



Week of May 25, 2009

What's Going On...

Thursday, June 11
 Moving-Up Day
 12:15 dismissal

Thursday, June 11
 Eighth Grade Graduation
 4:30 p.m.

Friday, June 12
 Last day of school
 Assembly in the Multipurpose
 Room at 10:45 a.m.
 12:15 p.m. dismissal

Wednesday, September 2
 School reopens for grades 1-11



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

At May Day I announced our plans to build Children's Garden classrooms in the space below the existing elementary school building. The architect, Murphy and Dittenhafer, has completed the drawings and specifications and has begun the process of obtaining the necessary permits. The construction management firm, Henry Lewis, has put the project out for bids. We expect that work will begin in late June or early July. We anticipate that the work will be completed in the spring of 2010. Most of the work will be done inside of the building so the disruption to our normal activities will be minimal. The construction manager on the project has done work for a number of the independent schools in this area, so he is familiar with doing construction work while school is in session. Plans for any changes to the routines for the children will be worked out over the summer and will be explained in our letters home at the beginning of the school year.

I will be absent from school for several days this week. I am going to visit the Redmont School in Birmingham, Alabama, a developing Waldorf School, to work with their new administrator. As a full member school of the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA), we are asked to be mentors for developing schools in our region. We have been the mentor for the Redmont School for several years and a number of faculty and staff have visited the school to observe and offer advice to this developing school.

Larry Snyder

Eighth Grade Graduation is June 11

Each June, as we send our eighth graders on to upper school, the faculty and staff take pleasure in preparing a meaningful ceremony for our students, families, and friends. As an educational institution, we believe that graduation is a solemn and formal occasion that demands a quiet and respectful presence. We

have established the following rules of conduct:

- Except for members of the immediate families of graduates, young children (below first grade) should remain at home. Graduation is long; it demands some maturity to be able to listen to speeches and

sit still for such a length of time.

- All children must be under the direct supervision of an adult at all times (before the event begins, during the ceremony, and during the reception). No children may be dropped off alone to attend the graduation (including 6th and 7th grade orchestra

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

Contact information for School Chairs

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

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

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

RUDOLF STEINER INSTITUTE Summer Courses July 5-25 Stonehill College Easton, Massachusetts

Join us in July and experience our rich program of courses in: Arts, Education and Parenting, Health and Well-Being, Spiritual Inquiry and Social, Cultural and Ecological Renewal. Our family friendly environment includes Programs for Children ages 4-14. For information on Waldorf teacher/staff grants and general financial assistance contact Lynn Bufano, Registrar reg@steinerinstitute.org

Call 410-358-0050 to receive our brochure. See our new website at steinerinstitute.org. PO Box 5373 Baltimore, MD 21209; 410-358-0050.

A sampling of our courses:

- Between Heaven & Earth: A Journey through the World of the Human Embryo with Jaap van der Wal
- Community Building: Meeting the Challenge of the Time through Creative Cooperation with Robert Karp
- Creating Festivals with Children-Felting through the Seasons with Celia Riahi, Carol Petrash
- Manifesting the Word through Painting with Laura Summer
- The Courage to Be: Introduction to Clowning with Vivian Gladwell
- Imagination & Meditation with Dennis Klocek
- Storytelling to Build Healthy Families and Communities with Nancy Mellon
- How Children Learn with Timothy Hoffman
- Essentials of Waldorf Education with Jack Petrash
- Projective Geometry with Nick Thomas
- Re-Enchanting the World-A Creative Writing Workshop with Paul Matthews
- Painting & Drawing through the Waldorf Curriculum with Kevin Hughes
- The Joy of Singing with Jeff Spade
- Exploring Hamlet with Hans-Joachim Mattke

Eighth Grade Graduation (continued)

- members).
- All children must be seated with their parents or responsible adult party.
- Out of respect for the graduates and their guests, a faculty member may approach the

parent of a child creating a disturbance and ask that he or she be taken aside.

This is the first year in a long time that graduation has been at our own school, and the first time that

we will have it outside. We look forward to your support in making this a new and delightful tradition for the Waldorf School of Baltimore.

