

# Four Tellings

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The weekly bulletin for family and friends of Four Winds Waldorf School

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The color of springtime is in the flowers,  
the color of winter is in the imagination.  
-Ward Elliot Hour

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday January 13**  
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM

**Saturday January 15**  
The Waldorf School Journey.....9 AM

**Monday January 17**  
No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Wednesday January 19**  
School Tour.....8:45 AM

**Thursday January 20**  
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM  
Board of Trustees Meeting.....7 PM

**Thursday January 27**  
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM

**Saturday January 29**  
Four Winds Town Hall Meeting.....10 AM  
Pot Luck.....12 noon

Community Conversation.....1-2 PM  
(see page 2)

**Wednesday February 1**  
Candle Dipping .....In School

**Thursday January 20**  
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM  
Parent Council.....7 PM

**Saturday February 6**  
Preschool Sampler.....10 AM- noon



## New Student ID's

ID's are available for all students in the school office. Many thanks to Rick Chavez for design and execution! ID's have been given free to middle school students (grades 6-7) and employees. All other grades students may purchase them for \$5 each. Please let Barbara if you would like to purchase an ID for your child in grade 1-5.

## Scrip Orders!

Have you forgotten we have the easiest way for the school to make money? Please participate by placing your order TODAY! [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)

*No School on Monday, January 17th for MLK, Jr. Day*

Invite someone you know who wants to learn more about us!

## The Waldorf School Journey

Saturday, January 15, 2010  
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please plan to join us for The Waldorf School Journey, where we will combine presentations that explain our teaching philosophy with workshops that allow you to experience how that philosophy is applied in the classroom.

- 9 a.m. Singing & Introductions; *The Social Mission of Waldorf Schools.*
- 9:30 a.m. FW Parent & Alumni Presentation
- 10 a.m. Faculty Presentation : *Three-Fold Social Order, Child Development*
- 10:15 a.m. Early Childhood Workshop
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:15 a.m. Overview of the Grades
- 11:30 a.m. Grades Workshops that will demonstrate how subjects are presented and how art is integrated into each subject.
- 12:45 p.m. Q & A

Please call 630-836-9400 or email [info@fourwindswaldorf.org](mailto:info@fourwindswaldorf.org) to register. Childcare (including snack & lunch) will be available.

## TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday, January 29, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

This is an annual meeting for our school that is important for every family to attend. It will include a State of the School report from the Board of Trustees, an introduction of the Budget for 2011-2012 and reports from Parent Council, Faculty, Administration and Enrollment. There have been so many changes this school year, and we are celebrating that we are here and growing! Take this chance to check in on the pulse of the community. Join us afterwards for a Potluck Lunch from 12- 1 pm and our first Community Conversation from 1-2 pm (see page 2.)

## THANKS A MILLION!!!!

**To the Kitchen Renewal Team** - We are deeply grateful for the remarkable transformation of our kitchen. Final work is still to be completed this week. The crew will be identified next week!

## FROM THE DESK OF *Marianne Fieber*

### Community Conversation Series

The Board, Faculty and Administration have begun exploring the possible implementation of an ATA or “Accessible to All” tuition model beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. These conversations have revealed that the success of this innovative approach to school sustainability requires the community be strong, dedicated and well-educated around the ideals and principles of a threefold organization of social life. Therefore, we have created a series of conversations to engage the entire Four Winds Waldorf Community in discussions about what our community means to each of us and what we can imagine for our future growth. We want to have frank conversations around education as a process rather than viewing it as a product for sale. We are hoping to come to agreements about Four Winds Waldorf School values, priorities and commitments as we embark on a new phase in future planning. These conversations have been scheduled once a month, alternating between weekend and weekday evenings, in an effort to be as inclusive as possible. We hope everyone can either make them all or one or two meetings to feel part of this exciting process. We will sprinkle in potluck meals on Saturdays as a way to incorporate a vital social element. We will begin on Saturday January 29th, with an introduction at the Town Hall Meeting from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm with a potluck lunch followed by a session from 1:00-2:00 pm. On behalf of the Board, Faculty and Administration, we hope to see many of you join us.

**January 29th Saturday 1:00-2:00 pm** (following a potluck after the Town Hall Meeting)

What does our community mean to us?

What am I looking for? What do I need?

What do we want it to be?

How do we imagine schools/education?

Process v. product

- Sign-up for the pot-luck in the foyer at school

Other Dates:

**February 8th** Tuesday 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**March 12th** Saturday 1:00 – 2:30 pm (following a potluck)

**April 11th** Monday 7:00 – 8:30 pm

**May 12th**\*DATE CHANGE\*Thursday 7-8:30 pm (following a potluck)

## SICG News

(Social Inclusion Coordinating Group)

Last Thursday evening, SICG and Parent Council met for a second conversation. As we listed in earlier Four-Tellings, our first conversation centered on the question as to whether people in our community felt a need for a conflict resolution model and a code of conduct when stressed. As the first conversation deepened, SICG members came to the conclusion that developing a conflict resolution model is premature. Instead, we found ourselves focusing on how to help create a social environment where the sense of a strong community flourishes, and that in order for this to occur, the entire community is needed to clarify who we are at Four Winds. We were also pleasantly surprised to find that this question seemed to be emerging in other areas of Four Winds. For this reason, we have a number of Community Conversations scheduled (please see “From the Desk Of”). I hope that you will be able to attend our first conversation after our Town Hall Meeting (January 29<sup>th</sup>, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.).

