



Week of September 26, 2011

What's Going On...

Thursday, September 29
Rosh Hashanah
All Schools Closed

Friday, September 30
Michaelmas/Festival of Courage
Pageant on Upper School Field
10:30 a.m.
(Rain Date: Monday, October 3)

Wednesday, October 12
Children's Garden Autumn
Festival



Visit the WSB
Farmstand
Wednesday
afternoon!

From the desk of the Director of Administration

This week the school will be closed on Thursday, September 29th for Rosh Hashanah. On Friday, we will be celebrating Michaelmas. At 10:30 a.m. there will be a pageant on the field adjacent to the Yellowwood Building. Students from grade 1 through grade 12 will be participating in the pageant, and parents are invited to attend. At 2:30 p.m. on the Tamarind Building recess field students will be participating in tugs of war. Parents are invited to attend this event also. Students will be dismissed at the usual time on this day. Both of these events are fun and exciting, and we hope that you can attend either of them or both. Students are encouraged to wear dragon-slaying red that day.

Larry Snyder

WSB and UNESCO

For three years, the Waldorf School of Baltimore has been a member of the Associated Schools Project (ASPnet) which connects it with students around the world and gives it access to resources from the UN and the US State Department, enabling our small school community to place a toe on the global stage. On September 13th and 15th, WSB was honored to host Aaron Mitchell, Communication & Information Officer, UNESCO Affairs, and Ira Udow, Regional UNESCO Coordinator in Canada. Our visitors wanted to see how WSB successfully integrates

the UN themes and goals into its curriculum and school life as a UNESCO-associated member, and to discuss future projects and opportunities at national and international levels with other ASPnet schools and universities. We were joined by Patrice Maynard from The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), who would like to encourage other Waldorf schools to get involved in ASPnet.

We were able to explain the unique approach of Waldorf Education that leads us to the ultimate goal to develop conscientious young people. Our guests were

learning about Waldorf Education for the first time and were impressed with both our philosophy and our many age-appropriate activities that develop a reverence for the natural world, along with stories that develop capacities for compassion and empathy that underlie the intellectual interests of older students. Our guests were also impressed with how our students' hands-on experiences help lead them to embrace a life compatible with sustainability in its many variations in a peaceful world.

The ASPnet activities, along with efforts to bring

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Why We Celebrate Michaelmas (Festival of Courage)

Why we celebrate

The children return in the autumn term full of energy and trailing with them summer's warmth; a new school year begins. Nature too is breathing in. From the expanse of high summer's dream she begins to awaken. The opening main lesson begins, and is guided over the weeks towards the first festival of the new school year--Michaelmas, a festival of the will; a festival to awaken to the struggle between Michael and the Dragon; a struggle which is enacted upon the great sleeping in-breath of nature, upon the return to the mundane, from the widths of space in high summer to the depths of the earth in winter. Michael is the guiding spirit of our time; it is no coincidence, therefore,

that children celebrate this festival . . . to mark the beginning of their school year. After the festival, the sense of purpose and courage resonates into the following weeks. . . . *Adapted from an article in Child and Man.*

What to wear and bring

The Festival of Courage will take place on Friday, September 30th. (Rain Date: Monday, October 3rd). The Festival of Courage is a celebration for the Lower, Middle, and Upper Schools. **Students in these divisions should bring gloves, a water bottle, hat, sneakers (NO CLEATS PERMITTED) and sunscreen.** Students in the Lower and Middle Schools should wear red.

The Upper School will wear all black.

Parents are invited

Parents are invited to the Pageant, which will take place on the Upper School Field at 10:30 a.m. During the day, Lower, Middle, and Upper School students will participate in a variety of Feats of Courage. Parents are invited to the Tugs of War, which will take place in the Lower School recess field at 2:30 p.m.

Children's Garden

The Children's Garden will not participate in this festival, but will have its own celebration of Autumn Garden in October (more information to come).



Upper School Snapshots

Mark your calendars now for the Senior Class Play! Directed by visiting teacher Preston Barker, the 12th grade is performing *An Inspector Calls* by J.B. Priestley, an English novelist, playwright, and broadcaster who lived from 1894 to 1984. *An Inspector Calls* is considered to be his best-known play and is one of the classics of mid-twentieth century theatre. Please note the dates of the play: The in-school perform-

ance will be at **10:30 on Thursday, October 20**. Evening performances will be at **7:00 on Friday, October 21 and Saturday, October 22**.