Charlotte Snyder
for the Graduation Committee

SCRIP News

SCRIP sales from week ending 5/15/09:

Total value of cards sold: \$2,071.53

Profit from these cards: \$86.63

Total profit to date for the school year: \$2,950.78

PARTICIPANTS

- Naomi Berkenbilt
- Vicki D'Anna
- Victoria Eisner

- June Fletcher-Hill
- Sherry Frick
- Joan Gelblum
- Shelly Hackman
- Jane Hardy
- Gail Kurek
- Rosalyn Lisberger
- Lynn Roberts
- Rüdiger Ruckmann & Ben Bruch
- Anita Shefts
- Larry Snyder
- Karen Vanderheyden
- Laurel Vincenty

These participants increased our profits to the WCA by \$86.63 during

the week ended May 15, 2009, just by purchasing SCRIP. And they didn't spend any more money than they usually would to shop for groceries, school events and gifts, or for dining out. Remember: SCRIP gives to the school without stressing your pocketbook.

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

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

Foreign exchange: WSB's traveling students

In April, 10th grade students Chelsea Connor, Garrett Denzler and Leo Kern return from their visit to Waldorf schools to Argentina and Italy.

Next year, students from Argentina, Germany, Peru, Russia and Spain will visit WSB. Two rising 10th grade students, Sam Gallagher and Najahla Olumiji, will visit the Escuela Libre Micael in Madrid, Spain.

The following are the comments of a WSB hosting family and of the students about their experience:

It was quite an experience for us to host a foreign exchange student because we have never done anything like it before. We were concerned because we knew we'd lose, albeit temporarily, some of our much loved privacy, but we also wanted Manuel to feel comfortable, not only with our home but with us. It was also important to us that our exchange student, Manuel Razona, had a good experience of life in the U.S. and had the chance to visit many of the interesting sites in this region. He was a great guest, friendly, very respectful and

sensitive about not being a burden, and he was like a sponge--so eager to learn as much as possible about our culture and our country. He is a huge Obama fan and was ecstatic to be here in the U.S. during the inauguration activities. He was thrilled to visit Washington D.C., New York City, and to see the Atlantic Ocean from this side."

We were also excited and anxious about sending our son, Garrett Denzler, to a foreign country. What a great experience for someone of his age. Manuel arrived in Baltimore on 12/28/08 and left to go back home on 2/20/09, at which time Garrett went back home with him. Although Garrett was a bit homesick for the first 2 or 3 weeks, when it was time for him to come home after his 7 week visit he wanted to stay longer! He made many friends, some of whom he continues to keep in touch with through Facebook. During his time in Buenos Aires he visited Rio de la Plata, their waterfront resort area, as well as staying on the edge of a rain forest one weekend, exploring the rain forest and swimming in

the nearby river. He enjoyed the Argentinean people, who he found to be very open and friendly. My son has seen a bigger world and lived outside of his comfort zone for 7 weeks and came home a stronger, more confident person.

Garrett and Manuel were together for 14 weeks and separation was a little tough. They continue to communicate by email, Facebook and telephone. Manuel is looking forward to his next trip to the U.S.--whenever that may be. We have told him "mi casa es su casa."

Thank you, Alejandra, for giving Garrett the opportunity for this once in a life time experience!

*Sharon Gallagher, mother of
Garret Denzler, 10th grade*

In the past 3 months (February, March, and part of April) I spent my days in the Waldorf School of Argentina known as Escuela San Miguel (Saint Michael), as an exchange

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Please support WSB's Annual Fund!

Annual Fund for Fiscal 2009 (ending on 30 June 2009)

Goal: \$80,000

As we head into the final weeks of spring, please consider a gift to 2008-09 Annual Fund. Many thanks again to everybody who has supported the School with a gift or pledge as we close in on our goal.

Participation as of 18 May 2009 (from donations and pledges):

Board: **100%**
Collegium: **100%**
Faculty/Staff: **82%**

Rose Room: **42%**
Dandelion Room: **80%**

1st Grade: **47%**
2nd Grade: **64%**
3rd Grade: **39%**
4th Grade: **69%**

5th Grade: **47%**
6th Grade: **44%**
7th Grade: **83%**
8th Grade: **67%**
9th Grade: **57%**
10th Grade: **71%**

WSB's Annual Fund

- Provides financial aid for students and their families, a major priority.
- Helps us, with full participation, in sending a positive message to foundations and corporations and major donors.
- Is tax-deductible!

Ways to Give

- By regular mail sent to the Waldorf School of Baltimore, 4801 Tamarind Road, Baltimore, MD 21209. (Please note Annual Fund on your

check.)

- Online at www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org. Now you can give directly with one click at the bottom of the home page!

Whether your gift is \$5 or \$500, each donation moves us closer to 100% participation.

