



Week of October 19, 2009

What's Going On...

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.

Friday, October 23
 Harvest Festival
 Yellowwood Building Field
 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday, October 28
 Halloween Parade
 Grades 1-4
 Tamarind Building, 8:45 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

Friday, October 20
 Upper School Halloween
 Celebration



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

Work is progressing on the new Children's Garden classrooms. The plumbers have been working on the piping for the sinks, toilets, and the water supply. Sheet metal mechanics have started installing the ductwork for the ventilation system. The rooms have been laid out and mechanics have begun installing the framing for the walls. Henry Lewis Contractors, the construction managers, anticipate that the new spaces will be completed in May of 2010.

Inclement weather caused the WCA to postpone the Harvest Festival until Friday, October 23. As previously mentioned it will be held from 3:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on the field adjacent to the Yellowwood Building weather permitting.

Just a reminder: if you have not signed up for your parent teacher conference for the Children's Garden classes and Grades 1-8, please do so this week. The conferences will be held on Thursday, October 29th and Friday, October 30th. There will be no classes for the students in those grades on those days. Last week I misstated the dates for the Upper School parent teacher conferences. The Upper School conference dates are Thursday, November 19th and Friday, November 20th. There will be no classes for students in the Upper School on those days.

Larry Snyder

Potluck lunch for Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our potluck lunches for Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 29th and 30th. Please pick one of the dates that will work best for you and bring in a dish for our teachers. Your offering can be

anything you'd like: sandwiches, salads, soups, side dishes, desserts, etc. The teachers really appreciate this gift from the parents. It is a treat they enjoy and look forward to for sustenance

through the long conference days. Please contact Marc Silverman at msilvermann33@hotmail.com and let him know which date and what you would like to bring. Thank you for your support.

Did you know . . .

- the ninth grade went to Washington, D.C. last week?
- Edna Emmet (art teacher) and Pat Whitehead (Admissions Director) led a wet-on-wet watercolor workshop at the Jewish Community Center on October 14?
- Ed Meade (eighth grade teacher) traveled to the Princeton Waldorf School to assist in their AWSNA accreditation?
- the WCA is selling Zeke's Coffee for a fundraiser? (Look for the order form at the end of this issue.)

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

Week ending 10/9/09:

Total value of cards sold: \$825
 Profit from these cards: \$35.75
Total profit Year to Date: \$575
Upcoming SCRIP Order Dead-

PARTICIPANTS
 (WEEK OF OCTOBER 9, 2009)

Admissions
 John Clemson
 June Fletcher-Hill
 Jane Hardy
 Gail Kurek

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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:

- **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.

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>.

Gail Kurek
 Scrip Team Member, Sales

Why I Give to the Annual Fund

Our Annual Fund is an unrestricted fund that supports the educational program. A gift of any size is appreciated. The Annual Fund is as much about participation as it is about the amount of money raised.

Meg Meyer, former President of the Board of Trustees, among many volunteer roles at Waldorf, wrote these thoughts about why she gives to the Annual Fund:

The Waldorf School of Baltimore is on my list of groups I give to

every year. And it has been for over 15 years. I give because my daughter received an immense gift from the school: the awareness that life is about lots of things. Life is about knitting and sculpture, as well as addition and subtraction. It is about drawing and building, as well as reading and writing. Life is about music and friends. And so much more. But she not only learned that these things are all important. She also learned that they are equally important. That paint-

ing is as important as science and sculpture is as important as history. I don't think she would have that impression from other schools, and so I give annually to the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

Meg's daughter is a 2001 graduate. Thank you, Meg, for your involvement and support of Waldorf!

June Fletcher-Hill
 Development Manager

WSB goes out on the road again

As we start our new Admission season, our school will once again take a prominent position in Baltimore as we work to attract new families to the school. The Admissions Office would like to hear from anyone who can help by taking leaflets, posters, and other materials designed to advertise the school and inform potential parents of our upcoming Admissions Events. Please contact Pat or Bonny on 410-367-6808 ext 202 or by email bmo-chan@twsb.org Getting the word out is a critical job that everyone can help with.

