



Week of December 13, 2010

What's Going On...

Wednesday, December 15
 Shepherd's Play
 Multipurpose Room, 1:00 p.m.

Friday, December 17
 Holiday Assembly
 Multipurpose Room, 10:45 a.m.
12:15 Dismissal

Saturday, December 18-
 Sunday, January 2
 Holiday Break

Monday, January 3, 2011
 School resumes

Friday, January 7
 Children's Garden Parent-
 Teacher Conferences
 Children's Garden Closed

Saturday, January 15
 Civil Rights Brunch
 Multipurpose Room,
 noon-3:00 p.m.

Monday, January 17
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
 School Closed

Remember that Tuesday and Wednesday are music lesson and orchestra days—please make sure your child has his or her instrument!

From the desk of the Administrative Chair

The last several weeks have seen a number of events at the School. The Holiday Fair was a success in a number of ways. We were a little nervous about holding the event in just the Tamarind Building, but the careful planning of Jo Keller's (Ben, Willow Room) team proved that there was no need to be nervous. The Festival of Light featured performances by the Upper School and Middle School students and the adult Festival Choir. As has become the custom, the performances were superb.

This week features our in-school St Lucia celebration by the second grade on Monday; a performance of the Shepherd's Play on Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room; and the Holiday Assembly on Friday morning at 10:45 a.m. in the Multipurpose Room. Please remember that all schools will be dismissed on Friday at 12:15 p.m.

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Larry Snyder



Please join us for the Holiday Assembly

We hope to see you on Friday, December 17, at 10:45 a.m., for the Holiday Assembly.

All students should be in Assembly dress, except for the fourth grade, who should be in Orchestra

dress. Assembly dress for boys consists of a collared shirt and dress pants (no jeans or t-shirts) and dress shoes; for girls, dress top with sleeves and dress skirt or pants. Orchestra dress for boys consists of a

white collared shirt and black dress pants; for girls, white dress blouse or top with sleeves and black pants or skirt. Girls' shoes should have only a modest heel.

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: Carol Steil, csteil@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

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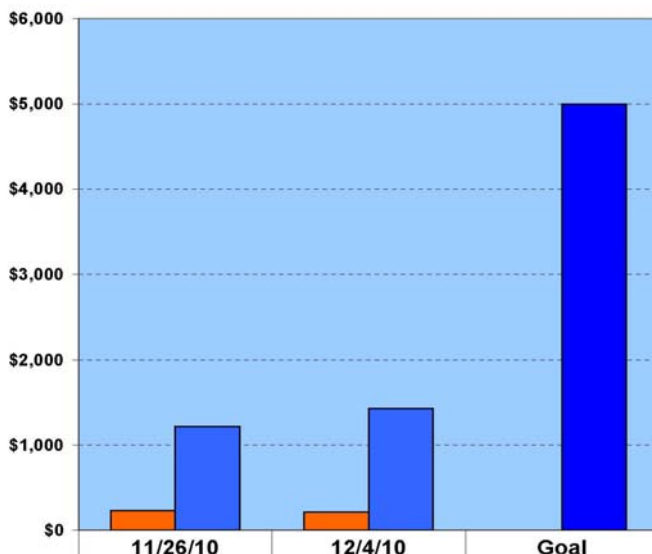
(Adam, 8th grade ^{GAIL})

If you have questions, e-mail wbscrip@gmail.com or call **410-812-9914**.

THANK YOU

Bess Abramovitz (community)
 Donald and Lynn Bufano (faculty)
 Dana DiCarlo (parent)
 June Fletcher-Hill (parent/faculty)
 Sherry Frick (parent)
 Shelly Hackman (parent/faculty)
 Gail Kurek (parent)
 Kathy MacMillan (parent)
 Violet McCab (grandparent)
 Ed Meade (faculty)
 Alex Williams (parent)
 Matt Williams⁺

⁺Matt purchases SCRIP for the business needs of Matt Williams Naturally, his landscaping company.



