



Week of February 2, 2009

What's Going On...

Wednesday, February 4
 Ninth Grade Bake Sale
 Yellowwood Building, 3:20 p.m.

Thursday, February 5, and
 Friday, February 6
 Parent Teacher Conferences
 Elementary School Closed
**Children's Garden and Upper
 schools open**

Friday, February 6
 Board President's Coffee
 Tamarind Building Lobby
 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Monday, February 9
 Children's Garden Parent-
 Teacher Conferences
 Children's Garden closed
**Elementary and Upper
 schools open**

Monday, February 9
 Experience 8th grade eurythmy
 with Mrs. Friedman
 Eurythmy Room, 8:30-9:30

Thursday and Friday, February
 12 and 13
 Upper School Parent-Teacher
 Conferences
 Upper School Closed
**Elementary and Children's
 Garden open**

Monday, February 16-
 Friday, February 20
 Winter Break
 All schools closed

Monday, February 23
 School reopens

From the desk of the Administrative Chair

During the last month, the Board and Collegium have been considering options for facilities for our expanding program. In the next school year we will be adding an additional grade to the upper school, and we anticipate adding a third class to the Children's Garden. To accomplish these goals we will have to rearrange some of the uses of the spaces in the Yellowwood Building. This will involve remodeling the school store, relocating some offices, subdividing a large room into two rooms, and creating space for a science lab for the upper school.

The space for the school store will be made smaller to allow for the use of the office behind the present store to be used by Virginia Efta's therapeutic eurythmy program. The room where therapeutic eurythmy is presently located (on the second floor mezzanine) will be divided into two rooms, and they will be used as classrooms for the upper school. Terry Williams, facilities manager, will relocate his office to an office on the second floor mezzanine. Sherri Kasky, the store manager, will call the outer Children's Garden office, across from the remodeled store, home for next year. The store will utilize space in the basement for storage of inventory. The room currently used by the upper school as a humanities classroom will be utilized as a classroom for the Children's Garden again. (It was used as the classroom for the 3-day nursery and parent child classes two years ago.) We will add science lab work stations and a fume hood to the current science classroom to create a science lab.

We anticipate that these re-arrangements will only be required for one year, until the work on either a two-story classroom addition to the Tamarind Building or the build-out of classrooms on the midlevel of the parking garage located under the Tamarind Building are completed. (You should read the article on the capital campaign which is included in this edition of the Weekly on page 3.) With either building project, we expect that work on refurbishing the Yellowwood Building will be part of the total project.

Remember that the lower and middle schools are closed to students on this Thursday, February 5th and Friday, February 6th for parent teacher conferences. Also, re-enrollment contracts are due by Friday, February 13th in order to receive the 1% discount on tuition. Last week we had our first school closings or delays for the year. We try to make our decisions before 5:30 a.m. when possible, and they are announced on WBAL radio (1090 AM), WBAL-TV and WMAR-TV. You can also call the school (410-367-6808) and listen to the recorded message.

Larry Snyder

Ninth grade bake sales coming up

The ninth grade is planning bake sales on the 4th, 10th, and 24th of

February and March 3rd. Please plan to stop by the Yellowwood Building

to buy a treat on those days. Thank you.

The Ninth Grade

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: Noris Friedman, nfriedman@twsb.org; 410-367-6808 ext 371

Children's Garden Chair: Charlotte Landgraf, cdlandgraf@hotmail.com; 410-664-7714

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

Reenrollment contracts

Reenrollment contract packages for the 2009-2010 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 13. Send in your contract on time to reserve your child's place in the school and receive a 1% discount on your tuition!

Therapeutic Eurythmy Block III

School has just begun and we must think of the next block of therapeutic eurythmy.

It will begin on February 23 and end on April 1 (no fooling!). There will be 11 sessions in the block for a

total cost of \$330. First payments will be due by February 9.

