



Week of December 6, 2010

## What's Going On...

Tuesday, December 7  
Speaker Series: The Waldorf Upper School Curriculum: Why We Do What We Do  
Art and Music in History  
Yellowwood Building Art Room  
7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 9  
Festival of Light  
Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15  
Shepherd's Play  
Multipurpose Room, 2:30 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

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

**Last WSB Farm-stand is Tuesday, December 7.**

## Holiday Fair Thanks

Once again I am overwhelmed by the commitment shown by so many Waldorf families to making our annual Holiday Fair such a magical day. The gamble of planning the Fair all in one building this year seemed to pay off in more ways than one, making the logistics a little easier, allowing us to check our coats and to relax knowing we didn't have to brace the cold till home time (except for candle dipping and the Grotto) and I thought it created an atmosphere of togetherness that I hope you all felt too! This was teamwork through and through.

The list of people to thank is long. Efforts in previous years to detail the individual endeavors of everyone who went above and beyond their regular class duties, have failed, and I have, inexplicably, always managed to leave someone's name off. So this year, please forgive me for not naming the elves who worked a little harder than the standard volunteer expectation of a WSB parent. They are determined, talented and exceedingly generous, and I'll be eternally grateful to them. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart.

This week is the time for class parents to write up what worked and what didn't from their perspective, and I'd like to invite anyone who has thoughts, comments or suggestions for next year to please e-mail me at [jojomaUK@gmail.com](mailto:jojomaUK@gmail.com). Thank you again and well done! I wish you all a safe, peaceful, and joy-filled Holiday Season.

Jo Keller  
(Willow Room parent  
and HF Coordinator)

## Please support our Fair benefactors

Please support those organizations whose donations to the third grade diner and eighth grade dessert café helped make our Holiday Fair a success!

- Baltimore Coffee and Tea
- Evergreen
- The Fresh Market
- Graul's
- Mars Super Markets
- One Straw Farm
- Safeway
- Tea by Julia Faye
- Trader Joe's
- Wegman's
- Whole Foods
- Zeke's Coffee



## Contact information for School Chairs

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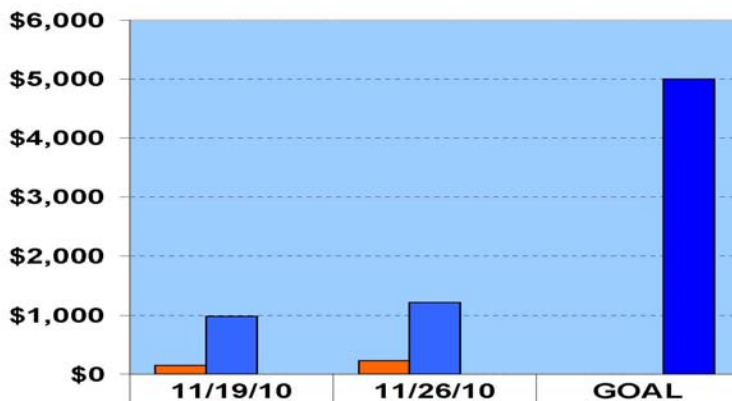
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## Scrip News

Profits



## THANK YOU

Melanie Birch (8th grade)  
 Christopher Field (7th grade)  
 Yan Jiang (community member)  
 Gail Ann Kuderko (teacher)  
 Gail Kurek (8th grade)  
 Ed Meade (teacher)  
 Matt Williams<sup>+</sup>

<sup>+</sup>Naturally (landscaping company).  
 Matt opted to purchase SCRIP for his business needs.  
 Thanks, Matt and Alex!

### CARDS PURCHASED

A&P, Best Buy, Chipotle, Crate & Barrel, Claire's, Dunkin Donuts, Giant, Giant Eagle, Panera, PetSmart, PF Changs, Radio Shack, Red Lobster, Shell, Shoppers, Staples, Talbots, Tanger, TJMaxx, Wal-mart, Whole Foods

### RELOADABLES\*

Barnes & Noble, CVS, Exxon, Gap

### SCRIP NOW \*\*

Amazon, Home Depot

*\*\*Print from your printer and shop in-store or online. **New Scrip Now retailers:** Lands End and JCPenney.*

### LAST CALL FOR HOLIDAY GIFT CARDS

The last order for this year will be placed on **December 13**. All gift cards must be ordered online. **To get started**

or to place an order: Go to [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com) (Enrollment ID: **D265A5CF12718**).

