



Week of January 25, 2010

What's Going On...

Tuesday, January 26
 Waldorf Community Association
 Music Room, 7:00 p.m.
(Please note change of date!)

Wednesday, January 27
 Upper School Basketball
 vs. Gerstell
 Gerstell Academy, 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, February 2
 Upper School Basketball
 vs. Cardin
 J.C.C., 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 4 and
 Friday, February 5
 Grades 1-8 closed for
 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Upper School Open

Thursday, February 4
 Upper School Basketball vs.
 Sojourner Christian Academy
 Towson Y, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, February 5
 Children's Garden closed for
 Parent Teacher Conferences



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

At the budget meeting held on January 12, we described the process used by the school to develop the budget for a school year. It is in fact a 12 month process that begins in October for the next school year, when the Finance Office sends out its request for budget requirements to the faculty and staff and the school's various committees. In November, the requirements are identified by the various groups and the Collegium prioritizes the identified needs. At the end of November, the Board Finance Committee prepares a draft budget based on the identified priorities, and makes its recommendation to the Board of Trustees and the Collegium for tuition rates for the coming school year. Since the great majority of our revenue is from tuition, the estimate of the number of students who will be enrolled is a critical factor in creating the draft budget.

In December, the Board and Collegium meet and approve the tuition rates. In mid-January, re-enrollment contracts are sent out. At the end of January financial aid grants are made for families currently enrolled, and the families are notified. Re-enrollment contracts are returned in mid-February, and decisions are made on the admission of new families to the school. Contracts and financial aid grants for new students are mailed at the beginning of March. Re-enrollment and new contracts continue to be returned in March and April. In April, the enrollment picture for the new school year becomes clearer and the Finance Committee re-evaluates its draft budget in preparation for presenting a revised preliminary budget to the Board and Collegium for approval in late May or early June.

The school's fiscal year ends on June 30; the new fiscal year begins on July 1, and the school begins to spend against the approved preliminary budget. With the beginning of the school year in September, the final enrollment numbers are determined and any newly hired faculty and staff are in place, so the Finance Committee can prepare the final budget for the year. It is approved at the October meeting of the Board of Trustees, just in time for the new budget cycle to begin.

Just a reminder that Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, February 4 and Friday, February 5 for grades 1-7. The Elementary School will be closed both days for grades 1-8. Parent Teacher Conferences for the Children's Garden will be held on Friday, February 5, and the Children's Garden will be closed that day. Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, February 11 and Friday, February 12 for the Upper School. The Upper School will be closed for students on those days. Sign-up sheets for conferences are available in both buildings.

Larry Snyder

Did you know . . . ?

- The following international Waldorf students joined us in January: Kiara Eguiluz Lopez (Peru), Miriam Mayer (Germany), José Miguel Mediano (Spain), Valerio Nicoli (Italy) and Alexandra Redulesku (Russia).
- The fifth grade visited the Egypt exhibit at the Walters Art Gallery last week.

Submit by Friday noon via e-mail: csnyder@bcpl.net

Contact information for School Chairs

Upper School Chair: Donald Bufano, dbufano@twbsb.org; 410-367-0647

Middle School Chair: Ed Meade, emeade@twbsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 365

Lower School Chair: Carol Steil, csteil@twbsb.org; 410-367-6808

Children's Garden Chair: Noris Friedman, nfriedman@twbsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext.371

Administrative Chair: Larry Snyder, lsnyder@twbsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext. 201

Scrip News

SCRIP Sales

Week ended 1/15/10:

Value of cards sold: \$1,400

Profit from these cards: \$56.00

Total profit (YTD): \$2,008.46

Cards sold (# sold):

Amazon \$100 (3)

Giant \$25 (2)

Superfresh \$100 (1)

Whole Foods \$50 (1)

Whole Foods \$100 (13)

Ordering SCRIP

We order from Great Lakes once a month. Below are the ordering cut-off dates for cards we don't keep in stock:

- February 19

- March 19
- April 16
- May 14

See Alex Williams in the Yellowwood Building on Wednesday mornings or Gail Kurek or Sherry Frick at the Tamarind Building every Friday to order and pick up cards or to ask about *painlessly* participating in our SCRIP/Gift card program.

Cards from Giant Foods, Safeway, Superfresh, Shell, Sunoco, Panera, Starbucks, and Whole Foods are usually kept in stock.

If you have any gift card needs outside of our regular stock items, you can also contact us via e-mail at wsbscrip@gmail.com or go online to www.shopwithscrip.com to place

your order. The enrollment code for WSB in shopwithscrip: **D265A5CF12718.**

Weekly Standing 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. If you have Weekly Standing Orders (WSOs), you can pick them up from Alex on Wednesdays.

Remember: this program is a way to support our school without spending any more money. What a great win-win plan.

SCRIP PARTICIPANTS (WEEK ENDED JANUARY 15, 2010)

Jen Baumgartner, Tom Casciero, Bonny Eisenbise, June Fletcher-Hill, Sherry Frick, Michael Richardson, Anita Shefts, and Elena Volkova

THANK YOU!

