

Four Tellings

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

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*He who can no longer pause to wonder and stand rapt in awe,
is as good as dead; his eyes are closed.*
-Albert Einstein

Calendar of Events

Thursday November 4

Coffee Talk/Parent Ed.....8:15 AM
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM
Parent Council.....7 PM

Sunday November 7

Artworks 2010 Orchestra Performance...11 AM
6th and 7th grade students will be performing at the IBEW building in Warrenville.

Tuesday November 9

Annual Fund Pledge Day
Get your pledge/donation in by the end of the day!

Wednesday November 10

School Tour.....8:45 AM

Thursday November 11

Coffee Talk/Parent Ed.....8:15 AM
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM

Friday November 12

Lantern Walk, Grades 1-3.....5 PM
At Four Winds

Saturday November 13

Lantern Walk, EC Classes.....4:15 PM
At Four Winds

Lantern Walk, all ages.....3-5 PM
A public event in downtown Warrenville

Thursday November 18

Coffee Talk/Parent Ed.....8:15 AM
Scrip Orders Due.....10 AM
Board Meeting.....7 PM

Friday November 19

Hearts, Hands and Voices Concert.....7 PM
At Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Warrenville
Mandatory for grades 2-7



School Equipment Needs

We are in great need of one or two **good working vacuum cleaners**. If you have one to donate, please bring it to the front office as soon as possible.

A Harvest of Thanks!

Thank you to **Alyssa Maurer**, who decorated our school grounds for Harvest Festival and the fall season. We so appreciate your efforts at the school!

Lantern Walk

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. Our school celebrates Lantern Walk in Preschool-Kindergarten through Grade 3, and new this year, a community walk in downtown Warrenville.



•**Grades 1-3 Lantern Walk, Friday, November 12th, 5 p.m., at FW** we will gather in the Community Room for singing and storytelling, then an outside walk. Parents, please be sure your child eats something substantial before coming to this event.

•**P-K Lantern Walk, Saturday, November 13th, 4:15 p.m., at FW** we will gather for singing and storytelling around the fire outside, then we will go walking with lanterns. Parents, please be sure your child eats something substantial before coming to this event.

•**Public Lantern Walk, Saturday, November 13th, 3-5 p.m., downtown Warrenville.** Four Winds Waldorf School is partnering with the Warrenville Park District to share our Lantern Walk tradition with other children. If you can help out by spreading the word please invite your friends or neighbors to register as soon as possible. Space is limited. Call 630-393-7279. Marianne Fieber will tell the story of Martin the Roman Soldier who helped a beggar man on a chilly evening. We will sing songs and walk along the Prairie Path and return to the Park District for hot chocolate refreshments. Your help is requested in collecting short, wide glass jars for lantern making as well. Please deposit any jars (salsa jars are great) in the front office to support the lantern making activity at the park district.

Parent Education / Coffee Talk

Please join us Thursday, November 4, from 8:15 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the Sunrise Garden classroom. We are resuming last year's "Coffee Talk", a chance to speak with parents and learn more about all aspects of life at a Waldorf School. Next week's topic will be early childhood development literature and time for a spirited conversation. So, grab a cup of coffee from the Groman Café and come on in! Young children are welcome.

-Kelly Kasper & Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith

ART WORKS 2010

Warrenville Arts Council

Saturday, November 7, 2010 11 am - 5 pm

Four Winds is again partnering with this Community Arts Festival held at the IBEW building on Ferry Road in Warrenville. **Four Wind's 6th/7th grade orchestra will be performing at 11 am.**

FROM THE DESK OF *Marianne Fieber*

I had a shocking experience last Friday and not because it was Halloween. I went to make a deposit at our bank which included quite a lot of cash from a variety of field trips and other collections. The bank teller seemed rather un-fazed by the various bills because of their currency counter. She ran the stack of bills through the machine and had a puzzled look on her face. She went to visit the other teller and when she returned, she showed me one of the \$10 dollar bills. "We can't accept this. It isn't real." WOW! Counterfeit money has struck our school. The coloring was a bit off and when I compared the texture of the paper it was also different; slicker. So... my deposit was off and I'll make the adjustment but please be aware that there is funny money out there and we all need to be on the lookout for it.

On Friday our middle school students were invited to go through the Bekins Haunted House at the end of their day. Kristin from Bekins Movers (one of our neighbors) called earlier in the week. She let me know that they had created a haunted house in their office and were inviting different school groups to come through. Victor Page, being the scary guy he is, was willing to take our 6th and 7th graders and the reports were that it was quite good. It was a great albeit rather spooky opportunity to meet and interact with our neighbors. The Story & Craft Series - *Let's All Go to the Pumpkin Patch* for presented by Carlene Mogavero and Angela Palmquist was a bit milder compared to the haunted house and just perfect for our little people and some new friends. There was a nice group of children and parents and the stories, songs and craft were delightful for the holiday.

We are trying something new with our Annual Fund this year. It will be conducted primarily through online materials in an effort to save paper and reduce our costs thereby realizing even greater results to support our programs. Please keep your eyes open for our Online Annual Fund information and send in a contribution or pledge. There will be a Pledge Day on November 9th at drop-off. Come ready to write a check or complete your pledge and receive a cup of coffee and a treat. We need your support.

Tomorrow I am headed to Cincinnati, OH and the Cincinnati Waldorf School for the annual Mid-States Shared Gifting Group of Rudolf Steiner Foundation. I will be meeting with administrative types from a number of schools in the Mid-States region to discuss a collaborative event around the theme of Associative Economics. I'll come back with more information to share with you all.