Thanks,  
 GAIL

(Adam, 8th)

If you have questions, e-mail [wbscrip@gmail.com](mailto:wbscrip@gmail.com) or call 410-812-9914.

## Upper School Snapshots

On Friday, December 10, at 7:30, the 11<sup>th</sup> Grade presents the **Winter Masquerade Ball**. Open to all high school students. See an 11<sup>th</sup> Grade student for more details, including dress and cost.

Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade who won the ice cream party as the class with the highest percentage of returned passports from the Upper School Opening Celebration. The

seniors are planning the party for later this month. Enjoy!

Upper School students are rehearsing for their part in the Festival of Light, Thursday, December 9, 7:00. Don't miss this beautiful celebration of the season!

And our seniors, like seniors everywhere, are very busy completing college applications, with due dates this month, January and February. Best wishes to our 12<sup>th</sup> Grade!

Come support the Waldorf Wolves! Here is the schedule for upcoming basketball games:

**Monday, December 6, 4:15 p.m.**, Waldorf vs Gerstell (away game)

**Wednesday, December 8, 4:00 p.m.**, Waldorf vs Jemicy (away game)

**Wednesday, December 15, 4:00 p.m.**, Baltimore Lab vs Waldorf. Home Game at Towson YMCA

**Thursday, December 16, 5:30 p.m.**, Waldorf vs Cardin (away game)

## Why I Give: the 2010-2011 Annual Fund

I believe in the essential nobility and excellence of each individual and our capacity to grow, learn, govern our behavior and contribute actively in service to society. At the Waldorf School of Baltimore, the intention of the education is to produce people who have the capacity to meet this definition of a human being. I choose to support the Waldorf School of Baltimore because it is a place where the understanding of the development of the human being is actualized. I support it by sending my daughters to the school, by serving as a volunteer, by sharing whatever expertise can help to strengthen the school and by my financial support.

I believe in universal participation—that there is a power in having each member of the community contribute and that the power of unity out-

weighs the power of affluence. In many circles, favor is given to those who give the most, but in my experience, tremendous bounty and grace results when people sacrifice to give what they can and strive to have all parties contribute to the effort. Thus, while giving is private and individual, the effect is of a unified collective. Energies are released by sacrifice, thus even the smallest amount can yield large results.

Therefore, I not only encourage giving to support the Waldorf School of Baltimore in providing excellent, developmentally appropriate education from nursery to 12th grade, but I encourage everyone to find their part to play, no matter how small. Give with joy, sacrifice, and confidence that your investment will help the Waldorf

School continue to provide a beacon as a solid institution and as a guide, contributing to the broader community's understanding of what it means to be truly educated.

Gerri Lynn Peak,  
Board Member  
and parent of Jadzia and Talia  
(8<sup>th</sup> Grade)

*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](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org)

### 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

2009-2010 ANNUAL REPORT  
[waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org)

WALDORF  
 SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE



As a Maryland Green School, reducing our ecological footprint really matters to us.

Instead of printing paper copies, our

[2009-10 Annual Report](#)

is now available online:

[waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org)

Click on "Parent resources," then "Newsletter."

Thank you for making a contribution to help support Waldorf education for all students and sustain Waldorf education in Baltimore for years to come. Please give today to the [2010-2011 Annual Fund](#). Online donations are accepted at [waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org).

Visit our new Children's Garden classrooms and play areas in the Tamarind Building and renovated Upper School in the Yellowwood Building.

