



Week of October 12, 2009

What's Going On...

Wednesday, October 14
Waldorf Community
Association Meeting
Music Room, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 16
Harvest Festival for grades 1-5
Yellowwood Building field
3:30-5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 20
College Admissions Workshop
Eurythmy Room, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 23
Middle School Fall Dance
Multipurpose Room,
7:00-10:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 24
Children's Garden
Mini-Morning
9:30-11:00 a.m.

Thursday and Friday,
October 29 and 30
Parent-Teacher Conferences
for Children's Garden and
Grades 1-8
Children's Garden and
Elementary School Closed
Upper School Open



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

On Friday, October 16, the Waldorf Community Alliance (WCA) will be sponsoring a harvest get together after school from 3:30-5:00. Due to the construction activities at the Tamarind Building, this year's festival will be held on the field adjacent to the Yellowwood Building. There will activities and games for the children. Snacks and drinks provided by the classes.

It is not too early to be making your appointments for the Parent-Teacher conferences to be held on Thursday and Friday, October 29 and 30 for the children's Garden classes and grades 1-8. The School will be closed to students in those classes. The Upper School will be open on a normal schedule those days. The parent-teacher conferences for the Upper School will be held on November 12th and 13th.

At drop-off and pick-up at the Tamarind Building, I continue to observe violations of the procedure. Cars are pulling out of line and trying to jump ahead as spaces open up. Some cars are still making U-turns in front of the school. Both of these practices are dangerous and put the students and the crossing guard at risk for serious injury. We ask your cooperation in these matters.

There is no question that the flu is among us. Students have been absent with both colds and flu-like symptoms. Since, in most cases, doctors are not testing for specific flu strains, we are just taking all student absences in the most serious terms. We continue to clean the school buildings carefully, remind students of good hygiene practices, and remind all parents NOT to bring children who are sick to school, and not to have them return until a fever subsides for a full 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Larry Snyder

Harvest Festival

Please join us for food, fun, and crafts! There will be games to play, scarecrows to make, and pumpkins to decorate!

Please bring:

- a dish to share
- utensils, plates, etc. from home to help reduce waste
- old clothes! (adult or kid sizes!) to make a scarecrow

Who: Grades 1-5

When: Friday, October 16, 3:30pm-5:00 p.m.

Where: Field adjacent to Yellowwood Building

Our thoughts and prayers are with Charles Ross, crossing guard, at the death of his father, Wyatt Bailey, in Annapolis last Saturday.

Contact information for School Chairs

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

Middle School Chair: Ed Meade, emeade@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 365

Lower School Chair: Laura Trosch, ltrosch@twsb.org; 410-367-6808

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

Scrip News

SCRIP Sales for the week ending 10/2/09:

Total value of cards sold: \$950

Profit from these cards: \$48

Total profit Year to Date: \$539.25

PARTICIPANTS

(WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2009)

John Clemson

Sherry Frick

June Fletcher-Hill

Sherri Kasky

Roslyn Lisberger

Larry Snyder

Alex Williams

It's Time to Renew!

Please renew your commitment to Safeway before November 1 to avoid interruptions in contributions to the Waldorf School of Baltimore!

Renew your commitment to Safeway and continue contributing up to **4 percent** to Waldorf School of Baltimore. Renew **before November 1** to avoid interruptions in your contributions at <http://www.escrip.com>.

Upcoming SCRIP Order Deadlines:

It's not too early to start thinking about SCRIP for the holidays. To help cut down on your shopping

frenzy, our Great Lakes Scrip ordering deadlines through the end of 2009 are:

- **October 9**
- **November 13** (in time for Hanukkah)
- **December 11** (in time for Christmas and Kwanzaa)

Thanks to everyone who supports SCRIP for Waldorf. Every little bit counts and you are making it happen.

*Gail Kurek
Scrip Team Member, Sales*

Giant A+ Bonus Bucks Program

Giant Food has begun its A+ Bonus Bucks Program for schools. Every time you use your Giant Food bonus card, the school receives Bonus Bucks points based on the amount of your purchases. At the end of the program the school will

receive a cash award based on the total number of points earned throughout the year. Last year, the school received almost \$400 from this program. The program runs from October 9-March 25. To register your card, go to

www.giantfood.com; click on Our Stores and then on A+-register your card. Our school's code is 01317.