Weekly Profit	\$233.05	\$212.08	
YTD Profit	\$1,216.67	\$1,428.75	\$5,000.00

Upper School Snapshots

The Upper School is hosting the 8th grade for brunch on Tuesday, December 14. The event takes place in the beautiful and awe-inspiring Winter Fairies Grotto, which has been kept up just for this purpose. Thank you to Tia Thompson for her vision and magic!

Thank you to the 11th grade students and their parents for their

work in making the Winter Masquerade Ball a success.

Upper School students and faculty alike are grateful for everyone who contributed to an exciting and full fall. More is to come in 2011 with:

- Senior projects
- Upper School Service Week, in-

- cluding 11th grade internships
- Fashion Show
- Senior Class Trip
- Prom
- Graduation

Watch for details for these events and more after the New Year!

Meet our Senior Class



These past 4 years have been some of the best years of my life. That might sound a little bit extreme, but it is 100 percent true. Moving from The Bryn Mawr School to Waldorf was the best decision I've ever made, even though I did not know it at the time. My time at

Waldorf has changed me for the better. I have become very self-confident, independent, determined and overall, a very happy person. I rarely find myself upset and I do not dread coming to school every morning. I feel that Waldorf has made me a better person, and helped me become the person I am supposed to be.

I have always known what I want to do with my life. That is to be a Kindergarten teacher. Many of you will wonder if that means I want to be a Waldorf Kindergarten teacher, and unfortunately the answer is no. I love the education philosophy of Waldorf, but I want to help children

learn and experience the world in the last stage of their preschool lives, before they move on to elementary school. I have always wanted to be a Kindergarten teacher, even when I was in lower school, I knew what I wanted to do. I used to sit in my room and read stories to my imaginary class and pretend I was a teacher. I love children, and being around brings me joy. I am very excited to see where my life takes me and where I end up in twenty years, but I would just like to say I am thankful to have had this experience at Waldorf and I am truly going to miss it when I'm gone.

Charlotte Jones

2010-2011 Annual Fund

As 2010 comes to a close, we thank everyone who has enhanced the school buildings and programs this year. Your support truly makes a difference to each student here.

Please remember the Waldorf School of Baltimore in your year-

end giving. Your gift to the Annual Fund is an investment in Waldorf education for all students and in Waldorf education in Baltimore for years to come.

You may contribute with a check

payable to the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

On-line donations are also welcomed at www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org

Festival of Light Appreciation

Thank you, students, for your energetic, spirited work. Your growth as performers was in full evidence during the Festival. Thank you for the fine vocal solos by Chelsea Moss, Amelia Downs-Flickinger, Will Fletcher-Hill, Samuel Gallagher, Ian Harris, Grace Trout, Katerina Volkov, Catie Turner, Adriana Lobel and Rose Casciero. Thank you Festival Choir members who in a very short, focused time brought such beautiful singing to the festival.

Thank you, Lisa Bechmann and your family, for your beautiful lighting of the Advent wreath. Thank you, Steve Goodman and your family, for lighting the menorah and for offering such powerful singing for the festival. Thank you Dr. Ellyne Brown Downs

for your Kwanzaa presentation and for working with our students, Charlotte Jones, Chelsea Connor, and Julian Dorsey-Ruffin, to choreograph the dance with Claire Dorsey, accompanied by drummers Harry Holt, Jr. and Naomi Berkenbilt.

Thank you, Larry Cione, for your fine musical and administrative work for the entire program during rehearsals and in performance. A hearty welcome & thanks to our instrumental music faculty: Ruby Felton & Rebecca Laird, violin and viola; Joycelyn Jolly and Henry Mays, cello; Shawn Alger, double bass; Hleb Kanasevich, clarinet; David Lavorgna, flute; and Willis Keeling, brass and ensemble. A warm appreciation to Upper School Music colleagues Michael Raitzyk, jazz orchestra; James Mesevage,

guitar ensemble; and Stephen Gibson, History through Music.

Thank you, parents, for your ongoing support of the music programs. Many thanks to faculty and staff who helped with candle lighting and chair set-up. Thank you to Terry Williams and Alton Greenfield for your help with lighting and set-up, and for Jean Engelke for administrative help and work on the program. And perhaps most important, many thanks to Caroline Jones, who shares the physical education space with all the many productions throughout the year with incredible grace and flexibility.