## DOT Campaign to Support our Earth

I Hope you all remember the article I wrote previously, talking about the ACE (Alliance for Climate Education). Well, I am bringing you updates. First, on November 13, 2010, both Chelsea Moss and I went to an ACE meeting in DC where we learned how to be a more effective leader for our Action Team. Guest speakers visited from many different organizations showing us their way of trying to make the world a "greener" place. So, if you recall, I asked everyone (that is those who read the Weekly) to choose a DOT. For those of you who left the Weekly in the car or on your desk in an attempt to read it later, but never

got around to it; a DOT stands for "Do One Thing." This means you choose one thing to do that cools down the earth. Examples are: recycle, unplug gadgets, drive less, take turbo showers, grab a reusable bottle/mug, buy smart, etc. Now, once you have your DOT, keep it and put it into practice. Starting a little bit this week and continuing for a while we, being the Action Team and Projects for Sustainable Living, will be promoting a DOT campaign on campus and around the community. We will ask that you write your DOT down on one of the pre-made paper circles that will be located in the Spring Garden Store

and front desk, and give it to the Action Team. Then we will then tally the circles to see how many DOTs we can collect and what the most popular DOT is. In the end we will make a beautiful tree collage and hang it in the hallway for all to see. So please choose a DOT, stick to it, and then write it down for us so we can add yours!

Chelsea Connor  
 12<sup>th</sup> grade



## The Waldorf Upper School Curriculum: Why We Do What We Do Session 3: Art and Music in History

Let us engage and intrigue you while you learn about and experience a sample of our Upper School curriculum.

**When:** Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Where:** Waldorf School of Baltimore, Yellowwood Building,  
4701 Yellowwood Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21209

What do we see when we view the world through the lens of history, art, and music?

Why does history belong in the present?

Is history through art and music dead and boring?

How do we spark curiosity and develop our children's capacity to understand the present from the perspective of the past?

Join us for the evening.

Be awakened to the experience your child will receive from these passionate professionals – enjoy the experience of academics that live and breathe.

### Biographical details of presenters



**Edna Kurtz Emmett** (B.A) was born in Poland, grew up in Israel, and studied art in England, Japan, and Switzerland. Edna has been a faculty member at WSB for 20 years. She has also developed and taught adult courses. As an active artist Edna exhibits work nationally and internally; her current exhibition can be viewed at the Load of Fun Gallery, 120 West North Ave., 21210.



**Stephen Lynn Gibson** (BA Theology, BM & MM Piano Performance) is a concert pianist, recording artist, piano instructor, teacher, minister, and published author. He has taught at the Washington Waldorf School, Howard University and others. As a pianist he has performed in Tokyo, Japan, throughout the US and Spain and has completed three recording projects. Several of the students from his private studio have won international competitions and two have gone on to open studios of their own. Published works include *Achieving Your Dreams*. Currently Stephen is working on a new project entitled, *Why The Sponge Stinks*.

## Middle and Upper School participation in the Festival of Light: Thursday, December 9

On December 9th, Thursday evening, students in Grades 6-12 will participate in the Festival of Light in the Multipurpose Room. Students will arrive in the Yellowwood Building for warm-up for their ensembles at 6:00 p.m. The Festival will begin at 7:00 p.m. Student participation in the Festival of Light for Grades 6-12 is MANDATORY, fulfilling part of the curriculum requirements for Middle School Orchestra and Middle and Upper School Chorus.

Students will arrive wearing Concert Dress. Concert Dress is outlined in the Student Handbook. For boys:

- White collared dress shirt
- Black pants
- Dress shoes

For girls:

- White dressy top with sleeves
- Black skirt or pants
- Dress shoes

Colored or patterned shirts, jeans, casual shoes, sneakers, and boots are not in the concert dress code.

Please be sure to let your families know about the concert so that they may plan to attend this beautiful candle lighting celebration filled with music and song.

Kim Weisheit, Choral Director  
Willis Keeling, Orchestra Director

## Hedgerow and Tree Planting at Eden Mill Nature Center

On an October morning, I went with other WSB upper school students, faculty, and staff to Eden Mill Nature Center, where we helped plant trees. When I had first arrived we all gathered in a room to listen to one of the leaders of Eden Mill Nature Center tell us about what we would be doing and how what we do should pan out in the future. This is the first hedgerow

planted in Maryland.