Financial aid is available and must be requested in writing (note or e-mail). My contact information is below. If you would have any ques-

tions, please feel free to contact me. I would be happy to speak with you.

Virginia Efta
410-367-6808 x 373

Pot luck lunch for Parent Teacher Conferences this week

Our potluck lunches for Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up on February 5th and 6th. 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 confer-

ence days. Please contact Marc Silverman at msilvermann33@hotmail.com and let him know which date and what you would like to bring. Thanks you for your support.

Wish these students a happy birthday this month!

Alexander Jones, 2nd grade; Jack Connors, 3rd grade; Elise Hackman, 4th grade; Jason Noble, 6th

grade; Valerie Pasion, 8th grade, and Emmie Downs-Flickinger, 10th grade, are all celebrating birthdays

this month.

And if you see Mr. Snyder, wish him a happy birthday, too!

Capital Campaign update

A recent discussion open to the Waldorf community featured the School's budget process and plans for building new spaces and the Capital Campaign to finance it. Scott Helm and Chaddie Hughes, Board members and campaign co-chairs, summarized the history of fundraising efforts during the initial quiet phase and outlined plans for the coming year. Rüdiger Ruckmann, Administrator of Development, spoke about the current giving climate.

A construction plan to build on the entire pad (the area behind the fence on the plaza, next to the present Tamarind Building) was initially designed with a price tag of \$5-6 million. A quiet phase of a capital campaign that included new marketing and outreach materials, as well as campaign materials and discussions with major donors was conducted, guided by The Ostroff Group and Neustadt Creative Marketing. This effort resulted in gifts (cash and pledges) amounting to approximately \$2.85 million, of which nearly \$1.0 million has been spent on architect/construction fees, as well as fundraising and marketing activities.

The Board proceeded cautiously as enrollment declined and a dark

cloud started to form over the economy. In 2008 it was determined the school would not be able to raise as much as \$5 million and work began with the architect to identify a smaller piece of the project that could be built and added onto at a later date. Biddable drawings of this option are due to be completed by the end of this month; the estimated cost is approximately \$3 million. This would create new spaces for the Upper School in the Tamarind Building, leaving the Yellowwood Building for the Children's Garden program. As we cannot build a gym at this time, we have also been considering a fabric structure to cover the pad that would create a covered play area; this could add another \$150,000-200,000 to our costs.

As the economic crisis has surpassed our worst fears, the Board has recognized that even this goal may be beyond our reach at this time. However, it has been agreed that we must build now to continue to offer an excellent program to all our students in the future and go back to the drawing board and see if we had an even more modest undertaking that could meet some of our objectives. Discussions with the architect are going on now to look at building out space for our

Children's Garden program in the Garden Level (currently a closed-in basement) of the Tamarind Building, leaving the Yellowwood Building for the Upper School. We expect renovations in both buildings to cost approximately \$2 million.

Thus, we are now poised for the future. We have identified how we can reconfigure spaces in the Yellowwood Building to accommodate an expanding Children's Garden and Upper School (including lab space) for next year. We have two good options to consider for future spaces to be ready for the 2010 school year, including play space that can accommodate basketball and community events on a now unused pad. A lot of creativity has gone into this project !!!

The Capital Campaign is now ready to take its next step. We can move into an active or public phase. The co-chairs are pulling together Honorary Chairs and a Steering Committee for this new phase that will focus on soliciting members of our greater school community. If you are interested in joining this organizing body, please contact Chaddie at chahugs@comcast.net, Scott at Scotthelm@aol.com, or Rüdiger Ruckmann in the Development Office (410-367-6808 ext. 204). Let's make it happen!

Join us for family bingo games

Family bingo returns on Saturday, March 14, 3-5:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. This fun event is

also a fundraiser for class trips. We hope to see you all there!

Rosemary Scavullo Flickinger
shiatsuacupressure@verizon.net
(Sequoia, 7th)

WSB Lego Robotics team scores big at Maryland State Tournament!

