



Week of January 30, 2012



What's Going On...

Wednesday, February 1
 All-Parent Evening
 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 4
 Next Steps
 Elementary School
 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, February 8
 Eighth Grade Play
 Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9
 Eighth Grade Play
 Multipurpose Room
 10:15 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 9
 Half day; 12:15 p.m. dismissal
 Parent/Teacher Conferences,
 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 10
 Reenrollment contracts due
 School closed for
 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, February 11
 Mask Making Workshop
 Upper School Art Room, 2:30-
 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 16
 School Spirit Day

Thursday, February 16
 Second Annual Fashion Show
 Multipurpose Room, 7:00-
 9:00p.m.

From the Desk of the Director of Administration

As I have been meeting and greeting students in the morning, and when I am assisting students get to their cars in the afternoon I have observed some problems with drivers abiding by the guidelines for drop-off and pick-up of students. In the morning, please do not pull out of line and jump ahead of other cars. When you are stopped to allow your children to get out of the car, if they are not ready and space opens up in front of you, please pull forward to allow other parents to drop their children off. Parents dropping off musical instruments on Tuesdays and Wednesdays can park and help get the instruments into the school, but I ask that you wait and pull to the north end of the drop-off line before you park. **This is the only time when you can park in the drop-off line. When you have dropped off your child please do not make u-turns in front of the school.** Proceed to the intersection of Tamarind Road and Springgarden Road and use the road to the Parkview Apartments to turn around and head south on Tamarind Road. With the volume of traffic on Tamarind Road during drop-off time it is extremely dangerous for students, parents, and the crossing guard have u-turns from the drop-off line .

In the afternoon, you must stay with your car at all times if you are in the pick-up line. When you leave your car you cause others in line to try to pull around you, which causes a traffic blockage that could lead to accidents or injuries to students or other parents. If you need to leave your car, you must park on the southbound side of Tamarind Road or in the designated area on the northbound side of Tamarind Road. Please make sure that if the person picking up is new to the routine that you let them know what the procedure is for picking students. I am outside most afternoons and can assist you in getting your child to the car.

These guidelines were developed for the safety of parents and students, and they are only effective if everyone cooperates and abides by them. Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

On Wednesday, February 1, we will be having our second all school parent evening of the year. Parents will be given the opportunity to follow a typical day at school. This is an opportunity to meet your child's subject teachers and experience a mini-lesson. Your children's teachers will let you know the schedule of the evening. I hope to see you there.

Larry Snyder

A note about weather and clothing

Our students have outdoor recess in all weather. They will be happiest if they are warm	and dry. Please make sure your children are prepared with the appropriate clothing for	cold, damp weather, snow, and mud (!). It is important that they have warm hats, mittens,
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Contact information for School Chairs

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Celebrating the Year of the Dragon: Friday, February 3 Wear Red!

Over the past few days a new moon has been dazzling viewers here and afar. Its silvery, sliver crescent appearing at the bottom of the moon's circle reminds me of the song "Silver Moon Boat," a Chinese folk song, in which a silver boat crosses the sky past twinkling stars. Midnight, January 23rd, marked the beginning of the Spring Festival, also called "Chinese New Year," a festival celebrated all over the world and particularly in Asia. In China, families celebrate this holiday for a two week period much like our December holiday break. Festivities begin on the new moon and are filled with dragon parades and celebrations with extended family. The holiday culminates with the Lantern

Festival at the full moon.

In the WSB music classroom, first through fourth graders are singing songs like "Silver Moon Boat," and are learning a few Chinese words and games, as well as exploring the Ribbon Dance for our celebration of the year of the dragon. First through fourth will celebrate this festival during our in-school assembly in the Eurythmy Room on Friday. In first through fifth grade classrooms, students will have a chance to work with our seventh grade parent Yan Jiang doing either paper cutting or calligraphy and learning about Chinese traditions. On Thursday afternoon, the Upper School will have an opportunity to do Tai Chi with Ms. Jiang and will learn more about

the philosophical underpinnings of this ancient art. Middle School students (5th-7th) will also experience Tai Chi as well as paper cutting techniques with Ms. Jiang on Friday afternoon in an in-house assembly. Children's Garden students will be singing songs and hearing a story in their classrooms to celebrate the festival.

Everyone is encouraged to wear red on Friday, February 3rd!

We thank Ms. Jiang for bringing her knowledge and experiences to our classrooms and assemblies over this colorful and dynamic festival.