Have a wonderful holiday break everyone!

Ms. Weisheit and
Mr. Keeling

KWANZAA

A Celebration of Family, Community, and Culture

Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce seven basic values of African culture, which contribute to building and reinforcing family, community and culture among African American people as well as Africans throughout the world African community. These values are called the *Nguzo Saba*, which in Swahili means the *Seven Principles*. Developed by Dr. Karenga, the *Nguzo Saba* stand at the heart of the origin and meaning of **Kwanzaa**, for it is these values which are not only the building blocks for community, but also serve to reinforce and enhance them. **Kwanzaa** is a cultural holiday, not a religious one, thus available to and practiced by Africans of all religious faiths who come together based on the rich, ancient and varied common ground of their Africanness. **Kwanzaa** is

celebrated from December 26th through January 1st, with each day highlighting a principle to live by.

The seven principles of **Kwanzaa** are:

- Day 1, December 26: UMOJA (unity)
- Day 2, December 27: KUJICHA-GULIA (self-determination)
- Day 3, December 28: UJIMA (collective work and responsibility)
- Day 4, December 29: UJAMAA (cooperative economics)
- Day 5, December 30: NIA (purpose)
- Day 6, December 31: KUUMBA (creativity)

Day 7, January 1: IMANI (faith)

Our **Kwanzaa** celebration for this year's Festival of Light began with a traditional West African welcoming dance arranged by Dr. Ellyne Brown Downs (mom of 5th grade student, Thomas Downs, Jr.) and performed by students, Chelsea Connor (12th grade), Julian Dorsey-Ruffin (7th grade) and Charlotte H.B. Jones (12th grade) with our special guest, Julian's mom, Claire Dorsey. Drumming was performed by Harry Holt, Jr. (Thomas' uncle), Naomi Berkenbilt (mom of 4th grade student Rachael Stetina).

Dr. Ellyne Brown Downs

Reminder: Financial Aid Applications for 2011/12 school year

The Waldorf School of Baltimore is committed to seeking a diversity of backgrounds and incomes within its community and offers a financial aid program to help accomplish this goal. Grants are made to students whose families qualify for aid on the basis of financial need. Families who are committed to providing a Waldorf education for their children but are concerned about their ability to pay the tuition should consider applying for financial aid.

43% of our students receive financial aid grants of various amounts. All students benefit from our balanced economic diversity.

The deadline for applying for fi-

nancial aid for the 2011/12 academic year is January 4, 2011.

This year, the school is using TADS to process financial aid applications. Information about applying and the links to the TADS online application and worksheet are available on the school's website www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org, click *Admissions*, then *Financial Aid* to reach the financial aid page. The webpage also contains helpful information to assist you in answering the question "Should I apply for financial aid?"

New Eligibility – Children enrolling in all five-day programs or full-day programs in the Children's Garden are eligible to apply for financial aid for next year.

There are two more Financial Aid Drop-In Help Sessions scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 8:00-9:00 a.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. in the Tamarind Building Conference Room. Please stop by if you have any questions.

Be sure to review the application as soon as possible and contact Linda Zandler lzandler@twsb.org (ext. 206) or Kathy Lewis klewis@twsb.org (ext. 205) if you have any questions. For help while filling out the TADS application, you can contact the TADS support line at 1-800-477-8237 or email support@tads.com.

Waldorf School has a new meaning for being green

For years we have devoted time and effort to establish an environmentally-conscious reputation that is supported by our student body. We have succeeded in planning and executing activities promoting clean energy and the importance of recycling. This year, however, we have shed our elementary shell and have blossomed into a fully-developed institution. I am proud to say that the Waldorf School of Baltimore is now part of a broader community concerning environmental conservation.

Alliance for Climate Education, commonly referred to as ACE, is a national organization educating young adults on the science behind climate change and the steps needed to take action to protect our

world from the harm of global warming.

Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang has dutifully pushed to inspire the middle and upper school students to be proactive in environmental conservation. In early October, the Washington, D.C. representative for ACE demonstrated through a creative (and may I say very convincing) media presentation the alarming effects of climate change. She emphasized the potential outcome of this inevitable phenomenon if our society continues to leave it unattended.

