



Week of November 23, 2009

## What's Going On...

Wednesday, November 25  
 Assembly, 10:45 a.m.  
 Half day: 12:15 dismissal

Thursday, November 26 and  
 Friday, November 27  
 School closed for  
 Thanksgiving holiday

Tuesday, December 1 and  
 Wednesday, December 2  
 Winter Garden  
 (Open to the public on  
 Tuesday, 2:30-3:30 p.m.)  
 Eurythmy Room

Saturday, December 5  
 Holiday Fair  
 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 6  
 Festival Choir Rehearsal  
 Music Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10  
 Festival Choir Rehearsal  
 Multipurpose Room,  
 5:30-6:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 10  
 Festival of Light  
 Multipurpose Room  
 7:00 p.m.



## From the desk of the Administrative Chair

As November draws to a close, work on the new Children's Garden classroom addition continues to make progress. At this point all of the framing for the space has been completed. The piping systems for the hot and cold running water and for the heating and air conditioning systems are in place and for the bathrooms have been installed, tested, and inspected. This past weekend the plumbers shut down the water supply to the school and connected the new system to the existing system. These systems are now being insulated. The electricians are hard at work running the cabling and electrical boxes for the various systems in the building. Over the next few weeks, we will be receiving equipment for the systems, as well as the windows and doors for the classrooms. After Thanksgiving, the builders will begin to install the walls. We are on schedule to complete the facility by the end of the current school year.

At the Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday, the school's auditors, McGladry and Pullen, reported on the results of their audit of the school's finances for the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2009. They gave the school an unqualified opinion, which means that their audit found no problems with the way the school manages its finances. The school has received an unqualified opinion for a number of years, which is a credit to the people who set up and manage the systems, and to the faculty and staff who work within the system.

Lastly, on behalf of the faculty and staff, I would like to wish you and your family a happy and safe Thanksgiving.

Larry Snyder

## Greens Needed for the Winter Garden

The Winter Garden will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 1 and 2, 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 on **Monday, November**

**30, 2009.** Thank you for helping to make the Winter Garden beautiful again this year.

The Full Faculty

### Contact information for School Chairs

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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

## I Scrip News

### SCRIP Sales

#### Week ended 11/13/09:

Value of cards sold: \$1,650

Profit from these cards: \$80.75

**Total profit (YTD): \$1,126.50**

#### December 6 Deadline

Gift our school by ordering your holiday gift cards through the WSB SCRIP program. Our remaining

holiday (this is a change from the original deadline). And don't forget that you can also order SCRIP at the **Holiday Fair**. All orders placed by the December 6 preorder deadline will be delivered prior to the holiday break. You won't be able to miss our booth at the fair—just inside the double doors of the Multi-purpose Room.

#### Standing Weekly Orders (WSO)

Would you like to become a WSO customer? It's easy to get into the weekly delivery cycle: Just e-mail us at [wsbscrip@gmail.com](mailto:wsbscrip@gmail.com). We will pull your order each week and make sure you get your SCRIP either every Friday on the plaza or every Monday at the Spring Garden Store. *Every action counts and you are making it happen. Thank you, Waldorf Families.*

## SCRIP PARTICIPANTS

(WEEK ENDED NOVEMBER 13)

Lisa Albenze, Virginia Efta, Bonny Eisenbise, June Fletcher-Hill, Chaddie Hughes, Sherry Kasky, Gail Kurek, Roslyn Lisberger, Larry Snyder, Laura Trosch, Alex Williams

## Block II of Special Eurythmy

Block II of Special Eurythmy will begin on January 4, 2010, the day we return from the holiday break. This block will have nine sessions for a total cost of \$270. There is limited financial aid available, which must be requested in writing before

December 4, 2009. You may have had conversations with your child's class teacher regarding therapeutic eurythmy during the teacher conferences in November. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to hear-

ing from you and working with your child/ren.

