



Week of November 9, 2009

What's Going On...

Friday, November 13
Lantern Walks
Children's Garden, 5:00 p.m.
(Rain date: November 20)
Elementary, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17
Pennsylvania Eurythmy
Ensemble performs
Multipurpose Room, 9:30 and
11:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 22
Festival Choir Rehearsal
Music Room, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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

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

We had another very successful Open House on Sunday. The faculty and staff worked hard at planning the presentations, and a number of parent volunteers and friends of the school worked as greeters and escorts during the actual event. We worked hard at making our presentation reflect the way we bring the curriculum to the students. The hard work allows us to show off our school and its curriculum.

The other day I received my e-newsletter from an organization called Independent School Management (ISM). It provides services and training for independent schools throughout the country. One of the articles was entitled "Teachers and Students Love to Loop". As I began to read the article, I saw an explanation that some schools are experimenting with the concept of having a teacher stay with a class for several years. I thought to myself: "They need to know about Waldorf Schools." I was pleasantly surprised when, later in the article, I saw the following: "If you're familiar with Waldorf Schools, then you already know looping is one of their characteristics—teachers stay with the same group of students from grades 1-8. And you may also know, Waldorf Schools are one of America's fastest growing private schools." It was interesting to read about other schools learning to do what we have been doing for 90 years. There is nothing like new concepts to advance educational excellence.

Larry Snyder



Did you know . . . ?

- Two of our students have had their artwork published in the Chicago Waldorf School planner. Chelsea Connor's picture *Cabbage* is the August 2010 page (although it is mistakenly attributed to Charlotte Jones); and Chesapeake Gustin's picture *Trees in Autumn* is in the notes. Congratulations to both students!
- The ninth and tenth grade students have started their service and experiential learning at Esperanza Center. It will continue throughout the year.



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Scrip News

SCRIP Sales

Week ended 10/30/09:

Value of cards sold: \$1,985

Profit from these cards: \$97.40

Total profit (YTD): \$851.15

Last Call for November 13 orders

Gift our school by ordering your holiday gift cards through the WSB SCRIP program. Our remaining holiday preorder deadlines are **No-**

November 13 and December 11.

Cards ordered by November 13 will be delivered in more than enough time to celebrate Hanukkah.

And don't forget that you can also order SCRIP at the **Holiday Fair**. All orders placed by the December 11 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 Multipurpose 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. 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 OCTOBER 30, 2009)

Virginia Efta, Bonny Eisenbise, Brent & Rosemary Flickinger, Sherri Kasky, Roslyn Lisberger, Kathy MacMillan, Brooke Redgrave, Anita Shefts, Larry Snyder, Karen Vanderheyden, Alex Williams

New teacher needs apartment

Hello, my name is Gail Langstroth. I have gladly accepted the part-time high school eurythmy teaching position at the Waldorf School of Baltimore. I will be in Baltimore on October 29th beginning the search for an

apartment. My preference is for two bedrooms, in a safe and quiet neighborhood. If you have any leads or ideas, or can help in any way please call me on my cell 727-656-4087, or contact me [gplcam-](mailto:gplcam-postella@gmail.com)

postella@gmail.com.

Looking forward to being a part of your community,

Thank you,
Gail

Why I Give to the Annual Fund

By Tia Thompson

"Give generously to what you *believe in*. Give generously of your time, your love, your gifts; give to what you believe in." My grandmother said these words to me many times, just as she said, "pace yourself" and "take your vitamins and lots of naps." My grandmother was a master of life, love, tradition and giving. She volunteered in the church she believed in. She gave her time and love to her four sons, their wives, thirteen grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and friends whom she believed in. She gave her money to the "causes" she believed in. This was her way of showing her loving support to whom and what she believed in.

I give to the Waldorf School of Baltimore because I believe in Waldorf education, an education that goes

beyond any other program in the world by honoring the head, heart and hands of each child. I believe in the teachers who "hold" our children every day in the classroom and carry them home in their hearts each night. Teachers who teach us about our children and help us understand child development. I believe in our school's administrative staff who work endlessly to strengthen the growth of our small school to withstand the pressures of modern times. I believe in the Waldorf parents who happily volunteer their time and commitment to our children, families, faculty, and our community. I believe in our children, who will grace the earth with the knowledge, thoughtfulness, and courage cultivated by their classroom experience. And most importantly, I believe in my son, Ethan. With all my heart, I believe in his

eagerness to learn, his excitement to share new discoveries, and the "mishaps" by which he grows. His amazing smile tells me he is happy here in this uplifting atmosphere of kindred spirits.

I give to the Waldorf School of Baltimore because I'm so proud to be here and to share with all of you the school I believe in.

Tia Thompson is a first grade parent and the Winter Fairies' Grotto team leader.

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

June Fletcher-Hill
Development Director

Bridges

The Fall 2009 issue of *Bridges* is here. Copies have been sent home with students, and additional copies are available in both buildings.

