

# REACH

A Creative Arts Magnet Program  
Brook Haven Middle School, Sebastopol, California

Sunday, March 29, 2009

A Bi-Weekly Newsletter from the REACH Parent Foundation

## A Great Idea!

Dear REACH parents,

We, Alice Doyle and Rachel Scherrer, had a wonderful idea, a float in the Apple Blossom Parade. We have been in REACH since 4th grade. We are now 7th graders and have seen many different sides of REACH. By different sides we mean settling in at a new school.

We think it would be a great way to get kids (and parents) to be aware of our creative program. It would give us students a chance to show how much we love REACH. Building a float can bring all types of kids together. It is a superb way of showing that we are a caring school. With all of the brilliance of this golden idea, there are still key components missing: a plan and a parent to be our sponsor.

We, Alice and Rachel, have found a few important aspects of a Float. Fred Scherrer is willing to supply REACH with his flat-bed trailer (8 by 16 feet). He has a truck that can pull it with, but he will not be able to drive it. REACH had a float about 5 years ago, a former family is still in possession of those pieces, and they are available to us.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, email Rachel at [rae.scherrer@gmail.com](mailto:rae.scherrer@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time,  
Rachel Scherrer & Alice Doyle



[www.reach-program.com](http://www.reach-program.com)

## Mark Your Calendar

**March 23 - April 10**  
No Zero Period

**Mon. March 30 - Fri. April 3**  
7/8 Class Trip to Yosemite

**Tue. March 31 - Fri. April 3**  
6th Grade Class Trip to Marin Headlands

**Wed. April 8**  
Unit Culmination - 1:30pm

**Thurs. April 9**  
SUSD Board Meeting, 7pm - District Office 7611 Huntley

**Mon. April 13 - Fri. April 17**  
Spring Break - no school

**Sat. April 25**  
Apple Blossom Festival

**Mon. April 27 - Fri. May 1**  
STAR Testing—more info on the BH District's new online news letter (Not all grades will have testing on all days)

**Save the Date:** The Spring Parent Social is tentatively set for Friday May 1st, fun details TBA.

## Charter Update

The application for charter status was submitted to SUSD on March 19th, and accepted for review. Testimonials and review questions are on the agenda for the District board meeting on April 19th - REACH parents are encouraged to attend!

## NEWSLETTER HELP!

We're in desperate need of one or more people to solicit articles or other info every two weeks for the newsletter. It's a fun way to stay involved! Contact Leila: [info@mamabeardesign.com](mailto:info@mamabeardesign.com)

# Marketing Update

Have you seen the REACH marketing campaign? Along with funds for student enrichment, the Springfield Trust provided specific funds for marketing in order to increase enrollment. Many thanks to parents for photos and to Pamela Carpenter for graphic design of our “new look”.



Postcards were sent to over 2,800 households with children 7-12 from the coast to Santa Rosa. Our first Enrollment Open House was a big success with attendees from as far away as the Fountaingrove area. Freshly designed information packets greeted our newcomers who studied the amazing photo displays created by Rachelle Steele.

On March 5th, the *Sonoma West* newspaper ran a large article with a photo of our ceramics club. REACH was also advertised through the dozens of flyers and posters on bulletin boards of coffee houses, markets and community centers.

Look for REACH marketing materials in even more places as we start promoting our second open house. **Enrollment is key to ensuring the success of our program.** Let your friends know about REACH by inviting them to visit the classrooms and to attend the next open house. The success of this community is created by all of us.

And don't forget: first-round applications for the '09-'10 school year are due April 10th.

-Debbie McAfee

# Nordquist Graduation Dance

For the last 6 months REACH 7th graders, together with hundreds of other Sonoma County teens, have been spending their Tuesday evenings waltzing, foxtrotting and swinging at Nordquist dancing classes at the Santa Rosa Vets Building. Last Friday night the end of this years session was celebrated with a dance that lasted until midnight. It featured dancing (of course!), competitions, and exhibition dances by the fabulous “Junior Instructors.” Many of our 7th graders will be back at Nordquist’s for a second year in the fall, and 6th graders —start searching thrift stores for those formal clothes!

*For more information about Nordquist, ask any 7th grader! Or visit their website at: [www.nordquistdance.com](http://www.nordquistdance.com)*



*ready to go*



*REACH girls at the dance...*



*Gorgeous fused glasswork made by REACH kids at Celeste Switala's birthday party this fall.*

# CreekMonkey Studio

*Presents... Spring Classes*

*with... Meryl Juniper*

**"Family Arts Menagerie"**

*Multi-Media expression for the Whole Family!*

In this multi media experience, family and friends can come to life in a playfully supportive environment. Diving deep into oceans of mediums such as ceramics, textiles, print-making, sculpture, paper-making, painting, drawing and more as we spiral into creative collaborative arts expression.

