Ross School Gym, Ross. Suggested donation of \$10 at the door.

Friday, 11/14/11 – 8:45-10:30 am: Parent Connection Coffee – Support Group. Location: Dina Leitch's residence in San Anselmo

Friday, 12/2/11 – 8:45-10:30 am: Parent Connection Coffee – Featuring: Barbara Almquist, Occupational Therapist. Location: Jen Omholt's residence in San Anselmo

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- FLO – Flexible Learning Opportunities Event
- TUHSD Parcel Tax Renewal FAQ
- School/Pool/Marin Information
- TIPS: How To Use Agenda Online

### **COMMUNITY LINKS**

- **San Anselmo Recreation Department /Stay N' Play After School Enrichment Program/Winter Session (see attached blurb)**: For questions and more information on current class schedules, how to register, etc., contact the San Anselmo Recreation Dept., 1000 Sir Francis Drake Blvd, San Anselmo at Tel. 415.258.4640/Fax. 415.455.8229 or online at [www.townofsananselmo.org/](http://www.townofsananselmo.org/). *Note: Fees involved.*
- **Town of San Anselmo News**: For information on the happenings in the Town of San Anselmo log-on to [www.townofsananselmo.org](http://www.townofsananselmo.org).
- **PATCH**: For local news - <http://sananselmofairfax.patch.com>
- **Safe Routes to School**: For information: <http://www.saferoutestoschools.org/>
- **School/Pool/Marin**: Carpool, walk, bike or bus together. [www.School/Pool/Marin.org](http://www.School/Pool/Marin.org)

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Family Service Agency of Marin is again offering *Parenting Apart: Education and Support for Co-Parenting After Separation or Divorce*, a series of six meetings for parents who are separated or divorced. In the class, parents will learn skills that promote the healthy development of their children and help manage conflict with the other parent. The class focuses on positive actions parents can take for the benefit of the children. Only one parent from a couple attends the series at a time; there is *no requirement* about participation by the other parent (though we encourage it).

Next Parenting Apart series will begin Wednesday, September 14th. We offer both evening (6PM – 7:30PM) and daytime classes (11AM – 12:30PM); free childcare is offered during the evening slot. Fees are on a sliding scale based on family income; rates vary from \$15 to \$40 per meeting.

For more information or to schedule an interview, call 415/491-5723. FSA of Marin is located in Terra Linda, across the street from Northgate Mall at 555 Northgate Drive.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPORTS / OTHER:**

- **Sing with the Marin Girls Chorus:** Girls entering grades K-12 – Classes begin September 12. Meet the Chorus Day-Saturday, September 10: Free session to find out how fun it is to be part of the chorus. For more contact [www.marinchorus.org](http://www.marinchorus.org) or call 415.4827.7335

# RVSD School Lunch Menu August-September 2011

Please circle one preferred meal for each day. In addition to the lunch options displayed, the following meals are also available daily. Please write the meal in on the desired day.

**Annie's Mac and Cheese**

**Classic Turkey Sandwich**

**Bagel with Cream Cheese**

M	T	W	TH	F
<b>AUG 22</b> Double Decker Meat Lasagna Three Bean Chili Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>AUG 23</b> Shepherd's Pie Veggie Lover's Chow Mein Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>AUG 24</b> Pan-Seared Potstickers Classic Spaghetti with Meatballs Breakfast-For-Lunch Burrito Italian Pasta Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>AUG 25</b> Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl Pasta Marinara Shepherd's Pie Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>AUG 26</b> All-American Cheese-burger with Roasted Potatoes Four-Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Cheese
<b>AUG 29</b> Penne with Meat Sauce Breakfast-For-Lunch Burrito Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>AUG 30</b> Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Authentic Baked Ziti Shredded Chicken "Taqitos" Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>AUG 31</b> Dynamite Bagel Dog Chicken Noodle Soup Perfect Pesto Pasta Italian Pasta Salad Cucumber Sushi Roll Hummus and Pita Bento Box Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 1</b> Classic Spaghetti with Marinara All-American Hamburger with Roasted Potatoes Shredded Chicken "Taqitos" Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 2</b> Cheese Pizza Chicken Burrito with Salsa Chicken Chow Mein Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>SEP 5</b>  NO SCHOOL  LABOR DAY	<b>SEP 6</b> Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Penne with Meat Sauce Teriyaki Veggie Rice Bowl Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 7</b> Dynamite Bagel Dog Hand-Rolled Beef Enchiladas Perfect Pesto Pasta Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>SEP 8</b> Classic Spaghetti with Meatballs Mild Chile Cheese Tamale Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 9</b> Cheese Pizza Mighty Meatball Soup Coleman Naturals Gluten-Free Chicken Strips Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie

All meals include fruit, snack, and beverage

M	T	W	TH	F
<b>SEP 12</b> Oven-Roasted Herb Chicken Chili Mac Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>SEP 13</b> Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Pasta Marinara Smokehouse BBQ Chicken Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 14</b> All-American Cheeseburger with Roasted Potatoes Shredded Chicken "Taqitos" Veggie Lover's Chow Mein Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>SEP 15</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Authentic Baked Ziti Pan-Seared Potstickers Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 16</b> Classic Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Fiesta Burrito with Salsa Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>SEP 19</b> Shepherd's Pie Chicken Chow Mein Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>SEP 20</b> Fried Rice and Veggies Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Dynamite Bagel Dog Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 21</b> Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl Spaghetti with Meatballs Perfect Pesto Pasta Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>SEP 22</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito Hamburger with Roasted Potatoes Gluten-Free Chicken Strips Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 23</b> Hand-Rolled Chicken Enchiladas Double Decker Meat Lasagna Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>SEP 26</b> Big and Beefy Burrito Chicken Noodle Soup Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>SEP 27</b> Chicken "Fried" Rice Four-Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 28</b> Classic Spaghetti with Marinara Sukhi's Tandoori Chicken All-American Cheeseburger with Roasted Potatoes Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>SEP 29</b> Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich Dynamite Bagel Dog Breakfast-For-Lunch Burrito Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>SEP 30</b> Pan-Seared Potstickers Penne with Meat Sauce Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie

***This order form is only for the Free and Reduced lunch program. For families not on the Free and Reduced lunch program, please order online at <https://www.choicelunch.com>***

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Reduced lunches are 40¢ each and must have an application on file.**

Send completed form to your school office or:

District Office  
 110 Shaw Dr.  
 San Anselmo, CA 94960

Questions? Call Susan Reed at 415-451-4074, email [food@rossvalleyschools.org](mailto:food@rossvalleyschools.org) Fax: 415-454-6840

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# Find Your Green Way to School



## If you live close-by

- Walk or bike

## If you live too far away

- Carpool with one or more other families to school
- Park about ¼ mile at a secure location and walk the rest of the way
- Use the bus (if available)

## If you must drive all the way

- Drive carefully and watch for children
- Turn off your engine - don't idle.

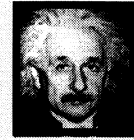
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**Carpooling to school decreases traffic at our school and pollution in the air.**





**Diane Provo!**



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- \* Communication Skills with Young Children
  - \* Listening Skills
- \* What Behavioral Communication is .....
- \* What the Misnomers of Communication are .....
- \* How to Communicate with Teens
- \* How to Communicate with Your Child's Teacher

**Diane Provo** has a BA degree in Psychology and an MS degree in Education, with an emphasis in Special Education. Since 1970, Diane has taught special education classes in both public and private schools, coordinated special education programs for Head Start, taught graduate school at Dominican College and consulted on a regular basis for the Institute for Learning Difficulties in San Rafael, California. She is currently certified with the Scientific Learning Corporation and is able to administer a computerized language development program called **Fast ForWord**. She is also a certified **Samonas Sound Therapist**. Diane creates and develops comprehensive programs for children with autism and PDD. This includes selecting and prioritizing appropriate interventions as well as supervising and consulting with school-based and home-based programs. Diane has co-authored the books **Starting Blocks** and **Kids Are Great...when you know how they work**. She also co-designed the **Starting Blocks Readiness Inventory**, a skill assessment program for pre-schools to use in determining children's level of school readiness. She was an original member of the Marin County Child Care Commission, and is currently a member of Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders, the National Association for the Education of Young Children and the Association for Childhood Education International. For almost 15 years Diane was a regular personality on **KRON TV's Weekend News Show**, where she gave a live parenting segment. Diane has made frequent appearances on **KQED radio's Family Talk**, as well as **Bay TV and Tech TV cable stations**.

