



Week of February 28, 2011

## What's Going On...

Friday, March 11  
 A night of fashion + performance  
 Multipurpose Room,  
 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 17  
 Parents' Association Meeting  
 Music Room, 7:30-8:15 p.m.

Friday, March 18  
 Purim celebration and third  
 grade play

Thursday, March 31  
 First Eurythmy Assembly  
 Multipurpose Room, 1:45 p.m.



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

### **Our first night of fashion + performance @ The Waldorf School of Baltimore!**



#### **HAT MAKING WORKSHOP**

Saturday, March 5, Noon to 3:00 p.m., Upper School Art Room

- Taught by Lauren O'Brien, milliner extraordinaire
- Open to capable students (child care is not available) and adults
- \$10.00 suggested donation to cover materials cost; bring your own lunch
- Please sign up by sending an e-mail to Brenda Wolf Smith, [Bwolfsmith@aol.com](mailto:Bwolfsmith@aol.com)

#### **FASHION SHOW DRESS REHEARSAL**

Saturday, March 5, 3:00-4:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

#### **FASHION SHOW + PERFORMANCE ART**

Friday, March 11, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Room

- Re-imagined and re-purposed fashions, live music, vendors, and more
- Delicious desserts and drinks for sale to benefit the Class Trip Fund
- \$5.00 for adults; \$3.00 for students

An invitation to crafters who recycle/repurpose items:  
 Let us know if you would like to set up a vendor table at the Fashion Show.  
 Please contact Brenda Wolf Smith if you're interested: [Bwolfsmith@aol.com](mailto:Bwolfsmith@aol.com).

### Condolences

The school extends its deepest condolences to the family of Ed Galloway, who died in Ireland last week. Ed's three children, Ian, Colin, and Dylan, all graduated the eighth grade at the school. He was teaching the fifth grade at the Waldorf School in Hollywood Steiner School in Northern Ireland at the time of his death.

## Contact information for School Chairs

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

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

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

## Purim: In school celebration

On Friday, March 18, WSB will have its in-school celebration of the Jewish holiday Purim. Students in kindergarten through grade 5 will gather for a festive play by the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, singing, and dancing. During snack time we'll share special Purim treats for which we need your help. All the students in the school will receive a Hamantaschen as a snack treat. Hamantaschen are a traditional food for Purim and are meant to look like the hat that the tyrant Haman wore. We want to have enough Hamantaschen for everyone in the school; therefore, we are asking for volunteers from our community to bake a batch. If about 12-15 people each bake a batch, that should be enough to give everyone a Hamantaschen. (See below for a good recipe.) Please let Noris Friedman, of the Festivals Committee, know if you will bake a batch (410-367-6808, ext. 371) or email me at [nfriedman@twbsb.org](mailto:nfriedman@twbsb.org). We need your reply by Tuesday, March 15 at the latest, so that we can plan accordingly. Thank you so much for your help.

If you bake a batch of Hamantaschen, please bring it to school no later than 8:15 a.m. on Friday, March 18. You can leave it at the front desk of the Elementary school with Jean Engelke. Thank you!

### HAMANTASCHEN RECIPE

Honey dough:

4 c. flour; 1 teaspoon baking soda; 1/2 teaspoon salt; 4 eggs; 1 cup honey; 1/4 pound butter, melted.

Preheat the oven to 350° F.

Sift the dry ingredients together into a large bowl. Add the eggs, honey, and butter, and mix. Roll out on a lightly floured board. This is a very sticky dough; you might need to add a little flour to get the dough flat. With a glass 3 or 4 inches in diameter, cut circles in the dough, re-rolling the scraps until it is all used up. Put a little filling (see below) in the center of each circle and fold up the edges to make 3 corners. Bake for 30 minutes. Let the Hamantaschen cool, and then give

them away to friends and family. Makes about 48 cookies.