Teacher lunches for conference days

Our potluck lunches for Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 4th and 5th. Please pick one of the dates that will work best for you and bring in a dish for our teachers. Your offering can be anything you'd like: sandwiches, salads, soups, side dishes, desserts, etc. The teachers really appreciate this gift from the parents. It is a treat they enjoy and look forward to for sustenance through the long conference days. Please contact Marc Silverman at silvermann33@hotmail.com and let him know which date and what you would like to bring. Thanks for your support.

New Director-General of UNESCO

The Waldorf School of Baltimore was invited, as a UNESCO affiliated school, by the United Nations Foundation to the reception welcoming the new Director-General of UNESCO, Ms. Irina Bokova, that took place on Thursday January 21st. Ms. Bokova was elected in September 2009. As Founder and Chairperson of the European Policy Forum, she worked to overcome divisions in Europe and promote the

values of dialogue, diversity, human dignity and rights.

Ms. Bokova talked about the new UNESCO agenda for the near future that includes projects on sustainability that are imperative in our current times and on education for all. She mentioned that 54 % of women around the world do not receive education. They are working extensively on reducing this

number.

WSB participation in this event forged new bridges with different organizations such as U.S. Partnership for Education for Sustainable Development and Better World Campaign that bring new exciting opportunities for our students.

Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang
Upper-School Spanish teacher

Reenrollment Contracts

Reenrollment contract packages for the 2010-2011 school year have been mailed. Please review the package carefully. If you have not received your package yet, please contact the elementary office. If you

have questions, please contact Linda Zandler at ext. 206 or Kathy Lewis at ext. 205. They will be happy to assist you with the reenrollment process.

Please note that the deadline to return your enrollment contract and \$500 per child deposit is Friday, February 12. Send in your contract on time to reserve your child's place in the school and receive a 1% discount on your tuition!

Haiti Relief

Two initiatives have been started at the school to help Haiti recover from the earthquake. Thomas Downs, Jr. (4th) suggested that everyone could bring in \$1.00, which is being collected in the lobby

of the Tamarind Building. The middle School Student Council is planning to sell cold drinks (lemonade or juice) at lunchtime and donate the proceeds to Haitian relief. As their plans are finalized, you will be

informed.

All money collected from these initiatives will be given in the name of the students, faculty, and parents of the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

Puffins, puffins, puffins! Help the fifth grade adopt one

The fifth grade is working hard to adopt a puffin off the coast of Maine as part of an Audubon restoration project. You can help them by purchasing any flavor of Barbara's Bakery Puffins cereal and bringing

the box tops to the 5th grade classroom or the school store. You can buy Puffins cereal at Whole Foods, Trader Joe's, Giant or Wegman's. Thank you!

Landon Silverman (5th grade)



MathTree



MathTree
It all adds up to fun!

Want to give your child a helping hand or a leg up in math? Give your child a fun, exciting, hands-on math experience with MathTree this summer. We're math specialists determined to provide just the right setting for your child to thrive. With small groups, strong teachers who

care about your child as an individual, and great material presented in a fun, exciting way, your child is sure to find success and fun in math! Plant a love for math in your child and watch it grow, with MathTree.

Lynn Salvo, founder of MathTree, Inc., is a Baltimore native and a former Waldorf teacher. After devel-

oping the program for 11 years in the DC Metro area, she is excited to finally bring MathTree to Baltimore's children and is grateful that the Waldorf School of Baltimore will be hosting the program.

For more information or to sign your child up for a summer math experience, visit www.mathtree.com.

Block III of Special Eurythmy

I hope everyone has had a good beginning to their New Year.

The third block of therapeutic eurythmy will begin on February 22 upon return from our Winter break. First payment must be made before February 10.

There will be 10 sessions for a cost of \$300. There is limited financial aid and this can be requested by writing a note stating that you would need to have financial aid for your child for this block. The block will end on March 25. If you would like to have your child signed up, or

have any questions about the program, please contact me at the number or e-mail listed below. I look forward to hearing from you.

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

Bring in your Box Tops for Education soon!

One of the twice-a-year dates for our school to turn in Box Tops for Education is coming up next month. Please bring in any Box Tops you

have been collecting by Monday, February 8. There is a collection bin in the Parent Library (first floor near the front door of the Tamarind

Building) to accept them, or you can give them to Jean Engelke at the reception desk.

Weekly

Editor: Charlotte Snyder. Submissions: Email to csnyder@bcpl.net by noon on Friday.

Submissions should be in Microsoft Word in plain text.

(No text boxes, tables, or other formatting, or PDF documents, please!)



CKCS is back for another delicious year!

Classes taught by Chef Nikki, co-host of "Child Life TV Cooking Show" at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, and her staff of culinary experts

Mondays
3:30 – 5:00
Grades 1-5

1st grade room

- *Aprons and chef hats provided
- *Leftovers taken home after each class



Cooking with kids is our main course...

