



Week of November 14, 2011



From the desk of the Director of Administration

What's Going On...

Tuesday, November 15
Parents' Association Meeting
Music Room, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 17
School Spirit/Pajama Day
12:15 Dismissal
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, November 18
All Schools Closed for Parent/
Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 23
Thanksgiving Assembly
Multipurpose Room, 10:45 a.m.

Thursday and Friday,
November 24 and 25
All Schools Closed for
Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday and Wednesday,
November 29 and 30
Winter Garden

**Don't forget
to visit the
Farmstand on
Wednesday!**

We have completed the triennial asbestos inspection of our facilities. The Tamarind Building is completely free of any asbestos materials. There are asbestos materials used to insulate the boiler and water heater and in the door to the boiler space in the Yellowwood Building. A management plan is in place to insure that these materials are protected from damage during the operation of the building. Mr. Williams has been trained in the proper techniques for inspecting and maintaining safe conditions in these areas. Below is a letter that we are required to post, explaining that there is an asbestos management plan in place and that it is available for your inspection in my office.

November 1, 2011

From: Larry Snyder, Director of Administration

To: All Parents, Faculty and Staff

Subject: Availability of Asbestos Management Plan

In October, 1986, the U.S. Congress enacted the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). Under this law, comprehensive regulations were developed to address asbestos problems in public and private elementary and secondary schools. These regulations require most schools to inspect for friable and non-friable asbestos, develop asbestos management plans that address asbestos hazards in school buildings and implement response actions in a timely manner.

These regulations assign schools many new responsibilities. Our program for fulfilling these responsibilities is outlined in our asbestos management plan. This plan contains information on our inspections, re-inspections, response actions and post-response action activities, including periodic surveillance activities that are planned or are in progress.

You can review this plan during normal business hours without cost or restriction.

If you have any questions about reviewing our management plan, please contact Larry Snyder, 410-367-6808 ext 201 or lsnyder@twsb.org.

Donations needed for Pajama Day snack

Donations of hot chocolate, herbal tea, cider, fruit juice, muffins, croissants, or a gluten

free alternative will be greatly appreciated. Please send donations in the week of November

14th to the 8th grade classroom.

Thank you for supporting WSB School Spirit!

Contact information for School Chairs

Director of Academics: Ed Meade, emeade@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 209

Director of Advancement: Julia Kirkland, jkirkland@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 210

Director of Administration: Larry Snyder, lsnyder@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 201

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

Middle School Chair: Ed Meade, emeade@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 209

Lower School Chair: Carol Steil, csteil@twsb.org; 410-367-6808

Children's Garden Chair: Lisa Bechmann, lbechmann@twsb.org; 410-367-6808

Celebrate the Art of Storytelling and Support our School!

Tellabration, an international celebration of storytelling, will be at Cylburn Arboretum on November 20 from 3:00-6:00 pm! We are providing refreshments for this event and all proceeds will go directly to the Parents' Association!

We're collecting baked goods and

mugs. If you're able to bake something for this, please coordinate with Kimberly Field. Spare mugs? Bring them on the 18th and 19th and leave them in the conference room.

Please consider volunteering! Both parents and students are welcome to help us show off our bounty and

sling some coffee.

We hope you'll come to this free event and support our school!

For more information, contact: Kimberly Field
kcfield1@gmail.com
410-366-5033

Festival Choir Singing Again!

Do you love to sing? Would you love to have a chance to sing at the holidays with a great bunch of people? Do you want a limited, small commitment for rehearsal time, yet a fulfilling performance opportunity here at the Waldorf School? Please come join us for the Festival Choir

for the Festival of Light. We meet for three Sunday evenings, and then do the concert on December 8th, Thursday evening. See the schedule below. (Please note that we will not meet over the Thanksgiving weekend). I look forward to seeing you here on Sunday.

- Sunday, November 20th, 6:30-8:30
- **No Rehearsal during Thanksgiving Break**
- Sunday, December 4th, 6:30-8:30, MPR
- Thursday, December 8th, 6:00 Call for Concert; 7:00 p.m. Concert

Teachers' potluck lunch contributions requested

Here we go again! Our potluck lunches for Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on October 30th and 31st. 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. Contributions can be dropped off in the Conference Room in the Yellowwood Building either day.

Thank you for your support.

The 2011-2012 Annual Fund

In celebration of 40 years of Waldorf Education in Baltimore

What is it?

The Annual Fund is a flexible, unrestricted resource used to provide support for our daily operations. Donations support the school's programs, teachers, and students and provide for financial aid and upkeep of our campus.

Why do we have an Annual Fund?

