



Week of January 4, 2010

What's Going On...

Saturday, January 9
 Children's Garden Mini Morning
 9:00 a.m.

Monday, January 11
 Upper School Basketball
 vs. Cardin
 Towson Y, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12
 Upper School Basketball
 vs. Baltimore Civitas
 Towson Y, 4:00 p.m.

Monday, January 18
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 School Closed

Tuesday, January 19
 WCA Meeting
 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 20
 All School Parent Evening
 7:00-9:00 p.m.



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

I hope that everyone had a restful and happy holiday break. There are several personnel changes in the faculty for the next school year. Ed Meade, the current eighth grade class teacher, will become the sixth grade class teacher beginning in August 2010. Laura Trosch, the current fifth grade teacher, will be the first grade teacher beginning in August 2010. Both of these moves are in accordance with the modified looping program for class teachers that was announced last year.

Rosemarie Paull, lower school reading tutor, is not returning after the holiday break. We wish Rosemarie all the best in her future endeavors. Martha McLaughlin will be joining our faculty as the lower school reading tutor. Most recently she has worked at the Jemicy School in Owings Mills.

We are sorry to announce that Christine Good, the current fourth grade class teacher, will be leaving us at the end of the school year. She will be moving back to New York to be closer to her family. We wish her well in her future endeavors. A search for another class teacher has begun.

Now that we are in the early part of the winter, it is important that everyone be reminded of the school delayed opening/school closing procedure. For emergency school closings or delayed openings due to snow or inclement weather, the Waldorf School of Baltimore will notify WBAL radio, WBAL-TV, and WMAR-TV to make an announcement under the name of "Baltimore Waldorf School" on the radio and "Waldorf School of Baltimore" on TV. If you register with www.wbal.com, a message will be sent to you if school is closed. In addition, the school answering machine provides the latest information about closings or late openings. Please phone the office first. We endeavor to make our decision before 5:30 a.m. when at all possible.

In the case of a school delay, children who are enrolled in the Full Day program in the Children's Garden or the Elementary School should arrive at the specified time. Children who are enrolled in the half-day program in the Children's Garden are welcome, but are not required, to attend. In the Elementary School, there will be a shortened morning schedule and normal afternoon schedule.

If road conditions become poor during the course of a school day, you may pick up your child early. This procedure can be found in the Handbook for the Children's Garden and the Elementary School on Page 9 and in the Handbook for the Upper School on page 37.

Larry Snyder



The second session for pizza lunch starts February 3.

Look for the order form on p. 5.

Contact information for School Chairs

Upper School Chair: Donald Bufano, dbufano@twsb.org; 410-367-0647

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Children's Garden Chair: Noris Friedman, nfriedman@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext.371

Administrative Chair: Larry Snyder, lsnyder@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 201

Upper School Students to Represent WSB to the State

Amelia Downs-Flickinger is representing our school with her charcoal self portrait at the at the Maryland Art Education Association **State House Exhibit ~ 2010** during the 2010 Maryland Legislative Session. This statewide exhibit will be in-

stalled in the tunnels of the State House in Annapolis where the legislators travel each day while in session. Congratulations Emmie!

Also, Amelia's work *Bananas*, Leo Kern's self-portrait, and Rosie

Redgrave's *Negative and Positive* will represent the Waldorf School of Baltimore in an Optimist art exhibition of Baltimore City and County high school students at the Towson ARTS Collective. Amelia and Leo are both in the eleventh grade; Rosie is in ninth grade.

WSB Students Reach Out to the Community

This Holiday Season, the beautiful work of WSB Students reached the following senior communities in Baltimore: Oak Crest Village senior

housing and Levindale Nursing Home. Students from grades 1 to 11 made bilingual Holiday cards in their German and Spanish classes. The cards were received with much

appreciation. Thanks to all the students for their nice work!

German and Spanish Departments

Upper School Basketball Schedule

Come on out and support the upper school basketball team! Here's their schedule:

- Monday, January 11, vs. Cardin at the Towson Y, 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 12, vs. Balti-

more Civitas at the Towson Y, 4:00 p.m.

- Tuesday, January 19, vs. Reach at the Towson Y, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 25, vs. Jemicy at the Towson Y, 4:00 p.m.

- Wednesday, January 27, vs. Gerstell at Gerstell, 3:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, February 2, vs. Cardin at the J.C.C., 5:30 p.m.

Student Council Fulfills Holiday Wishes

The Student Council would like to thank the school community for working with them to fulfill the wishes made by our adopted family for the Holidays. Over the days leading up to the Holidays, your generosity saw a growing mountain of beautiful presents amassing in the Tamarind Building lobby. Clothes, toys, shoes, boots, books, gift cards, cleaning products, four bicycles, a tree with decorations

and much, much more were donated by all of you and were delivered to St. Dominic's Church on Harford Road.

Student Council members Asher Gruver Williams (Treasurer), Lucretia Field (Corresponding Secretary), and Aspen Gustin (6th Grade Representative) packed the presents into cars and accompanied Vicki D'Anna (Elias, 5th), June Fletcher-Hill (Will, 8th), Larry Snyder,

and Pat Whitehead to St. Dominic's where they were met by Linda Hyle.

Linda and her helpers pass on their heartfelt thanks to the Waldorf Community. "This family will not know what has hit them" said Linda, "It will make their holiday truly special." Lynda hopes we will work with St. Dominic's again next holiday time.

Well done, Waldorf, and a Happy New Year!



