



Week of June 7, 2010

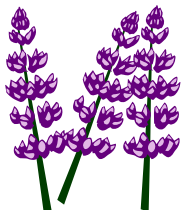
## What's Going On...

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

Wednesday, September 1  
 School opens for grades 1-12  
 Half day; 12:15 dismissal



## From the desk of the Administrative Chair

On Friday, June 4th, I attended the MAEOE celebration of the awarding of Maryland Green School status to 75 schools. I was joined by Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang, member of the Green School steering committee and Upper School Spanish teacher, Chaddie Hughes, member of the Green School steering committee and the Board of Trustees, and Upper School students Chelsea Connor and Collin Athas, who were also members of the steering committee. Chelsea accepted the award for our school, and Collin and Chelsea provided musical interludes for one of the ceremonies, as well as making a presentation at one of the breakout sessions held after the ceremony. A huge amount of work was accomplished by the faculty, staff, and students to put together our application for Green School status, and everyone should be proud of our achievement. However, as with everything worth having, our work has just begun, and we must continue our program to expand our concerns for the environment.

The end of the school year is upon us. This week the eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, June 10, at 4:30 p.m. on the pad next to the Tamarind Building (weather permitting). Everyone is invited to attend. The last assembly of the year will be held on Friday, starting at 10:45 a.m. Please note that Thursday and Friday will be half days, with dismissal at 12:15 p.m.

On a sad note, we were informed last week that Mr. Melvin Alston, our crossing guard from 2002-2008, passed away on May 25th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family.

Larry Snyder

## 2009-2010 Annual Fund

The 2009-2010 Annual Fund continues from now until June 30. **Your gift—of any amount—is an investment in the school, one that truly makes a difference.**

**Our goal this year is**

**\$90,000.** Please join this community effort and help us meet—and exceed!—our goal.

You may contribute with a check, payable to the Waldorf School of Baltimore. On-line

donations are also welcomed at [www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org).

**June Fletcher-Hill**  
 Development Manager

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**SCRIP NEWS**

**SCRIP Sales**

**For week ended 5/28/10:**

Value of cards sold: \$1,300  
 Profit from these cards: \$59.25  
**Total profit (YTD): \$3,213.81**

**Cards purchased**

- Giant (\$25)
- Giant (\$100)
- Panera (\$25)
- Shell (\$50)
- Superfresh (\$25)
- Whole Foods (\$50)
- Whole Foods (\$100)

Thanks for a good year. Our year-to-date profit is **\$3,213.81**—and that has been achieved with the partici-

pation 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 *without* creating an additional financial burden for you.

**SUMMERTIME SCRIP**

If you would be interested in purchasing **Whole Foods** gift cards during the summer months, contact Gail Kurek at [wsbscrip@gmail.com](mailto:wsbscrip@gmail.com)

Also, continue to use [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) to help WSB earn money. Every time you search the Internet—not only on your home computer but at work as well—the

search engine [GoodSearch.com](http://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. 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!

Don't forget shopping at [www.schoolpop.com](http://www.schoolpop.com) and [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) with Waldorf School selected as your donation school is another way to raise funds for our school through the Internet.

Thanks, everyone, for a great SCRIP year!

**SCRIP PARTICIPANTS**

(WEEK ENDED MAY 28, 2010)

**Virginia Efta, June Fletcher-Hill, Noris Friedman, Chaddie Hughes, Roslyn Lisberger, Kathy MacMillan, Victoria Mansuri, Brooke Redgrave, Larry Snyder**

**THANK YOU!**

*Weekly*

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## We remember Mr. Alston

It is with great sadness that we inform the Waldorf School Community that Mr. Melvin Alston, our school crossing guard from 2002 through 2008, passed away on May 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Alston was a favorite of many of the children and parents, who will remember being sung to as he guarded them carefully across Tamarind Road each morning and afternoon. His smile, songs, and words of wisdom always be fondly remembered.

Services were Monday, June 7, at Gillis Memorial C.C. Church. The contact person for his family is Karen Alston-Hatcher (Melvin's daughter), 4113 St. Thomas Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21206; 443-562-1023.

### A remembrance from Geri Peake (Jadzia and Talia, 7th)

I want to share this brief story about Mr. Alston with the WSB community. Once, after recovering from

illness back around 2005 or so, Mr. Alston shared with me that he had been better cared for by the WSB community than his own church home. I could agree, because I had recently had surgery and had also received tender care and support from the WSB family. So we reflected together on what a wonderful community we have here. Our school community was well cherished by him and he was a dedicated supporter to us all.

