



Four Tellings

*A weekly bulletin for family
and friends of Four Winds
Waldorf School*

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All Souls Day Festival

The Faculty Festivals Committee, together with our new Spanish teacher, Cristobal Cavazos, would like to announce the first of three new festivals at Four Winds Waldorf School—the *All Souls Day Festival*.

The children in grades three through eight have been learning in their Spanish classes how other cultures celebrate Dia de los Muertos to honor and celebrate loved ones who have passed on. They have been preparing for the All Souls Festival by creating artwork for nature tables, and sharing stories of the joy our dearly departed have brought to our lives. On November 2nd, we will gather in the community room from 8:10-8:25AM to honor our loved ones with a verse and a joyous rendition of the song Epharadisi (In Paradise). Adult community members are welcome to share in this celebration.

—Nanci Elf, Third Grade Teacher

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Four Winds Mission Statement

Four Winds Waldorf School is committed to awakening the intellect, imagination and determination of every child, leading to a life-long love of learning. Within a protective and nurturing environment, teachers and parents work together to build a community where each student's confidence, sense of responsibility and self-reliance unfolds.

Pictures This Week

Many thanks to Second Grade Teacher, Brenna McLachlan, for sharing pictures of her grade's recent trip into the city to see a Eurythmy Performance, and subsequent lunch near Lake Michigan. Also featured are pictures of current chalk board drawings throughout our school—thank you to our faculty for sharing!

From the Desk of Marianne Fieber

Last Wednesday, Robyn Abend, with the help of Angela Murray, conducted a wonderful School Tour for some prospective parents and an educator. I had the great pleasure of joining toward the end to watch the 8th graders present their ballroom dancing. Under the expert tutelage of Altin Naska (father of Dilara in Grade 4) these young people displayed their poise in a Waltz, Tango and Salsa dance! We all were smiling and I was personally impressed by our students. Thank you, Mr. Naska and 8th Grade for sharing your talents with us; it was a real treat and highlight of the tour. If you happen to know anyone who is interested in learning more about our school and Waldorf Education, this is a great way to do it! Please invite them to sign up for the next School Tour or a Waldorf School Journey.

School Tour – November 9

Waldorf School Journey – November 19

Elves' Market - December 10th

We are very excited to be bringing back the Elves' Market this year. The first Elves' Market was only 2 years ago and this year we will continue what we hope will be annual event!

This event was developed initially out of a need to expand the bookstore to take advantage of the winter holidays where gifts are often exchanged. In the past, tables filled with interesting treasures lined our hallways creating not only traffic problems but also tempting distractions for students. We heard as well, that after having been on display for some time, the gifts lost their appeal. Many other schools, both public and private, have holiday shops with opportunities to purchase gifts. We will be contracting with a number of different vendors to offer some creative, interesting and original gifts for adult and older students to purchase. The Elves' Acorn Market will be set up for younger children to purchase gifts for siblings and other relatives.

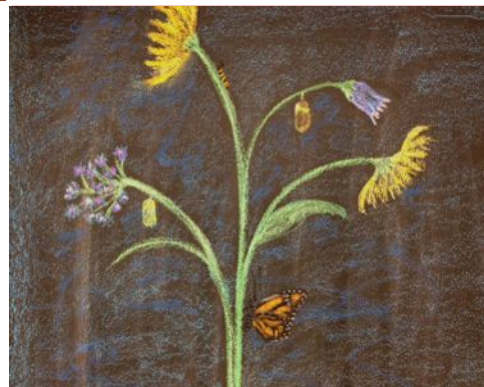
The name of our market comes from the idea of a farmer's market which has a more community gesture as opposed to a commercial "store". Elves, though often associated with a commercialized view of Christmas are also one of the nature beings such as fairies, gnomes and dwarves found in the many stories shared throughout the Waldorf curriculum.

It is a lovely wintertime festival event as well as a fundraiser. More information will be coming out as the details are determined. In the meantime, please put this date on your calendars! We will be needing help for set-up, supervision in the different activity areas and prior to that...crafters!

From the Elves' Market Team: Marianne Fieber, Angela Murray, Melissa Rutkowski and Kassia Shaw.