**Friday, November 4th, 2011**

**10:00am Ross Gymnasium - Doors open at 9:45am - \$10 each**

## Tamalpais Union High School District Parcel Tax Renewal – Measure B Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the purpose of the parcel tax?**

This parcel tax will continue to provide stable local funding to the Tamalpais Union High School District (TUHSD) in order to maintain quality education and exceptional academic programs for the district's 3800 students. The current parcel tax expires in June 2012. Measure B on the November 8 ballot will ask voters to renew this financial commitment. Measure B is not a new tax, but rather a continuation of the current parcel tax and the existing minimal annual adjustment.

### **How much is the proposed parcel tax renewal? How long is the term of the tax? Will there be an annual adjustment?**

Measure B will renew the existing parcel tax that the voters have supported since 1989. This local tax, deductible from federal and state incomes taxes, amounts to \$238.78 per parcel annually or approximately \$20 per month, beginning on July 1, 2012, with a 3% annual adjustment. The term is for a period of 10 years. Currently, the TUHSD parcel tax is the lowest in southern and central Marin.

### **Has the community approved TUHSD parcel taxes before?**

Yes, the community has consistently recognized the value of quality local high school education and has been very supportive of the needs of our students and schools. Voters initially passed a parcel tax in 1989. Subsequently, the voters approved renewals in 1997 and 2004.

### **Will senior citizens be exempt from paying this tax?**

An exemption is available to a property owner who has attained the age of 65 prior to May 1 of the assessment year and uses the parcel as his or her principal residence. To obtain a parcel tax exemption application and find out more information on the process, please contact Kaley Cloney in the district office at 945-3709.

### **Do renters pay a parcel tax? What about condominium or business owners?**

The parcel tax is levied on each parcel and is the responsibility of the owner, not the renter. Each unit in a condominium complex is assessed as a separate parcel. Thus, condominium owners pay the same parcel tax as all other residential property owners. A business owner does not necessarily pay the parcel tax directly, unless that individual is the owner of the property where the business is located.

### **Who is served by the parcel tax?**

The parcel tax supports the district's three comprehensive high schools (*Tam, Redwood, and Drake*), a continuation high school (*San Andreas*) and an independent study high school (*Tamiscal*). These five schools serve 3800 students from ten K-8 elementary feeder districts that represent eighteen communities in southern and central Marin including Belvedere, Bolinas, Corte Madera, Fairfax, Greenbrae, Kentfield, Lagunitas, Larkspur, Marin City, Mill Valley, Muir Beach, Nicasio, Ross, San Anselmo, Sausalito, Stinson Beach, Tiburon, and Woodacre.

**What programs are supported by the parcel tax?**

The funds generated by the parcel tax are used to support all aspects of the district's exceptional educational program for its students. These include science and technology, Advanced Placement and Honors courses, a seven period day for students, alternative education programs, student counseling services, fine arts programs, up-to-date instructional materials and equipment, and the recruitment and retention of highly qualified and experienced teachers and staff.

**How much revenue does the parcel tax provide the Tam District? What revenues does the district receive from the state and other sources?**

For the 2011-2012 school year, the parcel tax will generate \$8,820,573. This represents 16% of the Tam District's \$55,881,139 budget. The district receives funding from several sources: 76% from revenue limit-local property taxes, 16% from voter approved parcel tax, 5% from other local funds, 2% from state funds (including the lottery), and 1% from federal funds. In addition to these funding sources, an active parent community also supports school and athletic programs. Parents contribute countless volunteer hours and provide financial support through contributions to the school foundations and parent clubs.

**How many votes are needed to pass Measure B?**

Any parcel tax, including Measure B, requires a 2/3 majority of votes cast in order to pass.