Fillings:

Any fruit preserves, such as apricot or raspberry jam or orange marmalade, can be used. Poppy seed filling comes already made in a can. You might find it in a store with international foods or at a kosher butcher. Other suggested fillings: vegetarian mincemeat, stewed apple.

Note about the pastry dough: This recipe produces a "cakey" pastry. Ready made, frozen pastry dough can also be used. We are looking forward to this joyous celebration, and thank you for your help.

Noris Friedman  
Festivals Committee

## Upper School Basketball

Sad to say, WSB lost to Cardin in the league championship game, although they played well and hard. John Richardson injured his ankle in the first quarter and was out the rest of the game. But the big news is that John won the most valuable player of the league award. Congratulations, John and the whole team for a game well played!

Left: Jeremy Davis.

Right: John Richardson.

Both are seniors this year.



## Pulitzer Center representative speaks about world water

On Monday, February 14, 2011, Peter Sawyer, representative from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, visited our school and talked to grades 7 through 11 about World Water Crisis, chosen theme of the year by the Center. The Pulitzer Center is a non-profit journalism organization that supports independent international journalism. Mr. Sawyer was here to discuss with us water conditions and availability in different parts of the world. Over 40% of citizens in Dhaka, Bangladesh live in its many slums and around the deadly disease that thrives there due to water pollution and contamination. The few people fortunate enough to live outside of such an infection ridden area are still being exposed to the disease through water problems. Human waste often is just washed away back into the "reservoir" and recycled to faucets and hoses.

Mr. Sawyer also addressed desertification in China due to non-sustainable agricultural practices. In addition, he pointed out how many

gallons of water it takes to process one pound of meat (1,800 gal.), a t-shirt (713 gal.) and a cup of coffee (39 gal.). In the United States, 70% of the drinking water is used in agriculture.

We can all contribute to a more sustainable world with our daily grade practices and purchases.

Dylan Albinak, 9<sup>th</sup>

Photo By Alex Stonehill, Ethiopia, 2008.



## Marshmallows and pasta: what a tower! Congratulations, WSB Middle School!

Congratulations to Lucretia Field, Aspen Gustin, (both 7th) and Courtney Athas (8th) on winning this year's middle school Tower of Power competition! Their tower reached a height of 185 cm!

Second place winner was the Bryn Mawr School, with a height of 137 cm. Third place winner was the

team from the Park School, with a height of 123 cm.

As winners, our students were invited to the 4th Annual Tower of Power Half Hour contest on Monday, February 21. Each team had 30 minutes to build the tallest tower with one pound of pasta and one 16-oz. bag of Kraft Jet puffed

marshmallows.

At the big contest, the Walbat team (JHU alumni from Waldorf and Battelle) came in first, the second tallest tower was built by the Waldorf middle school girls, and third place went to JHU undergraduates. Go Wolves!!

Kathy Breen

## Opportunities for Girls in Engineering

Middle and high school girls are encouraged to attend to *Girl Power—Reach for the Stars*, an expo that highlights career opportunities for the women of tomorrow in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Attendees will be able to talk with professional women in STEM careers and take part in hands-on activities. Parents are

invited to accompany their daughters. For more information please contact [APL Education & Community Outreach](#).

**Ready Set Design!** - Sign up for Ready Set Design! Ready Set Design! provides introductory engineering experiences to **middle school girls in the Baltimore area**. Dates are Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, April 3rd. Partici-

pants will learn about the engineering design process and then split into groups to work on their product! The event is free, but girls must register to participate. For more information and to register!

