

Newsletter

24 September 2017



This Thursday, September 28, Mentoring Academy will conduct two evening events, first a College Counseling meeting at 5 for parents of 11th grade students and then at 6:30 our first Community Dinner.

Parents of 11th Grade Students College Counseling Meeting

5:00 - 6:30: Jean, our College Counselor, meets with 11th grade parents to explore the College Admissions process, dates, support and responsibilities. Meeting is in the New Room, third floor.

Community Dinner

6:30 - 7:30: Dinner and Conversations in the White Room and Main Room. Parents, students, and staff get together to eat a largely pot-luck, scrumptious dinner, while having a chance to get to know each other better. Students prepare main courses and home-made rolls. Parents sign up for the remainder of the meal, help with set-up and with clean-up.



7:30 - 9:00:
Meeting of
Community in
Sanctuary above

our Main Room. We meet to review the Fall Retreat, the beginning of school, and summarize the year's events which follow.

9:00 - 9:45: Clean-up. Best is everyone does some cleanup so those who signed up for the chore can complete it in a reasonable time.

Staff Work Day

On Friday the 29th no classes will be held because the staff has a work and professional development day at school. Classes resume Monday.

Important Announcements for Parents of Bouldering Students

We are expecting to start rock climbing (Bouldering) at Bridges in El Cerito this coming Tuesday, September 26. For those of you who are enrolled and are purchasing a membership allowing your child unlimited access to Bridges Bouldering for the remainder of the semester:

- Please send a separate check to Mentoring in the amount of \$120 for the four months of membership, with the memo "Bouldering". Please do not include this membership cost in your tuition check. They need to be separate.
- We will provide the transportation, chalk and the chalk bags for the students.
- Your child will need to either purchase a pair of shoes or bring \$10/class to rent a pair. We may be able to get the price reduced to \$5/ rental. If you want to purchase shoes, the prices range is from \$34.00-\$116.00. The more affordable shoes are available on Amazon:

https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_noss_2?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=rock+climbing+shoes

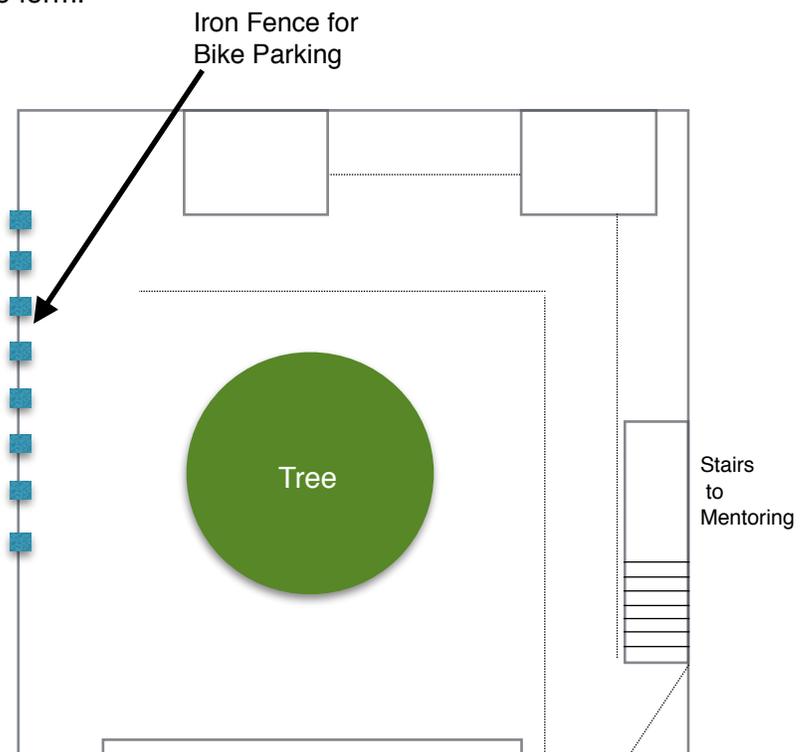
- And finally, Bridges is asking all parents to fill out a release form online:

<https://app.rockgympro.com/waiver/esign/bridges/2689a932-3493-4153-b7a7-21559ce96967>

Please go to the site and complete the form.

Bike Parking

It is wonderful that more students are riding bicycles to school. They have been parking their bikes in the main room, but there is no longer space to do so. From now on, we are asking students and staff to park and lock their bikes outside along the iron south fence of the garden area on the other side of the big tree. Bikers should bring a bike lock to school and lock their bike to the fence bars. If bikers forget their bike lock or if it's raining, please park your bike in the White Room during school hours. If a bike needs to be left overnight, please bring it into the Main Room until school starts the next day when it should be returned to the fence.



Recipe Book Project

Hi Students of Mentoring Academy,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer. Debora and I are working on a recipe book as a fundraiser for MAPs. We are creating a cookbook with all the student and staff's favorite recipes. It would be greatly appreciated if you could send in your favorite recipe to Debora to be added to the cookbook. Thank you all for the help.

— *Tori*

Information Session Saturday 14 October

The first information session for prospective students for next year will be held at Mentoring on Saturday the 14th of October. Prospective parents look forward to meeting parents of students to obtain a parent perspective. If you can join us on the 14th from 12 to 4, please let Debora know. We like to have two parents at each Info Session.

Solano Stroll and Rockridge Walkabout

Thank you to parents who participated in the Solano Stroll and the Rockridge Walkabout. Both resulted in several families finding out about our efforts and signing up for the Information Session.

