



Week of May 4, 2009

What's Going On...

Thursday, May 7
 Fuddruckers Fundraiser
 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 13
 Spring Concert, grades 4-10
 Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 19
 Waldorf Community Alliance Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room

Monday, May 25
 Memorial Day observed
 All schools closed

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



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

We are keeping a close eye on the developments surrounding the H1N1 flu pandemic. The Baltimore City Health Department has been in contact and will keep us up-to-date with the situation as it affects school systems in the area. We will let families know of any new developments by e-mail blast and phone calls if necessary.

As always, we remind the children to follow simple rules of hygiene—to wash their hands frequently to prevent the spread of germs, to cover their mouths when coughing or sneezing, and to keep hands away from their mouths, noses, and eyes. It is important that you do not send your child to school if he or she is ill. Please follow the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control and call your child's pediatrician for advice.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Larry Snyder

Fuddrucker's fundraiser is this Thursday

The Fuddruckers Night fundraiser is back!! After a two year hiatus, we are going to have a Waldorf School Fuddruckers Night on Thursday, May 7th, 5:30-8:30pm. Fuddruckers, located on Reisterstown Road in Pikesville in the Pomona Square Shopping Center, will donate a portion of all

sales to our school. All you need to do is show up with the WSB Fuddruckers Night announcement form (which will be found in the *Weekly* and distributed to your children) and submit to the cashier upon ordering. So put the date on your calendar and

come out for a great time of eating and socializing while raising money for the school! Look for the Fuddruckers Night form in this *Weekly* and from your children. Forms cannot be handed out the night of the event. Hope to see you there!

Waldorf Community Alliance

Spring Concert is next week, May 13

Grades 4-10 will present the annual Spring Concert on Wednesday, May 13th, at 7:00 p.m. The pre-performance call for students is 6:00 p.m. to tune and warm-up in preparation for the night's

festivities. For all choral/orchestra performances, students are to wear Orchestra Dress. Please invite your families to come. Students have been working together for

months with the musical faculty to put together an impressive program from a wide variety of musical styles and composers. Please contact kweisheit@twsb.org with any questions.

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

Share your ideas for Holiday Fair '09



The Waldorf Community Alliance (WCA) and its Holiday Fair Team invite you to join us in a Holiday Fair brainstorming session during the WCA's last meeting of the year,

which will include a delicious pot-luck dinner—yum!

Bring your ideas and a dish or beverage to share to the meeting on

May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (Yellowwood Building).

SCRIP News

Scrip sales from week ending 4/24/09:

Total value of cards sold: \$300

Profit from these cards: \$20.60

Total profit to date for the school year: \$2,616.25

Participants in our Scrip program for the week ending 4/24/09:

John Clemson
Sherry Frick
Rosalyn Lisberger
Cate Mulvihill
Lynn Roberts

The participants listed above increased our profits to the WCA funds by **\$20.60** during the week ended April 24, 2009, just by purchasing Scrip for grocery shopping, school events, gift giving, and din-

ing out. And they did not spend any more money than they usually would to do these same things without Scrip. **Remember:** Scrip gives to the school *without* stressing your pocketbook. Simply deciding to change your habits with how you tackle your everyday shopping needs can enrich our children's curriculum without you spending any more money. There are several gift-giving holidays coming up: *Mother's Day* and *Father's Day*. **And if you are considering end-of-year teacher-appreciation gifts, SCRIP is a great idea. The order deadline for teacher-appreciation is May 15, 2009.** Can we add your name to our appreciation list? *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—not only on your home computer but at work as well! Here's how: The search engine [GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) donates about a penny per search to the charities its users designate. You use it like 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. Every penny helps! 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*

Third graders' impressions of Hawthorne Valley farm

As we drove down the steep wooded hill into the windy valley below, the Hawthorne Valley Farm emerged. We were greeted by warm and friendly staff members, who helped us unload our luggage and ushered us into the ancient cozy farmhouse for introductions and expectations about the farmhouse and the farm. There was a strong message and presence of being respectful and thoughtful, and encouragement to not be wasteful. "Shut off lights, don't let the water run while you brush your teeth, shoes off in the farmhouse, only take as much food as you can eat, and finish everything on your plate; but do take a little *farmer's taste* – be open to try new things." With the guidance of the staff, the children were entrusted to be caretakers of the farmhouse, animals, barns, and food. They took this work up joyously and purposefully as they became farmers for the week.

