



# BEAR NECESSITIES

SEPTEMBER 27, 2011

Ross Valley School District Hotline: 721-4751

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

## Upper Campus Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I invite you to attend an important and timely presentation by RVSD Construction Facility Supervisor George Baranoff on October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Baranoff will be speaking at 9:30am and again at 6:30pm in the Brookside Upper gym. He is giving an important update on the classroom 'build out' timeline for Brookside Upper and Lower Schools. I encourage you to attend one of these meetings as this will be an opportunity to ask questions and get accurate, up-to-date information.

The Brookside Upper students will be bringing home a Brookside Bears Care bracelet on Tuesday, September 27. This Bear Cares bracelet is a visual reminder of a discussion I held with each classroom on what it means to be a **Caring, Accepting, Respectful/Responsible and Excellent** student. The bracelets were donated to the students at Upper and Lower through the generosity of the Parr Family.

## Lower Campus Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is nearly October, and things are rolling along smoothly at Brookside Lower. Time has gone quickly and kids and teachers alike are settling into the school routines. As always, thank you for helping and supporting your children and the school in so many ways!

### Brookside BBQ

Thanks to everyone who helped with and attended the Annual Brookside BBQ. What an incredible event for our school community. I was amazed by the turnout, the food, and the camaraderie that exists among the Brookside families. Please be sure to thank your Parent Club leaders when you see them, as this event was a result of their energy, talent, and school spirit. Go Bears!

### Octoberfest

Everyone is getting into high gear for this legendary Brookside event! We look forward to seeing all of you at Octoberfest on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Next week on Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:30-5:00pm the Brookside School Site Council will meet in the

Brookside Upper School Library. These meetings are open to the public.

Don't forget that International Walk and Roll to School Day is Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Enjoy the beautiful weather and I look forward to seeing many of you on October 5<sup>th</sup>!

Kind regards,  
Dr. Marty Powers

## Important Dates

**Sept 28-29 Lower Campus Picture Days**

**Oct 5 Walk & Roll Day**

**Oct 15 OCTOBERFEST!**

**Oct. 17 Teacher Work Day  
NO SCHOOL**

**Oct 24-27 5th Graders to Walker Creek**

### Behavior Expectations at Brookside Lower

In order to keep our wonderful students safe and happy, we know that it is important to make sure that all students understand and follow simple rules about safe and fair play on the playground.

Please be on the lookout for our new Behavior Expectations handout that is coming home this week with your child. Teachers and other staff will be going over the expectations with all students (probably starting Wednesday). Please review the expectations with your child, and detach and sign the Acknowledgment section. When your child returns the signed section to his or her teacher, he or she will receive a Brookside Bears Care rubber wristband (which were generously donated by the Parr family)!

I'll check in again next week with more information from Lower Campus. In the meantime, here's hoping your aim is off at Octoberfest. I'll be in the dunk tank at 11:40.

Go Bears!  
Mari Kernan  
Principal, Brookside Lower Campus



**OCTOBERFEST**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15**  
**9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Octoberfest is less than 3 weeks away! It's going to be a great day. To make Octoberfest as successful as it can be we need every parent at Brookside to GET INVOLVED!!!

Here's how you can help:

**VOLUNTEER**

We still have a lot of shifts to fill so please go to [www.brooksideoctoberfest.com](http://www.brooksideoctoberfest.com) and sign up now!

**SPONSOR A BOOTH**

Please consider sponsoring a booth (especially if you can't join us at the event). Sponsorships help us offset the amount of money we spend on the event. The less we spend...THE MORE WE MAKE!!! Go to [www.brooksideoctoberfest.com](http://www.brooksideoctoberfest.com) to sponsor a booth. A HUGE THANK YOU to those who have already signed up to be a sponsor.

**SELL RAFFLE TICKETS**

This is the biggest money maker at Octoberfest! Your kids came home last week with an envelope filled with raffle tickets and instructions. Please help your children sell! We ask that every child sells 10 tickets. If you need more tickets (YEAH!) they can be found at the main offices at both Upper and Lower campuses. SELL, SELL, SELL!!!! Tickets and money should be turned in all at one time **when the students are done selling**. Please return any unsold tickets to the office.