Bridges is our faculty journal. This issue features articles by Edna Emmet, Carol Steil, Matthew Thurber, and Andrea Gambardella, a former teacher in our Children's Garden. In addition, journal entries by tenth and eleventh grade students, with an introduction by Donald Bufano,

Upper School Chair, are included. We have alumni contributions as well, in Edna's article about the woodworking program. And photographs by Brough Schamp, Upper School parent, and artwork by Upper School students add beauty and color!

Our first issue of *Bridges* was published last spring. Both issues are available on our web site, www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org,

under "Parent Resources" and then "Newsletter."

The title, *Bridges*, is based on a common German saying, "I build a bridge for you." We hope that this issue inspires you to build a bridge with someone else in conversation about Waldorf education.

June Fletcher-Hill
and Charlotte Snyder, editors

Don't forget to order now for the next Graul's lunch session!

Library News

We have several donors to thank this week. Ben Lipchin (Dandelion Room) gave *The Blessing of the Beasts*, written by Ethel Pochocki and illustrated by one of my all-time favorite illustrators, Barry Moser.

Rosemarie Paull (tutor) donated a copy of *Kids Cooking: Scrumptious Recipes for Cooks Ages 9 to 13*. As I looked through this book, which even includes pizza from scratch, I found many things I'd like to try myself. Our students like to cook and this will join our other cookbooks on the shelf.

Dr. Ellyne Downs (Thomas Downs, Jr., 4th) gave a bag of books that included several Nancy Drew mys-

teries and *Judy Moody Gets Famous*, by Megan McDonald, a great book for third through fifth grade.

Liza Severance-Lossin (Markus Smith, Dandelion Room) looked at the wish list on Amazon and ordered a number of titles, including *Elijah of Buxton*, by Christopher Paul Curtis, a Newbery Honor Book and Coretta Scott King Award winner; *Hajj Stories*, by Anita Ganeri; *The Story of Divaali*, retold by Jatinder Verma; *Stealing Home: Jackie Robinson Against the Odds*, by Robert Burleigh; *Oink?*, by Margie Palatini; and three books from the Warriors series by Erin Hunter. I am overwhelmed by her generosity, and our students will be thrilled.

Kathleen MacMillan (James, Acorn Room) donated two great books on animals: *The Atlas of Endangered Animals* and *The Atlas of the World's Most Dangerous Animals*, both by Paula Hammond. Besides being a delight for children to read, they will both be very useful for fourth grade zoology reports.

Mikayla Shefts (Rose Room) generously donated an early reader, *Fancy Nancy at the Museum*, in honor of Ben Keller's (Rose Room) fifth birthday.

Many thanks to all who have thought of the library. Happy reading!

Charlotte Snyder

Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble to perform next week

On Tuesday, November 17, the Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble will give two performances for our students. Everyone is welcome to attend either or both performances.

At 9:30 a.m., the Children's Garden through third grade will see a classic fairy tale from the Brothers Grimm, "The Hut in the Forest," with original music composed by the troupe's pianist. The perform-

ance will be about 30 minutes long.

At 11:00 a.m., grades 4-11 will see "The Wife of the Thunderer," a tale about the journey of Ahweyoh, a young Iroquois maiden; and the *Molto Moderato* movement from Franz Schubert's sonata in B flat. This performance will be about 45 minutes long.

We are thrilled to have this profes-

sional eurythmy ensemble to perform for the students. We are very grateful to the WCA and our local Raphael Branch of the Anthroposophical Society in America for helping to sponsor the performances.

If you have any questions, please contact me at nfriedman@twsb.org.

Noris Friedman

Help WSB Become a Maryland Green School

As you may have read in the *Weekly*, many people are helping with our application to become certified as a Maryland Green School. This is truly a community-wide effort. Conservation of resources, waste reduction, and building awareness among our students are

integral to the workings of a Green School. The new Graul's lunch program delivers between 150 and 200 lunches to our school each week. Each lunch comes with an individually-wrapped set of plastic utensils that are then thrown into the trash. Think of how much plastic we can

avoid with just the one simple action of using real silverware!

To that end, the Green Committee has worked out a deal with Ikea (itself a green company) to purchase stainless steel flatware for

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Holiday Fair Roundup (the date is closer than you think!)

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! Questions? E-mail Holiday Fair Coordinator Jo Keller (jojomauk@gmail.com) or Upper School Class Parent Christa Athas (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 or 410-367-1777 (Sequoia, 8th; Em-mie, 11th). See you at the Fair.

Book Sale

It is that time of year again--time to go through your library and find books you or your children have outgrown and bring them to school. All money raised by 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 Civil Rights Brunch, Special Eurythmy Scholarships, sewing machines, maps for the middle school, the Buddhist monks sand painting, the Pennsylvania Eurythmy Ensemble performance (coming up soon), and many oth-

ers. There will be boxes in both lobbies to receive your books. If you could bring your books 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

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. Please contact Tia Thompson (Ethan, 1st) at Tiallama@yahoo.com.