**What would happen if the voters did not approve the parcel tax renewal?**

The district would need to cut approximately \$8.8 million dollars from the budget. Teaching positions would be eliminated and academic programs for students severely curtailed. The direct result would be a decline in the quality of local high school education.

**How do the district's graduation requirements compare to those of the state of California, and how does TUHSD perform on accountability measures?**

The district's graduation requirements exceed those of the state of California in science, math, English, social studies, fine arts, and computer literacy. Over 95% of our 10th graders pass the California High School Exit Exam graduation requirement on their first attempt. The high school graduation rate for TUHSD students is 98% compared to a state average of 70%. Each year, TUHSD graduates enroll in over 80 different universities ranging from the UCs to the Ivy League, as well as specialized art and drama schools. Redwood, Tam, and Tamiscal have all earned the highest score on the state's accountability measure (API); San Andreas improved its API score by 70 points and has been named a "Model Continuation High School." Redwood, Tam, Drake, and Tamiscal have received the California Distinguished School Award, and Redwood has been designated as a National Blue Ribbon School. Tamiscal is the only school in California to have earned both the California Distinguished School Award and the State Independent Achievement School Award.

**Why are our high school students so successful?**

The academic achievement of the students in all Tamalpais District schools is a direct reflection of the quality academic programs offered, a highly trained teaching and professional staff, the degree of involvement and assistance provided by parents, and the level of commitment and financial support from the entire high school district community.



# TIPS

## HOW TO USE CSBA AGENDA ON-LINE



## STEP 1:

- Log-on to <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net>
- This will bring you to the main page (see below)
- In the left hand corner are 3 tabs: Meetings; Calendars; Policies.
- Click on Calendars.

The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Ross Valley School District website. The address bar shows the URL <http://rvsd.csbaagendaonline.net/cgi-bin/WebObjects/rvsd-eAgenda.woa>. The page header includes the district name, navigation links for HOME, LOGIN, and HELP, and a search bar. The main content area features the title "Ross Valley School District Board of Trustee Meetings" and a section titled "Meeting Days/Times" with a bulleted list of meeting information. At the bottom, there is a link for the "Complete 2008-2009 Calendar of Meetings". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button, an open Outlook inbox, and the current time as 2:07 PM.

Ross Valley School District

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# Ross Valley School District

## Board of Trustee Meetings

### Meeting Days/Times

- Regular Meetings are traditionally scheduled at 6:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.
- Closed Session Meetings will be held 30-60 minutes prior to the beginning of both regular and board work sessions when applicable.
- Note: Meeting times sometimes change. Please check the Agenda through this website for the correct time.
- Complete List of Board Meetings: Please click on the link below for a complete listing of all meeting dates.
- All meetings are held at the District Office unless otherwise indicated.
- Location: Board Conference Room, 110 Shaw Drive, San Anselmo, CA 94960

**Complete 2008-2009 Calendar of Meetings** (Click here for a link to the 2008-2009 Listing of Meetings)

**STEP 2:**

- Choose the date of the meeting you wish to review.
- You can access that date by choosing the date from the Calendar (left hand side) or by clicking on the date in the list (right hand side).
- See below.

**Meeting Calendar & List**

February						
2009						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>1</u>	<u>2</u> Board ...	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u> AMENDE...	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>
<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>21</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u> Board ... Board ...	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>

Date Range For Listed Meetings:  
06/24/2008 to 10/25/2009

Date	Name
<u>Feb 26, 2009</u>	Board of Trustees Meeting - CLOSED SESSION 5:15 pm to 7:00 pm / OPEN SESSION 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

### STEP 3:

- The Agenda for the meeting date you have selected is shown (see below).
- Click EXPAND in the upper left hand corner to view all agenda items.
- Locate the item on the Agenda you wish to view; place your cursor on that item and click on it.