Delivering Christmas

Back row: Linda Hyle (St. Dominic's Church), June Fletcher-Hill, Larry Snyder, Vicki D'Anna. Front row: Asher Gruver-Williams, Aspen Gustin, and Lucretia Field.

(More photos on p. 4)

Middle School Students Mix Up Lunch

Mix It Up is a nationwide campaign that supports students who want to identify, question, and cross social boundaries that separate them from each other and help build inclusive, welcoming learning environments. This is our second year of participation in Mix It Up at Lunch Day.

The students in the Middle School chose a paper from a basket that directed them to a particular classroom for the lunch period on November 10. This created an opportunity for Middle School students to socialize with students from other grades. We were in the seventh grade room and we interacted with

sixth and seventh graders. It was awkward at first, but then we warmed up to them and had a great time. When we left, we felt we had gotten to know them better.

Isabeau Rea & Sophia Scanlon
Student Social Action Committee



Our lobby has never looked so much like the North Pole!
Thanks again to everyone for such generosity.





PIZZA FUNDRAISER ORDER FORM

WEDNESDAYS

2/3/10 – 6/9/10

DUE BY FRIDAY, 1/22/10

**Looking for a way to support the school and save time in the process?
Well, we have the answer for you!!**

The **Pizza Fundraiser** is an easy, convenient way for you to help raise money for the school's class trip fund by purchasing a cheese pizza lunch for your child(ren) every Wednesday. Again, we've broken the school year into two sessions to reduce paperwork. Pizza is \$2 per slice and there are 17 Wednesdays during this, the second session (we've thrown in one free day in case of absence.)

Order Forms For This Pay Period Are Due By FRIDAY, JANUARY 22ND! Please submit forms to either Jean Engelke (Tamarind Road Building), Sherri Kasky, or Diane Hrabal (Yellowwood Road Building.)

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PIZZA ORDER FORM (2/3/10 – 6/9/10)

\$2 PER SLICE X # SLICES X 16 WEDNESDAYS (1 slice = \$32; 2 slices = \$64; 3 slices = \$96)

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name : _____ CLASS: _____ # Slices _____ \$ _____

Child's Name : _____ CLASS: _____ # Slices _____ \$ _____

Child's Name : _____ CLASS: _____ # Slices _____ \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please make check payable to "Waldorf School of Baltimore."

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

Weekly

Editor: Charlotte Snyder. Submissions: Email to csnyder@bcpl.net by noon on Friday.
 Submissions should be in Microsoft Word in plain text.
(No text boxes, tables, or other formatting, or PDF documents, please!)

Community Notes

A pool table with billiard balls and working pinball machine are needed in the Upper School for a physics main lesson. If you or anyone you know can donate or lend us one, please contact Marian Perry Tamburrino at 410-367-0647. ♦♦

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Monthly Peace Circle January 10, 3-5 p.m. Beginners welcome. Dances of Universal Peace are heart-felt, healing, fun, community-building, with simple movements. Near Catonsville at the Westchester Community Center; 2414 Westchester Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Wear layers:

outside Circles held when weather allows. Followed by pot-luck dinner, optional, around the corner at our home. For directions, see www.oella.org. For questions, call Peggy (Naji, 8th) 410-465-1914.♦♦♦

Marketplace

QIGONG LESSONS: Bob Darlington (Jessery, 2nd) will be teaching Four Minute Qigong and Dragon and Tiger Qigong at the Ruscombe Mansion in January. There will be two after school classes for children starting January 26 and 27. There will be an all ages class starting January 25 at 7 p.m. Bob will also teach Four Minute Qigong in one evening on Friday, January 29. All students must pre-register, so please email Bob for details and an e-flyer at howlin-fido@aol.com. Qigong is a great way to build good health and calm the mind. Four Minute Qigong can literally be performed in four minutes in a very small space. Dragon and Tiger Qigong is one of the oldest and easiest to practice Qigong forms. Bob Darlington is a certified Tai Chi and Qigong teacher. He is also an Aikido Yudansha (Black Belt).♦

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Wellness Practitioners/Location Wanted: We are currently looking to expand our Wellness practice in the Hunt Valley area, beginning of the new year. At this time, we are seeking a peaceful location with great

vibes. If you are interested in renting a wellness space, full or part time, and/or, if you have a restful retreat you would like to lease, please contact Tia Thompson: Tialama@yahoo.com or 410-833-5448.♦♦

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Sounder Sleep and Feldenkrais Classes: Paris Kern is offering 3 ten-week Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement® classes a week starting January AND a 3 week class in Sounder Sleep. All classes are at her studio in Roland Park. Feldenkrais is appropriate for anyone wishing to improve their movement or athletic performance, reduce injuries, and create better flexibility and coordination. Sounder Sleep is an offshoot of Feldenkrais, yoga, and meditation practices and is a holistic approach to insomnia and stress reduction. Please look at my web site for more information on both Feldenkrais and Sounder Sleep. Feldenkrais: Monday, 7-8 p.m., January 4-March 22; Thursday, 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., January 7 - March 25. 10 classes: \$150. Sounder Sleep: Tuesday, 6:30-8 p.m., January

5,12, and 19. 3 classes: \$75. Call Paris Kern (Leo, 11th grade) 410-433-6066 or pariskern@comcast.net ♦♦♦

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Beautiful condo for sale by owner; 5 minutes from Waldorf School. Cathedral ceiling, fireplace, balcony; spiral stairs to loft overlooking LR/DR, use as study, 2nd BR. 2 baths, walk-in closet, underground parking, storage rm. \$175,000. Call 410-664-9451.♦♦♦

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