Thank you again everybody for endorsing our school. Your commitment to our students is invaluable! Please call me if I may be of any assistance or if you would just like to talk—about the Annual Fund, the Capital Campaign, tennis, German, I'm game!

Rüdiger Ruckmann

Administrator of Development
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WSB's traveling students (continued)

student. I lived with a girl named Micaela Klein and her family. Her mom's name is Patricia, her dad's name is Tomas and her two younger brothers are Gabriel (8) and Nicolas (12)—all were welcoming, patient, and kind to me.

Her family showed me around the capital (Buenos Aires) and took me to famous sights, fairs, and parks. The food was delicious; they mostly eat meat, empanadas, and pizza, with their own unique twist. They have a delicious caramel topping called "Dulce de Leche" that is usually served on pancakes.

When I went to the school I did not have any major difficulty in understanding the language, except in the Spanish literature language class where I didn't know all the words. All the kids there were extremely wel-

coming and sociable to me when I first arrived. They helped me with my Spanish and tried to help explain to me things that I didn't understand. I have developed great friendships with these guys and still keep in touch through e-mail.

I have shared many laughs with both the family and the students. This has been one of the best decisions of my life and I would do it again. (I might even visit summer after next.) Being in another country studying Spanish really helped my understanding and confidence in the language. Micaela will be coming in December of next year and I hope that I can give her, with the help of my friends and family, the best visit to the United States possible, just like she did with me.

Chelsea Connor

I had an amazing time in Buenos Aires. All of the people there were very friendly so it was easy to get adjusted; people in my class in Buenos Aires were always inviting me to go out and I hated turning them down because my exchange student, Manuel, always had a fun activity planned for us. I really enjoyed all the sights and the warm weather, everywhere I went the scene was always filled with life. When I came back to my home in the U.S., I was disappointed that I was leaving all my new experiences behind; it was truly an unforgettable experience and I look forward to getting another chance like this.

Garrett Denzler

Scrip End-of-Year Gift Ideas



Vacation Trip Ideas



These are just a few retailers – find more online at www.shopwithscrip.com



We will be placing our last Great Lake Scrip order for the year on May 29th.

Community Notes

Shirley Kemp, former middle school math teacher, is available for tutoring middle school math this summer. Please contact her at 410-746-6791.

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Dreams: What They Might be Telling You. Spend a day exploring this fascinating subject with an experienced guide, Kiri Cardegna, LCSW-R, MS Ed., on Saturday, June 6, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (with a light lunch), at the Waldorf School; \$95. Dreams: Where do they come from? What are they trying to tell me? Who are all the people in my dreams? Why do dreams seem so strange? Do they relate to my life? Leonore Russell will do a brief session of eurhythm during the workshop. For details and to register, contact Jennifer Downs at jdownslac@gmail.com or 410-258-9343. Register online: www.jenniferdowns.com with Paypal or by check. ♦

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Brent Flickinger will be joined by other local musicians at his CD release party to be held in the Eurhythmy Room on Sunday, June 7, beginning at 4 p.m. His new album is entitled "Flesh and Blood: Songs about Infertility and Adoption." Come enjoy live selections from the CD as well as

other music, snacks, and company. We hope to see you there! ♦

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12 students from Spain looking for hosts for the month of July. Becoming a host family for part of your summer is a great way to share the American culture and make international connections that can last a lifetime. Host families just need to provide a place to sleep, meals and a warm, supportive environment. During the week, students will be engaged with classes, recreational and cultural activities. Reputable program with a teacher with 12 years of teaching experience. Interested in hosting? Call or email Jeffrey Brotman for more information. 410-299-8308 Jabrotman@msn.com www.globalfriendships.com. ♦

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Edna Emmet is one of ten women whose art is exhibited in the show *Je Ne Sais Quoi*, which is having a closing reception on Sunday, May 31, 3-5 p.m., at the studio, 118 North Howard Street, Baltimore. All students and parents are welcome! ♦♦

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Fifth Wall and Steve Yeager present Young Filmmakers Workshop, June 22-July 24. Quality hands-on training with working professionals for students who want careers in the arts or

just to have fun; work on acting, film production, graphic arts and special effects, art and design, and documentary lab. Two sessions: Session I, June 22-July 10, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Session II, July 13-July 24, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, call 410-339-4198, x4605, or visit youngfilmmakersworkshop.org or parkcamps.com; also check out youtube.com/YFWcamp. ♦♦

