



Week of December 15, 2008

## What's Going On...

Friday, December 19  
 Holiday Assembly  
 Multipurpose Room, 10:45 a.m.  
 12:15 dismissal

Monday, January 5, 2009  
 School reopens

Monday, January 5, 2009  
 Experience Fifth Grade  
 Eurythmy with Noris Friedman  
 Eurythmy Room, 8:30 a.m.

Monday, January 12, 2009  
 Experience Fifth Grade Painting  
 with Edna Emmet  
 Art Room, 8:30 a.m.

Saturday, January 17, 2009  
 Annual Civil Rights Brunch  
 Noon-3:00 p.m.  
 Multipurpose Room

Monday, January 19, 2009  
 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day  
 School closed



## From the desk of the Administrative Chair

This is a busy time of year at school. Last Thursday evening at the Festival of Light, those in attendance were treated to excellent musical performances by the middle school orchestra, the middle and upper school choruses, and the community choir. On Friday, the second grade performed its traditional Saint Lucia play, and then distributed Saint Lucia buns to all of the students in the school. (The buns were produced by the students in the class and by the parents of the second graders). If you did not have an opportunity to see their play, it will be repeated this Friday at the Holiday Assembly. The assembly will begin at 10:45 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room in the Yellowwood Building. Dismissal that day will be at 12 noon for the Children's Garden, and 12:15 p.m. for all other students.

Just a reminder: when we return from the holiday break, the *Weekly* will be available online only. There will be a few paper copies available in the lobbies of both buildings.

The faculty and staff wish everyone a safe and happy holiday. See you on Monday, January 5.

Larry Snyder

## Please join us at the Holiday Assembly this Friday, December 19

You are cordially invited to the Holiday Assembly on Friday, December 19, at 10:45 a.m. Grades 1-5 are eager to perform for you.

and dress shoes for boys; dressy blouse or shirt (with sleeves) and dress pants or skirt; or a dress; and dress shoes for girls.

shoes for the boys; white dressy blouse or shirt (with sleeves), black pants or skirt, and dress shoes for the girls.

Students in grades 1, 2, 3, and 5 should wear assembly dress: collared shirt and dress pants, belt,

Students in grade 4 should wear orchestra dress: white collared shirt, black pants, belt, and dress

We hope to see you all at the assembly on the 19th.



We regret to announce that this year's presentation of the Shepherd's Play has been cancelled.

### Contact information for School Chairs

Upper School Chair: Donald Bufano, [dbufano@twsb.org](mailto:dbufano@twsb.org); 410-367-0647

Middle School Chair: Ed Meade, [emeade@twsb.org](mailto:emeade@twsb.org); 410-367-6808 ext 365

Lower School Chair: Noris Friedman, [nfriedman@twsb.org](mailto:nfriedman@twsb.org); 410-367-6808 ext 371

Children's Garden Chair: Charlotte Landgraf, [cdlandgraf@hotmail.com](mailto:cdlandgraf@hotmail.com); 410-664-7714

Administrative Chair: Larry Snyder, [lsnyder@twsb.org](mailto:lsnyder@twsb.org); 410-367-6808 ext. 201

## ATHENA workshop on January 13

### SAVE THE DATE!

On January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009, ATHENA, the Association of Therapeutic Eurythmists in North America, is sponsoring a workshop by Dr. Peter Hinderberger and Virginia Efta, therapeutic eurythmist on Nutrition and Therapeutic Eurythmy. The workshop will be held in the Eurythmy

room in the Elementary building. It will run from 7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m. that Tuesday evening.

Dr. Hinderberger will speak on Nutrition, and Ms. Efta will elaborate on therapeutic eurythmy related to nutritional challenges. There will be time for questions, and also time for participation in the eurythmy exer-

cises.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be offered, compliments of ATHENA, as well.

Please come for an informative and interactive evening to learn more about the therapeutic eurythmy program here at WSB.

## Annual Civil Rights Brunch to be January 17

The Annual Civil Rights Brunch will be held on Saturday, January 17, 2009, from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. This year's speaker is a member of our own community, Michelle Wright (Alexandra, Grade 8). Ms. Wright is an author and educator, and will speak on the

topic of "History as a Tool for Empowerment." We are very happy to have Ms. Wright for this year's event.

As always, the Civil Rights Brunch is a community event free to anyone registered by January 12,

2009. Please contact Jean Engelke (410-367-6808 extension 200) to make your reservations. Child care will be available for children under 9 years. We hope to see you there!