Also: 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. 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.

WSB Goes Green (continued)

each of the elementary and middle school classrooms (the upper school is already using their own utensils). Truly an investment in the future, this silverware will be used again and again, not just for the

Graul's lunches, but for birthdays and other events.

Thank you for helping us as we come closer to being certified as a Maryland Green School.

Waldorf Community Association
and the Green Committee

Ink Cartridge Recycling

Cartridges for Kids Recycling is underway at WSB. Please send in your laser and inkjet printer cartridges as well as your old cell phones.

Laser cartridges accepted: Apple, Brother, Canon, Dell, Elite, Epson,

Hewlett Packard, IBM, Konica, Lexmark, Muratec, Okidata, Omnifax, Panasonic, Pitney Bowes, QMS, Ricoh, Samsun, Sharp, Toshiba, and Xerox.

Inkjet cartridges accepted: Apple, Canon, Compaq, Dell, Hasler, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Neo-

post, Minolta Samsung, and Sharp.

Please drop off your items for recycling (preferable without bulky packaging) in the labeled boxes in the Tamarind Building Parent Library or in the Yellowwood Building lobby.

What the Upper School students said about Smith Island trip



Asmayt Berhe: You could see from one end of the island to the other and it was very beautiful.

Grace McClintock: The marsh muck was surprisingly fragrant."

Perry Gross: I loved the pomegranate trees that were in the front yards of the Smith Island homes.

Najahla Olumiji: It was interesting to see the periwinkle snails clinging to the marsh grasses.

Collin Athas: The crab cakes were delicious.

Emma Rumpl: I think it is important for people from urban areas to see what it is like to live in an isolated place like Smith Island.

Zeke Eclarino: The needle grass was very sharp.

Henry McCormack: I was surprised that Smith Island keeps sinking.

Rosie Redgrave: It was amazing to learn that there have been 5 different Chesapeake Bays over geologic time.

Tucker Neil: It was interesting to learn about the Chesapeake region peninsular subduction that is increasing the effect of sea level rise.

Senay Berhe: If you think the marshes are on solid land, they are not. I stepped knee deep into marsh muck.

Jeremy Davis: I liked the Smith Island eight layer cake.

Sam Gallagher: I liked finding the bird skeletons [blue heron] in the marshes.



Community notes

How to Overcome Green Overload in Your Small Business: Okay, so you know two things for sure:

A. You care about helping the earth.
 B. You want 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>. Thanks. 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. For questions, call Peggy (Naji, 7th) 410-465-1914.

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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, wheelchair 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.

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

Marketplace

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.

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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. Ingredients 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.

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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. This week: Smokey Greens and Beans Soup, Polenta Pizza, and Zucchini Bread.

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Pain Relief, Finally! Back Pain, Neck Pain, Joint Pain, Headaches, Migraines, Digestive Problems, Sleeplessness . . . For the next 3 weeks Dr. Leonard R. Shefts is offering to all Waldorf Friends, Families, and Fac-

ulty a Free Consultation and Examination. (X-rays, if necessary, are only \$25 and \$15 will be donated to WSB!). Chiropractors are experts in the care of the bones, nerves, muscles, and connective tissue that makes up about 60% of your body. Instead of covering up your symptoms with medication, Chiropractic can correct the underlying causes! To make an appointment call 410-560-0333.

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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!).

Marketplace (continued)

Grobag is gently used, and is cream colored with a gentle teddy bear pattern. \$35. Contact Aimee at abealer@comcast.net. ♦♦♦

FREE Irlen Method Training on Sunday, November 22, 2009, 10-11 a.m. in Timonium, MD. Simple, low cost intervention for ADD/ADHD, dyslexia, chronic headaches/migraines, anxieties, and learning challenges will be presented and explained. Dr. Joseph Annibali, neuropsychiatrist and director of the Amen Clinic in Washington, D.C., and Shoshana Shamberg, occupational therapist, special educator and certified Irlen diagnostician, will speak about visual stress and the

brain, as well as sensory processing and learning. Call Irlen Visual Learning Center of MD at 410-358-7269, or email IrlenVLCMD@yahoo.com, or register at www.aotss.com. ♦♦♦

In-home, personal child care available: Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher) is looking for a daytime child care/babysitting/nanny position for two to three days per week, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. I have extensive experience with children from infants to teens and am a consummate favorite with children and parents alike. References provided. Please call 410-925-8532 or e-mail frecklenosedcat@gmail.com. ♦♦♦

For Sale: Beautiful birchwood 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. ♦♦♦

Weekly

Editor: Charlotte Snyder. Submissions: Email to csnyder@bcpl.net by noon on Friday. Submissions should be in plain text (no fancy formatting, please!).

The *Weekly* is available on the school's website, www.twsb.org; click on *WSB News and Forms*.



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