## WSB receives Maryland Green School Certification

Under bright sunny skies last Friday, Larry Snyder, Alejandra Lorenzo-Chang, Chaddie Hughes, and students Chelsea Connor and Collin Athas represented WSB as we officially received the Maryland Green School certification, along with other schools and environmental centers from around the state that were newly acknowledged or were being re-certified by the Maryland Association for Environmental and Outdoor Education (MAEOE). We understand that there were 125 new applications this year, with 75 accepted as having programs that met the stringent requirements. As each school's or center's name was called, examples of their accomplishments were announced. There is an impressive array of projects going on in Maryland; we came away with many new ideas and with pride in our own unique activities.

Upper School students Chelsea Connor and Collin Athas provided some of the interlude entertainment that contributed to the festive at-

mosphere of the day. Chelsea spoke to a crowd of young students: "In my opinion we are here because this is our way of helping the world solve its many problems. By continuing to get the word out about awareness, we are helping the world each and every day. As I'm sure you all know, there are a million things going on in the world, whether it's environmental, social, or economic issues. And I think it's great that we have found the energy to start doing things so we can create a better future for the generations to come." She introduced the song Collin later sang: It ". . . represents the awareness of our earth, environment, and choices we make every day. The artist, Michael Franti, is not only a singer, but also a peace activist, and contributes to the world by being a songwriter and storyteller. . . . For our presentation we chose to sing the song *Hey World*. This song talks about many of the issues going on in the world today. Believing that there is hope and that we can change things, it

asks us to believe in one another as well as the world. And to not give up even when things are hard. When people ask Michael Franti how one person can make a difference in the world, he answers by saying, 'I don't know what one person can do except connect with other people, and in doing that each of us has roles. Mine is a songwriter and a storyteller. I'm somebody who is trying to keep the spirit of other people up, despite all the chaos and fear around us.' And that's why I think we are here. To make connections with other people and share ideas as to how we can make a difference together. I hope you enjoy the song. Feel free to join in and as Michael Franti would say, 'Stay Human. Peace.'" Collin's guitar and singing fit the day so well, he was asked to perform several times while Chelsea accompanied him with a backup guitar.

The day was filled with good feelings for our students' performances, for our school's accomplishments,

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## WSB receives Green School Certification (continued)

and for the enthusiasm and caring for the Earth that so many educators and students brought to the shores of the Chesapeake Bay. We all felt inspired to continue our efforts, made even more meaningful now as we join the ranks of Maryland Green Schools.

Chaddie Hughes



Top: Chelsea Connor (11th) receives WSB's Green School award.

Top left: Ryan Pleune, Maryland Green Schools Coordinator.

Above and left: Chelsea and Collin Athas (10th) sing and play for attendees at the festivities.

## Come visit the Spring Garden Store!

Our end-of-year sale is on! 20% off most items, 10% off books, except AWSNA books. We have great merchandise in stock, but come early for the best selection. Re-

member, all profits benefit the school.

We are open Monday-Friday, 8:30-2:00 p.m. Please call if you need to

come in at a different time. We would love to see you here!

Support the school you love!

Shelly & Sherri

## Fifth Grade Puffin Project Final Report

We collected 138 box tops! That is a lot, but unfortunately not enough to adopt a puffin. (We needed 250.) So, we will send our box tops to Barbara's Bakery where they will be pooled. Although we could not adopt our very own puffin, we can feel proud that we contributed to the

preservation of the puffin's Maine habitat. Many thanks to everyone who supported this project.

Landon Silverman  
(5<sup>th</sup> grade)



## News from the library

As summer arrives and students have more time on their hands, there is plenty of time for reading. I recommend that lower school students go to the local public library and join the summer reading club. There are plenty of fun activities that support reading and learning.

This year's contest at school for the

first class to get all its books back is way behind. Only one or two classes are even close to the mark.

I have been speaking to the students about their responsibilities all year. They are aware if they have books out. You can help by looking in the car, under the bed, on the

bookshelves, behind the sofa.

Everything must be returned by the last day of school. No transcripts or reports can be released if library obligations have not been met.

Charlotte Snyder

## WSB alumnus returns to help math program

Jordan Wright (a WSB alumnus) just completed an internship with Waldorf School of Baltimore assisting in the math department for 5 weeks. He was very dedicated to doing a good job and worked in many areas, correcting homework, assisting in the classroom, tutoring students, and teaching 2 classes of

his own design. He was very popular with students, and on the day that he was away I heard a lot of "Where's Jordan?" He helped in 6th, 7th, 8th, and 11th grade classes and the Platonic Solids block. He is an amazing young man with strong integrity and direction. It

was a great pleasure to work with him. We wish him all the best next year at Davidson College, where he plans to pursue a math degree.