Like all independent schools, we rely on our Annual Fund to help defray the full cost of a Waldorf education. Tuition provides a great percentage but not all of the income needed to meet expenses. Money raised through the Annual Fund bridges the gap between tuition income and the actual operating expenses. A successful Annual Fund also helps to attract and retain a strong faculty and to provide financial aid so that as many families as possible can afford a Waldorf education. **Contributions to the An-**

nual Fund make a meaningful difference to each and every student and teacher.

When does it take place?

The Annual Fund runs until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2012. You may make a gift at any time between now and then. Whenever you choose to give, your gift will be warmly welcomed and appreciated.

Who participates?

The Annual Fund is our community fundraising effort. All members of the Waldorf School of Baltimore community participate: Members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, current parents, grandparents, alumni and their parents, business partners, and other friends. Our participation demonstrates to the community at large—including foundations and major donors—that the Waldorf School of Baltimore is worthy of our support,

that we believe in the mission and vision of the School.

What is the goal for the 2011-2012 Annual Fund?

The goal is to raise \$140,000 in honor of our 40th Anniversary. The Annual Fund is a line item in the budget. Meeting—and exceeding—the goal truly makes a difference.

Please make your gift today to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund.

Your donation to the Annual Fund matters greatly in continuing a legacy of learning in the Waldorf tradition. You may contribute with a check, payable to Waldorf School of Baltimore. On-line donations (with options to spread out your donation over multiple payments) are also welcomed at

www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org.

We are grateful for your support!

Thanksgiving Assembly, Wednesday, November 23, 10:45

We will celebrate Thanksgiving together with an assembly with students from the entire community from CG-12th Grade. Students in Grades 5th-12th are required to wear Orchestra/Concert Dress. This consists of a white collared shirt or

blouse (**no t-shirts**) and black pants (not jeans), or a skirt for girls. Students in CG-4th will wear Assembly Dress, which consists of a collared shirt and dress pants for boys; girls should wear a dressy blouse and dress pants or a skirt, or

a dress. Students from grades 1-12 will be sharing in the assembly.

We look forward to sharing this joyful holiday with everyone!

Kim Weisheit,
Co-Chair, Festivals

New Address for Weekly Submissions

We are migrating our email submissions to the *Weekly* to a new address. Please begin using the ad-

dress csnyder@twsb.org to send us articles, Community Notes, or Marketplace items. For the next

while, we will be checking both addresses, but hope to have everything come to the new address as soon as possible.

The Children's Shopping Room needs you!

Parents, faculty and staff ... Would-n't it be nice to have your hand-made work for sale this year in the Holiday Fair Children's Shopping Room?

The fourth grade is seeking talented crafters with specialties in hand-made items. We are seeking knitted

booties, caps, sweaters, scarves, baby bibs, clothing, aprons, home-made 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 Holi-

day Fair Children's Shopping Room or know someone who would be willing to donate handmade craft items please contact Marlo Thomas (Montez, 4th grade; Iman, Butterfly Room), marthomas@goodshepherdcenter.org

Holiday Fair Silent Auction

The SILENT AUCTION returns to this year's Holiday Fair! What can you donate to help make this year's auction a huge success? How about a gift certificate for a mas-

sage or tickets to a show? Salmon or an evening out at a favorite restaurant? A hand knitted scarf or beautiful piece of art? ... Please contact us to let us know what you

would like to donate: Alyssa Albinak, 10th grade class parent (alyssa52563@gmail.com) or Valerie Grays, 9th grade class parent (vga40@aol.com). THANK YOU!

Student Vendor Applications Now Available

Student Vendor applications for this year's Holiday Fair on December 3rd are now available from Jean at

the front desk or from Vicki D'Anna (Elias, 7th). Students must fill out

the form and return it by November 24th.



Calling All Bakers We Need Your Help!

This year's Holiday Fair Dessert Cafe will be the perfect place to kick back and enjoy good friends, coffee and desert...

However, WE NEED LOTS OF DESSERT ITEMS! If you would like to help this year's school fundraiser by donating a dessert item (large or small) please contact Krista Platt for more details.

410-917-1720, knplatt@gmail.com **All desserts are welcome!**

Middle School Orchestra to Rehearse in Multipurpose Room

On both **Wednesday, November 30 and Wednesday, December 7** the Middle School orchestra will rehearse in the Multipurpose Room in order to practice for the Festival

of Light, which will be on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. **Please drop off large instruments at the Multipurpose Room for these re-**

hearsals.

Thank you.

Willis Keeling
Orchestra Director

Greens needed for the Winter Garden

The Winter Garden will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30, after the Thanksgiving break. We need greenery to construct the garden. If you have evergreens, ivy, or other

shrubs, we will appreciate it if you can bring in some cuttings. It takes a great deal of greenery to make our spiral walk!