Halloween in the Children's Garden

In School

During the week leading up to Halloween, each class will celebrate in their own way. **The Children's Garden faculty asks that your child not bring costumes to school.** If you are organizing a celebration with costumes after school, please be respectful of the choices other families may make by not discussing your plans during school time.

At Home

Now that autumn has arrived and we are well into the month of October, Halloween is just around the corner. Halloween has been a tradition beloved by children. However, in recent years it has taken on aspects that are not the healthiest for young children. Children who have seen too many scary costumes and masks, eaten too many sweets, and stayed up late on Halloween may become upset and over-excited.

They are often tired and restless the following day. We encourage parents to consider the following suggestions to help their children celebrate a simple Halloween with images that are healthy for them.

Children love to help carve pumpkins or other fall vegetables such as turnips, large gourds, or even certain varieties of winter squash.

These lighted Jack-O'Lanterns lend a warm glow to the night. Home-made costumes need not be elaborate; children are often happiest with uncomplicated attire. Children look forward to putting together a costume that is meaningful for them. They may want to dress like characters from a story such as a king or a queen, knight, hobgoblin, gnome, or fairy. Or they may want to be someone they are familiar with from everyday life such as an animal, farmer, baker, police officer, firefighter, dancer, doctor, or nurse. We recommend that you consider

costumes without masks. Many young children's perceptions of reality are still a bit tenuous and seeing people in masks is often frightening for young children. A mask hides the human face that defines a person's true nature. Being unable to see the true nature of a person can make a disturbing impression on a tender soul.

If you go trick-or-treating, it need not be extensive. Visiting a few houses in your neighborhood or the familiar house of a friend could be very satisfying. In order to handle the candy dilemma, some families have relied on the Sugar Fairy to slip into the house on Halloween night, take some or all of the candy and treats, and leave in exchange a treasure, story book, or a small surprise.

We hope these ideas will inspire your family's celebration of this holiday.

2009-2010 Annual Fund

The 2008-2009 Annual Fund set new records with over \$113,000 raised. The Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, and six classes reached 100% participation. **Thank you to all who gave to the Annual Fund last year.**

Like all independent schools, we rely on our Annual Fund to help defray the full cost of a Waldorf education. Unrestricted gifts are an

investment in our school and provide support for faculty, curriculum, and facilities, directly benefiting all students.

The Annual Fund is a flexible resource to help fund daily operations. Faculty salaries, professional development, financial aid, specialty programs, and facility upkeep are some of the important uses of the money raised.

Our goal for 2009-2010 is

\$90,000. As a community, we all share in the pride of meeting our goal and setting new records. Please look for your letter in the mail and respond generously.

Thank you!

June Fletcher-Hill
Development Manager

College Admissions Workshop

The 11th grade student/parent College Admissions Process Workshop with Irena Makarushka will be on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 pm in the Eurythmy Room. The focus will be on the 11th grade year and planning for 12th grade. Ms. Makarushka will also focus on roles and responsibilities of the school, the college consultant, and students and parents. Everyone please mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend this important event with your son/daughter.

In addition, we are providing two individual counseling sessions for each 11th grade student, one in the fall and one in the spring. The fall session is for students, but parents, please, make yourself available to join the meeting if required.

Please sign up for one of the following fall sessions. Dates available for the spring sessions will be confirmed shortly.

Nov 2, 3, 4, or 5 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., **or**

Nov. 9, 10, 11 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. or from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

These appointments will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis, so please give me your first two preferences. Email me or contact me at 410-367-0647.

Students will also have the benefit of a workshop after the Winter Holidays. This will be held during the school day.

Diane Hrabal

Middle School Fall Dance

Friday, October 23, 7-10 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Admission is \$5.

Please bring:

- 6th grade-drinks
- 7th grade-snacks
- 8th grade-desserts

Also: support the Student Council by purchasing cider and snacks on

Thursdays on the plaza at dismissal.

Lucretia Field,
Corresponding Secretary

Raphael Branch Lecture

The Raphael Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in Baltimore extends a warm invitation to all for a lecture on "The Double and the Guardian in World Literature and in the Spiritual Scientific Research of Rudolf Steiner" by Stephen Usher on Sunday, October 18, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room at the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

The lecture will begin with a brief survey of literary works that mention the double experience. From there Rudolf Steiner's thoughts on the double, the Lesser Guardian, and the Greater Guardian will be

explored. Steiner commented extensively on the topic in basic works like *How Does One Attain Knowledge of Higher Worlds?* and *Occult Science*; in many lectures; and the Guardian and the Double appear in his Mystery Dramas.