April 23 to May 28

10:00 to 11:30 am

Six...Thursday Mornings

Ages: 2 to Elderhood (2 to 4 years accompanied by an adult)

Individual Fee: \$72...Materials Fee: \$12

Family Fee: \$62 for each additional student...Materials Fee: \$12

(Including an art making adult, though, no fee for non-participating guardian)

Drop in Fee: \$15 Per Class...Materials Fee: \$2 Per Class

Family Drop In Fee: \$14 for each additional student...Materials Fee: \$2 Per Class

*And...*

**"Earth Magic"**

*Ceramics for Children! And...Their Families*

For those ten and up, the practice of wheel throwing will become a teacher for the centering of life. If under ten, you will have the opportunity to harvest the delight in hand building techniques. For all, we will venture into the creation of functional ware and sculptural forms, surface treatment and a variety of glazing methods. As we dig into the clay we will discover the breath of calm that comes from working with this most fulfilling medium.

April 23 to May 28

3:30 to 5:30 pm

Six...Thursday Afternoons

Ages: 6 to Elderhood

Wheel potential Ages: 10 to Elderhood

Individual Fee: \$90

Materials Fee: \$30 per bag of clay, includes glazes and firing costs

Family Fee: \$80 for each additional student

Materials Fee: \$30 per bag of clay, includes glazes and firing costs

*And...Summer Session*

**"Ceramics Camp Intensive"**

Come immerse yourself for ten afternoons in the pleasure and play of this wonderful medium. Fine-tune your skills within the focus that daily practice can bring. Working from a place of imagination, functionality and technique we will, express grow, and learn!

June 15 to June 26

1:00 to 4:00 pm

Ten Afternoons...Monday thru Friday

Ages: 8 to Elderhood

Wheel potential Ages: 10 to Elderhood

Fee: \$225

Materials Fee: \$30 per bag of clay, includes glazes and firing costs

**Registration and Information for all above listed class...**

Information...Meryl 707.823.5843 and Registration...Sebastopol Center for the Arts 707.829.4797

## **"CircuSeed Summer"**

### **Multi-Media Arts Camp**

**With... Meryl Juniper, Sahar Pinkham, Eliot Fintushel and Friends**

CircuSeed is a collective of Artists/Teachers who have come together to co-create a kinesthetic community culture, which embodies the expressive arts, through collaboration and skill based in physical play and practice, acrobatics, clowning, juggling, improv, music and the visual arts.

**Session 1: June 29th to July 3rd**

**Session 2: July 6th to July 10th**

**Ages 6 to 12**

**Register Early...space fills quickly!!!**

**Pre-Registration and Deposit of \$60 by May 15th holds your spot**

**Half Day Per Session \$170 9am to 1pm**

**Full Day Per Session \$280 9am to 4pm**

**After May 15th**

**Half Day Per Session \$190 9am to 1pm**

**Full Day Per Session \$300 9am to 4pm**

**Full Payment Due by June 15th**

**>Partial Scholarships and Work Trade Available**

**>10% Discount for Additional Family Members**

**>If you are sitting sweetly financially please add \$30 to \$50 towards our scholarship fund!**

***Registration and Information for Circus Camp Only...***

**Meryl Juniper 707.823.5843...meryljuniper@yahoo.com**

***And.....***

## **"Solstice Yoga Summer"**

### **Yoga, Visual Arts and Music Camp**

**With... Kelly Schwartz, Meryl Juniper and Sahar Pinkham**

Solstice Yoga Kids Camp provides a safe and nurturing environment where children can strengthen their sense of confidence, focus, breath, creativity, physical awareness and appreciation of their whole being through yoga, movement, music and art, as well as, the collaboration of these practices.

**Session 1: August 3rd to 7th**

**Session 2: August 10th to 14th**

**Ages 6 to 12**

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***Registration and Information for Yoga Camp Only***

**Kelly Schwartz 707.321.7707...www.solsticeyogakids.com**

***All programs held at...The Sebastopol Center for the Arts***

***6780 Depot Street, Sebastopol, 95472***

**Meryl Juniper** of "TumbleWeed", "FallingUpDacne" and "CreekMonkey" is a visual & performing artist, community arts activist/advocate & the prime instigator of collective multi-media art experiences and dance theater projects. Her 29 years of experience in arts education allows Meryl to delicately encourage the full spectrum of human expression to come forth, supporting the virtues & wisdoms that dwell within the expressive arts experience.

She brings a core of experience from a smattering of training in the somatic arts, extensive background in ethnic, modern & classical dance, Contact Improvisation, voice, Motion Theater & the visual arts. She holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts from San Francisco Art Institute.

Meryl teaches and performs locally as she promotes the safety of diving deep into the soul of creativity.