Kim Weisheit
for the Festivals Committee

Weather and clothing (continued)

boots, socks, and rain or snow pants—and a change of clothing,

especially socks and pants. Thanks for your attention.

From the Elementary Faculty

Eighth Grade Play

The eighth grade invites you to come see their production of the classic story of the March family, *Little Women*. The play follows the journey of the March sisters as they learn and grow from the joy and pain they experience on their road to womanhood: Christmas gifts given and received, memories

made, and hearts broken and healed, as well as the challenges of romance and family life. The girls create their own games and laughs as they struggle to overcome sadness and despair.

Three performances will be held: Wednesday, February 8 at 7:00

p.m.; Thursday, February 9 at 10:15 a.m.; and Thursday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m. All performances will be in the Multipurpose Room. Please come to any performance and experience the magic of growing up.



Eighth Graders in costume for the play

Above back: Lucretia Field and Aspen Gustin; front: Phoebe Reichel, Julian Dorsey-Ruffin, Olivia Platt.

Top right back: Lucretia Field, Susie Gittelsohn, Monu Kunkel, Aspen Gustin; front: Phoebe Reichel, Julian Dorsey-Ruffin, Olivia Platt.

Right: Sheilah Rubin-Wylie.



REPURPOSE - REUSE - REINVENT: Fashion Show Month is Here!

MASK MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 11, 2:30-4:00 p.m. in the Upper School Art Room. The MASK MAKING WORKSHOP is open to all students and parents—students in 5th grade and younger must attend with a parent (child care is *not* available). \$5.00 per person to cover costs. Taught

by Lauren O'Brien, fashion designer and artist. TO REGISTER: contact Brenda Wolf Smith at bsmith@twsb.org or bwolfsmith@aol.com.

FASHION SHOW

Thursday, February 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Yellowwood Building.

Fashion + Music + Performance + Refreshments + Vendors, and more! All are invited. \$6.00 per person OR \$5.00 if you wear a mask. With a Carnival flavor and PG rating!

Contact Brenda Wolf Smith for more information or if you would like to get involved!

Eurythmy mending help is needed

If you have a little time that you could give and would like to mend some of the costumes and eurythmy tunics, please let me know. The eurythmy assemblies are in mid-March and the first week in

April, so I'm looking through things and seeing what needs repairing.

Please contact me via email or put a note in my mailbox at school if you can take some mending home

to do. Thanks so much, Noris Friedman, for Eurythmy and Drama. nfriedman@twsb.org

Reenrollment Contracts Due February 10

Reenrollment contract packages for the 2012-2013 school year have been mailed. Please review the package carefully. If you have not received your package, please contact the elementary office. If you have questions, please contact Linda Zandler at ext. 206, email

lzandler@twsb.org or Kathy Lewis at ext. 205, email kLewis@twsb.org. They will be happy to assist you with the reenrollment process.

Please note that the deadline to return your enrollment contract and \$500 per child deposit is Friday,

February 10. Financial aid grant letters will be mailed by February 6. Timely reenrollment helps the faculty and staff plan effectively for next year. Send in your contract on time to reserve your child's place in the school and receive a 1% discount on your tuition!

Crafts and Conversation

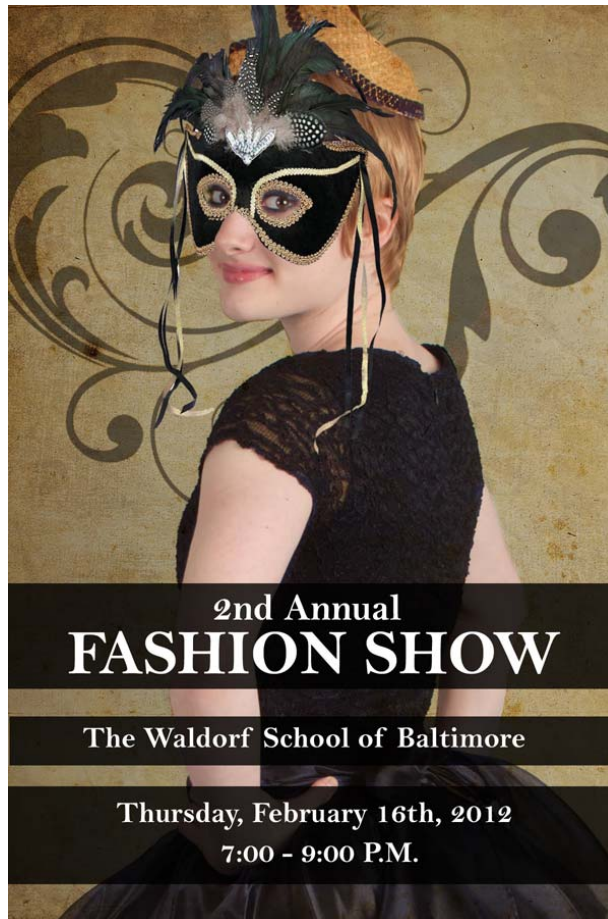
Beginners and experienced crafters alike are invited to meet in the Children's Garden Aftercare Room every Tuesday, 8:30-11:00 a.m. Bring your own project or join in making crafts to be sold in the