Rudiger Ruckmann,  
Administrator of Development

## Student recitals coming in March

Our annual WSB student recitals will be held on March 22nd and March 29th of 2009. There will be two recitals on each date, one at 1:30 and then again at 3:30. If anyone involved (students, par-

ents, or teachers) has a preference for a time and date, please let me know and everything possible will be done to accommodate you. My e-mail is: [lcione@twsb.org](mailto:lcione@twsb.org) and my home phone is:410-366-6683. My

thanks to everyone for their participation.

Larry Cione



## Adult eurythmy course: an adventure into major and minor in music and poetry

During the cold, dark nights of winter I invite you to participate in a eurythmy course.

*Things make us happy; things make us sad. Experiences touch our hearts; experiences move us to action.*

Eurythmy is an art of speaking and singing through gesture and movement. We will explore the world of major and minor in music and poetry, using this world of eurythmy. Many of the lessons will be accompanied by the wonderful music of

Larry Cione.

The course will take place on Tuesday evenings, 7:00 p.m.- 8:15 p.m. in the Eurythmy Room of the Tamarind Building..

There will be 6 sessions, and the cost is \$60. A minimum of 10 people are needed to hold the course. The dates are: January 6, January 20, January 27, February 3, February 10, and February 24 (For clarity—there is no class on either January 13 or February 17.) If we

have any cancellations due to inclement weather, the classes will be made up in March.

Please respond to me at [nfriedman@twbsb.org](mailto:nfriedman@twbsb.org) if you are interested in the course or if you have any questions. Plan to show up on January 6, and we'll have a lesson together. If there are enough people, the course will carry on. If not, we all have a lovely evening of eurythmy together. I look forward to starting on a new adventure together in 2009.

## Scrip news

The Scrip Team would like to say thanks so much for supporting WSB with Scrip orders at the Holiday Fair.

### SCRIP WRAP-UP

**Cards sold from our stock:**  
\$2,620.00

**Profit from sales:** \$124.80

### Year-to-date profit as of week ending 12/06/08: \$1,173.94

However, these amounts do not include Holiday preorders: the total amount of sales in preorders: **\$5,809.60**. That brings the total to **\$8,429.60** in Scrip cards sales at the Holiday Fair. (Look for the

amount of WSB's profit from Holiday preorders in coming weeks.) And thanks for all you do to support WSB's fund-raising efforts!

*Gail Kurek, Claire Dorsey, and Sherry Frick,*  
*your Scrip Team*

## It's happening at the Spring Garden Store—extended hours on Friday, December 19!

The Spring Garden Store will be open Friday, December 19th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for your last-minute shopping.

We invite you to come shop with

us. From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. we will be holding an adults-only Open House with refreshments and special deals on some our unique gifts and toys. We are looking forward

to seeing you.

Thank you all so much for your support of the Store and the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

Sherry and Ulrike

## Volunteers needed for Civil Rights Brunch

Waldorf School of Baltimore's Annual Civil Rights Brunch will be held Saturday, January 17, 2009, and adult helpers are needed (and much appreciated)! Many areas to choose from are available if you would like to volunteer for the brunch.

Set-Up will take place on Friday, January 16, right after school, and entails setting up tables and chairs and bedecking those tables with cloths, table settings, and programs. Depending on the number of helpers, this could be done in an hour or two.

On the day of the brunch someone

(s) is needed to sit at the Reservations Table by 11:15 and check guests in. The event is free to those pre-reserved. If someone arrives without a reservation, a \$10 fee should be collected.

The brunch is catered, but some of it needs to be semi-prepared (salad tossed, some items heated, etc.) in the kitchen prior to its start. Kitchen volunteers (adults) will do this as well as prepare portions on plates which student servers will deliver to their tables. Kitchen helpers need to arrive by 10:30 a.m.

Students from grades 7-10 will be asked to be servers managed by an

adult Server Supervisor. That person will be responsible for the students—organizing their efforts and sitting with them as they eat their meal and listen to the speaker. That person needs to arrive by 11 a.m.

Finally, the most glamorous of jobs, Clean-Up, entails clearing tables, collecting trash, taking down tables, and sweeping the MPR floor. Many hands are needed for this!

If you are ready, willing, and able to assist with the brunch, please contact Linnea Worthington (Darius, Grade 4) [linneaworthington@gmail.com](mailto:linneaworthington@gmail.com) or 443-562-6336

## Library news

Thank you to Rachael Stetina (2<sup>nd</sup>) for her birthday gift to the library of Ian Falconer's *Olivia Saves the Circus*, in which Olivia the pig informs her class that, since all the stars of the circus were sick with ear infections, she had to step in to make the show go on. This is a wonderful addition to the collection which will be much enjoyed by our students.