Virginia Efta  
410-358-7274  
vefta@twsb.org

Please join us on Wednesday, November 25, 2009 for the Thanksgiving Assembly

## Why I Give to the Annual Fund

### Giving to the Annual Fund: Raise Your Hand

Kathy Niager, Ph.D. (Austin 8<sup>th</sup>, Jenna 5<sup>th</sup>)

The first year I gave to the Annual Fund was my first year as a parent at Waldorf. My child entered second grade as a last minute entry, and I gave in faith that the school was all it appeared to be and that my money would be put to good use. I thought that everyone gave something, and that I would be horribly impolite not to do the same. So in all honesty, it was guilt writing the check.

The next year, I heard some discussion that if everyone in the class participated, it made a difference for foundation and major donor support. I realized that maybe not everyone chose to give, but I am a

creature of habit and gave again. **I was hooked on the Waldorf educational philosophy and happy to help in any way I could.**

As each year passes, that belief becomes stronger. With two children now attending Waldorf, I have seen them grow in a nurturing environment and open themselves to ideas and ways of thinking I would never have been able to give them on my own. I feel such comfort when they come home from school, knowing that their day was unique and purposeful--a stepping stone to who they are and are going to be. **They spend every single day in a world of thoughtful teaching.** I feel relief each morning in knowing that there is a "village" helping raise my child, and that I am sending them off to the village with a wave of envy.

It has been seven years of Waldorf

education for our family. I gave immediately this year. I now know that a small amount has exponential effects. Annual Fund participation is the key to private education success. It gives the school concrete proof to the outside world that the school speaks for us--each and every parent. **I give to the Annual Fund because I want my hand to be raised in support.** I want those who have the difficult job of educating my children and all the village's children to have that support behind them.

### Make your gift today to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund.

You may bring in a check, payable to Waldorf School of Baltimore. Online donations are also welcomed at [www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org)

June Fletcher-Hill  
Development Manager

## The Winter Garden

As we approach the Winter Solstice, the darkest time of the year, many traditions celebrate with festivals that bring light into the darkness. Lighting the Advent candles, the Hanukah candles, the Yule Log, the Kwanzaa candles, and the Christmas tree all remind us of a miracle of light – be it a lamp that stayed lit for eight days, the return of the sun, the principles for creating true community, or the birth of the Christmas child – that came in a time of darkness. At Waldorf Schools worldwide, we celebrate this time of year when we await the light by walking the spiral pathway in the Winter Garden.

To symbolize the darkness of the

winter days, the Garden is lit by only one candle at the center of a spiral of green boughs. After hearing a seasonal story, each child walks the spiral to its center, carrying an unlit candle. In the center, an Eighth Grade "Angel" helps each child light his or her candle. Then the child retraces the spiral, placing the candle along the spiral amid the boughs. Hidden among the greenery are treasures such as crystals, stones, stars, seashells, and other beautiful objects. As the candlelight grows ever stronger, these treasures begin to sparkle in the darkness.

The walk into the center of the spiral towards the single light and out

of the spiral, increasing the light's strength, mirrors the journey we make into ourselves at this time of the year. At this time, we look inward to find the light in our own hearts and bring it out into the world to share. As the children walk with dignity to the light in the center, there is revealed in each one a deep humanity and uprightness. By helping to bring light to the Garden, each child's motivation to be active and bring light to the world is inwardly strengthened. The mood of the Winter Garden is one of wonder, peace, and joy.

The Winter Garden will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, Decem-

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## Holiday Fair: Coming up on December 5

### Afghan Raffle Tickets For Sale!

As always at this time of year, the third grade, under the guidance of Cate Mulvihill, our Handwork teacher, is hard at work finishing a beautiful afghan throw to be raffled at 3:00 p.m. at the Holiday Fair on December 5th. This year, raffle tickets are for sale in advance from Jean Engelke at the front desk in the Tamarind Building and from Sherri Kasky at the Spring Garden Store. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Do not miss your chance to win this exquisite, one-of-a-kind, hand-crafted item!