Scrip has begun! We will have stock of some cards and you can order online as well. This is a remarkably pain-free way of giving a little back to our school by spending money you need to spend anyway. Please participate.

Parent Participation on Hiring Committees

During the course of last school year (2009-2010) Four Winds Waldorf School Faculty and Administration engaged in a pilot program to include parents on Hiring Committees. We had the opportunity to work with three hiring situations with three different parents as colleagues. It was a very worthwhile experience and upon further review, we have clarified the guidelines toward identifying a parent who would sit on a Hiring Committee as well as some educational expectations. Not all hires may require parent participation and a notice will go out when we are hoping to invite a parent to join in this decision-making process. Our goal is to ensure the integrity of our hiring decisions and to strengthen our co-working with parents on this very important task within the operations of our school. Please see the attached for the full description of the expectations.

New Board Member

Join us in welcoming **David Heater** to the Four Winds Board of Trustees. David is parent of Esme (Gr. 3), Elisha (Oak Tree) and Satya (FW alumnus.)

Announcing the 2010-2011 Annual Fund Campaign!

Beginning today we are ready to receive your Annual Fund contributions!

Today all our families will be receiving a letter outlining our goals for this campaign in their mail packet. We plan to raise **\$35,000 with 100% participation** from all of our Four Winds Waldorf Families. Next week additional information explaining our Annual Fund, ways of giving and pledge cards will be distributed. However, if you are ready to pledge or give today - we'll be happy to help you. Please call Marianne Fieber with any questions.

The Annual Fund needs your help!

We are hoping to reach out beyond our immediate Four Winds Waldorf Community to make our Annual Fund a success. If you feel comfortable speaking to your families; grandparents, aunts, uncles etc. who may be in a position to help us out we'd be very pleased for that effort. Alternatively, if you'd prefer us to contact them directly we will gladly send information about the Annual Fund directly from our offices if you provide us with their names, addresses or emails. If there are businesses or other organizations which you feel may be open to contributing, please send us their contact information and we will take it from there. Thank you!

A Conversation for Us All

SICG, with the support of Parent Council, would like to invite all parents for a conversation in relation to:

- The types of difficulties they have encountered when in conflict
- Whether they feel a need for a formal conflict resolution model
- Their ideas of the best ways to resolve conflict
- The values that they would like included in a special Code of Conduct to be used during disagreements.

We anticipate that there will be three meetings. In the first, meeting, SICG will take into account everyone's ideas as we create a draft of an adult conflict resolution model and Code of Conduct, which can then be used by all members of our community, be they faculty, board or parents, or any combination thereof. This will be held on Thursday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m., and we anticipate that it will take 45 minutes to an hour.

For the second meeting, SICG will present the draft at the next Parent Council meeting, to be held on Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. The purpose will be editing. The final version will be presented at our third meeting, during the Town Hall meeting, dated Saturday, January 29, at 10:00 a.m.

We want to hear from everyone, and if you wish to contribute your own experiences, but will not be able to attend, please relay your points to your Parent Council representative, who will then be able to read your words at the meeting. If you have questions, you can contact me at school.

-Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Collaborative Counselor

Scrip Update

You can use Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas and other essentials, and with every purchase, **you earn revenue for our school**. Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Four Winds families & supporters produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Find out more and see the list of participating retailers in the school office or at www.shopwithscrip.com. Sign up online using our enrollment code: **L99B27DD227L2**. Orders must be placed **online** & payment to the school office on Thursdays by 10 am. Pick up your orders the following Thursday in the school office. Any questions? Contact Cate Dyer at 630-853-5063 or via e-mail at cate_the_great@comcast.net.

Silken Dimpled Flesh or Cellulite? A Historical Perspective on Women's Body Image

Friday, November 12th, 6-7:30 pm

Clarus Center, 28379 Davis Parkway #801 Warrenville, IL. Come alone, come with friends or come with your daughter (high school age and older), but do come! This is an opportunity to look at a slide show presenting women's bodies from the first primitive statue to current times. We will discuss historical and current cultural influences that literally shape women's bodies - or at least tell us which type is "in." Presented by Lucia LiCavoli, Ph.D. Cost: \$10/person or \$15/parent-daughter pair. www.ClarusCenter.Com.

Begin your Journey to Health & Happiness: 1-2-3-Chi Gong

Thursday, November 4th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Clarus Center, 28379 Davis Parkway #801 Warrenville, IL. 60555. www.ClarusCenter.Com.

Learn these amazing 5,000 year old Simple Self-Healing Movements. Gather CHI (life force) and balance the body's energetic systems. So simple to learn with such amazing immediate benefits! [Christiana Cagnoni is a Senior Certified Qigong Instructor and Therapist. Contact her at christi-anacagnoni@yahoo.com](http://ChristianaCagnoni.com). Follow-up in-depth workshops available www.mamnavida.org. Cost: \$50 (All materials Included) Call 928.308.0880

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

Classifieds

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

Child Care Available: My name is Emily Barry and I'm 14 (15 in March). I am now a freshman at Wheaton North HS; I graduated from Four Winds last year. I didn't want to attend Four Winds when my mom enrolled me and my 12 year old brother, but ended up loving it, along with the people. So I have to thank her. After getting into the swing of high school, I've been looking for some extra things to do, and I would love to babysit your children, as I love kids! I live in Wheaton on Geneva road near Main St. Most kids grades 2-7 already know me, and we had a lot of fun last year. It would be great if you would contact me at 630-512-1330 or by email: ebarry.bendit24@hotmail.com. Thanks so much!