



Week of September 6, 2010

## What's Going On...

### Thursday, September 9 Rosh Hashanah School closed

Tuesday, September 14  
All School Parent Evening  
7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room  
Yellowwood Building

Wednesday, September 29  
Festival of Courage  
(Michaelmas)  
Pageant, 8:45 a.m.  
Tugs of War, 1:45 p.m.



## From the desk of the Administrative Chair

On the first day of school we celebrated the opening of the new Children's Garden classrooms and the start of the school year for our students, including our first 12th grade class. At the ceremony we acknowledged three of our 12th graders who have been at the school since they started in the Children's Garden: Emmie Downs-Flickinger, Leo Kern, and John Richardson.

It was a busy summer getting the Children's Garden and the Upper School spaces ready for students. Parent volunteers helped pack, move, and unpack items from the Children's Garden and the Upper School. Faculty, staff, and parents worked to lazure the classrooms and hallways of the new Children's Garden, and faculty, staff, and parents worked to paint a number of the classrooms and the hallways in the Yellowwood Building to get it ready for the Upper School. I would like to thank all of those volunteers who gave up some of their summer to help us get ready for the start of school.

Please welcome our first grade teacher, Christina Harris, and her sons in the 5th grade (Colton) and 9th grade (Ian). Bettina Hufgard-Kirklighter, formerly the Middle School German teacher, will now be teaching German in the Lower School. We have also been busy recruiting and hiring instrument teachers for the orchestra program. I will introduce them to you over the next several weeks.

On Tuesday, September 14th, we will have our All School Parent Evening. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-purpose Room in the Yellowwood Building. After a brief presentation, the teachers will hold their first class meetings for the year. Light refreshments will be available prior to the start of the meeting. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

**Also, all schools will be closed on Thursday, September 9th in observance of Rosh Hashanah. Classes will resume on Friday, September 10.**

Larry Snyder

## Health and emergency forms due now

All families should have received a packet last month, including the Parent Student

Handbook and a number of forms that must be completed. Thanks to the people who have

returned theirs; everyone else, please get them in ASAP!

## Condolences

We offer our condolences to the family of Gerry Paradiso (Kathi, formerly in the

Development Office; Michael, 8th; and Chelsea, Class of 2007). Gerry died in July. The

eighth grade has planted a tree in his memory on the playground.

### Contact information for School Chairs

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

## Chelsea Moss introduces a new welcoming ceremony

At our opening assembly, Chelsea Moss introduced the new ceremony welcoming the first grade into the school. Her speech is reprinted below.

Good morning—my name is Chelsea Moss. I am a 12<sup>th</sup> grader, very excited to be in the first senior class at the Waldorf school of Baltimore. I am pleased and honored to be talking to you and I am going to tell you the last story of today's assembly.

Once upon a time, many years ago the WSB was a very small school for very small children—we were just a kindergarten school.

Then we grew—we grew into a school that went all the way to 6<sup>th</sup> grade, and more and more children came to us. Then we had a lower school.

We didn't stop growing—we just carried on and grew some more, as a few families who wanted their children to be able to go to 8<sup>th</sup> grade decided to be courageous and send

their children to our new middle school. If you look at the photos outside the Eurythmy Room you will see the first few 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes; they were small but they grew in size over the years. Thank you to those small classes, without whom we wouldn't have the strong and healthy middle school program that we have today.

Then we grew again . . . we grew into the Upper School, and at long last, after nearly 40 years we have fulfilled our vision to have a complete kindergarten to grade 12 Waldorf program to offer Baltimore.

Just as we have built the school over the years, so too have we built our celebrations and traditions. These have developed and changed over time as our school has grown and changed over time.

Today the 12<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades are pleased to play an important part in welcoming our newest 1<sup>st</sup> grade into the school community. Working together last year, the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

grades have created a new celebration that builds on our old Rose Ceremony tradition.

As the oldest students in the school the 12<sup>th</sup> grade will represent the whole school and welcome the 1<sup>st</sup> grade children. As the oldest students in the elementary school the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will take their part today. Each 1<sup>st</sup> grader will receive from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade a special bracelet with a rose quartz stone. The bracelet symbolizes the full circle, the circle of community that will greet, hold, and support our youngest children. The Rose Quartz stone symbolizes "heart"—love. It is found in the earth in the heartland of the U.S. (South Dakota). Each 1<sup>st</sup> grader will be guided by an 8<sup>th</sup> grader to their place. This symbolizes the guiding role the 8<sup>th</sup> grade will play in the life of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade class during the school year.