### Holiday Preparation in Full Swing!

Our Holiday Fair is the biggest event in the WCA's calendar. Each family plays a part in bringing this event to life as each class is responsible for an activity of some kind, and this is the time to be mak-

ing your final arrangements. Please contact your class parent to see what you can do to help! Here's a list of what each class is responsible for:

- Acorn Room - Candle Dipping
- Rose Room - Fishing Game
- Dandelion Room - Gingerbread decorating
- 1st Grade - Staffing the Spring Garden Store
- 2nd Grade - Decorations
- 3rd Grade - Rudolf's Diner
- 4th Grade - Children's Shopping Room
- 5th Grade - Set-up the night before
- 6th grade - Breakdown
- 7th Grade - Jump-rope making and a paper craft
- 8th Grade - Dessert Cafes and Waffle Stand
- 9th grade - Silent Auction
- 10th Grade - Silent Auction
- 11th Grade - Green Team Am-

bassadors and cupcake decorating.

Other activities include this year's Marionette Show, entitled "Roly Poly Rice Ball" a Japanese Tale about Mouse Country, Seated Massage available from Bill Good, Spinning demonstrations, live musical performances in both buildings, our magical Winter Faeries Grotto, student vendors selling their own work, outside vendors (some familiar, some new) selling all kinds of goodies, a peaceful lounge for parents and toddlers, and a showcase of student work hosted by the Outreach, Admissions, and Development staff. Please tell your friends, family and neighbors about the Fair and what a wonderful day out it is for people of all ages. Fliers will be available soon for parents to distribute. Thank you all for your part in this truly extraordinary event. The WCA's Holiday Fair team.

Jo Keller

## Calling all bakers! Join the 8th grade in providing baked goods for the Fair!

If you can donate, the drop-off is Friday, December 4, at dismissal: please put all baked goods in the conference room behind Jean Engelke's office. Clearly label your platters/trays, and you can pick them up Monday morning in the conference room. If baked goods can't be dropped off on Friday,

please try to get them to the Holiday Fair as early as you can on Saturday.

You probably know that Waldorf is trying to get certification as a Green School, which in turn impacts how we deliver and serve baked goods. We are trying hard to reduce

waste. Baked goods should NOT be individually wrapped. If we can avoid individual wrapping, it will contribute to being Green, and also the goods sell better if they're not obscured by plastic wrap. Baked goods that need to be cut into serving portions can be cut at the

## Winter Garden (continued)

ber 1 and 2 for all the students during the school day. **You too may come and experience the Winter Garden. It will be open to fami-**

**lies, friends, and community members on Tuesday, December 1 from 2:30 to 3:30 PM. We**

**warmly invite you to enjoy this magical experience. All are welcome.**

## More Holiday Fair

### Silent Auction

This year our upcoming Holiday Fair (Saturday, December 5th) will again feature a fabulous silent auction. For this effort the committee is looking for donations of good and services to auction. This is your opportunity to be really creative! New items of most any kind are, of course, gratefully accepted.

BUT...are you a wizard at cutting hair; baking cakes; changing oil in a car; preparing a gourmet meal; babysitting; dog training or pet sitting; guitar, knitting, or language lessons? Does your employer make or sell something which could be donated (tax deductible!)? Hand-made items have been particularly popular in the past—so those creative folks who would be so kind as to donate their creations would be greatly appreciated. You get the idea! Drop off donations (with the form on the next page), to June Fletcher-Hill in the Development Office. Questions? E-mail Holiday Fair Coordinator Jo Keller ([jojomauk@gmail.com](mailto:jojomauk@gmail.com)) or Upper School Class Parent Christa Athas ([collcourt@aol.com](mailto:collcourt@aol.com)) for answers or guidance. Get ready for the best Holiday Fair ever!