The plan was to plant shrubs very close together so that when they grow, the roots would tangle and weave together to create a hedge. We made this hedge at the bottom of a hill so that runoff water and pollution would get trapped as it flows down the hill and would not end up on the stream. After finish-

ing what would grow to be a hedge, I helped plant trees. This planting was actually fun and enjoyable, mainly because of all the nice people I got to meet from the community. The volunteers made me feel welcome as soon as I walked in the door. All the volunteers were polite and sweet, which is why this was a wonderful experience.

Jeremy Davis  
10<sup>th</sup> grade



Left: WSB students, faculty, and staff at Eden Mill Nature Center. Jeremy Davis is in the black shirt at the left.



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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities  
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

**TEENAGERS and WALDORF EDUCATION** - Save the dates for the AWSNA Summer Conference: June 24-27, 2011, hosted by Waldorf School of Garden City, NY. This year's theme is **Rudolf Steiner's Unique Understanding of Adolescence Child Development and the Spiritual Intentions of Waldorf Education** and the keynote speaker is Dr. Peter Selg, M.D., a youth psychiatrist working out of anthroposophy as director of the Ita Wegman Institute in Switzerland. This conference will delve into Rudolf Steiner's insights into children and into the whole pedagogical challenge which childhood presents, creating a basic reflection about the spiritual core of Waldorf Education. It is of value for middle and high school teachers, and will speak to educators of all levels who are lucky enough to participate.

**BRAIN RESEARCH** – Douglas Gerwin and Patrice Maynard were co-keynotes for the recent conference entitled "**Convergence: How science supports the wisdom of Waldorf Education.**" The conference at the Toronto Waldorf School was sponsored by the Rudolf Steiner Centre Toronto. 250 Waldorf school parents, teachers, administrators, remedial workers, day care providers, university professors, and public and charter school administrators attended the event, that systematically provided listeners with research that points to the facts that the brain develops in stages, and benefits from the curriculum provided by Dr. Steiner as the perfect enhancement/partner to brain development. (Don't miss neuroscientist Dr. Melrose's article on "Why Waldorf Works from a Neuroscientific Perspective" in The Magic Onion:

<http://themagiconions.blogspot.com/2010/10/discovering-waldorf-waldorf-from.html>.)

**DANA - The Development and Administrative Network of AWSNA** – met in Spring Valley, NY, in October. Topics discussed included governance in our schools, sustainability, enrollment trends, fund raising trends, competition, recruitment and retention of our administrative staff, and the building of skills in specific administrative areas with an emphasis on the nuances of Waldorf Education, while at the same time recognizing the value of incorporating aspects from our colleagues in other independent schools. The meeting produced a substantial list of action items for future work, a renewed dedication and camaraderie, and a clear vision for the importance of qualified and committed administrative support for all our schools and the children in them. The group will meet again via teleconference in January to review the progress on our goals within each region with a goal of having an annual in-person gathering.

**Youth Initiative High School**, a developing Waldorf school in Viroqua, WI, recently returned from participating in the **1st Green Schools National Conference** in Minneapolis, MN. Three teachers and two students represented the school and its nutrition and cooking curriculum: *The Whole Plate: A Return to Real Food*. Students participated in a Youth Summit, a gathering of about 100 high schoolers from around the country, which met to address environmental challenges and solutions. In addition to the summit and the exhibit booth, the school was chosen to put on a workshop called, "Real Food in the Classroom." They drew a great crowd of teachers from around the country who experienced the hands-on nature of the classes, one of the few offered with no powerpoints! People cheered when we announced that they would actually get their hands dirty and taste foods. Here are some pictures of the event: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/55246174@N07/sets/>

**Four ways you can further Waldorf Education in America:** Sign up for e-news and on the Alumni Corner on the [www.whywaldorfworks.org](http://www.whywaldorfworks.org) and stay informed about Waldorf news; support your local Waldorf school every way you can; use GoodSearch (instead of Google) when surfing the web. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!