November Parent Handwork Group

Beginning November 3rd parents are invited to a weekly Elves' Market Workshop on Thursday mornings after Groman Café in Sunrise Garden. We will work from 8:00–9:00AM and clean-up in time for the Parent-Child class to begin at 9:30AM.



This Week's Calendar

October 26, 2011 (Wednesday)
Oak Tree visits Graue Mill
Second Grade visits Larson's Farm
 1:30–3PM Leadership Council
 3–4PM Executive Steering Committee

October 27, 2011 (Thursday)
SCRIP Orders Due
 8:30AM Groman Cafe
 10:30–11:30AM Social Inclusion Coordinating Group (SICG)
 3:15–5:30PM Faculty Meeting

October 28, 2011 (Friday)
Newsletter Submission Deadline
 3 – 4PM Student Service Committee Meeting

October 31, 2011 (Monday)
No School
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 1, 2011 (Tuesday)
No School
Parent Teacher Conferences

November 2, 2011 (Wednesday)
 8:10–8:25AM All Souls Celebration
 1:30–3PM Leadership Council
 3–4PM Executive Steering Committee

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Four Winds Wish List

Every week the *Four Tellings* will be publishing a list of things that parents, teachers, and our administrator have noticed that the school needs. This list may include material items or volunteer needs. Please take a moment to consider if you have any of these items available, or know of someone who does.

- Oak Tree Kindergarten is in need of carpet runners for in front of their sink.
- John Keeney is looking for a slide projector.
- Grades faculty would like a shed, or wood to build a shed, to house shovels and gardening equipment.
- Bruce Cooper is looking for wood carving tools, a workbench, and soapstone blocks.
- Oak Tree Kindergarten is looking for big wooden trucks. Contact Carlene Mogavero.
- Grades teachers are looking for a volleyball net and ball set.



Kassia Shaw will help coordinate our crafting work which will surely create some wonderful treasures our young people may purchase as gifts for their siblings or relatives. Feel free to drop in and work with the group, or on your own project for the Market. Younger siblings are welcome.

If you have any craft items; beads, stuffing, yarn, stamps, etc. which have not been transformed into works of art, we would love to make use of them if you are ready to purge your craft closet. Please bring them in and drop them off in the office. This would be a great way to “reduce, reuse or recycle!”

Annual Fund

Annual Fund:	Financial Goal	\$40,000
	Participation Goal	100%

Every year Four Winds Waldorf School conducts an Annual Fund Campaign to help fill the gap between tuition revenue and operating expenses. Tuition dollars alone do not cover the costs of the remarkably rich education offered by a Waldorf School. Tuition is kept at a level which makes it possible for a greater diversity of families to consider this holistic approach to education for their children. Each year the budget includes a target for a dollar amount to be raised for our Annual Fund as well as other fundraising activities which support the fiscal health and sustainability of our school. To reach our goal of 100% participation each family can give what is possible for them – there is no top or bottom limit to participation. In addition to the knowledge that the school benefits from each contribution, the gift is fully tax-deductible.

The 2011-2012 Annual Fund Brochure and pledge card was sent to our families last week along with the Annual Report for 2010-2011 school year.

November 8th is our PLEDGE DAY. Coffee and treats will be available at drop-off time for anyone bringing in a contribution or pledge.

Our fundraising goals for 2011-2012 are:

Annual Fund	\$40,000.00
Scrip	\$5,000.00
Bookstore	\$4,000.00
Festivals	\$2,500.00

Participate in iGive.com

When you make your online purchases this year, register with iGive.com to donate a portion of your total dollar amount back to the school!



Save the Date

Ted-X Lecture by *Four Winds* Parent and Board of Trustees President, Rich Hill

Friday, November 11th
Grounds for Hope Cafe in Lisle

Come and learn from over 10 speakers who will share with us on how “Good is Happening” in our community and surrounding Chicagoland. Speakers include a leading Argonne National Laboratory Director for Computing, the founder and leader of the amazing Red Bull Air Force, a previous TEDxNaperville attendee now sharing with us why the current US space program is anything BUT dead following the space shuttles final voyage, and best of all...our very own Rich Hill will also be a featured speaker! Tickets sell out fast. Visit www.tedxnaperville.com for more information.

