



Week of May 24, 2010

What's Going On...

Monday, May 31
 Memorial Day observed
 School closed

Monday, June 7
 Guided tours of handwork and
 woodwork displays with Ms.
 Emmet and Ms. Mulvihill
 Tamarind Building, 8:30 a.m.
 and 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 10
 Moving Up Day

Thursday, June 10
 Eighth Grade Graduation
 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 11
 Last day of school
 Final Assembly, 10:45 a.m.
 12:15 dismissal



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

If you have been to the Tamarind Building during the last several weeks, you may have noticed that there were fewer students in the building. The week before last the entire middle school went to the Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. The trip was organized by the Middle School Student Council. Last week, the 8th grade was away for their final trip as a class. They went to Hawk Circle in mid-state New York. This week the 5th grade will be away from Monday until Wednesday on a trip to Wye Island, and the 6th grade will be away from Wednesday until Friday on their trip to the Pocomoke River. Each trip is designed to support the curriculum of the particular grade. You will find a more detailed explanation of the importance of class trips in an article that is included in this week's edition on page 3.

The work on the new classrooms for the Children's Garden is nearly complete. The only work remaining is several final inspections by various agencies and some minor corrective actions. The work on the play area will begin shortly after Memorial Day, and should be completed in June. Just a reminder: there will be a lazare painting workshop on the weekend of June 25. The workshop is filling up, so if you had planned to attend you should fill out the workshop registration and return it to the office before Friday June 4th.

Larry Snyder



Celebration of elementary school students' art and handwork—and a guided tour!

All year long, students have been drawing, painting, carving, knitting, crocheting, dyeing fabric, and sewing. Here's your chance to see what they have produced, and an opportunity to see the work as it winds through the curriculum, from first to eighth grade.

All students' work from the year in handwork and woodwork will be on display throughout the school, June 7-10. Please come in and see how their skills of hand and eye have developed as they created objects of beauty and utility. On Monday, June 7, you can have a guided tour of the

exhibits. Meet Ms. Emmet and Ms. Mulvihill in the lobby at 8:30 a.m., or in the Handwork Room at 2:30 p.m.; they will discuss the importance of the students' work and how it develops all their capacities, both mental and physical.

Contact information for School Chairs

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

For week ended 5/14/10:

Value of cards sold: \$3,605
 Profit from these cards: \$166.50
Total profit (YTD): \$3,111.56

- Safeway (\$100)
- Shell (\$50)
- Starbucks (\$25)
- Superfresh (\$25)
- Whole Foods (\$100)

without creating an additional financial burden for you.

You can see Gail Kurek or Sherry Frick at the Tamarind Building on Friday afternoons to order or pick up cards.

Cards purchased

- Chipotle (\$10)
- Giant (\$25)
- Giant (\$100)
- Home Depot (\$100)
- Lowes (\$100)
- Panera (\$25)

Thanks for a good year. Our year-to-date profit is \$3,111.56—and that has been achieved with the participation of only 7% of our community. With 50% participation, we might have brought in *more than* \$18,000. Just consider this amazingly simple fund-raiser, where your participation would help our school

SUMMERTIME SCRIP

If you are interested in purchasing **Whole Foods** gift cards during the summer months, contact Gail Kurek at wbscrip@gmail.com

SCRIP PARTICIPANTS

(WEEK ENDED MAY 14, 2010)

John Clemson, Vicki D'Anna, Sharon Elder, Jean Engelke, June Fletcher-Hill, Chaddie Hughes, Sherri Kasky, Gail Ann Kuderko, Roslyn Lisberger, Kathy MacMillan, Cate Mulvihill, Larry Snyder, Emlyn Stancil, Jane Wolfrum

THANK YOU!

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!)**

School trips: why do we take them?

Road trip! What evokes the imagination and pulses energy through us better than the thought of an expedition out into new worlds? Young British and American men went to Berlin to be “on the Spree (River)” and an expression was born. My generation made pilgrimages “out west.” The Hajj is a requirement in Islam. From a hike, to a Sunday drive, to a major trip abroad, we love to uproot ourselves to seek new vistas, people, and experiences. Travel takes us out of the routine of the home venue and opens us to new perspectives and points of view. While it broadens and inspires new thought and orientation, travel also helps us appreciate the values and rhythms of home better when we return.

Class trips carry a similar spirit and character. School field trips augment and enhance the daily mood and quality of the classroom. The students are excited and filled with anticipation (a very effective educational tool). Trip preparation, the event itself, and a retrospective review help make field trips full and rewarding experiences. There are three (of course, it's Waldorf) parts to a class trip: the educational, the social, and the practical, or will-engaged, aspects.