But, no need to fear, the Waldorf School Action Team is here! ACE inspired a number of students to initiate an action team to utilize our knowledge of the environment and

translate it into practical resources. Chelsea Connor (grade 12), Chelsea Moss (12), and Jacob Gordon (8) attended and completed the ACE training, on November 13th in Washington D.C., to fulfill their duties as WSB's Action Team.

If you are interested in participating or wish to contribute otherwise, please contact Chelsea Connor connordiggyd@aol.com or Chelsea Moss. chelsea.k.moss@gmail.com

Chelsea Moss
12th grade



Upper School Needs

If anyone has carpet swatches or ceramic tiles left over from a project and would be willing to donate them to a science experiment in the Upper School, please contact Juliet Healy (healy_juliet@hotmail.com). Any

donations will be greatly appreciated!

We still need a twin bed frame and mattress for the upper school sick room. Anything in your attic you want to clear out? Someone from

the upper school will pick it up, too! Call Paris at 410-433-6066 (Leo, 12).

The Parent Library

Over the past 5 years, about 50 books have disappeared from the Parent Library. Please check your

shelves to see if you have some WSB Parent Library books hiding out there. We have a new volun-

teer librarian who will be tracking down individuals after the holiday break. Thanks for looking!

Middle School art frame sale

Families of the middle school artists whose work has been framed and on display in the Tamarind Building gal-

lery may purchase the frames for \$75. The paintings are free, of course, to the families. The frame

purchase supports the art program. Please see Edna Emmet if you are interested.

The Parents' Association wants your thoughts

The Parents' Association Dress Code Committee wants your opinion! Please e-mail your thoughts, opinions, or "water cooler" musings to:

- Vicki D'Anna (Elias, 6th) at vickid1133@verizon.net

- Elizabeth Lipinski (Kostek, Willow Room) at liz@highlandtown.com
- Mav Vaughan (Vera, Willow Room) at mav.vaughan@gmail.com

- Ana Granados (Almudena, Butterfly Room; Nuria, 2nd; Ionas, 3rd) at anagranadosskincare@gmail.com

Old Christmas lights wanted

Please bring your old, unwanted Christmas lights for recycling. Leave them in the lobby of the Tamarind Building in a box labeled "Christmas Lights—recycling."

A project of the Sustainable Living class

WALDORF
SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE**Civil Rights Brunch**

Saturday, January 15

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

Waldorf School of Baltimore

Multi-Purpose Room, Yellowwood Building

Featuring **C. Fraser Smith**, speaking on
Maryland's Place in the Civil Rights Movement

A former columnist for *The Baltimore Sun* and current WYPR and *Daily Record* columnist, Fraser has written three books, including [Here Lies Jim Crow: Civil Rights in Maryland](#), published in 2008.

After receiving his BA from the University of North Carolina, Fraser served in the Air Force for three years and studied political science for one year in a graduate program at Yale. His first newspaper job was at *The Jersey Journal* in Jersey City; from there he moved to *The Providence Journal* and its Washington Bureau. Fraser joined *The Sun* in 1977. Since then, he has covered Maryland politics and government—from City Hall in Baltimore to the State House in Annapolis. He was an editorial writer and columnist at *The Sun* until coming to WYPR in 2004.



Fraser's other books include a political biography of William Donald Schafer and a book on college basketball after the death of Len Bias, who died of a cocaine overdose. His forthcoming book is on the Lee Family of Maryland. Fraser has five children; he lives in Baltimore and loves golf, Italy, and the Italian language.

Join us for an engaging conversation!

A time for questions and answers will follow Fraser's presentation.

The brunch is FREE and open to all in our community.

Advance registration by January 12 is required.

To R.S.V.P., please contact Jean Engelke at jengelke@twsb.org or 410-367-6808, x200.

Child care is available for children under age 9.

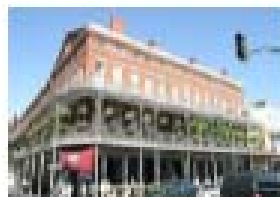
Advance registration is required.