Thanks also to Will Fletcher-Hill (7<sup>th</sup>), who donated a check in honor

of his birthday. The library is adding the first two books of a new fantasy series, *The Hound of Rowan* and *The Second Siege*, by Henry Neff.

We also thank the Goodman/Levine family (Eli, 4<sup>th</sup>; Sarah, 6<sup>th</sup>) for their gift of the new *National Geographic Visual Atlas of the World*. It's an amazingly beautiful book that has already been pored over by students eager to see the many depictions of our planet. As well as the usual political and physical maps, this atlas contrasts the biodiversity,

energy consumption, food production, and climate (to mention just a few topics) of the continents and countries of our world, along with remarkable and evocative photographs. It's a true treasure.

If you are interested in contributing to the library, we have a wish list posted at Amazon.com. Just click on Gifts and Wish Lists and look for Waldorf School of Baltimore. And happy reading!

Charlotte Snyder



## The art of basketball: a mother's perspective

"Parent of artist, musician, scientist, and ... jock!"

This is now part of my new identity as the Waldorf Mom of a 10<sup>th</sup> grader in the pioneer Waldorf Upper School of Baltimore.

Starting last year with a team of only six players, all freshmen at the time, and a dedicated father who had never coached basketball, let alone a high school team, we won nearly all our games, often with only five players and once with only four! These were played against other schools with teams of 15 to 20 on the bench who fielded sophomores and upperclassmen. Our young men went onto the court with an

awareness of their space and where their teammates were at all times, a definite nod to eurythmy and its value beyond its intrinsic beauty.

This year we added two more players for a total of eight. When I walked into our "gym," which is actually our multi-purpose room, our team was dwarfed by 17 very tall young men from the Shoshana Cardin School. I thought how despondent our guys must be in the locker room until I remembered we have neither a locker room nor a real gym! Nonetheless, we won, easily! The score of 77 to 38 reflects how our young men danced around the court, spinning, twisting, leaping,

and surprising the other team with smooth passes and effortless, coordinated movement. Raw talent, Waldorf group awareness and a coach, Mike Richardson, who thinks of the team as a holistic unit, are responsible for the outcome.

After the game, I realized we might be in danger of losing our "artsy" reputation and may become known as a jock school! In fact, many team members are not big basketball fans, but, in the true Waldorf spirit, participate for the sake of those we really want to play.

Paris Kern  
(mother of Leo  
Winzenburg, 10<sup>th</sup> grade)

## Financial Aid applications for the 2009-2010 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. Awards 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. It is not possible to determine if a family qualifies for aid without the information provided by the application process; however, families currently receiving grants have average incomes between \$60,000 and \$120,000. Some families receiving grants fall outside this range. Many

factors impact a family's eligibility for a grant and the size of the grant, including number of dependents, number of tuitions, assets, extraordinary circumstances, the amount of financial aid available, and the school's needs.

The deadline for applying for financial aid for the 2009/10 academic year is January 5, 2009. Instructions for applying, supplemental forms, and the link ([www.nais.org/go/sss](http://www.nais.org/go/sss)) to the NAIS School and Student Service Online PFS (Parent Financial Statement) are available on the school's website [www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org). On the Admissions homepage, click on Admissions, then Financial Aid to reach the financial aid informa-

tion. FAMILIES CURRENTLY RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID-PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE: PAPER VERSIONS OF THE APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL AID WILL NOT BE MAILED THIS YEAR UNLESS REQUESTED. PLEASE GO TO THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID.

Families who require a paper version of the application may contact Kathy Lewis at [kewis@twsb.org](mailto:kewis@twsb.org) or 410-367-6808 ext. 205 prior to December 18. Be sure to review the application as soon as possible and contact Linda Zandler [lzandler@twsb.org](mailto:lzandler@twsb.org) (ext. 206) or Kathy Lewis [kewis@twsb.org](mailto:kewis@twsb.org) (ext.205) prior to the December break if you have any questions.