In the meantime, here's an up-date of our activities:

The AIMS Fair

Held on Sunday October 4th on the John's Hopkins campus, Laura Trosch (Lower School Chair), Ed Meade (Middle School Chair), Donald Bufano (Upper School Chair),

and Pat Whitehead (Admissions Director) represented the school. We were kept busy throughout the afternoon answering questions about our programs and giving out information. This was despite a 50% drop in attendees from previous years, according to the Association of Independent Maryland Schools (AIMS).

High School Fairs

Pat Whitehead and various members of the Upper School faculty are on the road with our Upper School material. Visits to schools include:

- The Ujima Kipp School
- St James Academy
- Krieger Schechter Day School
- Harford Day School

Children's Garden Outreach

Lisa Bechmann (Nursery teacher) is once more running monthly outreach session at Whole Foods Mar-

ket in Mount Washington. She plans to work with other branches of Whole Foods and will begin work in local libraries this school year. Lisa takes a small puppet show, a simple handcraft, or some cooking to these venues and always attracts a great deal of interest in the school from parents of young children.

General Outreach

Pat is out and about whenever she is not leading school tours. Her visits are to schools ending in kindergarten, grade 5, or grade 8.

This is a wonderfully busy time of year. If you are interested in helping our Admissions efforts by distributing information, writing follow up letters, being a warm friendly host at one of our in-house events, please contact us as soon as possible. Contact Pat or Bonny on 410-367-6808 ext. 203 or by email bmo-chan@twsb.org or pwhitehead@twsb.org

Halloween Parade for Grades 1-4 is Wednesday, October 28

On Wednesday, October 28, children in Grades One through Four will take part in a Halloween costume parade.

Children should report to school already in their costumes along with a change of clothes for afterward.

For the parade, the grades will process out the back door, across the front plaza, circle around Park View, across to the Upper School,

and return to the elementary building. Please join us on the plaza to view the parade at 8:45 a.m.

In case of inclement weather, the parade will be held in the hallway inside the Tamarind building.

Costume Guidelines: Children should wear simple, homemade costumes that reflect appropriate curricular themes (for example, First Grade Fairy tales; Second Grade Fables, animal stories, holy

people; Third Grade Bible stories, farming, gardening; Fourth Grade Norse Mythology). **Please note: make-up, masks, and blood are not allowed.**

The children will be changing into their regular clothes after the parade. We ask that children come prepared to make the clothing change *in their classrooms*. Hope to see you there!

Upper School students will celebrate Halloween in costume on Friday, October 30th. No masks, please.

The Ninth Grade Goes to Washington



Above, Lichtenstein sculpture



In the Multiverse



At Union Station

Library News

The library has many friends to thank! Caitlin Joseph (2nd) donated a copy of *After Gandhi: One Hundred Years of Nonviolent Resistance*, which presents the stories of an international group of courageous people, beginning with the story of Gandhi's struggle to free India from British rule. These brief biographies are inspiring and beautifully presented.

Jakob Raitzyk (4th), following his tradition of donating the right book at the right time, gave *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days*, the latest installment in the popular series—and then he borrowed it right back from the library! Bill Kyle (Acadia, 4th) gave us *Tortillitas para Mama*, a book of nursery rhymes and verses in both Spanish and English collected by a local author. Easy to read in both languages, this will be a popular book with students and

teachers. Kristina Waymire (5th) gave us *Ballet Magic*, a book that younger students will surely enjoy.

Lucretia Field (6th) gave a double handful of Junie B. Jones books, many of which were new to the collection. They will be appreciated by those students who need easy chapter books and love reading funny stories. She also gave us a copy of *The Battle of the Labyrinth*, one of the Percy Jackson and the Olympians series that is taking middle readers by storm. Olivia Albenze (6th) gave the library a copy of Carl Hiaasen's *Hoot*, his first book for young readers and one of the funniest environmental novels around. Julian Dorsey-Ruffin (6th) gave the library several Wayside School books, which will replace some worn-out editions. Cameron Bechmann (7th) gave a copy of the classic fantasy novel *On a Pale*

Horse, by Piers Anthony.

Susan Goering, former Waldorf parent, gave us two books, *The Real Mother Goose* and *The Land of Nod and Other Poems for Children*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. They will be welcomed by the teachers and children in the Children's Garden. Robin Connelly, member of the Board of Trustees and alumni parent of three students (Laura, Class of 200; Karen, Class of 2002; and Brian, Class of 2006) gave us the classic *Children of the Northlights* by Ingri and Edwin d'Aulaire.