Stephen Usher, PhD., is the former publisher and manager of Anthroposophic Press in the USA. He is a founding member of the Social Science Section in the U.S., trustee of the Rudolf Steiner Charitable Trust, and former staff economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Currently he is a special consultant

to NERA (an economic consulting firm) and works as an independent consultant in economic analysis. He is author of numerous articles on Anthroposophical topics and financial issues related to the insurance and securities business, and lectures frequently on a wide range of Anthroposophical topics.

Admission: \$8. Raphael branch members: free admission. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Els Woutersen at 410-563-3791 or Els_Woutersen@yahoo.com.



CKCS is back for another delicious year!

Classes taught by Chef Nikki, co-host of "Child Life TV Cooking Show" at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, and her staff of culinary experts

Mondays

3:30- 5:00 pm

Grades 1-5



Cooking with kids is our main course...

What's to come:

Around the world (France, Ireland, England Session A)- cultural exploration through cuisine (languages, celebrations, ingredients)

*Aprons and chef hats provided

*Leftovers taken home

etiquette, tablescapes, the senses, nutri-

We incorporate science, math, nutrition, and kitchen safety into the preparation of fun and delicious culinary specialties.

Student's Name(s): _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

**Allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

After class my child will: (circle one) *Be picked up at 3rd grade room *Go to aftercare

Please make checks payable to: CKCS, LLC and mail to: 8419 Church Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Parent that volunteers for an entire session pays only \$70 per session

Call first to see if spot is available 978-223-3068

' Session A: 9./14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/12

\$130/\$110

To find out more about CKCS, LLC: visit us at: CKCSweb.com or call 978-223-3068

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

Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble to perform for our students

We are delighted to announce that the Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble will return to our area to perform 2 programs for the students. Anyone will be welcome to attend. Details will follow as the date approaches. However, you can mark your calendar now for **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER, 17, 2009** during the day.

The ensemble is presenting 2 programs, one for Children's Garden through Grade 3 and one for Grades 4-11.

These performances are sponsored by the school with support and help from the WCA and our local Raphael Branch of the Anthroposophical Society. It is wonderful for the students to be able to watch a per-

formance by professional eurythmists. The Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble has performed at WSB often and has always been well received. We look forward to this event. **If you wish to help with either housing or meals and snacks, please let me know. All help is great appreciated.** Please contact me at nfriedman@twsb.org

Noris Friedman

Community notes

Join Chesapeake Shakespeare Company in the Haunted Ruins with this season's "Movable Shakespeare" -- JULIUS CAESAR. The audience follows the actors from site to site and room to room at the ruins of the PFI Historic Park in Ellicott City through November 1st. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8, Sundays at 6. Adult tickets are \$25-\$30 and students under 22 are \$10. www.ChesapeakeShakespeare.com or 866.811.4111. It's a highly accessible and entertaining way to introduce kids to Shakespeare's great tragedy. Recommended for 9 and up.

Do you know the 4 Success Secrets of Becoming Green-Blooded? After 20 years of working with greening, I asked myself: What are THE most important things someone absolutely must know in order to successfully and joyfully integrate a green mindset into their business and life? The answers surprised even me. But here's the really cool part. I'm going to reveal what I discovered in a brand new, complimentary Special Report: *The 4 Success Secrets of Going Green*, which will be available for download starting **Friday, October**

2nd. Here's the catch: I'm only going to give the report away for FREE for a LIMITED TIME. Please share this offer with your friends, family and colleagues—just be sure to download your copy first! <http://tinyurl.com/green-blooded> Julie E. Gabrielli (Toby, 2nd).

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Please join us at The Graham Equestrian Center, a non-profit horse and horsemanship educational center, on Saturday, October 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., for The Day of the Horse, featuring Graham's herd of 22 horses, innovative educational programs, equine demonstrations and family entertainment. Graham is located at 10301 Harford Road, in Glen Arm (near Towson), MD. Visit <http://www.grahameq.org/content/day-horse> for more information.