### Children's Shopping Room

The Children's Shopping Room

needs your donations of old, new, and gently-used items, such as well-maintained games, household items, jewelry, artwork, and pottery. Wrapping paper, gift bags, tissue paper, and clear tape are also needed to make the shopping room a success. Drop-off boxes are in the lobbies of both buildings. The fourth grade thanks you!

### Music

Bring forth your family's musical talents for this year's Holiday Fair. The live music in the Multipurpose Room and in the Tamarind Building lobby are an important part of this annual event. We want to show off our talents! If you, your children, or your friends would like to donate 15-60 minutes of your time, please contact Brent Flickinger at [brentflick@verizon.net](mailto:brentflick@verizon.net) or 410-367-1777 (Sequoia, 8th; Emmie, 11th). See you at the Fair.

### Book Sale

Do you have unneeded or outgrown books at home? Donate them to the book sale. All money raised by the Book Sale will go to the WCA, which purchases items for the classroom and funds events throughout the year for the children and community, such as the Penn-

sylvania Eurythmy Ensemble performance this week, and many others. There will be boxes in both lobbies to receive your books. If you could bring them already in a box, this will help with display at the fair and storage during collection!

### Student Crafters

Would you like to sell your goods and crafts at the holiday fair? This is your chance to show off your masterpieces for fun and profit! Applications for student vendors are available at the front desk and can be returned to Jean Engelke or Vicki D'Anna (Elias, 4th).

### Winter Fairies' Grotto

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. Please contact Tia Thompson (Ethan, 1<sup>st</sup>) at [Tiallama@yahoo.com](mailto:Tiallama@yahoo.com).

We're also looking for magical people to be the Winter Fairy in the Winter Fairies' Grotto. Please contact Tia Thompson (Ethan, 1<sup>st</sup>) at [Tiallama@yahoo.com](mailto:Tiallama@yahoo.com).

## Paradiso Family Fundraiser was a success!

Kathie LaVeck, one of the organizers of the Paradiso family (Chelsea, Class of 2007; Michael, 7th) fundraiser last week, wishes to thank everyone from the Waldorf commu-

nity for their wholehearted support of Gerry, Kathi, Chelsea, and Michael. The night was a huge success.

Kathi and her family also thank the community from their hearts and souls for the dinner and silent auction.



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Submit by Friday noon via e-mail: [csnyder@bcpl.net](mailto:csnyder@bcpl.net)

Condolences to June Fletcher-Hill (Development Manager) and her family at the death of her father, Philip Hill, last week.

## Community notes

Joshua Frick (4th grade) will perform with the Maryland State Boychoir's annual presentation of *The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols*, Sunday, December 13, at 4 p.m.; Saturday, December 19, at 7 p.m.; Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m. Tickets: \$12-22 depending on seating preference. To purchase, call: 410-554-8644 or e-mail: [info@marylandstateboychoir.org](mailto:info@marylandstateboychoir.org)

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to start greening your business. The problem is getting from point A to point B. If you're overwhelmed by the amount of information available on greening your business, then join my FREE 75-minute audioseminar on November 12: **How to Overcome Green Overload in Your Small Business: Five Steps for Cutting Through the Clutter**. This call is about more than giving you a list of products to recycle or tips about energy-saving appliances. It's about designing your eco-inspired business NOW! Sign up at: <http://www.overcomegreenoverload.com>.