## Community notes

25th Anniversary Inspiration Community Global Holiday Event Celebrating Hope, Planetary Change and Possibilities, Saturday, December 20, 4-9 p.m., at First Christian Church, 5802 Roland Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland 21210. Performances and Ritual with an Elegant Community Feast featuring: Kirtan with Adan Ayala; Agnihotra fire ceremony with artist/healers Maria Broom and Betsey Gilbert; chanting with Trish Magyari Lorch and John Lorch; magical rhythms with Mz. Imani; Firewheel / Djesben with Katy Gaughan (Firewheel is a groove-folk-fusion duo that features John Kadlecik of Dark Star Orchestra and performs AsiaAfricAppalachian-world beat-trance dance music. Djesben (JESS' ben) is a trio with the eclectic combination of Mountain Dulcimer, Chapman Stick and Conga drums); chanteuse Alice Wells with very very special guests Kappy Laning, Lea Jones and friends. The Ceremony of Lights will be followed by a superb vegetarian feast created by master chef Harvey Sugarman of Harvey's Kitchen. Also included are a Silent Auction and facilitated drumming and ecstatic dance by Katy Gaughan's Music Heals Us. Free child care and plentiful parking will be available. Opportunities to contribute to the Silent Auction, showcase your healing, cultural and social justice work, or to volunteer, are still open. Contact Rory Turner (Catie, 4<sup>th</sup>) for more information: [rorypbturner@hotmail.com](mailto:rorypbturner@hotmail.com) 443.418.0383. Adults: \$25 full event; \$15 dinner only; \$10 performances & ritual only. Children (age 10-18): \$15 full event; \$10 dinner only; \$5 performances & ritual only. Children under 10 free. For reservations or more information, call Inspiration Community 410.998.9777 or email Pattie at [hope@inspirationcommunity.org](mailto:hope@inspirationcommunity.org). [www.inspirationcommunity.org](http://www.inspirationcommunity.org). ♦ ♦ ♦

Willis Keeling, our orchestra teacher/director, is directing the handbell choir at the St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church, 4711 Edmondson Avenue, Baltimore 21229. The choir will play the Prelude for a Christmas Lessons and Carols Service on Sunday, December 28, at 10.30 a.m. Come enjoy, and surprise him! ♦ ♦ ♦

Start the new year with great fun at our annual Cabin Fever Festival. This year's festival will feature the young and talented Anadama from Boston. Amelia Mason on fiddle, Emily Troll on accordion and fiddle, and Bethany Waikman on guitar are guaranteed to get everyone on the floor dancing! Rebecca Lay is an especially skilled young caller. Her style and enthusiasm blends well with the band. Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses and tropical wear are encouraged. The pot luck dinner at 6:30 will feature summer favorites for our indoor picnic. The Baltimore Folk Music Society presents a Family Dance at St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, MD on the 2nd Saturday of the month, 5-6:30 p.m., followed by a potluck. Admission is \$5 members, \$20 member family, \$7 non-members, \$28 non-member family. No experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. For more information: 410-366-0808, or 410-321-8419. ♦ ♦ ♦

Annual Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols at the MSB Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213, on Saturday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Dec. 21 at 4 p.m. Come hear all of our performing choirs in a Baltimore holiday classic! Featuring a world premiere by Canadian composer Eleanor Daley, this event will surely put you in the holiday spirit! Tickets range in price

from \$12 to \$22, depending on seating preference. Call 410-668-2003, or e-mail: [info@marylandstateboychoir.org](mailto:info@marylandstateboychoir.org), to order your tickets. (Joshua Frick, 3rd grade, will perform in all concerts.)♦♦ ♦ ♦ ♦

Winter and the Water Element: Tuesday Evening December 16, 7-8:30 p.m. Come hear about the blessings of the winter season and the element of water according to Chinese medicine. Includes practical information about foods, practices and good habits that will benefit you in the season as well as time for contemplation and reflection. Increase your awareness of how the seasons affect your body, mind and spirit. All are welcome. Website for details: [www.jenniferdowns.com](http://www.jenniferdowns.com) (Seasonal celebrations link) Home office of Jennifer Downs RN, Licensed Acupuncturist (Emmie Downs Flickinger Grade 10) No charge. Please RSVP to [jdownslac@gmail.com](mailto:jdownslac@gmail.com) or 410-542-5441. Bring a friend. 2501 Manhattan Avenue 21215. Mark your calendar: Beth Knox from Crossings.net... an evening talk and film on Caring for our own at Death Tuesday Feb 3. All day workshop on Feb 28, both at WSB. See my website for details and a flyer. [www.jenniferdowns.com](http://www.jenniferdowns.com) (Workshops and presentations link). ♦ ♦



## Marketplace

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, 5th), 410-366-5033. ♦

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Need that deck repaired? Trim work done inside? Woodworking specialist; inside or outside work; repairs, door hanging; artistic work. Plenty of WSB references. Mark Chmura (uncle of Lucretia, 5th), 410-366-5033. ♦