If you are interested in donating a book, we have a wish list on Amazon (look for Waldorf School of Baltimore), or make your own choice. Thank you to everyone who has helped our library improve day by day.

Charlotte Snyder

The Festivals of Halloween and All Souls

October is here, with the woody smell of dry leaves and the crisp bite of cool air greeting us each morning. As we move through this month, anticipation of Halloween is bubbling in the children. Conversations of costumes and trick or treating fill the air at snack time and recess.

Some parents have asked why we devote time at school to this celebration, and the Festivals Committee would like to address these questions more fully.

Transformation is the central theme of this festival. As the season progresses, we observe the visible signs of the end of harvest

and signs of the decay of the year—even in the brilliance of the changing leaves. It is a time of ending and completion, and death is a part of the process—as death is necessary for anything new to be born.

Halloween and the following All Souls Day mark the midway point between the autumnal equinox and winter solstice. In many cultures, this time has been associated with retrospection of the dead, and the thought was that the “veil” was thin between the worlds at this time. Like many other festivals, these traditional, earth-based holidays were accepted into the Christian calendar.

The experience of this festival for children today is vastly different from what it once was, but at our school, there are themes that we wish to keep alive from the traditional wisdom inherent in its observance. In olden days, the impulse was to “dress like the dead” and to go about making merry. This was a way for people—especially children—to recognize the death process as physical, and not spiritual, and that one could be light-hearted in the face of death. This was a time to cast off the physical, and a time to have a little bit of fright of the unknown—the world just beyond the senses—but the kind of fright that

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The Festivals of Halloween and All Souls (continued)

comes from mystery, rather than terror.

This festival is echoed in the outer world of nature, who gives up her embodiment of summer at this time and yields to the transformative powers of winter, which will prepare the physical body of spring.

While dressing as the dead is not

appropriate for all, we do want to foster the inner ideas associated with these Festivals. We want our children to have confidence in the cycle of life – including death. This time of year gives us a great opportunity, through costumes and stories, to live into pictures all that have gone before us.

For our school celebration, we ask that the children in Grades One to Four look to their Main Lesson curriculum for inspiration in choosing a costume theme. We encourage choosing simple, even impressionistic costumes, which can easily be home made.

The Festival Committee

Ninth Grade Studies History of Art

The ninth grade started to study the History of Art on October 6 under the guidance of Edna Kurtz Emmet. During their four week study, the students will take a journey through the artistic expression of Western civilization, from the Paleolithic era through to the 21st cen-

ture. As they plot the development of human consciousness and artistic expression, they will take three field trips. Visits will take place to the East and West wings of the National Gallery in Washington, D.C., as well as to the Walters Art Museum.

The observation of artwork is an integral part of art studies, and we are fortunate to have these great Museums within our reach.

Ed. note: Look for photos from their first trip later in this issue.

Community notes

Join us for Baltimore's 14th annual celebration of the ancient art of storytelling, Tellabration 2009! on Saturday, November 21. We proudly present 10 of the region's finest storytellers. Their stories are guaranteed to entertain and delight you, to touch your heart, to bring tears to your eyes, and make you laugh uproariously. 25 Stevenson Lane (off Charles Street). Plenty of free parking, wheel chair accessible. Family stories 7-8:15, adult stories 8:30-10:30. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments available, Please bring canned goods for The Towson Assistance Center. Admission: Adults, \$8 members, \$10 non-members, Children and full-time students: \$5. Group discounts available. For more information: specialevents@bfms.org or

Diane at 410-321-8419.

Join us for a Halloween Workshop: *Eliminating the Haunting of Your Mind*. Renée Canali, The Mindset Coach, will take you through exercises to modify your beliefs and help you recognize resistance. Saturday, October 31, 10 a.m.–Noon, at Ruscombe Mansion (Community Hall), 4801 Yellowwood Road. Preregister: \$25. At the door: \$30. Preregister with a friend and each will pay only \$20! Reserve your spot now at www.landofpossibility.com/events.html You'll discover: 3 truths about fear, what struggle and confusion indicate, how your comfort zone limits your success, and how you may sabotage the results you get. EVERY ATTENDEE WILL RECEIVE A GIFT

WORTH \$19.95!