All School Clean-Up

November, TBA

Come one, come all! Join us for a community-wide clean up day as we prepare our beautiful grounds for winter. Keep posted for more details as the date gets closer.

Lantern Walk

Grades 1-3

Friday, November 11th, from 5-7PM

Early Childhood

Saturday, November 12th, from 4:15-6:15PM

Lantern Walk is a wonderful fall festival celebrating the legend of St. Martin, (or Martinmas, November 11th) who was known for his ability to bring warmth and light to those previously in darkness. He is remembered in many cultures with a festival of lanterns, carrying light into the coming winter, storytelling and singing songs.

Volunteers Needed

School Cleaning

Tuesday's School Cleaning Crew is doing such an amazing job every Tuesday cleaning classrooms and common spaces in time for the Wednesday tours. We can confidently welcome visitors and future families and share with them the truly unique and fabulous learning environment we are creating for our children. That said, the Tuesday crew is looking for a couple more volunteers who can join in this effort. There is a 2 hour window needed from 8:00-10:00AM which is looking for a couple hard workers who want to joyfully clean in the Early Childhood classrooms. If you are interested, please contact Robyn Abend by leaving a message at the school front office. Thanks!

Office Help

The front office needs volunteers Tuesday and Wednesday mornings from 8-12:30PM to answer phones and put band-aids on boo-boos. A volunteer providing office support allows Kristie McHugh and Anna Morris to get their work done and keep the school running smoothly. Please let the front office know if you are able to help either of these mornings.



Halloween Hints

Wondering what to do with all the candy collected at Halloween?

Ask the Great Pumpkin or Tooth Fairy to visit your house. You can opt for your children to keep a small portion, then leave the rest of their candy for the Great Pumpkin or Tooth Fairy by the front door. In the morning, they may see traces of the GP or TF (leaves) and a small present will be left in its place.

Classifieds & Newsletter Submissions

Please submit classifieds and newsletter content by Friday afternoon before school ends to be published the following Wednesday.

Classifieds should to be submitted to the front office. Ads cost \$5 for a 50 word ad that will run for two weeks. All classifieds are subject to editing.

Newsletter content can be emailed to Kassia Shaw at kassia.shaw@me.com.

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SCRIP Cheat Sheet

Participation Goal:

100% of the Four Winds School Community

How Can I Buy SCRIP Cards?

Register with shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code: L99B27DD227L2

Or...a growing number of cards are available for direct purchase from the front office.

When are orders due?

Thursday mornings at 8:30AM—please note new time!!!!

When can I pick up my cards?

The following Thursday...or register with Presto Pay and get select ecards within 1 hour of purchase.

Can I reload my cards rather than buy new ones?

Yes you can! See shopwithscrip.com for more details.

What if I have more questions?

Contact Corrie Goldberg at corrie23@sbcglobal.net

Calling All Crafty Handwork Enthusiasts!

The Elves' Market is December 10th and will include an Acorn Market with gifts that can be purchased with acorns for siblings, aunts, uncles, Moms or Dads. We want to keep the value of the items between \$0.50 and \$5.00.

Development Chair

We are in need of someone willing to serve as a Development Chair to work with Marianne in coordinating both short and long term fundraising efforts, and strategic retention planning. Please contact Marianne Fieber if you are interested.

Scrip Benefits Even Easier with American Express Bonus Time!

It's hard to believe that we are almost 20% of the way through the school year already. With a Scrip goal of \$5000 to be raised by the end of the year, we are running just a bit behind with approximately \$850 raised to-date. The good news is that there is still time to strengthen our commitment to the program and raise the funds needed to meet our goal. The even better news is that the money is raised easily and painlessly, just by purchasing and using cards to do the shopping that you plan to do anyway. The Scrip team has listened to your comments, thoughts, and suggestions and has worked hard to make using the Scrip program as easy for you to use as possible (e.g., instant card availability through office inventory, online ordering and payment options, reloadable cards, Scrip Now! instant cards, cards for use at Trader Joe's and Costco, etc.) won't you please support our efforts by using the program? We know that you have holiday shopping to do as well as groceries, gas, and other items to buy. Please consider making these purchases through the Scrip program and supporting Four Winds in the process. The effort required pales to the benefits provided for our school.