## Dedication of our New Children's Garden

The sun certainly came out and blessed our special day! Thank you to all who joined us in the intense heat and celebrated with us the opening of the new Children's Garden AND our first 12<sup>th</sup> grade class. We are grateful to our speakers: Peg Rawle, President of the Board of Trustees; Chaddie Hughes, Co-Chair of the Capital Campaign with Scott Helm; Larry Snyder, Administrative Chair; Noris Friedman, Eurythmy teacher and Children's Garden Chair; and Lisa Bechmann, Children's Garden Teacher. We were honored to have Sarah Spross from the Maryland State Department of Education and Damion Cooper from City Council President Jack Young's office offer their greetings. City Council Member Sharon Green Middleton was a part of our audience, as well.

How exciting to introduce our "Lifers," those students who have been with us from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade: Emmie Downs-Flickinger and John Richardson.

Leo Kern, also a Lifer, is in Germany and could not be here. Chelsea Connor, representing the 12<sup>th</sup> grade (and a student here since 1<sup>st</sup> grade) and Rebekah Rose Geller, representing the Children's Garden, untied the beautiful ribbon—and thus, the doors were open for all to come in, enjoy refreshments from Classic Catering, and tour the *air-conditioned* space!

Cate Mulvihill, handwork teacher, created the ribbon out of remnants from student projects. The ribbon was long enough to go around the entire Children's Garden fence, and will one day become a quilt in honor of this special moment. Matt and Alex Williams donated 200 bulbs—and the tools and time, along with Jo Keller, to dig the holes—all of which were planted. And Larry and Charlotte Snyder contributed plants to create a butterfly garden. We can look forward to a beautiful garden for the children.

Many others helped make the event a success. Jean Engelke, Lisa

Bechmann, Sharon Elder, Charlotte Landgraf, and Brooke Redgrave welcomed guests inside. Jennifer Downs, Pat Whitehead and Alex Williams welcomed guests outside. Shelly Hackman was our event photographer. Terry Williams spent hours in the sun setting up and later taking down everything. Bonny Mochan stepped in and helped with food set-up and clean-up. We could not have managed without her. Nor could we have managed without Jo Keller, Event Co-Chair, who gave hours and hours of her time to help coordinate the event.

Finally, to our Capital Campaign donors, to the architects of Murphy & Dittenhafer, the staff and employees of Henry Lewis Contractors, Hank Bauer, project manager, and Larry Snyder, overseer of all: THANK YOU for making dreams come true!

June Fletcher-Hill  
Development Manager

## Reminders from the office

Parents, there is still time to:

- Order your child's lunch from Graul's. This can be done weekly this year.
- Sign up for middle school after school clubs and soccer. Information was mailed in August.
- Sign up for pizza lunches on Wednesdays.
- Sign up for Play Centers if you can't always pick up your child at dismissal.

## Farmstand comes to WSB

Don't miss the Waldorf School of Baltimore FARMSTAND! Every Tuesday from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. on The Plaza (in front of the Tamarind Building) you can purchase

local, chemical-free, sustainably grown produce and goods from our own 'Waldorf Family Farmers'. Bring your own bags! If you have questions, or if you have items to

contribute to the Farmstand, please contact Jen Baumgartner (Zoe, 1<sup>st</sup>, Lily, Butterfly Room) at [rootsfarm-girl@gmail.com](mailto:rootsfarm-girl@gmail.com).

INTRODUCING...

*THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE*

# FARMSTAND!

## WHERE?

THE PLAZA

(FRONT OF THE TAMARIND BUILDING)

## WHEN?

TUESDAYS, 2:30 – 4:30 PM

## WHY?

TO PURCHASE LOCAL,  
CHEMICALLY FREE AND  
SUSTAINABLY GROWN,  
PRODUCE AND GOODS.

TO SUPPORT WALDORF FAMIL-  
LIES PRODUCING THE ABOVE  
MENTIONED DELICACIES.

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE  
WALDORF SCHOOL OF BALTI-  
MORE...15% OF ALL PROCEEDS  
WILL BE DONATED TO THE  
SCHOOL!



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JEN BAUMGARTNER  
(ZOE - 1ST GRADE & LILY - BUTTERFLY ROOM) AT [ROOTSFARMGIRL@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ROOTSFARMGIRL@GMAIL.COM).