The educational part relates to subjects learned. There is reference to classroom lessons and activities. It is the teacher's task to bring nature and the world alive and to make it accessible to students in the classroom. Trips reinforce and complement the classroom learning experience. The experience supports the lesson material and allows new points of view on an already-familiar subject. Trips add an additional learning dimension and help address diverse learning styles. The

visually-oriented and movement- (kinesthetic) oriented learners are especially helped by adding the concrete dimension that an excursion offers. Review and discussion of the trip and placing it in context with ongoing work complete the circle and add richness to the educational experience.

Examples from my own experience range widely, from walking to a soapstone quarry and a colonial mill along Rock Creek while studying local geography with Washington fourth graders to an eighth grade visit to Ironbridge Gorge in England, the birthplace of the Industrial Revolution. Each confirmed and expanded the work done in the classroom and in students' books.

The social part is next. There are two main levels to the social experience for the students. First is their interaction with each other. They need to relate to fellow students in new circumstances with fresh, situation-driven responsibilities and expectations. There is less opportunity for escape (justified or not) when you spend extended periods in confined spaces with classmates. It is necessary to deal with issues, disagreements, and logistics directly and immediately.

Second is their interaction with the rest of the world. They represent the school and themselves in public. People meeting Waldorf students generally find them engaging and multidimensional in their presence. One often hears these comments: “They ask good questions, they are able to sing or perform without being overly self-conscious, they look you in the eye and shake hands.” It is an opportunity for the class to experience social and commercial interaction on individual and group levels.

Related to the social aspect is a new, even if temporary, relationship to teacher and parents. The teacher takes on aspects of a parent. Students must give up expectations and comforts enjoyed at home for the sake of the group and for the trip's success. For the teacher, it is a chance to observe and experience the student over a longer period of time and in a venue other than the classroom. On overnight trips especially, the teacher sees the student through all rhythms and moods of the day and night. Parents are faced with letting their children go away from home. Students gain age-appropriate independence from home in taking the trip and working through the pleasures and challenges involved. On the occasions when parents are chaperones, they must be more teacher and trip companion than parent in most situations.

In Waldorf schools, the third grade farm trip and the eighth grade trip are developmental markers that are meaningful to the developmental stages of the students. The farm is often the student's first extended period away from home. In eighth grade, students are cementing social ties, lamenting departures, reveling in the culmination of the grade school years, and looking eagerly ahead to high school.

The last part is the practical. Trip planning, packing, itinerary, financial aspects, travel route, activity schedules, meal planning and preparation, and all the activity of the whole trip itself keep the students active and engaged. Camping or backpacking trips require tending to all of life's necessities. This includes housing, bedding, cooking, cleaning, and waste management. Travel and exploration

School trips (continued)

challenge students physically, emotionally, and intellectually. They engage their wills in activity with everything from simple observation and listening at a museum to full immersion in an outdoor program of some kind. Here again, they face new routines and expectations.

So why are class trips an important educational tool? To:

- have a change of venue, rhythm, and scenery,
- enhance and broaden a classroom experience,
- learn to interact better with teach-

ers, classmates, chaperones, and the rest of the world, and

- do stuff, have fun, and learn by getting out into the world to enrich the school experience.

Donald Bufano

Mathematical Origami

On Tuesday at 1:00 p.m., David Kandel, former WSB middle school math teacher, will present "Mathematical Origami" to the sixth,

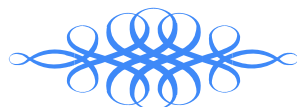
seventh, and eighth grades. Then at 2:30, he will talk to the eleventh grade. Mr. Kandel has been working with paper folding and cutting

for some years and is excited to talk about this modern origami with our students.

WSB's seventh graders' photographs to be on display at the Baltimore Gallery

For several years, our students have been given cameras to take pictures of their city. At the same time, students in another city are doing the same thing. This year, the other school is in Paris, France. The two schools' photographs will be on display May 27-June 10 at the Baltimore Gallery, 4519 Eastern

Avenue, 21224. The opening reception is Thursday, May 27, 5:00-7:00 p.m. Make an opportunity to visit and see "The Face of Baltimore and Beyond—including the Face of Paris."



Rudolf Steiner Institute Summer Courses, July 11-24

Join us this summer and participate in lively and rewarding courses that will enhance your life. Design your curriculum with courses in: Form Drawing, Creative Writing, Painting and Drawing, Singing, Eurythmy, Storytelling, Essentials of Waldorf



Education, The Art of Leadership, Honeybees and Biodynamic Gardening, and much more. Experience community in an open and welcoming environment. Enjoy lovely Stonehill College campus, fresh organic meals, and family-friendly environment. We have chil-

dren's programs for ages 4-14. For information on Waldorf teacher/staff grants and financial assistance contact: Lynn Bufano at reg@steinerinstitute.org. For more information and updates subscribe at steinerinstitute.org. Tel. 410-358-0050.