**Phone:** (410) 516-6224.

**Web:** <http://engineering.jhu.edu/~ceo/>

## Community Notes

The Church of the Redeemer's Youth Group is excited to present its spring production, *Bye Bye Birdie*. Please join them for performances on Friday and Saturday, March 4 & 5, 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 6, at noon. WSB's Grace McClintock is part of the cast. There is no admission charge, but donations to Redeemer Youth Group programming and outreach are always welcome. The church is at 5603 North Charles Street.♦

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Come to the Creative Alliance on March 18th to see "Pepito's Clown-demonium Review!" The show features Z Smith and Sophie Hinderberger

(Class of '98) along with some other very talented ladies. Puppets, Clowns and Country Singers bring you a night of laughs and follies. Appropriate for 6th grade and up. Check out [creativealliance.org](http://creativealliance.org) for more details.♦♦

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[Kayam Farm at Pearlstone 2011 CSA](#): 50 shares available! Do you like sweet potatoes, cherry tomatoes and green beans? How about salad greens and sugar snap peas? Culinary herbs, perhaps? Join Kayam Farm's CSA and share in the abundance of our delicious and healthy produce, delivered weekly fresh from the farm. Our 2011 season will fea-

ture an increasing variety of vegetables, herbs, and delicious berries, available weekly at a pick-up location near you! May–November (25 weeks, \$500) includes over 30 kinds of veggies and herbs (and a few fruits too). Kayam Farm at Pearlstone, located in Reisterstown, is a non-profit educational organic farm serving the needs of the Baltimore community. Monthly CSA Cooking Classes! Kayam staff will host monthly **cooking classes** especially geared towards CSA members, so that we can share recipes and enjoy our yummy harvests together! CONTACT: [jweinberg@pearlstonecenter.org](mailto:jweinberg@pearlstonecenter.org)♦♦



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

On April 18-24, children around the world will celebrate **Screen-Free Week** (formerly TV-Turnoff) by turning off televisions, computers, and video games and tuning in on the world around them. Your organization, AWSNA, is an official sponsor of this initiative! Waldorf school communities are ideal partners in this global effort to eliminate screens for a week from the lives of children. In Waldorf schools, the human voice and human speech are cultivated through recitation and storytelling; imaginative play is a pillar of the work at school from early childhood on, transformed into drama through twelfth grade; and current brain research indicates that the curriculum in a Waldorf school supports development of the whole mind through play, the arts, and rigorous academics. Waldorf school communities already know the benefits of a week with no screens, but we can all do a bit more to focus away from the distractions of electronics that are so enmeshed in our complex and beautiful world. Join with us in working to have a completely free-of-screens week to emphasize the importance of this effort.

**Great news about AWSNA's service trip to New Orleans!** Already 55 people (alums, grandparents, parents, teachers, students!) have signed up to be in New Orleans this April 7, 8, 9, and 10, 2011, helping the Waldorf School of New Orleans and working on other projects helping to rebuild New Orleans. Do you want to join us? Rooms are going fast, since it's also the weekend of the French Quarter Music Festival! We've offered scholarships to 27 people to help with travel, including two wonderful groups coming in vans! Also an eighth grade has chosen this for their 8th grade class trip! We are thrilled with the outpouring of support and look forward to work and pleasure during this fabulous weekend. Please contact us if you'd like to be there too: [aturowski@awna.org](mailto:aturowski@awna.org)

It's not too late (OR TOO EARLY!) to register for the **AWSNA Summer Conference**. From June 24-27, 2011, hundreds will gather in Garden City, NY to learn more about Rudolf Steiner's Unique Understanding of Adolescence, Child Development, and the Spiritual Intentions of Waldorf Education. Keynote Speaker is Dr. Peter Selg, MD, a youth psychiatrist and spiritual scientific researcher working out of anthroposophy as director of the Ita Wegman Institute in Switzerland. This conference will delve into Rudolf Steiner's view into the pedagogical challenge which childhood presents, creating a kind of basic reflection about the spiritual core of Waldorf Education. Please inform your communities and mark your calendars! [http://www.whywaldorfworks.org/03\\_NewsEvents/calendar.asp](http://www.whywaldorfworks.org/03_NewsEvents/calendar.asp). Hosted by Waldorf School of Garden City, NY.