(These are new performance dates; the play was originally scheduled for the following week.) All performances will take place in the Multi-Purpose Room.

On Monday, September 26, the ninth grade is visiting the National Cryptologic Museum as part of their

main lesson studies on Permutations and Combinations with Mr. Mesevage.

Last Friday, the twelfth grade participated in a UNESCO project with Ms. Lorenzo-Chang. With a new Gigapan Imager and camera, seniors took photos of local murals, which will be part of a Intercultural project with other UNESCO schools around the world.

Middle School Student Council correction

We regret that last week's caption for this picture erred in omitting Lu-

cretia Field's name. Here is the corrected caption.



Middle School Student Council members, left to right: Katerina Volkov, Kristina Waymire, Sheilah Rubin-Wylie, **Lucretia Field**, Elias D'Anna, Matthew Hannan (sitting), Phoebe Reichel, Aspen Gustin, Wheeler Jarvis and Joshua Frick (both sitting), Emmy Pratt, and Jakob Raitzyk.

My Exchange with Escuela Libre Micael, Madrid, Spain

Last spring I went on a foreign exchange in Spain. I stayed with a family there and went to school with their children, Karoline and Annika. It was an extraordinary experience to be living in another country and experiencing their culture. Having school in another language was very challenging, but extremely educational, and I improved my

speaking and comprehension skills in Spanish significantly. My exchange family lived in the mountains in Madrid, but I got to go all over the country.

After my two months in Spain, I went and stayed with my friend, Laura, in Switzerland, who had stayed with me for five months in ninth grade as a WSB international

visiting student from a Waldorf school in Bern. It was wonderful to see her again and see where she lived; it was absolutely beautiful.

Rosie Redgrave
10th grade



Karoline, Annika, and me in a resort in Barcelona.



Laura and me in the Rose Garden in Bern, Switzerland.

It's not too early to think about the Children's Shopping Room!

ATTENTION WALDORF PARENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF... Wouldn't it be nice to have your handmade work for sale this year in the Holiday Fair Children's Shopping Room?

The fourth grade is seeking talented crafters with specialties in handmade items. We are seeking knitted

booties, caps, sweaters, scarves, baby bibs, clothing, aprons, homemade toys and home decor. We would be open to HOLIDAY ornaments, blankets, and are also seeking handmade jewelry for all ages.

If you have items you would like to donate for the December 3rd Holiday Fair Children's Shopping Room

or know someone who would be willing to donate handmade craft items please contact Marlo Thomas (Montez, 4th grade and Iman, Butterfly Room), marthomas@goodshepherdcenter.org

WSB and UNESCO (continued)

intercultural exchange opportunities to WSB, are led throughout the year by the Committee for Sustainability and Global Awareness and the teachers, staff, and students it works with. The committee, which meets once a month, is looking for new members; contact the chair, Chaddie Hughes, at chahugs@gmail.com, or talk to returning members Julie Gabrielli

(event chair), Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang (Spanish teacher and International Student Program Coordinator), Larry Snyder (Director of Administration), or volunteer parent Kimberley Field. Graciela Pasion (Spanish teacher) is joining us for the first time this year. Members are needed who can organize events and committee activities, as well as those who can

volunteer a helping hand once or twice during the year.

To see the complete list of UNESCO-Associated schools and universities in the United States please visit:
<http://maps.google.com/maps/ms?ie=UTF8&t=h&oe=UTF8&msa=0&msid=202657534446741910163.00049867776c8cbdf6103>



Left to right: Aaron Mitchell from the US State Department; Patrice Maynard from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA); Chaddie Hughes, former AWSNA and WSB board member; and Ed Meade, WSB Director of Academics.

Ida Idow, Regional UNESCO Coordinator in Canada, and Ed Meade observing a fifth grade Botany main lesson, an example of the integration of environmental awareness in the curriculum.