Contact Jean Engelke at jengelke@twsb.org or 410-367-6808, x200 to register for child care.

◇ Copies of [Here Lies Jim Crow](#) will be available to purchase and to have signed ◇

Why Waldorf Works

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO DISCOVER WHY WALDORF EDUCATION

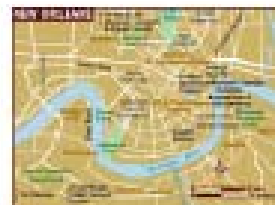


Help Re-Build New Orleans

APRIL 7 - 10, 2011

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(Students, Parents, Grandparents, Staff, Teachers)



Show New Orleans and the Waldorf School of New Orleans what All of us in Service CAN DO! The Waldorf Community in Service to the World. . .

- Come on Thursday leave on Sunday or Monday
- Work all day; experience New Orleans at night
- French Quarter Festival/Old New Orleans/ Waldorf School of New Orleans
- Join us for hearty hors d'oeuvres and cocktails
- Meet the Board of Trustees of AWSNA and the Waldorf School of New Orleans
- Team up for hotel rooms, bed and breakfasts
- Couch surfing and accommodations in homes possible
- Partial "Scholarships" for those who qualify (first come, first served)

Think about a gift of service at gift-giving time to get you and your friends to New Orleans on April 7-10, 2011:

- Give frequent flyer miles you might not need to someone who can come (if you can't)
- Buy someone who wants to go an airline ticket along with you
- Give a gift to a group of those who would really like to give the weekend to New Orleans
 - Organize a van pool to get there and lend a van
 - Buy someone or a group a room at a hotel

Ready to come with us? Contact AWSNA

Anamyn Turowski at 518-672-7878

or at aturowski@awsna.org

Sign up at the [AWSNA Alumni Corner](#) for regular news of this and other service events and to sign up/application.

THINK! PLAN! COMMIT! SERVE! PLAY! WORK! SEE NEW ORLEANS! NOW!



AWSNA provides leadership to schools by facilitating resources, networks and research as they strive towards excellence and build healthy school communities. The Association performs functions that its member schools and institutes could not do alone, including:

- Outreach and advocacy
- Accreditation and school support services
- Professional development activities
- Research and publications

Please contact us if you have any questions about AWSNA or this newsletter.

Community Notes

Ashley Merryman, award-winning science journalist and co-author of *The New York Times* bestseller *NurtureShock—New Thinking About Children*, will share insights about child development and parenting, including tips on fostering creativity and how *not* to “helicopter,” when she speaks at Friends School of Baltimore on

Monday, January 24, at 7 p.m. in the Forbush Auditorium. The event is free and open to the public. Seating is first-come, first-seated and doors open at 6:15 p.m. Hard-cover and paperback copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing following the lecture. ♦ ♦ ♦

Joshua Frick (5th grade) will perform with the Maryland State Boychoir in the Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols. Concerts are Sunday, December 12th, at 4 p.m., Saturday, December 18th at 7 p.m., and Sunday, December 19th at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12-\$22 depending on seating and can be ordered by calling the MSB office at 410-554-8644. ♦♦

Marketplace

For sale: Baldwin Acrasonic Upright Piano, \$500. Good sound, some cosmetic scratches, will need tuning after it is moved. Piano Humidifier attached to keep it from drying out. Must Sell by Christmas!! Great family gift this year. Perfect starter Piano for your child. Call Lisa Albenze, 443-802-8684. ♦

Are you looking for a unique and special gift for your children and your family? Consider adding a **Tree Swing** or a **Zip-line** to your yard. People of all ages and stages love them. I am a member of **ACCT** (Association of Challenge Course Technicians) and follow their guidelines to install this equipment. John F. Fox, Handyman / Designer, 410-733-7264 or john@golocalenergy.com. ♦ ♦ ♦

Vermont beckons you ! New solar powered cabin for rent near Chester / Ludlow Vermont, 15 minutes from major downhill and cross country ski areas. Very simple open structure can sleep 6, full kitchen, composting toilet. Indoor hand pump for water. \$70 per day, \$450 per week. I can e-mail you pictures and references of friends who've stayed there in summer and winter. Paris Kern (Leo, 12th). pariskern@comcast.net or 410-433-6066. ♦