Throughout the week a transformation occurred. The children saw the importance of the work that they were doing, which sparked a great desire to work hard and well. They enjoyed every task, including cleaning the farmhouse, and would often have to compromise on who would get to clean the mudroom. I was most impressed with how fast the children who were waiters jumped up and zigzagged through the crowded dining hall when the bell rang for the next course to be served. Every meal was always served in several courses.

We were also joined by another third grade class from the Brooklyn Waldorf School. The students all became fast friends and had a hard time letting go at the end of the week. On the last day the children were asked to reflect on their week and share their favorite experi-

ences. The following are their thoughts about the trip to the Hawthorne Valley Farm.

Christine Good

Joshua Frick: I enjoyed riding and walking the horses. Bringing in the cows was also fun. The food was very good. I liked making yogurt.

Liam Kaplan: I really liked riding horses because I had to do it with my eyes closed, backwards, and even sideways. I also liked chopping wood because it reminded me of my uncle, who has an axe.

Kendall Laughton: I had so much fun on the farm trip. Feeding the animals is so fun. I don't have a favorite thing, it was all so fun.

Christopher Prigg: On the farm we got to feed the animals and bring in the cows. That was really fun. We also got to clean the cow barn.

John Brown: I loved bringing in the cows. It was so much fun. Don't look the bull in the eye. One cool thing we got to do was climb a mountain that was 1,058 feet tall. The best thing on the farm trip was milking a cow. It was so much fun. I also liked chopping wood. It was so easy. All of you will love the farm trip.

Daniel Gittelsohn: I really liked the hike because it was fun climbing the rocks and finding out that we were 1,058 feet high. I think that was my favorite part of the farm trip.

Jakob Raitzyk: The hike up the mountain was the part of the farm trip that I really liked. We had to climb up almost vertically at one point and we had to grab onto roots and tree limbs. At the very top, farmer Charlie told us that we were 1,058 feet up. When we looked

over the edge, we could see the whole farm. Just knowing that I had climbed up that high gave me a sense of satisfaction.

Skyler Kessenich: I loved it when we got to scoop up the horse manure, because it reminded me of lacrosse. I also liked chopping wood, because it reminded me of spiking a football.

Jack Connors: I really liked the food at the farm. For all third grades to come, please congratulate the cook Safina. Another thing I really liked about the farm trip was bringing in the cows from pasture.

Sol Leandry: The farm trip was the best part of my life. I really liked bringing in the cows, playing in the hay loft, hiking the mountain, feeding the animals, riding horses, cleaning the barn, seeing the little piglets playing, milking the cow, and taking pictures. The staff is really nice.

Thomas Downs: On the farm trip I really liked hiking a mountain that was 1,058 feet tall. It was also really fun to make yogurt. I liked bringing in the cows. The bull was a little scary.

Acadia Kyle: I liked herding the cows, playing in the hay loft and cleaning the barn. A cow licked me. It had a ruff tongue, but soft fur.

Addison Helm: I personally liked the hike and collecting eggs. The food was great. On the hike we went 1,058 feet up. When we collected eggs, we got to collect five eggs per person.

See next pages for some pictures from the farm trip.



Acadia Kyle gets to know the chickens.



Students bring in the cows at the end of the day.



Students from WSB and the Brooklyn Waldorf School, with farmers and counselors at Hawthorne Valley Farm.



Addison Helm wields an axe.



Students from WSB and the Brooklyn Waldorf School bake bread.

Enjoy a yummy WCA potluck meeting



See old friends, meet new ones, and get updated on Waldorf Community Alliance (WCA) activities—what we're wrapping up and where we're headed.

Join us at the WCA's last meeting of this school year on Tuesday, May 19, at 7 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room (Yellowwood Building).

Bring a dish or beverage to share, or enjoy what is already there!

This yummy meeting will include a brainstorming session on creating a super-successful Holiday Fair this fall. Do you have ideas about how we might encourage members of our community to join in the volunteer effort for this important event?