**BRING IN SMALL PRIZES**

We have begun accepting small prizes! Please clean out those drawers and closets. You can drop off prizes in bins marked "Octoberfest Prize Donations" located in front of the main office at Lower Campus and inside the main office at Upper Campus. We are accepting prizes from now until October 10. (Please: no stuffed animals or hair accessories.)

**BRING IN USED BOOKS**

Beginning on October 3 (and please no sooner than this), bring in your donations for the Used Books Booth. We will accept: hardcovers, paperbacks, children's books, coffee table books, cook-books, CDs, DVDs, computer games and board games (Please: NO almanacs, encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines or manuals). We also need cardboard boxes. Items can be dropped off outside Brookside Lower's Multi Purpose room, Monday through Friday from 7 am - 6 PM, beginning on October 3.

**PLEASE HELP US MAKE THIS OUR MOST PROFITABLE OCTOBERFEST EVER!**

Questions? Email me: [katemcmillan70@hotmail.com](mailto:katemcmillan70@hotmail.com)

Kate McMillan  
Octoberfest Chair



## Head Lice: Every Parent's Concern

Head lice are a common problem and concern among many parents. Chances are you will receive a note reporting a case of head lice in your child's classroom at one time or another. Every year in the United States, 6 to 12 million school-aged children get head lice.



Fortunately, head lice are not a serious medical problem, and they do not carry any diseases. Anyone can get head lice. Despite what many people may think, head lice are not a sign of poor hygiene or an unclean home environment.

It can be difficult to tell if your child has an active case of head lice. However, you should know that the most common symptom of head lice is itching, especially behind the ears or at the back of the neck. **Parents should check their children, for head lice, on a regular basis to help prevent the spread of lice in school.**

How to check for head lice:

- Seat your child in a brightly lit room, in an area where you can easily examine the head from different angles.
- Part the hair and look at your child's scalp. Nits will look like small white or yellow-brown specks. They will be firmly attached to the hair. Nits may be easier to see at the hairline at the back of the neck or behind the ears. Live lice will move quickly away from the light.
- Comb through your child's hair in small sections using a fine-tooth comb. After each comb-through, wipe the comb on a wet paper towel. Examine the scalp, comb, and paper towel carefully.

You may need to use a magnifying glass. It is often difficult to tell the difference between dandruff or other hair debris and nits. However, dandruff is much easier to comb out of the hair while nits are much harder to remove. \*

**If you discover head lice in your family, please notify the school.** If you have any questions about diagnosis or treatment please call me and I'll be glad to help.

Laurel Yrun, RN  
School Nurse  
451-4078

## Choicelunch Tidbits

Choicelunch has once again made your life simpler by launching their new iPhone app for ordering and managing your school lunches! With the Choicelunch app, you can browse their menu, order lunches, view lunches already on order, cancel lunches in advance, and view all entrée information, including nutritional facts and allergen, and entrée descriptions and pictures. You can even set Favorite entrees for quick ordering and set ordering reminders directly on your iPhone. Check it out at your iTunes App Store!

All meals are ordered online at <http://www.choicelunch.com/> or on your iPhone app using registration code **Ross**. Meals can be ordered the day before and cancelled the day of 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. \*\*\*\***

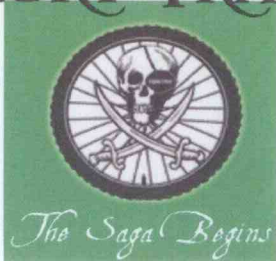
## Box Tops

Box Tops collection is still on! Keep clipping Box Tops coupons and encourage friends, neighbors, and relatives to do the same! Just look for the Box Tops logo on hundreds of products like Cheerios, Cottonelle, Huggies, Kleenex, Hefty disposable cups and plates, and Avery school and office supplies. All you need to do is clip Box Tops coupons and bring them to school. Box Tops coupons are worth a dime each when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