Kathleen Breen

## Last math puzzler of the year! Have fun working on it

The last puzzler for the year comes from car talk in honor of Martin Gardner. What is unique about the number Eight billion five hundred forty nine million, one hundred sev-

enty six thousand, three hundred twenty? (Hint: think divisibility.)

**Note:** David Kandel, who showed origami to the middle school and

11th grade, will be coming again this week to do some hands-on origami with the 6th, 7th, and 11th grade.

Kathy Breen

## 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](mailto:reg@steinerinstitute.org). For more information and updates subscribe at [steinerinstitute.org](http://steinerinstitute.org). Tel. 410-358-0050.

## Community Notes

The Maryland State Boychoir has a joint concert with The Houston Boychoir on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:30 p.m. Concert is at the MSB Center for the Arts, 3400 Norman Ave., Baltimore 21213. FREE and open to the public! Joshua Frick (4th grade) will be singing in this concert.

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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, 4<sup>th</sup>, 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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Giant yard sale, Saturday, June 13, 8 a.m.-1 p.m., Ruscombe Mansion parking lot, to benefit AUM Center, Inc., Ruscombe’s education nonprofit corporation. featuring antiques, books, collectibles, plants, furniture, jewelry, tools, toys, and more. Rain date is Sunday, June 20. 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](http://www.oella.org). For questions, call Peggy (Naji, 8th) 410-465-1914. (The next circle is the second Sunday in September.)♦♦

## 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

Grace McClintock, 11th grade WSB, will offer math help this summer. She will charge \$8 per hour. She is a strong math student and has an interest in origami and patterns. Contact her at 410-664-2135. She will be returning to Baltimore from Madrid at the end of June and is a member of the Mt Washington pool.

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Outgrown items need new home: child's bicycle. 20" off-road wheels, 6 speed, perfect working order, \$20 (was \$80 new); trailer bike--includes hardware needed to attach to an adult bike; perfect working order, \$30 (was \$150 new); hard case for ¼ to ½ size cello, nylon cover a bit worn, otherwise in great shape, \$20 (was \$60 new); cello playing stool, adjustable height, free (was \$30 new). Contact Stuart Rodes (Naji, 8<sup>th</sup> grade), [srodes2@gmail.com](mailto:srodes2@gmail.com) or 410-465-1914.

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For Sale: Girl's 16-inch Trek bike with training wheels. \$40.00. Contact Rachel Garner (Hannah, 5th; Axel, Rose Room), 443-825-5939.

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Math tutoring: former WSB math teacher Shirley Kemp will tutor students in middle school math after July 10. Please contact her at [karanascott@hotmail.com](mailto:karanascott@hotmail.com) or 410-746-6791.

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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](mailto:mraitzyk@aol.com)

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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.montegobaycivicsoc.com/>. Contact Mike Kurek, 410-422-2486.

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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!

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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.

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Organic crib mattress and fitted organic wool puddle-pad for sale. Contact: [abealer@comcast.net](mailto:abealer@comcast.net)

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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 avail-

able!) Call 410 666 8574 for details.

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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](mailto:ckasky@comcast.net).

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Coldspring Swim and Tennis Club is offering special membership rates for Waldorf School faculty, staff, and families this summer. Single: \$200.00; couple: \$300.00; family: \$400.00. We hope you will join us.

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New pediatrics office opening in Pikesville. Dr. Elena Balakirsky, AAP board-certified Pediatrician, treats newborns to young adults age 21, and offers prenatal consultations for expectant mothers. Our practice uses a holistic approach that incorporates integrative medicine. Office hours Sunday through Friday. Please see website [www.PikesvillePediatrics.com](http://www.PikesvillePediatrics.com) or phone (410) 580-1220.

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Tutoring/Educational Support: Victoria Mansuri (former WSB class teacher and Waldorf graduate, grades 1-12) brings tutoring and educational support to your child. Tutoring available in language arts, math, and all Main Lesson subjects, grades 1-8, and in English/Language Arts grades 1-12. Sessions on Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:45 and 4:30. \$30/hr. Please contact Ms. Mansuri at 410-925-8532 or [frecklenosedcat@gmail.com](mailto:frecklenosedcat@gmail.com).