Julie Gabrielli Garver (Toby, 2nd grade).♦

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Monthly Peace Circle: December 13, 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](http://www.oella.org). For questions, call Peggy (Naji, 7th) 410-465-1914.♦

## Marketplace

Grobag for sale: Organic cotton, imported from England, quilted for cooler weather, size 18-36 months. Keep your toddler warm the European way! A Grobag is a sleeping bag/blanket a child wears in bed so you know they are warm and cozy while they sleep (no worries about blankets having been kicked off!). Grobag is gently used, and is cream colored with a gentle teddy bear pattern. \$30. Contact Aimee at [abealer@comcast.net](mailto:abealer@comcast.net).♦

Organic Crib Mattress for sale: Eco-baby organic cotton and wool chemical-free crib mattress. Gently used; in great condition. Asking price is \$150 (a new one costs about \$300). Contact Aimee at [abealer@comcast.net](mailto:abealer@comcast.net).♦

Organic Wool Crib Mattress Protector

for Sale: Like-new fitted wool 'puddle pad' to keep mattress dry. This gently used one is selling for \$65 (a new one costs about \$150). Contact Aimee at [abealer@comcast.net](mailto:abealer@comcast.net).♦

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Wanted: working HiFi record turntable! Phil Gallagher (Sam, 10th) was in the process of digitizing his old vinyl record collection when his turntable

died! He is looking to borrow a reasonable quality turntable for a couple of weeks; in return, he'll put any old records you have onto CD (you provide the record and the blank CDs, and Phil will make a digital copy for you). Contact: 443-956-9908.♦♦

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For sale: Schwinn Exercise Bicycle: excellent condition; \$100. [laleach@comcast.net](mailto:laleach@comcast.net).♦♦

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Qigong classes at Ruscombe Mansion starting in January; free introductory class 1/12/10. Contact Jeremy, 410-409-4803. [www.danceswithspirit.com](http://www.danceswithspirit.com).♦♦

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For rent: Spacious and elegant 3 floor, 4 BR, 2ba, E. Palmer-designed townhouse in a lovely Tudor-style complex in Guilford. On a quiet, park-

## Marketplace (continued)

like cul-de-sac. Near Charles Village restaurants, Barnes & Noble complex, etc, Lovingly rehabbed. Walking distance to JHU Homewood campus, Memorial Hospital, parks, etc. Landscaped front and back gardens. Great neighbors. Photos at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/17695459@N00/>. \$2200/month. Contact lltuthill@gmail.com. ♦

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Tutoring: Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher and Waldorf Graduate, grades 1-12) is available to

tutor your child in math and all Main Lesson subjects, grades 1-8, and in Language Arts grades 1-12. Sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 10:45 and 4:30. \$30/hr. Please contact Ms. Mansuri at 410-925-8532 or [frecklenosed-cat@gmail.com](mailto:frecklenosed-cat@gmail.com) to arrange tutoring for your child that utilizes and supports the pedagogy and artistry of Waldorf education. ♦♦

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Do you live in Mt. Washington? Are you going to be out of town for Thanksgiving? We have an overflow of Thanksgiving guests and need a spare bedroom for Thursday and Friday night. We are happy to provide pet sitting. Call Monica or Ed (Meade) at 410-542-7749 or email Monica at [meade@pbworld.com](mailto:meade@pbworld.com). ♦♦♦

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Join us at Ruscombe Mansion on Tuesdays for healthy vegetarian fare. Two menu items, one of them a soup and the other a salad, vegetable, pasta, or grain dish, as well as cookies and a dessert are available. Ingre-

dients are organic and everything is made from fresh ingredients, local if possible. Coffee is organic and fair-trade. The atmosphere is homey and inviting, and the food is altogether affordable. The hours are from 12:00 until about 3:00. ♦♦♦

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Tutor available for American Government, American or World History, or Social Studies. Degrees in History and Public Administration. Carole Breen (Kathleen Breen's sister). Hourly rate: \$30.00. Please contact me at [carole.b.7428@gmail.com](mailto:carole.b.7428@gmail.com). ♦♦♦

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Fresh, fast, and organic lunch! Soup, salad, and wholesome dessert for no more than \$10. Dine in or take out. Thursdays, Ruscombe Mansion, 11:30-2. ♦♦

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## Weekly

Editor: Charlotte Snyder. Submissions: Email to [csnyder@bcpl.net](mailto: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!).