< February 26, 2009 04:00 PM >  
**Board of Trustees Budget Advisory Committee**  
**Meeting - 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm**  
110 Shaw Drive  
San Anselmo, CA 94960  
Phone: 415-454-2162 ----- Fax: 415-453-3152



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▼ Preliminary Information

**Superintendent**  
Bryce Sumnick

(D) Discussion Item  
(V) Can Vote  
(C) Consent Item

#### **Board of Trustees**

Gina Feiner  
Rick McCallum  
Sharon Sagar  
Jeanne Thompson  
Don Wilson

#### **HOW TO PLACE AN ITEM ON THE AGENDA**

Members of the Public may request that items be placed on the agenda of any regular Board of Trustees meeting. The request must be in writing and be submitted to the Superintendent with any supporting documents and information at least six school days prior to the scheduled meeting date. The Superintendent and Board President shall determine if the request is or is not within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board and will determine whether the agenda item is appropriate for discussion in Open Session or Closed Session of the Board. Items placed on the agenda by the Public will be for information and discussion so that the Board may be advised of the views of the community.

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INTRODUCTION
- III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND TIME ALLOCATIONS
- IV. PUBLIC COMMENT (3 minute time limit per person)
- ▼ V. BUDGET DISCUSSION

a. REVIEW/DISCUSSION: Core Programs, Supplemental Current Offerings, New Budget Information from the State (D)

b. REVIEW/CONFIRM: Timeline for Board BAC Meetings & Tasks Between Meetings (D)

c. BUDGET UPDATE (Superintendent Sumnick & Kathleen Clow, Chief Business Official) Time: 6:15 pm (D)

This meeting:

- Baseline parameters for district services, middle school and elementary schools.
- Supplemental Programs/Services/Activities: Revised summary of program with history, program description, funding and mandates.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT

▼ More

## STEP 4:

- For supporting documents scroll to the bottom of the Agenda Item that you that you opened (see below).
- Choose the document you wish to view and click on "Download Now".

Feb 26, 2009 : Board of Trustees Budget Advisory Committee Meeting - 4:00 pm to 5:15 pm : V. BUDGET DISCUSSION

c. BUDGET UPDATE (Superintendent Sumnick & Kathleen Clow, Chief Business Official) Time: 6:15 pm



[Status: ] [Discussion Item]

### PREVIOUS ITEM

EXPAND COLLAPSE

#### Recommendation

Recommend identifying core/basic programs and provide guidelines to the Budget Advisory Committee for priority supplemental services that the Budget Advisory Committee may consider.

#### Objective - Purpose of Report

- To provide the Board with updates from the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC) and the BAC Steering Committee.
- To provide program information to consider in determining priorities for the coming school year.

#### Background Information

At the board's request, this item has been placed on the Agenda as a standing item. See Data/Discussion/Analysis for more detail.

#### Data/Discussion/Analysis

### BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

The administrators were asked to collect, summarize and explain the attached information. The attached work product is a work-in-progress; additional clarification or information may be requested as the result of reviewing the attached documents.

The order of information presented on the Table of Contents is by order of function. The administrators have been asked to report on a wide area of programs/services/activities and we have done our best to create uniformity in the attached documents. We welcome your comments on how to improve the information presented and how to make it more "user friendly".

### NEXT STEPS

We have undertaken a tremendous project that entails building our budget from the ground up. It requires providing information to our Board, the Budget Advisory Committee, and the general public in a very short period of time. It also requires "thinking outside the box" to determine how to deliver mandated services more efficiently without excessive risk with federal/state and local funding sources and regulatory agencies' mandates. Most importantly, we want to deliver the best educational programs we can to the students of this district while living within a very lean budget.

#### Goals

DG: Communication (Ongoing Goal '08-09)

DG: Facilities (Annual Goal '08-'09)

SP: Finance/Facilities

#### Next Steps

See Data/Discussion/Analysis

#### Name and Contact Number

Questions regarding this item should be directed to the Office of the Superintendent at 415.451.4060 or e-mail superintendent@rossvalleyschools.org.

#### Quick Summary / Abstract

This meeting:

- Baseline parameters for district services, middle school and elementary schools.
- Supplemental Programs/Services/Activities: Revised summary of program with history, program description, funding and mandates.

#### Supporting Documents



Budget Discussion on Baseline & Supplemental

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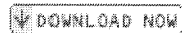
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