Welcome to the chilly season! But nothing stops the constant weekly Feldenkrais @Awareness Through Movement® classes which I have been teaching since 1992 ! I am also adding a Three Week Sounder Sleep System® Class in January on Tuesday evenings. Awareness Through Movement® Classes and Sounder Sleep System® Classes: Monday evenings 6:30 p.m., January 3-March 14 (skip 1/24 & 2/21); Thursday mornings, 10 a.m., January 6-March 10 (skip 1/20). \$180 for 10 classes. Sounder Sleep System® class: January 11, 18, & 25, 7 p.m.-9 pm. \$140 for the three. Paris Kern (Leo, 12th), 410-433-6066. ♦ ♦ ♦

Nanny/Caregiver needed: Waldorf parent-child family living Roland Park looking for childcare approximately three days/week (approximately 25-28/hrs week) experienced, responsible, and fun person to care for our 2 1/2 year-old girl during the day and for our 7-year old boy after school until we get home from work. Our ideal nanny would love to spend time outside every day, play, keep a good nap and feeding schedule, and generally promote a loving, relaxed, neat, and creative environment for our children. As co-care givers we hope to foster a relationship of mutual trust, sharing and learning. There is some

flexibility in hours and pay for the right person. Call Ariane de Bremond 443-742-1309 or email: ariane.debremond@gmail.com ♦♦

Cookie Camp 2010 with Cannelloni Kids Cooking School, December 11th at St John's Parish Day School. Kids spend a morning making homemade cookies to take home and eat or give as gifts. *Parents spend a bit of alone time doing last minute shopping or just relaxing. To register: <http://www.CKCSweb.com>. Nikki McGowan, Executive Chef, Founder, 443-453-4756. ♦♦

Tutoring/Educational Support: Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher) brings tutoring and educational support to your child. Her practices utilize and support the pedagogy and artistry of Waldorf education, bringing subjects in a manner that students retain. Tutoring available in language arts, math, and all Main Lesson subjects, grades 1-8, and in English/Language Arts grades 1-12. Sessions held at WSB on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:30 and 4:30. \$35/ session. Please contact Ms. Mansuri at 410-925-8532 or vmansuri.teaches@gmail.com to schedule educational support for your

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Marketplace (continued)

child today!♦♦

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Eco-friendly, zero voc painting options for any room in your house. Painting by Roderick O'Connor is all green painting concern. I use only zero voc materials for all projects in your home. These paints have no voc's, the materials found in most paints that can lead to health and environmental problems. Call for a free quote today at 410.747.0882 or e-mail me at rodo217@verizon.net♦

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“Do you have the patience to wait till your mud settles and the water

is clear? Can you remain unmoving till the right action arises by itself?” (Lao Tzu) In order to respond to the challenges of daily life and emotional ups and downs, the ability to find a steady inner state is vital. Emotions ebb and flow and challenges continue, so the daily cultivation of steadiness provides a place of calm in the storm. This workshop will provide simple experiences and resources to make it easier to reach a steady place. We will discover ways we already access a steady inner state. Through brief meditations, reflection, and contemplation we will tap into a deep steadiness that is always there. Sharing

experiences and time for writing will be incorporated. LEADER: *Jennifer Downs*. DATE: *December 11, 2010*. TIME: *9-11 a.m.* COST: *\$35 (\$37 by PayPal)*. LOCATION: *2501 Manhattan Ave., Baltimore 21215*. Make checks payable to *Pivot Point* and send to above address or submit through *PayPal*. QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION: *Jennifer Downs, 410-258-9343 or jdownslac@gmail.com*.♦♦♦

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ISO wooden rocking boat/stairs. Please contact me if you have one for sale pbbalfour@gmail.com Thank you, Pat Balfour♦♦♦

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*.

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@bcpl.net by noon on Friday. Please use “Weekly” in the subject line. **We cannot accept any PDF documents. Please use Word.**