Spring Garden Store. Participation is free.

Planned projects include wool roving fairies, gnome hats for children, felted Easter eggs, and plantable cards.

Bring your own mug for the tea provided or buy coffee from the school store.

Led by Jane Emory (Abby, 4th): fancyjaneabc@aol.com or 410-882-0259.



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Community Notes

Sally Fallon Workshop: Waldorf families and friends may be interested to attend this workshop given by Sally Fallon, nutritionist. The workshop will be held here in Baltimore the first weekend in February 3 – 5. Follow the link to read about the workshop and sign up: <http://newtrendspublishing.com/conference/> ♦ ♦ ♦

A new Study Group has formed to study the Five Basic Books of Anthroposophy. They are *Theosophy*, *Knowledge of Higher Worlds*, *Christianity as Mystical Fact*, *Esoteric Science*, and *The Philosophy of Freedom*. The leaders will be Mi-

chael Judge and Carol Kelly. The group will meet every Sunday 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Over the course of one year, each book will receive eight weeks of complete study, and then it is on to the next book. We shall break for July and August. The material is to be read before the study group meets if you would like to be part of the discussion. This discussion will be after a single presenter goes over the section of material for that meeting. If you have not read the material you are still warmly welcome to come, listen, and observe. Attendance is totally flexible. Come as you wish. The study group began Sunday, Janu-

ary 22, at 5:30p.m. with *Theosophy*. The group will meet at 4221 Metzert Road in College Park (20740) at the Parish House meeting rooms of the Christian Community. Contact for any question or concern: Michael Judge: mjudge2000@gmail.com or 301-441-2223. ♦♦

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Marketplace

Wanted: Sitter for Oliver and Emile Bartolomeo: We need someone for Thursday afternoons from 2:30-5:30, including doing the pick-up from school. So ideally, we'd love to find someone that is comfortable driving Emile in our car to pick-up Oliver, then bringing both boys home for the rest of the afternoon. We hope to find someone that we can build a long-term relationship with. The sitter would also be useful on some weekends as well, and also when I travel for work. Call James or Christina at 443-682-9872, or e-mail to jbar-tolomeo@me.com Any and all recommendations would be hugely appreciated. ♦ ♦ ♦

Yama Studio has moved to Ruscombe Mansion! Starting the weekend of February 4-5, please join us at the Meditation Facilitator Training Program. This 5-month training

meets noon-5 p.m. one weekend a month and incorporates information and practices from many traditions to help you develop a practice that meets your needs. All meditation paths share the ability to enable us to experience life more fully by reducing stress and bringing integration to mind and body. As yoga practice gives us a means of accepting where we are in our lives, meditation helps us to transcend our difficulties and integrate all levels of our experience to create a greater sense of awareness of our connection to "All-that-is." Please check out our website, www.yamastudio.com for more details, or call 410-464-9000 for answers to all your questions. Alumna parent Jeanne Deignan-Kosmides will be one of the meditation teachers. ♦ ♦ ♦

4 bedroom, 2 bath home in Cold-spring Newtown with deck; spacious, light space. Call 410-627-6056, available immediately. ♦ ♦ ♦

Back in Business! Virginia Efta, Therapeutic Eurythmist, is again taking private clients for special eurythmy. She works out of her home and can be reached at 410-358-7274. Usual charges per session are \$60. A minimum of 7 sessions is recommended. It helps if she is able to speak with your child's teacher and physician if necessary. Please call if you have any questions, even those regarding cost. ♦♦♦

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 For sale: Toddler tricycle with back handle for parental guidance. Like new! Make an offer. Call Virginia Efta 410-358-7274. (Therapeutic eurythmist) ♦♦♦