What's to come:

Just Desserts!!!!!!
Cake decorating, truffle making, and more

Special Guest, Rich Karoll from "Ace of Cakes" will be teaching cake decorating at one of the classes!

We incorporate science, math, nutrition, and kitchen safety into the preparation of fun and delicious culinary specialties.

Student's Name(s): _____ Birthdate: _____
 Grade/Teacher: _____
 **Allergies: _____
 Parent/Guardian: _____ Home phone: _____
 Address: _____ Cell phone: _____
 Email: _____

After class my child will: (circle one) *Be picked up at 1st grade room *Go to aftercare

Please make checks payable to: CKCS, LLC and send in with your child to school in an envelope labeled CKCS by 1/8

Parent that volunteers for an entire session pays only \$70 per session

Call first to see if volunteer spot is available 978-223-3068

***Classes limited to 12 students**

- Session B: 2/22, 3/1, 3/8, 3/15 \$130/\$110**
- Session C: 3/22, 3/29, 4/12, 4/26 \$130/\$110**
- Session D: 5/3, 5/10, 5/17, 5/24 \$130,\$110**

***If you sign up for more than 1 session, each session is \$110**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this form, you waive any right to claim against CKCS owner, staff, or your child's school in the event of accident or injury. Refunds not given once session has begun, but credit can be applied to future classes. You hereby authorize the release of your child's photo for use by CKCS. **Waldorf**

To find out more about CKCS, LLC: visit us at: CKCSweb.com or call 443-453-4756

Community Notes

Come see Victoria Mansuri's solo-directorial debut, Maria Broom's wonderful choreography, and Cantor Robbie Solomon's lyrical score in *Orphan Queen*. The story of Queen Esther, set in the colorful opulence of ancient Persia, is moving and beautifully presented in musical form. Two performances for Purim at Baltimore Hebrew Congregation, Saturday, February 20 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 21 at 7:00, with a possible Sunday matinee. Visit orphanqueen.com or call 443-524-0284 for more information and to buy tickets \$18 • \$36 • \$50. Hurry! Space is limited.

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The Baltimore Folk Music Society presents Northern Harmony, the unique world music singing ensemble from Vermont, led by Larry Gordon and Patty Cuyler, in concert on Friday, February 5, 2010, at 8:00 PM at Stony Run Friends Meeting, 5116 North Charles Street. Concert admission is \$10 for adults at the door, \$8 for BFMS members. Age 12 and under half price. For information call 410-788-2761 before 8 PM, or email svob@comcast.net (preferred). No advance tickets. Hailed for their "sheer agility, vitality and power" by the Washington Post, Northern Har-

mony's brilliant young singers are chosen from among the strongest recent graduates of Village Harmony teen ensembles. They stretch the normal boundaries of choral music with their command of varied world ethnic singing styles: sacred and secular harmonies from Corsica and Georgia; village music from the Balkans; South African folk and church songs and dances; American shape-note singing and a cappella gospel; and contemporary compositions. For further information visit the Northern Harmony website: www.villageharmony.org.♦♦♦

Marketplace

Wanted: outdoor, wooden playhouse. Contact laleach@comcast.net

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Organic Crib Mattress for sale: Eco-baby organic cotton and wool chemical-free crib mattress. Gently used; in great condition. \$100. Contact Aimee at abealer@comcast.net.♦

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Organic Wool Crib Mattress Protector for sale: Like-new fitted wool 'puddle pad' to keep mattress dry. \$50. Contact Aimee at abealer@comcast.net.♦

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Styrofoam sheets needed: To insulate my beehives, I need sheets of Styrofoam about 2x3 feet. If you have any or know where I can get some, please let me know. Jeanne Deignan-Kosmides, 410-952-9173 or 410-833-6067.♦♦

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Tutoring: Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher and Waldorf graduate, grades 1-12) supplies tutor-

ing for your child that utilizes and supports the pedagogy and artistry of Waldorf education. Tutoring available in language arts, math and all Main Lesson subjects, grades 1-8, and in English/Language Arts grades 1-12. Sessions on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays between 10:45 and 4:30. \$30/hr. Please contact Ms. Mansuri at 410-925-8532 or frecklenosedcat@gmail.com to schedule tutoring for your child today!♦♦

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QIGONG LESSONS: Bob Darlington (Jessery, 2nd) will be teaching Four Minute Qigong and Dragon and Tiger Qigong at the Ruscombe Mansion in January. There will be two after school classes for children starting January 26 and 27. There will be an all ages class starting January 25 at 7 p.m. Bob will also teach Four Minute Qigong in one evening on Friday, January 29. All students must pre-register, so please email Bob for details and an e-flyer at howlinfido@aol.com. Qigong is a great way to build good health and calm the

mind. Four Minute Qigong can literally be performed in four minutes in a very small space. Dragon and Tiger Qigong is one of the oldest and easiest to practice Qigong forms. Bob Darlington is a certified Tai Chi and Qigong teacher. He is also an Aikido Yudansha (Black Belt).♦♦♦

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