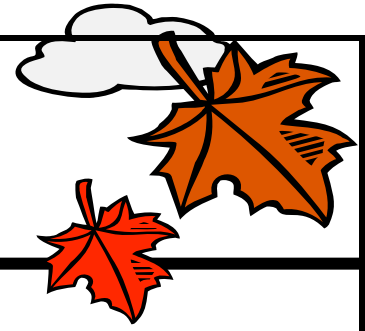


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## October 16, 2009



### Clos LaChance

The final numbers for Clos LaChance are in. We made over \$95,000 during this event. This is an incredible number. With the economic situation, we were anticipating a smaller number this year. However, once again our community demonstrated how supportive they are of our students and the CSMH philosophy!!

Each year, during the live auction we have a special time for individuals to make donations directly to a specific school cause. This year it was called "Be a Star." Like last year, each staff member was asked to create "wish lists" with budgets of \$200-\$600. Our goal was to collect \$20,000 to make all the wishes come true and we have met that goal!! The staff is overwhelmed by the outpouring of generosity and has already begun the process of filling their lists!!

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to this event!! And thanks again to all the volunteers who made the evening possible.

### The Great Shake Up

Yesterday, on October 15<sup>th</sup>, at 10:15 am, our students participated in the Great Shake Up. Over a million people in the Bay Area all dropped, covered and held. A two minute recording played over the school's loud speakers simulating the sound of an earthquake. The students protected themselves in the classroom and then evacuated onto the playing field. All of the classes had a buddy class when evacuating. This way we would immediately be alerted by the buddy classroom if someone needed help. There are also two teachers assigned to the group of students so that they can address any needs and/or emergencies. The students did an amazing job during the drill. Hopefully, we will never have to initiate our earthquake plan but living in the area we do need to be prepared!!

This is also a great opportunity for you to talk about your family's plan during an earthquake and to check to be sure you have all the necessary supplies.

### Congratulations

This year, for the first time, we applied for the California School Garden of the Year! Thirty-nine outstanding school gardens were considered for this award, each with its own merits and triumphs, and each phenomenal in its own way. The CSGN Garden of the Year Award subcommittee took careful time and consideration reviewing the applications, and judging them according to the outlined criteria. We are proud that the Charter School of Morgan Hill was selected as one of the top five

finalists. We have amazing gardens and an outstanding agriculture program at our school. Mrs. Funke deserves not only this special recognition but recognition from all of us for her hard work and excellent program.

### Carpool Reminders

- Please do not use the south entrance in the morning hours. This entrance is for staff only.
- The back parking lot is not a drop off or pick up area.
- Pull all the way forward in the morning. If it looks like the line will soon be moving do not have your child(ren) unload until you can move up.
- Students need to be ready to exit the car when they get the curb – this is not the time to pack backpacks, sign permission slips, etc.
- Our morning meeters and greeters are there to assist – parents do not need to turn off their cars or leave their vehicle. If you need to get out of your car then you need to park in a designated space.
- No one should be parking along Monterey Road.

**Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.**

### Rainy Day Dismissal

We want to apologize for how long the dismissal took on the very rainy Tuesday afternoon. Not only was this our first rainy day of the year, but as you all know, it was a torrential downpour. Unfortunately, our water proof walkie talkies did not like being drenched so communication became difficult. There are surely more rainy days to come and we will work on speeding up the process. Thank you for your patience.

### Up for Grabs

We are disposing of the following furniture and want offer it to our families first. We have 3 double desks and 20 single desks. They are older desks but in great shape. They would be ideal for a playroom and/or bedroom. Your child(ren) could use them to play school or do their homework. If you are interested please e-mail Nancy at [ndepalma@csmh.org](mailto:ndepalma@csmh.org). First come, first served.

**Be sure to check out the lost and found.  
It is overflowing!!**



## Upcoming Dates to Remember



October 19 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Minimum Day - Staff Development Charter School Chili's Day Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Horning) on field trip Middle school dance
October 26 <sup>th</sup>	Academic Chess
October 27 <sup>th</sup>	Rescheduled CSMH Board meeting at 7:00 pm
October 28 <sup>th</sup>	All kinders on field trip Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
October 29 <sup>th</sup>	Student Council Spirit Day - Sports Wear
October 30 <sup>th</sup>	No school - staff development day
November 2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Price) on field trip Academic Chess
November 3 <sup>rd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> grade (Wilkinson) on field trip
November 4 <sup>th</sup>	Minimum Day - Staff Development Order Hot Lunch by 5:00 pm
November 5 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Exhibition from 5:30-7:30 (dinner 5:00-7:00) - more info to come

Every Friday show your Charter School spirit!!