Bring them! How can we entice more people to attend Holiday Fair planning meetings? We welcome your suggestions!

We look forward to seeing you at this fun and inspiring evening.

WSB alumnus makes the big time; see him on Letterman this week

Noah Lennox, WSB Class of 1992 and Kimberton Waldorf School Class of 1996, now makes his living in the entertainment business. He

will appear with his musical group, Animal Collective, on the Late Show with David Letterman this Thursday, May 7. The show airs at

11:30 p.m. It should be an interesting event (if you can stay up that late!).



Pivot Point Presents
Spirit and Money:
Finding the Silver Lining

*Presented by **Leonore Russell***
Director of the Winkler Center for Adult Learning

Keynote Speaker

Clemens Pietzner
President/Executive Director of Triskeles Foundation

This four hour seminar is a multi-dimensional exploration of the principles of abundance, money and value.

Date: Tuesday evening May 12, 2009

Time: 5pm-9pm, light dinner included

Location: Waldorf School of Baltimore
4801 Tamarind Rd. 21209

Cost: \$65 including light dinner. Late registration after 5/8: \$75
Reduced cost for 'esteemed elders' (over 64) and students-\$50

Clemens Pietzner President/Executive Director Triskeles Foundation which is dedicated to youth, philanthropic education, community building and donor services.

Leonore Russell, the founder of *Understanding and Managing Change*, works with schools, organizations, and businesses and facilitates seminars in leadership training. She is Director of the Winkler Center for Adult Learning, a eurythmist (movement artist) and Adjunct Professor at Adelphi University on Long Island.

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

Registration

Name _____ **Date** _____

Address _____

Phone numbers: Home _____ **Cell** _____

E-mail address: _____ **Event:**

Cancellation policy: up to one week before, full refund less 15% admin cost. Less than a week before the event, refund less 50%. If event is cancelled refund within one week.

Send registration to: Pivot Point/Jennifer Downs PA (jdownslac@gmail.com)2501 Manhattan Ave. Baltimore, MD 21215, 410-542-5441 cell # 410-258-9343

FUDDRUCKER'S BENEFIT NIGHT!!!

It's a place for us to meet,
it's a place for us to eat.

Remember the date,
and please don't be late.

You will be helping the Waldorf School,
a school we consider a jewel.

20% of your meal
that's a really sweet deal
will be added to the Class Trip Fund.

Please bring this coupon to:

Fuddrucker's at Pomona Square Shopping Center
1700 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville
Thursday, May 7th, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please give extras to family & friends.

The more people who attend, the more we'll make!

**YOU MUST HAVE THIS COUPON
WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER.**

Community Notes

Joshua Frick (3rd) will perform with the Maryland State Boychoir at the BALTIMORE BOYCHOIR FESTIVAL, Saturday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. at Kraushaar Auditorium, Goucher College 1021 Dulaney Valley Rd., Towson. Over 250 boy singers from across the country! Guest appearance by University of Michigan Men's Glee Club. Tickets \$12-\$22. Call 410-554-8644 for more information. ♦

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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 wilderness experiences and authentic native crafts and skills for

youth. Small groups, transformative, reasonably priced. For more information go to www.hawkcircle.com or call 607-264-3396. ♦

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For the second year I am participating in a 140-mile bike ride to benefit Moveable Feast on May 16 and 17th. I will be riding from Rehoboth, DE to Baltimore. Moveable Feast is a tremendous non-profit that has been providing meals, groceries, and nutritional services to people in the Baltimore area with HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, and other diseases for the last 20 years. They have recently expanded their work to include feeding the homeless here in Baltimore. I have volunteered at their kitchen and I am very impressed with how they carry out their work. Because all of the expenses of this ride are covered by corporate sponsors, every dollar you donate goes directly to client services. To put it more directly, every dollar that you donate will provide a meal for someone who is in great need. I encourage you to check out their website at www.mfeast.org <<http://www.mfeast.org>>. I hope you will join me in supporting Moveable Feast by sponsoring me as a rider. Any amount you are able to donate is welcomed. Ed Meade, 7th Grade Teacher. ♦♦♦