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Free: 6 month old puppy to a good home. Tan, short haired mutt who will grow to about 40 lbs is friendly, does not damage property, and is good with children. He has shots, is neutered, and is house and crate trained. Owner is moving and can't take him with him. Please call 410-746-2177 and ask for Gyaltsen. ♦

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For rent: Spacious EOG brick home on Gilman Terrace in Wyman Park/Hampden area; easy walk to JHU and the Avenue. Four bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, large covered front porch and fenced in rear deck, family friendly basement. Worth the \$1,500/ month to month lease. Available in January. Owned by WSB alum parent. Call agent at 410-444-6401. ♦♦

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Introduction to The Virtues Project: Awakening the Gifts of Character ([www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com) for more information). Date: Saturday and Sunday Jan 10-11, 2009 8:30-4:30 p.m., at the Waldorf School of Baltimore. To register, contact: Geri Lynn Peak (facilitator): [geri@twogemsconsulting.com](mailto:geri@twogemsconsulting.com) or 410-323-7212. Workshop Fee: \$250. ♦♦

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Dragon Turtle Arts Presents: Pre-lunch *Tai Chi For Busy People and Four Minute Qigong* at Ruscombe. Bob Darlington is teaching *Tai Chi For Busy People and Four Minute Qigong* every Tuesday morning and

Thursday morning from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. in the Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center Community Room. Come and learn Tai Chi and Qigong in a relaxed environment and stay at Ruscombe for a terrific vegetarian lunch. Each class in only \$10 and there are no contracts or commitments required. Home practice DVD's are available. Spend two hours a week learning how to improve your health and reduce your stress. For more information, or to make an appointment for a private or group class, please email: [howlin-fido@aol.com](mailto:howlin-fido@aol.com), or call 410-340-5551. ♦♦

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Come celebrate the winter season with the twinkling white lights, snow covered trees and crisp air of Keene, New Hampshire. Our beautiful apartment is available for short-term rental. We are located in a family friendly neighborhood that is within walking distance of MWS, downtown Keene, pond ice skating, sledding and snow shoeing, and within an hour's drive of some of New England's greatest skiing and shopping. This could be perfect for those looking for a winter getaway. Apartment is available for all or part of the time between Dec. 20 through Feb. 12. Please contact Amy or Nils for more details at either (603) 352-1617 or (410) 279 -5296, or email us at: [amyspryt@hotmail.com](mailto:amyspryt@hotmail.com). ♦♦

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Wooden doll house w/ some wooden & plastic furniture: 3 stories high (2 main floors & attic w/ roof door), 5 rooms, H: 28"x W:24", D:15 1/2"; \$80. Email Lisa at [lisa-dmt@pchs.net](mailto:lisa-dmt@pchs.net) or call 410-480-0024. ♦♦

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Classic Kodiak Wood stove for sale! Very large, complete with 2 blowers, grill front and heavy doors. Used only 2 years then stored for 20. Needs cosmetic rust treatment but sound.

Best offer, you haul. Call Jes, 410-336-0333. ♦♦

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Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center will offer a CPR class on January 17, 2009, 1-5 p.m.; cost: \$50. Location: Hill House Community Hall, 4801 Yellowwood Avenue. Registration required by December 23, 2008. For more information, contact Helen: 410-367-7300. Come update your certificate or learn something new and helpful. Class is offered by American Red Cross. ♦♦♦♦

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Wanted to buy: your gently used Playmobil stuff for our 7-year-old. Interested in figures and props—especially knights, Roman soldiers, pirates, cowboys, and Indians. Boats, horses, accessories, whatever! Email [julie.gabrielli@verizon.net](mailto:julie.gabrielli@verizon.net), or call 410-530-0389. Thanks! Julie Gabrielli (Toby Garver, 1st grade). ♦♦♦♦♦

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Free guinea pig supplies! Cage, bedding, food dish, and lots of food. Call Kerrie Hartman (Matt, 7th; Jake, 5th) at 410-466-5475. ♦♦♦♦♦

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Infant Care: Respectful, loving tending by highly-qualified grandmother available up to 30 hours per week. Call 410.381.7413. License #153609, Howard County, MD. My interest in caring for infants is grounded in a will to further observe earliest soundings of the human being, soundings that I believe will support my position that human beings are naturally musical in/from the earliest beginnings. In a LifeWays session in Maine this past summer, Suzanne Downs, a well-known puppeteer-storyteller within our Waldorf community, cited Rudolf Steiner in affirming my understanding. The work I expect to do within my caring for infants will fulfill partial requirements for the LifeWays training, including the writing of a paper that I expect to publish. ♦♦♦