Waldorf's Lego Robotics Team, the "elements", had a lot to celebrate on Saturday, January 31, at the Maryland State Tournament at UMBC. In the robotics competition, the team's best score earned the team 33rd place out of the 80 teams entered. This was a significant victory in the face of the adversity posed by the team's belated recognition that the practice table was warped. The weather forced us to cancel two "emergency" meetings last week to re-tune the programs;

that the team was able to fix as many programs as it did represents a testimony to their powers of observation, analysis, and perseverance. The team now has a new appreciation for what it means to compete "on a level playing field!"

It was not, however, for the robotics portion of the competition that the team received the greatest recognition at the tournament. During the closing ceremonies, the team was thrilled to receive the very top

award for the research portion of the challenge, out of ten such research-related awards given out. Come check out their solution to global climate change (presented in the form of a "puzzle poster"), as well as their 1st place trophy, in the lobby of the Tamarind Building during Parent-Teacher conferences this week!

Lynn Roberts
(Thomas, 7th)

Scrip news

This week's Scrip sales:

\$1,350 sold
\$67.50 profit

Profit to date for the school year:
\$1,759.90

Participants in our Scrip program for the month of January:

Admissions
Rosemary and Brent Flickinger
Sherry Frick
Chaddie Hughes
Yan Jiang
Gail Kurek
Roslyn Lisberger
Susan Manning
Cate Mulvihill
Graciela Pasion
Brooke Redgrave
Karen Vanderheyden

Jane Wolfrum

These participants contributed \$90 to the WCA funds by purchasing Scrip for grocery shopping, school events, and dinners out. And they did not spend any more money than they would have to do these same things without Scrip. Remember: The wonderful thing about Scrip is that it gives to the school without stressing your pocketbook. Simply deciding to change your habits with everyday shopping can enrich the curriculum for our children without you spending any more money. Think about it.

Earn money for our school while using the Internet

You can help Waldorf School of

Baltimore earn money every time you search the Internet! Here's how: GoodSearch.com is a search engine that donates about a penny per search to the charities its users designate. You use it just as you would any search engine, and because it's powered by Yahoo!, you get great results. Just go to www.goodsearch.com. Be sure to enter Waldorf School of Baltimore as the charity you want to support. And make sure you spread the word!

Thanks for all you do to support WSB's fund-raising efforts!

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

Board President's Coffee moved to February 6

The Board President's Coffee scheduled for Saturday, February 7th, has

been rescheduled for Friday, February 6th, 8:15-9:00 a.m.

Community notes

Discover Engineering Family Day, February 21, 2009: Fun, with the thrill of engineering success! The annual Washington D.C. Engineering Family Day features dozens of hands-on activities provided by local engineering chapters and national organizations. Every year at the start of Engineer's Week, the impressive main hall of the National Building Museum is taken over by thousands of children of all ages experiencing the excitement of engineering, not to mention slime! ♦

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Monthly Peace Circle: Next Circle on February 8, 3 -5 p.m. Beginners welcome. Dances of Universal Peace are heart-felt, healing, fun, community-building, with simple movements. Looking for more musicians to play as we move—written sheet music available (call Peggy to arrange). Near Catonsville at the Westchester Community Center; 2414 Westchester Ave., Ellicott City, MD 21043. Wear layers: outside Circles held when weather allows. Followed by pot-luck dinner, optional, around the corner at our home. For directions, see www.oella.org. For more information see www.peacedance.org. For questions, call Peggy (Naji, 7th) 410-465-1914. ♦

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Marketplace

Now is a great time to get fresh paint to protect and uplift your home. Mikko Goodhill (Class of 2000 and UMBC music student) comes with high recommendations from many WSB faculty and families as a professional, personable and affordable house painter. Contact Mikko at mikko@goodhill.net or 410-971-8696 to get on the winter/spring schedule. You and your home will be glad you did! ♦