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Joshua Frick (3rd) will participate in HEALING POWER OF MUSIC, a concert to jointly benefit the Maryland Boychoir and Prevention and Research at Mercy Medical Center, on Thursday, May 7, 7:30 p.m., at MSB Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Avenue, Baltimore 21213. Tickets: \$50 VIP, \$25 General. Call 410-554-8644 for more information. ♦♦♦

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Join us on May 9, 5-6:30 p.m., for a terrific family dance featuring Andy Kane from Gainesville, Florida. We are equally delighted to welcome Charley and Megan Beller, top-notch musicians who recently relocated to Baltimore from Rochester, NY. The fun continues after the dance with a pot luck dinner from 6:30-7:30. For questions or to volunteer to help, please call Diane at 410-321-8419. Admission is: \$5 members; \$20 member family; \$7 non-members; \$28 non-member family. No experience necessary; you don't need to bring a partner. For more information call the BFMS hotline, 410-366-0808 or 410-321-8419. The dance is held at St. Marks on the Hill, 1620 Reisterstown Road. ♦♦♦



Marketplace

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 treezare-good@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. ♦

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Free cloth diapering system—used on only one child. Laundered, could use a hang out in the sunshine to freshen—some stains (but that will happen anyway!). Collection includes Motherease brand airflow covers: 5 large blue adjustable snap closure; 3 white and 3 whales print medium adjustable snap closure; 2 large velcro closure; 1 medium Bummi's brand frog print cover. 36 Motherease brand adjustable one-size terry diapers with snap-in liners for more absorbency. 3 DryBees brand fleece velcro closure pocket diapers with 6 hemp stuffers. 2 Gerber vinyl training pants 28-32 lbs. 4 Gerber cotton training pants 28-32 lbs. 2 waterproof washable wet bags for holding soiled diapers between washings; 1 large with air-planes print, and 1 small with blue fabric. Great deal for someone who wants cloth diapers but doesn't want to pay—everything you need to get started! Email abealer@comcast.net. ♦

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Summer art workshop in Roland Park for kids ages 6-8. Join two art graduates for a summer of creating; activities include painting, sculpture, recycling, baking, and much more. Tues-Thurs, June 3-August 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$70 per day per child or \$190/week. Contact Jessica Garman, jessica.garman@gmail.com or 610-513-7032. ♦

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Wanted: wooden, outdoor playhouse in gently used condition. Contact laleach@comcast.net ♦♦♦

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Baltimore Yoga Village has opened a new yoga center in the location formerly known as Quantum Yoga in the Lake Falls Village Shopping Center, 6080 Falls Road, next to Al Pacino Pizza and Sushi Hana! We offer yoga of all styles, meditation courses, and stress reduction courses for people of all ages and life conditions. Our class passes are flexible and last for 6

months, so it works well even for those who go out of town for the summer! For more information, see www.baltimoreyogavillage.com. ♦♦

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Summer Child Care Provider Available: If you're looking for someone to care for your children while making sure they experience the simple joys of summer, with lots of time for water play, gardening, walks, indoor and outdoor play, and anything else you can think of, please call Jen Gaither, M.Ed., former teacher and mother of Jessie Pearl (Rose Room) at 443-974-7003. ♦♦♦

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Wanted: bread-maker (electric!) in good condition. Contact laleach@comcast.net. ♦♦♦

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Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher) has two large rooms for rent in her furnished or partially furnished, sunny house in quiet tree-lined Arcadia, part of Greater Lauraville. Smaller room 12'x13': \$575/month; Larger Room 13.5'x15.5': 650/month. Each tenant pays \$150 for all utilities, including gas, electric, water, internet, and professional house cleaning once per month. Security deposit: 1 month's rent; can be paid over 2 or 3 months. 6 month or 1 year lease, with option to renew. No dogs; cats considered on a case-by-case basis. Available Immediately. I and my 11-year-old cat come home some weekends and possibly for longer periods in the summer. Call or e-mail for more information: 410-925-8532; frecklenosed-cat@gmail.com. ♦

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Need help with reading, math, or thinking skills? Lora Peters at New Heights Center can work with your child using educational programs that are individually designed to develop a client's independent skills. For more information, call 410-435-4808, 410-821-8808, or see www.newheightscenter.com. ♦♦♦♦