**AWSNA's annual appeal** continues to foster feelings of collaboration and strength in support of Waldorf Education in North America. This year, consider donating even just \$1 to AWSNA. If all our members and constituents gave \$1 we would have \$35,000 for Waldorf Education (make it \$5 and we'd have \$175,000!! You can donate on line on [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org). More ways you can further Waldorf Education in North America: Sign up to receive the e-news and on the Alumni Corner on [www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org](http://www.WhyWaldorfWorks.org) to stay informed about Waldorf news, like AWSNA on Facebook [Waldorf Education-the official page sponsored by AWSNA](#); support your local Waldorf school every way you can; and use GoodSearch (instead of Google) when surfing the web. Thank you for your commitment to Waldorf Education!



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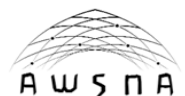
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**“Rukia Goes to School”**



The great thing about these pictures of children reading "Rukia Goes to School" in Kenya is that it is written by Waldorf teacher **Susan Cook**, who wrote it after spending time teaching in Kenya. Illustrated by Waldorf alum **Ilana Stein** and published by **AWSNA Publications**, "Rukia Goes to School" is used as a reader by children in North America at the same time that children in Kenya are reading the same book written about their school. Waldorf Education is the tie that gathers us together around the world!



## Marketplace

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Phone: Sanzi 410-243-0588; email: [michelle.sanzikermes@gmail.com](mailto:michelle.sanzikermes@gmail.com). I am a professional artist (local, regional, and international exhibition history) and my daughter attends WSB in the Willow Room.

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Chi Kung for Kids with Bob Darlington -- I would like to teach Chi Kung (Qi Gong) classes for kids at the Ruscombe Mansion Community Room - next door to Waldorf - most likely starting in the second half of March and going through late April or early May (4 to 6 weeks, one half-hour per class, \$10 per class). The community room is being renovated, and I am still waiting to hear when it will reopen; but the new space will be great, with a bamboo floor and new paint. I would like these classes to be for third to fifth graders, and these classes will be Chi Kung only, no martial arts. Chi Kung involves stillness, deep breathing, and light movement - if you don't think this sounds right for your child, it probably isn't. As most kids prefer to take more active Chinese arts like Kung Fu, Chi Kung may not be a good fit for everyone. I am putting out this ad to see if there is any interest in these classes before I book the space and send out flyers. If you are interested, please let me know at: [howlinfido@aol.com](mailto:howlinfido@aol.com).

Thank you, Bob Darlington (Jessery, Third Grade)

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Eco Cleaning Service is a domestic cleaning service owned by Gail Kurek, parent of Adam (8th). Our team is growing and we are able to take on more cleaning jobs, so if you are looking for someone to clean and care for your home with non-toxic, green products give us a call: Gail Kurek, 410-812-9914.◆

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Nanny/Caregiver needed: Parent-Child family living in Roland Park looking for a ¾-time (approximately 26-28 hrs/ week) experienced, responsible, and fun nanny to care for our 2 ½ -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 and observe, keep a good nap and feeding schedule, and generally promote a loving, relaxed, neat, and creative environment for our children. Light housekeeping (tidying kitchen and downstairs/ children's laundry) and some driving to after school activities is also part of the job. There is some flexibility in hours and pay for the right person. Our schedule of preference is full-day Tues/Wed/Thurs. It is important to us that our nanny be trustworthy, punctual, reliable, and loving. As co-care givers we hope to foster a relationship of mutual trust, sharing and learning. Contact: Ariane de Bremond 443-742-1309 or [ariane.debremond@gmail.com](mailto:ariane.debremond@gmail.com) ◆◆

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Do you have a favorite but broken piece of furniture sitting in the basement waiting to be repaired? The years go by and nothing happens . . . but you just can't bear to throw it out. If this sounds familiar, I'd be happy to repair it for you. I find that most damage is relatively easy to repair and so not too costly. While I prefer working on older furniture, I'd be happy to take a look at anything you may have. Kevin Fitzgerald (Miranda Fitzgerald, 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduate, 2010); [fitkevin@gmail.com](mailto:fitkevin@gmail.com) or 443-762-7714.◆◆