To learn more, please visit [btf.com](http://btf.com)



# SWASHBUCKLER SHORT TRACK



White Hill Middle School, Fairfax  
Saturday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

The Lion of Fairfax



## Cycling in Marin Benefits White Hill Middle School

- 6th annual White Hill Middle School Cycle-Cross and short-track Mountain Bike Race
- Cycle-Cross race is run on a - 1.5 - 2 mile lap course featuring a mixture of off and on road surfaces with many twists and turns
- White Hill's campus will be the setting for the race, and the course funning through the campus and surrounding undeveloped grounds
- Some of the NATION's top pro's, along with hundreds of amateur cyclists will be competing over the course of the day
- Youngsters can test their cross skills in one of the best cross kids' races anywhere. Separate categories exist for kids 6-9, who will do one complete lap of the approx. 1.7 mile course, 10-13 (2 laps) - as well as an official Juniors (10-17) category - for those serious enough to want to do a bona fid race.
- A pre race, cross clinic, is held on Saturday, September 24th, at the race site (White Hill Middle School) at 10 AM. Instruction on proper cyclo-cross technique will be offered by top riders

Registration on line at [www.bigswingincycles.com](http://www.bigswingincycles.com) or on day of event

# RVSD School Lunch Menu October 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>OCT 3</b> Chicken Burrito with Salsa Chili Mac Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>OCT 4</b> Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Penne with Meat Sauce Teriyaki Veggie Rice Bowl Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 5</b> Dynamite Bagel Dog Mighty Meatball Soup Perfect Pesto Pasta Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>OCT 6</b> Classic Spaghetti with Meatballs Baked Potato with Chili Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 7</b> Hand-Rolled Beef Enchiladas Coleman Naturals Gluten-Free Chicken Strips Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad California Sushi Roll Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>OCT 10</b> Oven-Roasted Herb Chicken Three Bean Chili Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>OCT 11</b> Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Pasta Marinara Chicken Fajita Platter Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 12</b> All-American Cheese-burger with Roasted Potatoes Shredded Chicken "Taquitos" Veggie Lover's Chow Mein Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>OCT 13</b> Chicken Noodle Soup Mild Chile Cheese Tamale Pan-Seared Potstickers Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 14</b> Classic Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Fiesta Burrito with Salsa Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>OCT 17</b> <p style="text-align: center;">NO SCHOOL STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</p>	<b>OCT 18</b> Fried Rice and Veggies Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Double Decker Meat Lasagna Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 19</b> Dynamite Bagel Dog Teriyaki Chicken Rice Bowl Perfect Pesto Pasta Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>OCT 20</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito All-American Hamburger with Roasted Potatoes Coleman Naturals Gluten-Free Chicken Strips Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 21</b> Authentic Baked Ziti Pulled BBQ Chicken Sandwich Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie

All meals include fruit, snack, and beverage

M	T	W	TH	F
<b>OCT 24</b> Big and Beefy Burrito Chicken "Fried" Rice Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie	<b>OCT 25</b> Sukhi's Tandoori Chicken Four-Cheese Ravioli with Marinara Oven-Baked Chicken Tenders Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 26</b> Classic Spaghetti with Marinara Chicken Noodle Soup All-American Cheeseburger with Roasted Potatoes Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie Ham & Cheese Sammie	<b>OCT 27</b> Pan-Seared Potstickers Dynamite Bagel Dog Breakfast-For-Lunch Burrito Caesar's Chicken Wrap Cheesy Crunchy Salad Hummus and Pita Bento Box Cucumber Sushi Roll Tuna Salad Sammie	<b>OCT 28</b> Chicken Fajita Platter Penne with Meat Sauce Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie
<b>OCT 31</b> Roasted Turkey w/ Mashed Potatoes and Stuffing Smokehouse BBQ Chicken Cheese Pizza Italian Pasta Salad Avocado Sushi Roll Sunbutter and Jam Sammie				