Submit by Friday noon via e-mail: [csnyder@bcpl.net](mailto:csnyder@bcpl.net)

## Thank you very much

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the elementary grades of the school year 2009-2010 for their most generous gift to myself and all the subject teachers, which was given in June. We received a

gift card from Atwater's in Belvedere Square (yum, yum) from Grades 1-6 and 8, AND we received a gift card from Barnes and Noble (fun, fun) from Grade 7. It is great to be able to shop and buy

with these much-appreciated gift cards.

With loving thanks,  
Noris Friedman and colleagues

## Community notes

My son Marlon (7th grade) and I are new to the Waldorf Community. I am having a difficult time finding transportation for him to get home from school. We live in Pikesville in Bonnie Ridge Apartments on Smith Avenue. Does anyone live in our area that will be willing to carpool in the afternoon? I get off work in the evening and I am not able to pick Marlon up at dismissal. Please contact me if you are willing to carpool and/or charge a fee. I can be reached via email or at

443.570.6263. Thanks so much for your assistance, Keshanna Brooks.

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White Rose Farm, a biodynamic farm near Gettysburg, PA is planning a public Michaelmas event on September 25. For more information, go to [www.whiterosefarm.com](http://www.whiterosefarm.com), or call 410-756-9303.

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Kevin Frick will be running the Baltimore Marathon on Saturday October 16, 2010. As part of his run, he is raising money for the American Can-

cer Society, specifically running in memory of Gerry Paradiso. The website for his fundraising efforts is [http://main.acsevents.org/goto/kevin\\_frick](http://main.acsevents.org/goto/kevin_frick). If you would like to make a contribution, it can be made directly at the website. Any contribution is (large or small) is appreciated. Kevin is also blogging about the physical and spiritual aspects of his running (<http://physicalandspiritualrunning.blogspot.com>).

## The Weekly

The *Weekly* is published once a week and is our primary way of communicating with the school community. The publication is available on the school's website, [www.twsb.org](http://www.twsb.org); click on *WSB News and Forms*.

In our desire to reduce paper use and waste, our main means of publication is electronic; you will be notified by email when the new edition is ready. Some paper copies are available in the lobby of each building. If you wish a paper copy of the *Weekly*, please let Jean Engelke, in the Tamarind Building office, know.

Charlotte Snyder is the editor. Submissions should be emailed to [csnyder@bcpl.net](mailto:csnyder@bcpl.net) by noon on Friday. Please use "Weekly" in the subject line.

## Marketplace

See it – Know it – Do it! WORD-MOVES / Language as a Whole Body Experience Eurythmy KICK OFF with Gail Langstroth. Cheer your Summer Soul into Fall with 6 invigorating classes, September 13–October 18,

7-8:15 p.m. (Monday evenings), at 5712 Roland Ave. #3C Baltimore, MD 21210; cost, \$70. RSVP: 727-656-4087.

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For sale: Clarinet: Buffet Crampton E11 clarinet with locking padded case. Bought new; used one school middle school semester; excellent condition; \$700. Children's 1/2 Guitar: Strunal acoustic children's size guitar

## Marketplace (continued)

with case; Made in the Czech Republic; excellent condition; bought new, used 2 weeks; \$125. Handcrafted wooden farm play set with lots of farm creatures chickens, bears, trees, etc.) and the great big barn. Great for the little ones. Bought new at the Waldorf School store. \$200. Call Amy, 410-472-9945.

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September 17, 7:30-9 p.m., Astrologer Lucky Sweeny will explore the meaning of the transits in her talk **"Moving Towards 2012: What's New in the Stars,"** at Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center, 4801 Yellowwood Ave. Sponsored by Baltimore Astrological Society, Local Chapter of NCGR. \$5/ Members, \$10/Non-Members. For more info, visit <http://www.basastrology.org> October 16th, 1- 4 p.m., Technology Workshop **"How to Use Skype,"** Sponsored by Baltimore Astrological Society, Local Chapter of NCGR, at the Waldorf School of Baltimore. This

is a hands-on workshop where participants will learn how to connect with others around the country or around the world, computer-to-computer or computer-to-phone, without paying long distance phone bills. This technology is perfect for astrologers, as well as counselors, teachers, or anyone who wants to conduct remote counseling, healing, or training sessions, workshops, meetings or classes over the internet; record remote sessions; create mp3 files and CDs; use video conferencing; and share visuals on the computer screen. Bring a laptop computer, FREE WIFI provided. Cost: \$50. Pre-registration req'd: <http://www.basastrology.org/>