A big thank you to the new families who have tried the Scrip program this year and to the "regulars" whose support of the program has helped to add up to hundreds of dollars raised. You are making a real difference! If you are not already registered to place online orders with Scrip, go to shopwithscrip.com and enter enrollment code L99B27DD227L2 to place your order from over 600 vendors. If you've already registered, go to shopwithscrip.com anytime and place your order online. As long as your cash or check payment is turned in to the office by 8:30 am Thursday it will go out with this week's order (online orders paying with Presto Pay may be placed up until 10 am on Thursdays to be included with the weekly order). Cards will be available for pickup in the office the following Thursday. If you forget to place your order on time or an unforeseen need arises, a limited selection of cards is also available for purchase from the office at any time for your grocery, gas, home improvement, dining, and other needs. If you have any questions or concerns about the Scrip program or need help getting involved, please contact Corrie at corrie23@sbcglobal.net.

Scrip Tip of the Week: It's American Express Bonus time through Scrip, which is the perfect time to stock up on Amex cards to use at stores like Trader Joes and Costco who do not currently offer Scrip cards but who do take American Express. Amex will offer 2.25% back to the school for all Scrip card orders placed between now and November 11th. It all adds up!

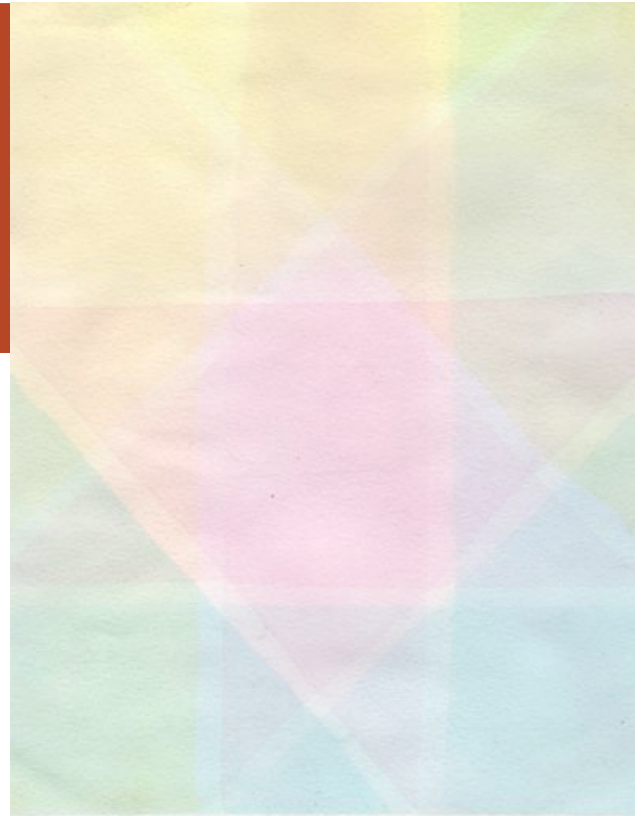


Focus on Seventh Grade



Led by John Keeney

"Focus on a Grade" is a year-long series. Each grade represented at Four Winds Waldorf School will be featured in the Four Tellings for an entire month. We will be looking at different aspects of that grade from what's going on in the classroom to student work and activities.

This week the Four Tellings takes a closer look at the seventh grade's current block work through pictures.





2 Sets of
3 Colors

(a)  (b) 

We looked through an equilateral glass prism at a

White piece of paper with a black strip (a) and a black piece of paper with a white strip (b). When we backed away from the white piece of paper we saw the colors where the line

(a1)  (b1) 

the colors we saw were cyan on top, magenta in the middle, and yellow at the bottom (a1) We did the same for the black piece of paper but we saw red on top, green in the middle, and violet on the bottom.

Veil Painting

On the first day of school we did a technique of painting using thin layers of cyan, magenta, and yellow paint. How we got these colors was by looking at a white piece of paper with a black stripe through a glass prism for more information refer to the prism page. This technique is called Veil painting. First we put three different lines of cyan, magenta, and yellow then we let it dry. After it was dry we put another layer of the colors but in a different orientation in the end we put seven coats on. The end result was a page full of many different colors an example is on the next page.



These are the colors that we used but alot lighter I accidentally made them too dark.

cyan magenta yellow