The Theatre Project presents *The Puppetmaster of Lodz*, by Gilles Segal, directed by Marilyn G. Robinson, October 9-25; Thursdays-Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays, 3 p.m. \$20 general admission; \$15 seniors and artists; \$10 students; call 410-752-8558 or www.theatreproject.org.

Jennifer Downs, RN, Licensed Acupuncturist, is now accepting Blue Cross/Blue Shield and EHP insurance for Acupuncture treatment: I am now billing for insurance from Blue Cross Blue Shield and EHP (Hopkins). Find out if you are eligible by sending information to billing service from the website jennifer-downs.com, and/or for more informa-

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tion call 410-542-5441, or email jdowenslac@gmail.com. Also offering group ear acupuncture sessions at your site or mine.

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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.

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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 re-

veal 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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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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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 become 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.

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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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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.

OIL DISPERSION BATHS

Oil Dispersion Baths are a homeopathic way of treating illnesses. Essential oils from plants are dispersed into water using a special glass apparatus. The oils dispersed are so fine that they are absorbed through the skin directly into the blood stream and there, the healing dynamic of the oil can support the healing processes of the body.

Come take part in
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PARENTS: This is the same evening as the Middle School Dance, and it's FREE!!

October 23, 2009

Waldorf School of Baltimore

Eurythmy Room

7:30-9:00 PM



For more information please contact:

About Venue: 410-367-6808

About Baths: 443-388-9215

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

Waldorf School of Baltimore Zeke's Coffee Fundraiser

Name _____ Total Due _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Class _____

Please enter order on form below. Payment is due in full with the order form. Please make checks payable to "WSB" and write "Zeke's Coffee" in the memo line. The payment and order form must be returned to the Tamarind Road office by 3:30 pm on the Monday before scheduled Friday delivery, except as noted on the schedule. See the schedule on the back of the order form for scheduled due dates and delivery dates. Coffee will be sent home at pick up on scheduled Fridays. Fifty percent of the proceeds will benefit the school. The sixth grade will oversee this project as part of their Business Math course.

		Zeke's Coffee							
		Name and Origin	Green Designation	Whole Bean	Coarse Grind	Percolator Grind	Auto Drip Grind	Cone Drip Grind	Espresso Grind
Caffinated	\$12	Colombian Mesa de los Santos	OFT						
		French Roast	OFT						
		Hippie Blend	OFT						
		Ethiopian Yirgacheffe	OFT						
		Guatemalan Huehuetenango	OFT						
		Mexican Chiapas	OFT						
		Montebello Reserve	OFT						
		Papua New Guinea	OFT						
		Peru Norte	OFT						
		Sumatra Gayoland	OFT						
		Tanzanian Peaberry	OFT						
		Nicaragua Selva Negra	RA						
		El Salvador Santa Rita	RA						
		\$12 Sub-Total							
1/2 & 1/2	\$13	French Roast	OFT						
		Mexican Chiapas	OFT						
		Peru Norte	OFT						
		Sumatra Gayoland	OFT						
Decaffinated	\$13	French Roast	OFT						
		Market Blend	OFT						
		Mexican Chiapas	OFT						
		Peru Norte	OFT						
		Sumatra Gayoland	OFT						
		\$13 Sub-Total							

Organic Fair Trade- OFT

Rainforest Alliance- RA

Waldorf School of Baltimore 2009-2010-Zeke's Coffee Fundraiser

Payment and Order Form Deadlines and Coffee Delivery Schedule

Payment and Order Form Due Dates (Every 2 weeks)		Coffee Delivery Date (at Pick-up)	
Monday	10/26/2009	Friday	10/30/09
Tuesday	11/10 – Due by 9am	Friday	11/13
Monday	11/23	Monday	11/30
Monday	12/7	Friday	12/11
Monday	1/11/2010	Friday	1/15/2010
Monday	1/25	Friday	1/29
Monday	2/8	Friday	2/12
Monday	2/22	Friday	2/26
Monday	3/8	Friday	3/12
Monday	3/22	Friday	3/26
Monday	4/12	Friday	4/16
Monday	4/26	Friday	4/30
Monday	5/10	Friday	5/14
Monday	5/24	Friday	5/28