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Upcoming Events at The Christian Community: May 30th 7:30 p.m.—*Anticipating the Spirit*, a talk by Rev. Patrick Kennedy. All events at the Parish House, 4221 Metzert Road, College Park, MD 20704. For directions, see www.ccgwb.org. ♦♦♦

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Brent Flickinger (Sequoia, 8th and Emmie, 10th) has just released his first CD of original songs entitled *Flesh and Blood: Songs about Infertility and Adoption*. It is available in the Spring Garden Store with a portion of the proceeds going to the Waldorf School of Baltimore. You can sample the songs at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/brentflickinger> ♦♦

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Hawk Circle Summer Camps is celebrating its 20th year of offering unique

Marketplace

Upper School Jazz/Rock instructor Michael Raitzyk is accepting students for Summer lessons. I teach guitar to ages 5 and up. I have extensive knowledge in the worlds of music, improvisation & theory. Please contact me at: mrityk@aol.com for more information. Thank you & have a great summer!

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Pain Relief, Finally! Back Pain, Neck Pain, Headaches, Joint Pain, Migraines, Carpal Tunnel, Arthritis Pain, Herniated Disc...Dr. Lenny Shefts (Lexi, 2nd) is offering a FREE Exam and Consultation to all Waldorf School Families, Friends, and Faculty! Xrays, if necessary, are only \$25 and \$10 will be donated back to the school! (This is a \$330 value.) Come in May or June

and you will also receive a FREE 30 minute massage from our neighbor Enigma Day Spa! Call Shefts Chiropractic 410-560-0333. ♦♦

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The 2009 pool season is just around the corner! Coldspring Swim and Tennis Club memberships are available at a special rate for Waldorf

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Marketplace (continued)

School faculty, staff, and families. Applications are available from the school offices. ♦

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Please join Chef Nikki and Chef Michelle Bharmal for a Taste of India Cooking Class at Chef Nikki's in Ellicott City. This is a grown-ups only class! Thursday, June 18th, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; \$35 per person. Potato and vegetable patties, Butter chicken and Rotis, Rice Pilaf and Yoghurt Raita, Mango Lassi. Feel free to bring some wine/beer. Registration closes on June 15th; make checks payable to CKCS and send to: 8419 Church Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043. Space is limited! Let us know ASAP! Nikki McGowan, Executive Chef, founder, 978-223-3068.

nikki@CulinaryKidsCookingSchool.com, CulinaryKidsCookingSchool.com. Check us out on the cover of Maryland Family Magazine! <http://MarylandFamilyMagazine.com/2009/04/01/crossing-party-lines/> ♦

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Summer Activity Extraordinaire (Sax) Music and Dance Camp Program at Loyola College this summer, August 3-14. Instrumental, vocal, and dance instruction, visiting artists, field trip,

and closing performance. \$300 for two weeks. Please call 410-944-2909 for more information. ♦♦

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Baltimore Museum of Industry Green Kids' Camp gives campers the opportunity to participate in eco-focused, fun-filled educational activities. July 13-17, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; \$160 for museum members, \$175 for non-members. Contact 410-727-4808 x146 or lfinkelstein@thebmi.org. ♦♦

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Special Summer Camp Opportunity: Susan Nierenberg, former WSB Class Teacher, is offering two sessions of Beginner's Horse Camp at her property in Randallstown. The one-week camp is designed for 7-12 year olds and will be held during the first two weeks of August. Please contact Susan for a brochure at sdn1958@gmail.com or 443-540-0282. ♦♦♦♦

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

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Stay-at-home mother of toddler is looking to care for another child. I practice a Waldorf philosophy and believe in the importance of nurturing a child's spirit through imaginative play as well as providing opportunities to explore nature. I have many years experience caring for children of all ages. Please call or email for further information: Jessie Whitaker (Aunt of Zoe Moon, Dandelion Room), whitakerjessie@gmail.com or 443-797-7914. ♦♦♦♦

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Ever asked yourself what goes into creating a fantastic play? Ever wondered if you could do it yourself? Now's your big chance! This summer, Ben Redgrave (class of 2006) will be hosting a workshop for 6-8 incoming 9th through 11th graders on exploring the building blocks of good theatre. Topics will include everything from comedy to characterization, and will culminate in a heart-stopping performance. If you are interested, please email Ben at ben-redgrave@msn.com and we will try and work out the best time for everyone. Fees will be minimal. ♦♦♦♦

