



Week of September 7, 2009

What's Going On...

Wednesday, September 16
All School Parent Evening
7:00 p.m., Multipurpose Room
Yellowwood Building

Wednesday, September 23
Parent Introduction to Student
Organizational Workshop with
Paula Moraine
7:00 p.m., Eurythmy Room
Tamarind Building

Monday, September 28
Yom Kippur
School closed



From the desk of the Administrative Chair

We hope that you had an enjoyable and restful summer; we have had a busy summer at the school. Construction has begun on the new classrooms and administrative spaces for the Children's Garden at the Tamarind Building. Work is nearly complete on resurfacing and waterproofing the pad adjacent to the Tamarind Building and replacing the fence around that area. Work was completed on some room modifications in the Yellowwood Building to allow for the addition of a third Children's Garden class and the 11th grade. The school store and the office spaces for the Children's Garden have changed places. Virginia Efta, the therapeutic eurythmist, has moved into a new space adjacent to the new Children's Garden office.

There are several members of our current faculty/staff who will be assuming new roles in the school. Noris Friedman, formerly the Lower School Chair, will be the Children's Garden Chair and Laura Trosch, 5th grade class teacher, will be the Lower School Chair. Brooke Redgrave, formerly our Parent-Child instructor, will be one of the lead kindergarten teachers in the Children's Garden. As previously announced, June Fletcher-Hill is the new Manager of Development. Bettina Hufgard-Kirklighter, middle school German teacher, will be adding Upper School German to her responsibilities. Also, Barbara Ball will be rejoining the faculty as the Parent Child instructor. Please join us in wishing these individuals success in their new positions.

Additionally, Gabriele Miller, the lower school German teacher, has left the faculty. We are in the process of interviewing a number of candidates for her position, and a decision on a new teacher for the position will be made over the next several weeks. Until the process is completed and a new teacher hired, the German class periods will be covered by our lower school faculty and will be used as an enrichment opportunity to support or deepen other school subjects.

On Wednesday, September 16th, we will have our first All School Parent Evening. It will begin with a brief presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room in the Yellowwood Building. Immediately following this presentation the teachers will have their first class meeting of the year. At this meeting the teachers will preview their plans for the year. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

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!

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

From the Development Office

Welcome to a new school year! What an exciting year it will be with construction taking place and new Children's Garden classrooms to look forward to by the end of the year! As the new Development Manager, I welcome my role in helping raise the rest of the funds needed to complete the Garden Level project and begin renovations on the Upper School.

We all can be proud of our community's success in raising almost

\$113,000 in the Annual Fund last year. What is most exciting is that participation by parents in six classes reached 100%. The Annual Fund is the foundation of our development efforts. More importantly, it allows us all to come together in support of the School and of the teachers and their commitment to our children.

I come to this position after many years of volunteering, including serving as President of the Board of

Trustees from 2004-2007. Last year, I worked part-time as the Program Development Coordinator, focused specifically on projects related to the Children's Garden.

Best wishes for a wonderful year.

June Fletcher-Hill
Development Manager
jfletcherhill@twsb.org

Waldorf's Lego Robotics Team is forming now!

The Waldorf First Lego Robotics team is organizing for its third year. Lynn Roberts and David Schneider have done a great job of getting the team going, bringing home a first place trophy for presentation last year. Unfortunately, they have graduated to higher grades and it is time for new leadership.

In addition to students, the team needs parental volunteers who can help with organization, snacks, tee shirts, and just keeping the students on task. Technical skills are not required. Those interested should call Christopher Field (Lucretia, 6th) at 410-366-5033 (H) after 6:30, or 301-552-6300 (W). We would like

an organizational meeting at pickup time on Monday, 14 September. We need to organize quickly, as the season started Labor Day weekend.

Christopher Field

Waldorf and UNESCO

This summer, representatives from WSB attended two major events sponsored by our ASPnet partner, UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization). The first was a reception honoring Koïchiro Matsuura, Director-General of UNESCO. The second was the swearing-in ceremony of David Killion as U.S. Ambassador to UNESCO. Both of these events provided opportunities

to explore possible partnerships to be forged this year between WSB teachers and national organizations, to identify potential internship opportunities for our students, and to meet top speakers willing to visit WSB as part of the co-curricular program for our upper school students.

This year, upper school students will work on social and environmental projects with UNESCO affil-

ated schools in Austria and Peru. This is the beginning of our exciting journey as a UNESCO affiliated school. We expect many enriching experiences will become available to our students as we explore this valuable membership that promises to support the development of the global consciousness begun in their classrooms.

Alejandra Lorenzo
Upper School Spanish teacher

Cooking class returns to WSB: sign up now!

CKCS, the mobile cooking program, is back for another delicious year! Classes taught by Chef Nikki, co-host of Child Life TV Cooking Show filmed at Johns Hopkins, and her staff of culinary experts. The next session, beginning Monday, September 14th, runs for 4 weeks, 3:30-5:00. Session A includes cuisine from England, France, and

Ireland (boxty, Welsh rarebit (not rabbit!), and crème brûlée. There will be discussion and activities pertaining to etiquette, tablescapes, different cultures, nutrition, and the science behind cooking. The registration form is on the last page of the *Weekly*.