Please drop off greens in the lobby of either the Tamarind Building or

Yellowwood Building by **3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2010.** Thank you for helping to make the Winter Garden beautiful again this year.

The Full Faculty

Clothing Donations Requested

Help prepare refugees for the winter: The International Rescue Committee is hosting its annual winter coat and accessories drive. Help Baltimore's refugee community prepare for the upcoming cold winter months. Please donate new or gently used:

- * Coats
- * Mittens/gloves
- * Hats
- * Boots
- * Scarves

There are drop-off stations at the

entrance of the Tamarind and Yellowwood Buildings.

Thank you for your help,

Julie Meier,
12th grade

Looking ahead: Festival of Light is Thursday, December 8

The sixth through twelfth grades have been preparing music for the festival since the beginning of the school year. The Middle School Orchestra, the Middle School Ensemble, the Middle School and Upper School Choruses, and the Festival Chorus will be performing. This is a mandatory performance for all students in grades 6

through 12. All students must come in Orchestra/Concert Dress, and orchestra members must bring their instruments and music, and arrive promptly at 6:00 p.m. to tune and warm up for the festivities.

6:00 p.m.: 6th-12th Grade students come dressed in Orchestra/Concert Dress to warm up in assigned

rooms

7:00 p.m.: Festival begins

Looking forward to seeing you!

Kim Weisheit,
Choral Music Teacher

Willis Keeling,
Orchestra Teacher

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.



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November 19, 2011

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

4800 Sangamore Rd.

Bethesda, MD

washingtonwaldorf.org

Community notes

Esoteric Christianity 2011-2012 Speaker Series hosted by the Christian Community begins Nov. 18th! Prayer and Meditation: A public talk by Oliver Steinrueck, priest in Spring Valley, NY, on Friday, November 18 at 8 p.m. at the Silver Spring Civic Building, 1 Veterans Plaza, Silver Spring, MD 20910. ♦ ♦ ♦

TLC Lacrosse, a non-profit lacrosse club for middle and high school-aged girls, will conduct try-outs for teams with high school graduation years 2019, 2018, 2017, and 2016 to be held December 3rd and 4th. Tryouts are open to the public. For registration information log on to www.TLCLacrosse.com. Questions can be directed to infor@tlclacrosse.com ♦♦

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Space For Grace is a meditation held weekly for the school on Monday mornings in the Aftercare Room at 8:30am. All are invited!! Please join us!! ♦♦

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I AM LIGHT MEDITATION: Learn to joyfully play with light for self healing; learn to give and receive Pure Light Blessings. Pure Light Blessings is activation and physical transference of Divine Light Energy. The Divine Light flows directly into the brain of the recipient and initiates Enlightenment. Pure Light Blessings is a Gift from Sai Maa Lakshmi Devi. For more information, see www.HumanityInUnity.org. I AM LIGHT MEDITATIONS on the second Wednesday of the month 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. Dates: November 9, December

14. Where: The Meditation Hall of Ruscombe Mansion, 4801 Yellowwood Avenue. Meditation is led by Betsey Gilbert, LMT (Matthew Gilbert, 2nd). For more information, email 1008betsey@gmail.com or call 410-321-5906. By donation. ♦♦

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The Baltimore Folk Music Society presents Tellabration! A world-wide storytelling event, featuring ten of the area's finest storytellers, on Sunday, November 20, 3-6 p.m. at Cylburn Arboretum, 4915 Greenspring Avenue. Stories, music, and traditional English sword dancing. Admission free; donations welcome to benefit the Cylburn Arboretum. Delicious refreshments for sale provided by students from the Waldorf School. For more information, email storytelling@bfms.org, or call Diane, 410-321-8419 or Barbara, 410-252-1438.



The Weekly

The *Weekly* is published once a week and is our primary way of communicating with the school community. The publication is available on the school's website, www.twsb.org; click on *WSB News and Forms*.

In our desire to reduce paper use and waste, our main means of publication is electronic; you will be notified by email when the new edition is ready. Some paper copies are available in the lobby of each building. If you wish a paper copy of the *Weekly*, please let Jean Engelke, in the Tamarind Building office, know.