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Money: Getting a handle on it. Pivot Point presents *MONEY: Building a Lifetime of Security with what you have*, a half day workshop with John Devitt, accountant since 1970, Financial Planner, RIA; and Jennifer Downs RN, Lic. Ac. In this workshop you will: recognize issues you have about money; discover

ways you can gain understanding; begin to set financial goals that are attainable with resources you have or will create; discover tools that help people to work together on finances. We will also explore options for an ongoing working group. October 24, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., at the Waldorf School of Baltimore. Cost: \$70/\$65. Register by October 20 for lower rate. Register online with Paypal (www.jenniferdowns.com) or by mail: Pivot Point, 2501 Manhattan Avenue, 21215.

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Volunteers needed: The Graham Equestrian Center, a 501(c)3 non-profit horse and horsemanship educational center located in at 10301 Harford Road, in Glen Arm (near Towson), MD, is seeking your volunteer support for its premier event, "The Day of the Horse," to be held on Saturday, October 17, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This is a special day filled with horses, fun educational programs, equine demonstrations, and family entertainment. We are looking for volunteers in the following areas: Parking; Parade of Breeds; Greeting/Welcome Table; Kid's Corner (including face painting). We will pro-

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vide a tee-shirt and a \$5.00 food voucher to volunteers who contribute 3 hours or more to The Day of the Horse. If interested, please contact Kathleen Tabor, Event Coordinator, at 443/454-2163.

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Wanted: Magic Makers: Do you enjoy physical work, teamwork, and having fun while creating magic? Then, here is the job for you . . . join

the "Winter Fairies' Grotto" Team (formerly known as "Winter Walk"). We're looking for a core group of people who will become the creative backbone in pulling this magical, winter wonderland together. If you are interested, please contact Tia Thompson (Ethan, 1st) at Tiallama@yahoo.com.

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Wanted: Fairies: Remember when you were a child and wanted to be-

come a fairy? Well, now you can! We're looking for magical people to be the Winter Fairy in the "Winter Fairies' Grotto" at our Holiday Fair. These highly sought after time slots do fill up very quickly! Payment: witnessing the wonder in a child's eyes! Please contact Tia Thompson (Ethan, 1st) at Tiallama@yahoo.com.

Marketplace

For Sale -Beautiful birch wood mini kitchen set. For children 3-6 years old. Includes sink, stovetop, cupboard, oven, and 23 wooden pieces of play cookware and food. Very compact: 31" tall, 22" wide, 13" deep. Designed in Switzerland. Purchased from Magic Cabin for \$99. Perfect condition. \$60 or best offer. Call Laura Kessler (410) 889-4181.

Clothing alterations: men's, women's, or children's. Charge by hour or by garment; rates competitive with dry cleaner. Call Kimberly Field (former handwork assistant and mother of Lucretia, 6th), 410-366-5033.

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Reflexology is a heavenly way of maintaining health and optimal wellness. It feels incredible, and can address many physical problems. One session lowers stress, and more have a cumulative effect that can enhance

life and improve health, particularly sleep. Call for an appointment: Erika Grant, 443-449-9411.

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Moving sale: two solid wood cargo style bedroom sets (each set includes a twin bed with drawers underneath, night table, dresser and desk), \$300 each; Toyota Sienna van, 2004, 113,000 miles (highway mostly), one owner, well-taken care of, few scratches on the outside, \$9,000; wooden swing set (3 swings, two chairs facing each other, two slides, fort), \$300; trampoline, \$50; red Bugaboo/Frog stroller (converts to a bassinet), \$250 (sells for \$750). We are moving in a couple of weeks. Call Tom Bufano, (443) 829-7541.

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Become more ALIVE and PAIN FREE with masterful body work. Michael Campbell (former Waldorf student from Garden City, NY,

and friend of Melanie and Gaia Bethel-Birch, 7th grade) has been a Body Worker and Life Coach since 1980. Drawing from eight different body work modalities, Michael offers single sessions, as well as the ten session series of structural integration. Please call for a free consultation and to begin your journey back to wholeness. Michael can be reached at 410-299-6037 or by email at csthealingbigplanet.com. Mention this ad and get \$10 off first session.

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For sale: Ikea computer desk with pull-out keyboard shelf, shelves for printer, paper storage, and discs; 32"x60"; \$70 . Call Paris (Leo, 11th grade), 410-433-6066.