Community notes

Do you know a boy who loves to sing? The Maryland State Boy-choir will be holding auditions on October 1, 2011 at the MSB Center for the Arts. They are looking for boys ages 7-17. Entering its 25th year, the Boychoir fosters love for singing, celebrates diversity in the community, and teaches a tolerance for differences. Through extensive rehearsing, public performance, and commitment to the organization, the young men develop self-esteem, self-discipline, and character; outcomes of which are

reflected in the organization's mission. Call 410-554-8644 to schedule a time! Tell them Joshua Frick (6th grade) referred you so he gets credit in the contest for current choirboys.

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The Christian Community is a movement for religious renewal founded through the help of Rudolf Steiner in 1922. We offer a rich, year-round festival program as well as public talks, personal consultations, religious instruction and a unique Sunday service for children,

confirmation class, baptisms and other rituals. Upcoming events include a festive Michaelmas celebration on Sunday, October 2. Come learn more! Sundays: 9am, Religious Instruction (1-6 graders); 10am, Sunday Service for Children; 10:30am, Communion Service. 4221 Metzert Road, College Park, MD 20740. Please call Rev. Patrick Kennedy ([240-505-9960](tel:240-505-9960)) or Rev. Carol Kelly ([845-803-2071](tel:845-803-2071)) with any questions or visit www.ccgwb.org.

Marketplace

For Sale: Ribbon Fairy Dress, Wings, Headband; Toddler 2-4T, by Valerie Tabor Smith, in very gently loved condition. Asking: \$20. Contact Pat Smith pbalfour@gmail.com or 410-828-4654.

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For sale: Adams folding Trail-a-Bike. Take your 3 to 6 year old along on your next bike ride and let them help with their own set of pedals. The single wheel Trail-a-Bike connects to your seat post. The simple folding design lets it fit in the back or trunk of nearly any car. Lightly used. \$75 or best offer. Contact Christopher or Kimberly Field (Lucretia, 8th) at 410-366-5033 or ChristopherT-Field@gmail.com

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Rodgers Forge area parent seeking carpool: I am looking for help with transporting my 4th and 6th graders, Eva and Liam, back home after school Mondays and Tuesdays. It would be my pleasure to bring your

child to school on those mornings (my car has space for one). Please contact Laura King, 443-676-2645, if interested.

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Wanted: new/gently used bread maker. Please contact Laura: aleach@comcast.net

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Do you know someone who can help and work on computers? Noris Friedman, WSB eurythmy teacher, is in search of a computer expert/technician to hire, who can help clean up my computer and show me more of the ropes about it. I'm getting desperate and don't just want to take it into Staples or someplace like that. Thanks for any help or any leads in this direction. Please write nfriedman@twbsb.org or call 410-358-3008.

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The Feldenkrais Method puts your brain's plasticity to work for you, improving the comfort and efficiency of your body by utilizing the power of the

brain. It is unlike any other form of exercise or therapy, and is enjoyable, easy-to-do, and extremely effective. Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement classes have started for the fall and there is room in the Monday evening 6:30 and the Thursday morning at 10 . Please go to : <http://pariskern.home.comcast.net> for more information about The Feldenkrais Method and Paris Kern. PLUS!! Bartering Opportunity! Are you good in the garden? Do you wish you could not feel the aches and pains associated with the work? Be able to crouch, bend, pull, and twist with more ease? I have some light garden yard work needs doing (perennials need moving etc) and I would LOVE to trade with you for either a Feldenkrais Awareness through movement class series or some private Feldenkrais lessons. Paris Kern (Leo, Class of 2011), 410-433-6066 or Pariskern@comcast.net.



The Waldorf School of Baltimore

FARMSTAND!

WHERE?

The Plaza
(Front of the Tamarind Building)

WHEN?

Wednesdays, 2:30 – 4:00 PM
Fall & Spring

WHY?

To purchase local, chemically free
and sustainably grown produce and
goods.

To support Waldorf families producing
the above mentioned delicacies.

To raise funds for the Waldorf School
of Baltimore...

10% of all proceeds will be donated
to the school!



For more information contact Jen Baumgartner
(Zoe – 2nd Grade & Lily - Willow Room) at rootsfarmgirl@gmail.com.

Submit by Friday noon via e-mail: csnyder@bcpl.net