## OCTOBER 2011

**Deadline for October ordering is September 23rd!**

*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 <http://www.choicelunch.com>.*

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

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

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

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

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Check Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to Ross Valley School District

**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

## “COMMUNITY INFORMATION”

SEPTEMBER—OCTOBER 2011 – REVISED 9/26/11

(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)

• <u>Special Board Meeting</u>	Tues., 9/27/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Special Board Meeting-Facilities</u>	Tues., 10/4/11	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 10/11/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Technology Workshop</u>	Tues., 10/18/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 10/25/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 11/8/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Self-Evaluation</u> (Moved from 10/22/11)	Tues., 11/15/11	6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>New Board Member Workshop</u>	Sat., 11/19/11	9 am to 4 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 11/29/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 12/13/11	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 1/10/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 1/24/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 2/14/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 2/28/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 3/13/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 3/27/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 4/3/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 4/24/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 5/8/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 5/22/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting / Open Session</u>	Tues., 6/12/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room
• <u>Board Meeting/ Open Session</u>	Tues., 6/26/12	Starts at 7:00 pm	DO Conference Room

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>

## **OCTOBERFEST**

Saturday, October 15, 2011

9am to 5pm

Brookside Lower Elementary School, 116 Butterfield Road, San Anselmo

[www.brooksideoctoberfest.com](http://www.brooksideoctoberfest.com)

The festival features live music, a giant slide, a haunted house, raffle prizes, book sale, activity booths, a silent auction, games, food and more. Fun for all ages!  
Admission is Free

## **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.

### **FLO (continue)**

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**

Wednesday, 10/5/11 - 7-8:30 pm: Stephanie Stein from Matrix: *How to Tell if Your IEP is Appropriate*. Location: Wade Thomas Library. Question: Contact Sydney Rainin-Smith @srainin@comcast.net or Dina Leitch @dinamft@aol.com.

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**

- 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).

Our next Parenting Apart series will begin Wednesday, October 26th. 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:**

- **Drake Junior Tennis @ Drake High School Tennis Courts – Sunday Mornings at 11 am to 12 noon.** Note: exact date pending...awaiting registration response. Ages 6-8: "Quickstart" Red Division for Beginners. Ages 9-10: "Quickstart" Orange Division. To register: [DrakeJuniorTennis@gmail.com](mailto:DrakeJuniorTennis@gmail.com). Tel: 415.895.0149. *Note: Fee involved*
- **St. Rita's CYO Basketball:** Registration is now open – go to [www.strita.edu](http://www.strita.edu) – click on programs/athletics.

# SchoolPoolMarin.org



**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOLS** offers SchoolPoolMarin.org, a trip matching service to help you find others to use Green Ways to school and to after school activities together.

**More SchoolPoolMarin Info...**

**REGISTER TODAY:**  
[www.SchoolPoolMarin.org](http://www.SchoolPoolMarin.org)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
about Safe Routes to Schools visit  
[www.saferoutestoschools.org](http://www.saferoutestoschools.org)

The Green Ways to School Campaign and SchoolPool Marin are programs offered by Transportation Authority of Marin's Safe Routes to Schools program with support provided by a generous grant from the Marin Community Foundation as part of their Climate Change Initiative and in partnership with the Marin County Office of Education.

# 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.

**Teaching your child how to walk/bike to school builds confidence and keeps them physically fit.**

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



## 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 details. 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, open applications like "Inbox - Microsoft Out...", "2009-2010", and "Ross Valley School D...", along with system icons and the time "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**

<b>February</b>						
<b>2009</b>						
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

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>
<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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**HIT EXPAND TO VIEW ALL ITEMS IN A SECTION**

▼ 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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**STEP 5:**

- Clicking on download will bring you to this page (see below).
- Click on "Download Now" on this page as well. This will open the file so you can view or print it.

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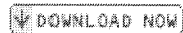
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**NOTE:**

- Hard copies of all supporting documents are available upon request.
- Please contact the District Office 48 hours prior to the meeting date.