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Is the tough economy propelling you to make significant changes in your life, career, finances, relationships, personal growth? Working with a personal coach is an effective and empowering process to get unstuck, move beyond limitations, and blossom from plans to reality. For a free consultation with a certified professional coach, contact Jaana Myllyluoma, Ph.D, CPCC at 410-292-8788 or email jaanamy@comcast.net. ♦

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Babysitting: Celia Friedman (Noris's daughter) is available for babysitting on weekends and some weekday nights. Celia is 18 years old and a senior at McDonogh. She lives ten minutes from WSB, can drive, and loves kids! Please call 443-413-5212

(cell) or 410-358-3008 (h). ♦♦

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Experienced Arborist available for your tree care needs—proper pruning, removals, storm damage, and prevention. Affordable rates. Contact Brandon (uncle of Zoe Moon in the Dandelion Room) at 443-797-7915 or treezaregood@yahoo.com. ♦♦

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Jennifer Brown, LCSW-C (Chaz 10th, Grace 6th, and John 3rd) is pleased to announce that, in addition to her Baltimore County home office, she will be expanding to a new location at Ruscombe Mansion. Jennifer is a psychotherapist with nearly 20 years experience providing play therapy for children (as young as 2 ½) and psychotherapy for adolescents, individual adults and families. She has extensive experience working with children and adults regarding social, emotional, relational, and behavioral and mood issues. Trained in a variety of theoretical orientations, Jennifer believes strongly in starting where the individual is and utilizing appropriate treatment methods based on each client's unique needs. For more information call 410-459-3885. ♦♦

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Looking for a small business opportunity? Become an integrative reflexology practitioner! Study 2-4 hours/

week in Lutherville with Danette M. Shue, CMT. If interested, contact Eileen Silverman (Landon 4th), 410-493-8894. ♦♦♦

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Please join us in the Music Room for some Gentle Yoga Stretching! The stretching, breathing exercises and stress-reduction, relaxation poses we are doing in this class are suitable for anyone who would like a gentle, easy, balancing, and relaxing class. We will combine warm-ups, restorative yoga, and supported yoga postures that can be modified for any condition. More experienced students may enjoy the more relaxed pace in this class. All the postures will be suitable for pregnant women! Teens and up welcome. Drop in and try a class, or join up for 4 sessions. Meeting now on Monday evenings, 6-7:15 p.m. Please let me know if you want me to bring a yoga mat for you to use! Call me with any questions you may have! I look forward to seeing you on Monday evenings at Waldorf! Jeanne Deignan, 410-833-6067(h), or breathofjoy@hotmail.com www.breathofjoy.com. ♦♦♦♦

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Marketplace (continued)

Healing, Relaxing, Meditative, Incredible! Hot Stone Massage with Bill Good, LMT, RMP. Husband of Christine Good, 3rd Grade Teacher. Bikram Yoga, Hampden, 410-243-2040; JHCP at Canton Crossing, 410-522-9940 Ext. 0. ♦♦♦♦

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For sale: Ergo Baby Carrier: good condition, black with beige head cover; \$50 or best offer. Contact Kathy Vizachero, 443-552-7958. ♦♦♦♦

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Caring for Our Own at Death: two events at WSB. First, on Tuesday, February 3, 7-8:30 p.m.: A free introductory evening with Beth Knox of

crossings.net. Includes a film made for Public Television, *A Family Undertaking*. Second, on Saturday, February 28, 9-5: A workshop on Home-based After-death Care, including a focus on green burial options. Includes practicalities, simple rituals adaptable to family and community, state laws, expenses, experiences. Cost: \$125 (includes workshop, resource guide, lunch, and snacks). Crossings is dedicated to renewing simplicity and sanctity to death care, demonstrating that home funeral care is still legal and possible. Contact Jennifer Downs, 410-367-8242;

jdownslac@gmail.com;
www.jenniferdowns.com. ♦♦♦♦♦

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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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