Check us out on the ncover of

Maryland Family Magazine!

[http://
MarylandFamilyMagazine.com/2009/04/01/crossing-party-lines/](http://MarylandFamilyMagazine.com/2009/04/01/crossing-party-lines/)

Nikki McGowan
Executive Chef, founder

Block I of Special Eurythmy

Block I of Special Eurythmy will begin on September 21 and end on November 5. This includes extra days for make-up lessons. There will be 12 sessions in the block, each session costing \$30 for a total

of \$360. There is financial aid available, which must be requested in writing. Please give your request to Virginia Efta. Please call 410-358-7274 for more information and to

sign your child up for the program. You may also e-mail Ms. Efta at vefta@twsb.org.

Community Notes

Dining Out for Life: Please consider joining Mr. Meade, eighth grade teacher, and Dana Johns, fifth grade parent, at Loco Hombre/Alonso's on Cold Spring Lane on Thursday, September 17th, for dinner and to support Moveable Feast. 20% of your dinner tab will go to support Moveable Feast, an organization that provides nutritious meals to individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS, breast cancer, and homelessness. Last year, Moveable Feast delivered over 800,000 meals in our area and on the Eastern Shore. Loco Hombre/Alonso's is a family-friendly dining experience and is only one of the restaurants participating in Dining Out for Life. For a complete list, go to

www.mfeast.org. Thank you for your support.

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Baltimore Holistic Institution Marks a Milestone: 25 years of healthy intentions. Ruscombe Mansion Community Health Center Open House, September 13, 2009, 1- 4 p.m. Free lectures, door prizes, café open, Yoga by the pond, and much more! Please visit and bring a friend.

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Pivot Point and Jennifer Downs invite you to come get your hands into the earth! Or watch. . . . Celebrate the Earth Element as described in Chinese Medicine and the associated season of Late Summer at the Kayam Farm in Reisters-town on Sunday, September 13, 1-

3 p.m. Wear comfortable work clothes and sun protection. Elders welcome: place in the shade to watch and do a seated activity. Children welcome. No charge. Activities include: harvest/help; sip a cool refreshing drink while sharing and talking about the Earth Element and many associations, foods, habits, and work that happens at this time of year; brief meditation on the inner and outer harvest of the year. Celebrate the season. Kayam fFrm is a non-profit, educational farm, teaching sustainable agriculture and building community. If so moved you may make a donation to the farm; suggested donation is \$10, but any amount is much appreciated. Please RSVP: 410-542-5441, or jdownslac@gmail.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; 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.

The editor is Charlotte Snyder. Submissions should be emailed to csnyder@bcpl.net by noon on Friday. Please use "Weekly" in the subject line.

Classified

Reflexology is a heavenly way of maintaining health and optimal wellness. It feels incredible, and can address many physical problems.

One session lowers stress, and more have a cumulative effect that can enhance life and improve health, particularly sleep. Call for an

appointment: Erika Grant, 443-449-9411.





CKCS is back for another delicious year!

Classes taught by Chef Nikki, co-host of "Child Life TV Cooking Show" at Johns Hopkins Children's Center, and her staff of culinary experts

Mondays
3:30- 5:00 pm
Grades 1-5



Cooking with kids is
our main course...

What's to come:

Around the world (France, Ireland, England Session A)– cultural exploration through cuisine (languages, celebrations, ingredients)

etiquette, tablescapes, the senses, nutrition, kitchen safety, and the science behind cooking

Recipes include: Boxyty, crème brulee, Welsh rarebit (not rabbit!)

- *Aprons and chef hats provided
- *Leftovers taken home after each class

We incorporate science, math, nutrition, and kitchen safety into the preparation of fun and delicious culinary specialties.

Student's Name(s): _____ Birthdate: _____

Grade/Teacher: _____

**Allergies: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____ Home phone: _____

Address: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____

After class my child will: (circle one) *Be picked up at 3rd grade room *Go to aftercare

Please make checks payable to: CKCS, LLC and mail to: 8419 Church Lane, Ellicott City, MD 21043 by 9/7 OR drop off form and check in envelope labeled CKCS to front office by 9/9

Parent that volunteers for an entire session pays only \$70 per session

Call first to see if spot is available 978-223-3068

Session A: 9/14, 9/21, 10/5, 10/12 **\$130/\$110**

Session B: 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/16 **\$130/\$110**

Session C: 11/23, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 **\$130/\$110**

***If you sign up for more than 1 session, each session is \$110**

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

In signing this form, you waive any right to claim against CKCS owner, staff, or your child's school in the event of accident or injury. Refunds not given once session has begun, but credit can be applied to future classes. You hereby authorize the release of your child's photo for use by CKCS. Waldorf

To find out more about CKCS, LLC: visit us at: CKCSweb.com or call 978-223-3068