# **Play Centers, Inc.**

A not-for-profit organization



**Play Centers at The Waldorf School of Baltimore  
is accepting 2010-2011 School Year Registrations  
for our after School Child Care Program.**



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Affordable Monthly Tuition Rates  
Drop-in Care Available  
Enriching and Fun Monthly Themes and  
Activities  
Nutritious Snacks  
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Homework Club  
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And much, much more.



For more information, please call  
Ms. Shelby at 410.367.6808, ext. 123  
Or Play Centers' Main Office at 410.296.4880, ext. 100

**Play Centers, Inc. is a not-for-profit organization that is not affiliated with The Waldorf School of Baltimore.**

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

## Community notes

Michael Raitzyk (Upper school music) has a Klezmer band! Charm City Klezmer has confirmed TWO gigs for the Holiday season. First up is a gig @ An Die Musik, Baltimore's premier listening room. The band will feature the fantastic sounds of Megan Beller on violin, Todd Marcus on bass clarinet as well as Judith Geller's French Horn and beautiful voice. This is the gig where we "stretch out" musically speaking and explore the sounds of Jewish music from the East to the West. If you've never been to An Die Musik, ([www.andiemusiklive.com](http://www.andiemusiklive.com)) it's a wonderful, intimate room where you can have a drink and sit in comfortable Victorian chairs while taking in a set of music. This concert takes place on Saturday, December, 4th. Two shows 8 & 10 p.m. The following week, Charm City Klezmer plays a DANCE gig at the Creative Alliance at

the Patterson. ([www.creativealliance.org](http://www.creativealliance.org)). This night will feature TWO Klezmer bands; us and a wonderful band called The Lost Tribe. There will be a dance lesson at 7:30 followed by two sets of wild and crazy Eastern European Jewish soul music. This gig takes place on Saturday, December, 11th. The Creative Alliance has a beautiful room to move around in as well as a full service bar. Yes, there will be knosh. ♦

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. ♦

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Acadia Kyle (5th) will be playing Little Red Riding Hood in the *Big Bad Musical*, a production of Pumpkin Theatre's Afterschool Playhouse, on Tuesday, December 7th at 6 p.m. at St. Mary's Outreach Center, 3900 Roland Avenue. ♦♦

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Join us at Ruscombe Mansion for a delicious vegetarian lunch on Thursdays at 12 p.m. and meet our new chef, Michelle Gautney. Michelle follows low-carbon lunch ideals like local, seasonal, mostly organic, all vegetarian and Ayurvedic. This week we enjoyed rosemary white bean soup, ratatouille over grilled polenta, chocolate covered macaroons and pumpkin spice cake. Lunch is served from 12-3 pm with leftovers available sometimes (if there are any!). Carry-out is available. Call for more information or for next week's menu: 410-367-7300. ♦♦ ♦

## Marketplace

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](mailto: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. ♦

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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](mailto:vmansuri.teaches@gmail.com) to schedule educational support for your child today! ♦

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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

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## Marketplace (continued)

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 jdown-*

*slac@gmail.com*.♦♦

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Sweet kitten needs a good home: 9 month old Frey needs a new home. He is frisky and fun and a joy to be around! Sadly, my 12-year-old arthritic cat cannot abide Frey's playful, kitten energy. He has had all his shots and is in perfect health. A home with a playmate, feline or canine, would be ideal. Please let me know if you are interested. Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher) 410-925-8532, [frecklenosed-cat@gmail.com](mailto:frecklenosed-cat@gmail.com) ♦♦♦

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

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Little Tennis Academy @ Cold Spring Swim & Tennis Club announces the Winter Tennis Program. Classes for Little Stars 1 (ages 2-3), Little Stars 2 (ages 4-6), Future Stars (ages 8 and under), and Stars (ages 8 and under). For more information, contact Shawn Conyers, 443-322-6581 or [advantage\\_me\\_conyers@yahoo.com](mailto:advantage_me_conyers@yahoo.com).♦♦♦

## 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](http://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](mailto:csnyder@bcpl.net) by noon on Friday. Please use "Weekly" in the subject line. **We cannot accept any PDF documents. Please use Word.**