Uriel Pharmacy offers us a fundraiser

Uriel Pharmacy creates natural remedies designed for the whole human being, based on the insights of Rudolf Steiner. They make their remedies in small batches, using ingredients from their biodynamic garden. They have offered us an opportunity to participate in an easy

fundraiser. If you are interested in their products, use our promo code WS61 when you place an order. At the end of the school year they will send us a check for 10% of the sales. The head of the Pharmacy is a Waldorf High School graduate, and it changed his life! If you are

interested in samples, come visit the Spring Garden Store.

You can place your order by phone 866-642-2858, fax 262-642-8780, or online at orders@urielpharmacy.com.

Community Notes

Chesapeake Shakespeare Company-in-the-Ruins returns outdoors with two amazing productions, June 11–July 11 at the PFI Historic Park in Ellicott City. **MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING** (Lesley Malin, Addison, 4th, is Beatrice) is the beloved romantic comedy of the “merry war” between Beatrice and Benedick, and **HAMLET** is Shakespeare’s adventurous, exciting story of revenge. Thursdays–Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays at 5 p.m. are family performances, with storytelling, coloring, maypole dancing (kind of), and meet-the-actors-time. Gates open 90 minutes before showtime for picnicking and the Show Before The Show. Tickets are \$25-\$30 and, as always, **all children 18 and under are absolutely FREE**. An informal and lively way to bring Shakespeare alive for you and your kids!♦

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Compost Tumbler Construction Workshop, Wednesday, May 26, 6-8 p.m. at the Parks & People Foundation, 800 Wyman Park Dr, Ste 010, 21211. Learn how compost tumblers work, construct your own, and take it home that night! Cost is \$65, which is a GREAT DEAL compared to commercial composter prices. RSVP to Portia Smith at 410-448-5663 x115 or portia.smith@parksandpeople.org by FRIDAY IF POSSIBLE.♦

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Giant yard sale, June 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Ruscombe Mansion parking lot, to benefit AUM Center, Inc., Ruscombe's education nonprofit corporation. For more information: 410-367-7300.♦

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The Ruscombe Mansion Mostly Organic Co-op Cafe' will be open for lunch on Tuesday, May 18th, but will be closed on Tuesday, May 25th. It will then be open for the first two Tuesdays in June: June 1st and June 8th, before it closes for the season. Come while you still can to enjoy delicious organic vegetarian fare at affordable prices. Open from 11:45-3:30.♦♦

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Monthly Peace Circle on June 13, 3-5 p.m. Dances of Universal Peace are heart-felt, healing, fun, community-building, with simple movements. At the Westchester Community Center; 2414 Westchester Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21043. 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 questions, call Peggy (Naji, 8th) 410-465-1914.♦

Lazure Workshop for the Children's Garden

Lazure is a method of painting that puts thin layers of color over a sheer white foundation. Light shines through the layers of color and reflects off the sheer white foundation and back through the colors. This allows the glazes to have more nuance and liveliness than a straight flat color.

The method requires teams of people to work together to create the nuanced color upon the walls. It is aerobic work in nature, collaborative in effort, and great FUN!

Because of its team nature, the lazure workshop offers a unique social art form opportunity to all participants as they create something of lasting beauty in a community space. The participants will be led by a lazure artisan, Chuck Andrade, in hand-painting the space that is prepared to receive the color. There will be at least three layers of color put on the walls.

The workshop begins on **Friday evening, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.**, with Chuck Andrade giving a lecture called **Lazure for the Home**, which outlines color theory and ends with a demonstration of the technique on a prepared surface. This is an open lecture and anyone is welcome to attend. If you are only attending the lecture, an \$8 contribution would be appreciated. Participants should have a notebook to take down notes on important procedural and technical information. **Audio-visual recording is prohibited.**

Saturday, June 26, and Sunday, June 27, from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., participants will be led in the craft of lazure painting. Lunches are requested to be **pot luck**, which allows the participants and instructor to socialize with one another. **Clothing** should be comfortable and able to take paint. Loose pants, comfortable shirt, and gym shoes are necessary.

The cost of the workshop will be \$100 for participants (payable prior to the workshop). **A limited amount of financial assistance is available. Please contact either Virginia Efta or Larry Snyder.** Lazure brushes will be offered for sale and will cost \$15 each. It would be good to have your own if you plan to do this for yourselves after learning the technique. In order to hold this workshop, we need a minimum of 10 people. More participants means the work goes faster and we all have more fun. Please fill out and send in the registration form below to Jean Engelke in the Elementary Building. Indicate the number of brushes you would like to purchase. We need this information to let Chuck Andrade know how many he will need to bring.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Phone/Cell _____