## Business Resource Directory

We are coordinating a resource directory of our parents and their personal businesses for our web site. If you would like your business listed, please fill out the form in the school office. Thank you!

## Chess Club News

Chess Wizards has started a new session this Monday - January 10th, usual time 3pm - 4pm. There are a total of 17 classes until the end of the school year (Jan: 10, 24, 31; Feb: 7, 14, 28; Mar 7, 14, 21, 28; Apr: 4, 11; May: 2, 9, 16, 23; June: 6). Registration forms are available at the front office and on the information board. Please bring completed registration forms to the front office by Jan. 21st or follow instructions on the forms to register directly through Chess Wizards. The fee is \$170 (payable to Chess Wizards). There is an option to pay in two installments: \$85 by Jan 24 and \$85 by Mar 28. If you only want to register for part of the session please contact me. New children are welcome to come on January 24th for a free trial class. If you have any questions please contact Natalia Lukina at [natalia@alumni.caltech.edu](mailto:natalia@alumni.caltech.edu) or 617-407-6438.

## Weekly Regular Meetings

Grades Faculty - Tuesday 12:45 pm

Early Childhood Faculty - Tuesday 1:20 pm

Student Services Committee - Tuesday 2 pm

Leadership Council - Wednesday 1:15 pm

Executive Steering Comm.-Weds 3 pm

SICG- Thursdays at 11:15

Full Faculty - Thursday 3:20 pm

## The Incarnating Child Seminars

How we parent and educate children is influenced by our understanding of their needs at various ages and stages of development. By attending to the physical, emotional and ego development of children, we can remove obstacles to their ability to manifest their higher selves. Workshops in this series will explore child development from this perspective through presentation, conversation, and artistic and practical activities. Rm. 137, Notre Dame Hall, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, \$35 or \$160 for all five paid in advance.

### Understanding Children: pre-birth, birth, & the first 3 years with Mary O'Connell

Saturday, January 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Understanding Children: 4-7 years with Laura Cassidy

Saturday, January 22, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Understanding Children: 7-10 years with Amy Marks

Saturday, January 29, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Understanding Children: 11-14 years with Corinne Lorian

Saturday, February 5, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

### Understanding Children: 15-21 years with Mary Ruud

Saturday, February 12, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Re-Thinking Childhood: Parenting and Educating Children in a Time of Global Transformation

March 4-6, 2011, Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI

*Our world has been changing rapidly. How can we best prepare children for an unknown future?*

**Sharifa Oppenheimer**, author of *Heaven on Earth: A Handbook for Parents of Young Children*, and **Joan Almon**, Executive Director of the Alliance for Childhood, will share practical information and motivational wisdom to help us in our lives and work with children of all ages. Breakout sessions will engage participants in conversation and artistic and creative activities to help deepen and integrate new ways of thinking about and being with children. One session is entitled, "Growing Up Fully Human in a Dehumanizing World" by **Joan Almon** will explore the strong sense of children to become part of the world and in participating with us in its healing and transformation. Info: 262-642-9672.

## Come to an Open House! Our Children Our Earth: Toys, Silks & Eco-Goods

707 Morton St., Batavia



Saturday, Jan. 15th 10-Noon

Wednesday, Jan. 19th 6-8pm

Thursday, Jan. 20th 1-5pm

"Oh, I've Always Wanted To Check That Out!" We have LOTS of cool, Waldorf friendly items that everyone seems to think you can only get on-line! You've seen a *small* sampling of what OCOE has to offer on your very own book store shelves, has it perked your interest? For those of you who have never been to my home store, NOW is time to come! Come check it out (while the holiday scenes are still up but without the holiday panic!) Relax, enjoy a look around with a cup of tea and a cookie too! **Donate 10% of your purchase back to FOUR WINDS SCHOOL upon your request!** Contact Dianne Peterson, 63-406-8267.

## Classifieds

*Place classified ads here! \$5 for 50-word ad to run 2 weeks. All ads subject to editing.*

**Wanted:** Waldorf family for my child Gabriel to spend over-night 1-2 times per month. Rate negotiable, needed immediately. Please call Aurora Giattino at 843-683-8750.

**The Chestnut Tree Daycare** (Waldorf-inspired), Downers Grove, IL (by Good Sam Hospital.) Now offering day, weekend and evening care for children ages 1 1/2 to 12 years. Daily & weekly activities include: painting, coloring, collage, bread-baking, beeswax, puppetry, circle games, nature crafts and yoga. Outside green area on very large lot w/ outside play daily. Seasonal Celebrations enjoyed! All Organic menu served daily w/allergy and gluten-free menus available to sensitive children. I am a Natural Foods chef & pastry chef and I love teaching whole foods cooking classes to the children. Please contact Emily Marx, 630-322-9118 evenings, [emilyteagarden@yahoo.com](mailto:emilyteagarden@yahoo.com).