Charlotte Snyder is the editor. Submissions should be emailed to csnyder@twsb.org by noon on Friday. Please use "Weekly" in the subject line. **We cannot accept PDF documents. Please use Word; flyers can be jpeg format.**

Marketplace

House Sitter: I am looking for a house-sitter for part of the holidays and most of January 2012. The house is a newly renovated "green" bungalow behind Eddie's on Roland Avenue; 5 minutes to school; 8 minutes to downtown. Walk to library, grocery store, post office, pharmacy, Starbucks. Call Judy Lennox (alumni parent), 410-433-3016. ♦ ♦ ♦

Afterschool caretaker wanted to pick up 3 kids from 2 schools and take home. Mt. Washington area. (Sheilah in 8th grade, Luella in 4th, and a 3rd grader at Mt. Washington Elem.) Hours are approximately 3:00 to 7:00 Tuesday-Friday. Some driving with afterschool activities, light homework, and minimal food preparation. References a must. Please email Lesley Wiley, dossypuds@me.com. ♦ ♦ ♦

Pivot Point Projects Presents GRIEF, GRACE AND GRATITUDE, a workshop on a Sunday afternoon. Prepare for Thanksgiving and align with the rhythm of autumn as described in Chinese medicine. Sunday, November 20; 1:30-4 p.m.; Pivot Point, 2501 Manhattan Ave., 21215; Leader: Jennifer Downs RN, L. Ac. \$35.00 (Check made out to Pivot Point, 2501 Manhattan Ave 21215). Please pre-register; space is limited. Best if registered by Nov. 18. Includes acupuncture ear needle protocol for relaxation and rejuvenation; hearing about and sharing the grace of the season with the essence of metal element in Chinese medicine and associated season of Autumn; time for reflection, and for listening to each other. Each season has an associated emotion in Chinese medicine. For autumn, the metal element, the emotion is grief. Things die down, leaves flutter to the ground and return to the earth. It is natural to feel

moments of grief, in the poignant present. Following or accompanying grief and loss is the pristine expansiveness of sky. Only when we can let go, breathe out, can we then breathe in. This workshop is the first in a series of seasonal workshops that will be offered during the upcoming year. Scheduled mostly on weekend days for 2-3 hours, these workshops can link to each other or stand on their own. Please join me in this session. The schedule for the rest of the year (2012) will come out soon. jdownslac@gmail.com, jennifer-downs.com, 410-542-5441 ♦ ♦ ♦

Friedman Family Fisheries (Avi, husband of my beautiful wife Noris, eurythmy teacher and fisherwoman) would like to welcome back returning customers, and also to introduce ourselves to new parents and families at school. Since 1990 we have been bringing home wild Alaska sockeye and king salmon from our fish site in Alaska, to sell ourselves. Our salmon are wild, plentiful in Nature, managed properly, and delicious to eat. Best of all, we've got 'em. Salmon come freshly frozen (you cook) and smoked (lox) in a variety of product forms, sizes, and flavors. Call Avi 410-358-3008 or send him an email - triplef@qis.net for information. As Thanksgiving approaches, you might want to consider a side of freshly frozen salmon to cook for your family, as no doubt they'll be tired of turkey all the time. And for the holiday meal itself, nothing beats an appetizer of smoked salmon in any of the 3 flavors available. Ask a parent or staff member, you won't have to go too far for a recommendation. Traveling? Salmon is easy to carry on a plane anywhere in the USA, or in a car. I'll tell you how to do it, just ask. I'm

looking forward to meeting some new parents this year, and saying hello to customers and staff who have been with me since 1990. ♦♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Free to good home(s) 2 one-year-old bunnies. One is black and white with floppy ears, the other is brown and white with stand-up ears. They are indoor pets and come with their cages. Call alumni parent Seanah Dennis at 410-580-0511. ♦♦♦ ♦ ♦

Lucy and Sebastian, two never-parted sibling cats, are looking for a very good home. They are spayed/neutered, short-haired, indoor-outdoor cats, with no health issues, and will come with their appurtenances and accoutrements: litter pans, bowls, collars, flea treatments, a few grooming products and toys, a carrier, all health and vet records. I must give them up as I move to a house-share where they cannot belong. Please contact me, Maïa Tabet (WSB alumni parent), at mai-ausea@cavtel.net, and tell me a little bit about yourself and the home situation my kitties would be going to. ♦♦♦ ♦ ♦

Home for sale in historic Ten Hills neighborhood, 20 minutes from the Waldorf School and 10 minutes from a group of other Waldorf families in Catonsville area. Attractive brick rancher is situated on a private treed lot at 402 Drury Lane. Large living room with fireplace, bright eat-in kitchen, separate dining room leading to tree-house type deck! Multi-option lower level with numerous rooms, perfect for 4th bedroom and/or recreation room with full bath. Attached garage, main level laundry and lower level laundry hookup too! A value at \$199,000. Contact Brian Hantman, 410-925-9330, or Peggy Adams (Naji, eighth grade class of 2010), 410-465-1914. ♦♦♦ ♦ ♦