Do you wish to buy brushes? Yes No

If yes, how many? _____

Will you be able to be available both Saturday and Sunday? Yes No

If no, which day will you participate? Saturday Sunday

Friday Lecture only: \$8/guest



Marketplace

Summer guitar lessons taught by Michael Raitzyk (upper school jazz/ rock ensemble teacher). I teach absolute beginners, the super advanced & everyone in between. The operative word is ENCOURAGEMENT! Curious? Contact me at mraitzyk@aol.com ♦

Home in Montego Bay, Ocean City available for rental. Off 133rd St. on Ocean Dr. Pool and tennis court access; also a short walk to Montego Bay Shopping Center and short walk or bike ride to Northside Park, great for skating, biking, crabbing, walking, or running. An exceptionally nice children's play ground within the park - one for little children and one for bigger children. During the summer just come watch the many baseball leagues compete at the park. And July 11 through Aug 29th enjoy 'Sundaes in the Park', a free concert with activities for the kids and ice cream sundaes to purchase, bring your own chairs! \$650/weekly, Sat to Sat; \$200/weekend, starting June 26th. Sleep six, w/d, close to restaurants, other nighttime events. Visit association website to get feel of location. <http://www.montegobaycivicassoc.com/>. Contact Mike Kurek, 410-422-2486. ♦

Two wonderful, healthy male parakeets looking for a new roost. They have been with us for quite a few years, but as our lives have changed we feel they would be happier where they could get more attention and love. All equipment provided! Let their wonderful twitters and chirps cheer up your home! Call Paris (Leo 11th) at 410-433-6066! ♦

Pain Relief! Back pain, neck pain, joint pain, migraines, numbness, tingling, headaches. Dr. Lenny Shefts is offering all Waldorf families, friends and faculty a complete examination, consultation, and x-rays (if necessary) for only \$25. He will also donate

\$15 back to the school! What our patients say: "Dr. Shefts is such a pleasure and I'm finally pain free!" Shefts Chiropractic, 410-560-0333. ♦

Organic crib mattress and fitted organic wool puddle-pad for sale. Contact: abealer@comcast.net ♦♦

Hello my name is Celia Friedman (Mrs. Friedman's daughter). I will be back for summer from my first year of college at Savannah College of Art and Design and am available to babysit this summer. I am almost 20 and will have access to a car. I am available to babysit most of June and August. I went to Waldorf until 8th grade and love playing with children! Give me a call on my cell phone at 443-43-5212 or email me at cfried20@student.scad.edu . Thank you! ♦♦

Pet Sitting: Going on vacation? Taking a long weekend? Worried about who's going to look after the dog? Cat? Gerbil? Red-kneed tarantula? Let our family take care of your family. The Whitehead Gallaghers are offering pet-sitting this summer at our place or yours. (References available!) Call 410 666 8574 for details. ♦

Wanted: House sitter from June 27 through July 27. As Noris, Avi, and Celia Friedman go off to Alaska for the salmon fishing season, we need someone to house sit. In exchange for free rent and utilities, we ask that you stay at our home, take care of our cats, and do a little watering of plants. We live about 7 minutes' drive from the school on Pimlico Road in a lovely neighborhood. Please call Noris 410-358-3008 or email nfriedman@twsb.org ♦♦♦

Green domestic cleaning business looking for independent full time and part time cleaners. Team members are all trained and eventually given

their own jobs to complete. We use Shaklee cleaning supplies and Howard Naturals cleaning products, which are economical and safe for both cleaners, clients, and the environment. To inquire about possibilities about joining our team call Gail Kurek, owner of Eco Cleaning Service, 410-812-9914. ♦♦♦

Apartment for rent in Mt. Washington: second floor of large home (owners live on first floor). 2 bedrooms, large living room with bay windows, kitchen, bath, and screened porch. \$1100/mo., includes heat and hot water, use of laundry facilities on premises. Available July 1. Please call Chuck or Sherri Kasky, 410-466-3853 or ckasky@comcast.net. ♦♦♦

For sale: ½ size student violin with new brazilwood and horse hair bow. Comes with soft case. \$125.00. Contact Marc Silverman at msilverman33@hotmail.com or 443-471-4338. ♦♦♦

4 week Fitness Fun Day Camp is offered by Divine Fitness and Health Services, Inc., a local organization. Dates: June 28-July 23, 2010. The camp is located at WSB and features fitness and nutrition education, as well as daily fitness activities, including exercise, sports, games, swimming, and more. Fro more information, contact Tina Brown at 410-491-1779 or tinabrown16@comcast.net. ♦♦

Hawk Circle Wilderness Summer Camp is a leadership and personal growth experience hidden within a native skills adventure camp. Director Ricardo Sierra founded the camp in 1989 and is a Waldorf graduate from the Sacramento and Hawthorne Valley Waldorf Schools. Email: HawkCircleOffice@gmail.com www.HawkCircle.com or call 607-