

# Four Tellings

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



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## Speechless, Awe Inspiring, Grateful

These are the words that come to mind when recalling this past weekend's *Elves' Market*. As many of you remember, we had three goals when planning the event. First, it was, and always will be, a community event—an opportunity to come together in festival preparation and celebration of the season. It was truly awe inspiring to see how many families volunteered their Friday afternoon and evening to clean and decorate our school in preparation for Saturday. The end result was stunning.

And then, during the *Elves' Market*, so many families volunteered hours of their day in one room or another. We were able to run all of our rooms continuously, which is incredible considering the length of the event. In fact, so many people helped out in so many different ways, it is hard to even put into words an adequate "Thank you." So, here is a best effort:

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*We still have a few ornaments for sale to wrap up our *Elves' Market* Fundraiser—check the tree by the front office. All ornaments are \$15.*

*Thank you to everyone who donated so many craft supplies, Sparkle Star items, bake sale treats, silent auction items, and handmade ornaments. Your efforts were appreciated by those outside of our community, who remarked at how much our parents must care about their children and their school.*

*Thank you to the families who volunteered for shifts...decorating, staffing, and cleaning up after the event. The school was transformed in a way that hasn't been seen in a long time.*

*Thank you to the musicians, artists, and vendors who brought a creative and vibrant warmth to our school, and a feeling of contagious festivity.*

*Thank you to everyone who posted fliers in their community, passed along our eblasts to friends, posted festival information to groups they belong to—we had so many new families visiting our school for the first time, and it a major boost to our fundraising goals.*



*Thank you to our faculty and staff for generously opening up their spaces to be used at the event. And thank you for your patience as we try to sort out any mysteriously misplaced items this week.*

*Thank you to some of our super heroes who went above and beyond all expectations. David Gustafson's portrayal of "King Winter," was so special, it is sure to be an annual favorite. Jocelyne Roy manned the bake sale table the entire event—never moving from it even once! Melissa Rukowski managed the vendor room so that there were many different vendors and the space was well used. Lynn and Rich Hill oversaw the Cookie Cottage the whole day, and Rich even came up with his own Cookie Song that is also sure to be an annual favorite. And finally, many thanks to Marianne Fieber, Angela Murray and Kassia Shaw for all the work they put into planning the event.*

*Thank you to our students who contributed Sparkle Star gifts, decorations, and Elf support. It was nice to see the students' contribution to the community.*

*And thank you to everyone else who I may have omitted, but who contributed behind the scenes to make this year's Elves' Market an unforgettable event.*

Our second goal was to bring new families into our school as an outreach event. Though we did not tally new families walking in the door, it was clear that we had many new visitors, some of whom showed interest in additional materials about our school and who showed interest in school tours over the coming months. It was exciting to see so many new faces and we can't wait to see how that translates into enrollment efforts over the coming year.

And finally, for our third goal, we had hoped to raise money to meet the Board's event fundraising goal of \$2500 for this year. The official count hasn't come in yet, but preliminary data is looking good. Hopefully we'll be able to release a final number to the community by next week's newsletter.

If you have feedback about the event you'd like to share, please contact Marianne Fieber. The planning committee hopes to meet in the coming week to discuss what to keep and what to change for next year.

—Kassia Shaw

## Parent Council Sponsors Ski Night! Please Note New Date and Time

Parent Council is excited to sponsor our annual Four Winds Waldorf School Ski Night at Wilmot Mountain in Wilmot, Wisconsin from 8AM-4PM on Saturday, December 17th.

Cost: \$33 (includes lift ticket, lesson, and \*equipment rental)  
\$23 (includes lift ticket, lesson)

We need at least 15 people to take advantage of these amazing group prices. Please bring your payment to the office by Friday (December 16th). Make your check out to "Wilmot Mountain." You will not be able to show up and pay. We will leave the school's parking lot at 6:30AM. Students need to be under the supervision of parents.

\*If you need equipment, you must register in advance online ([www.wilmotmountain.com](http://www.wilmotmountain.com)) to ensure equipment availability.

— Bruce Cooper



## This Week's Calendar

December 14, 2011 (Wednesday)  
1:30–3PM Leadership Council  
3–4PM Executive Steering Committee

December 15, 2011 (Thursday)  
*SCRIP Orders Due / Pick-up*  
8:00AM Groman Cafe  
10:30–11:30AM Social Inclusion Coordinating Group (SIGG)  
3:15–5:30PM Faculty Meeting

December 16, 2011 (Friday)  
*Newsletter Submission Deadline*  
3–4PM Student Service Committee Meeting  
*First Grade Field Trip to Esther's Place*

December 17, 2011 (Saturday)  
6:30AM Ski Trip Departure

December 19, 2011 (Monday)  
*Fourth Week of Advent Assembly*

December 20, 2011 (Tuesday)  
11AM Oak Tree Kindergarten Open House Tea

December 21, 2011 (Wednesday)  
*Last SCRIP Pick-Up of 2011*  
1:00PM The Shepherd's Play  
2:00PM Dismissal

December 22, 2011 (Thursday)  
*No School—Beginning of Holiday Break*

January 4, 2012 (Wednesday)  
*School Resumes*

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## Four Winds Waldorf School Wish Lists

It's that time of year again when many in the community like to give their teachers and/or classrooms a small gift. Throughout the year, faculty have been compiling a list of things they "wish" they had for their classrooms. Why not take a moment to see if you can deliver an early holiday gift to a teacher at the school. Check with the front office to see if you have any of the items on the list are at your disposal.

## After School Program

We have attempted to offer an after school program to our families in the past, but have struggled with consistent enrollment that could cover the cost of staffing. It is time to put the request out to our families again to find out who may be interested in an after-school program from 3:00–6:00PM Monday through Friday.



## The Shepherd's Play

December 21st at 1:00PM  
Blanchard Alliance Church  
30W251 Butterfield Rd  
Warrenville, IL 60555

For hundreds of years townsfolk in the small Austrian village of Oberufer would gather in the local church at Christmas time to perform this play for their neighbors. Today this play is performed in Waldorf communities all over the world. *The Shepherd's Play* portrays the birth of Jesus in a stable where he is sought out by a group of simple shepherds. The faculty and staff of Four Winds present the Shepherd's Play every year for the students & parents before our holiday break.

We will need help driving the children from the school to the church. If you are available to drive, please contact your child's teacher or the front office. The schedule for the day will be adjusted in the following way:

8:00–12:15	Morning Lesson and classes as usual
12:15PM	Lunch
1:00PM	Performance begins
2:00PM	Dismissal from Church

All children and adults are welcome to come. Please note, there will be no aftercare on Wednesday, December 21st.

## Final SCRIP Order Before Break!

Thank you to everyone who have been purchasing Scrip cards over the past few weeks to meet their holiday and regular shopping needs. We had record sales through the office inventory over the last week and are hoping for more strong sales as we approach the holiday break. The office inventory has been restocked to meet the demand, and includes a selection of great cards in the \$10-\$25 range from vendors such as Starbucks, iTunes, Jamba Juice, Panera, Target, and Chipotle; perfect for gratitude gifts or stocking stuffers!

This week's order will be the last one before the break, so please remember to place your order for any remaining holiday shopping and gifting needs that you may have, as well as gas, grocery, and other personal buying needs throughout the break. Maybe you will be tackling a home improvement project, taking advantage of post-holiday sales, or seeing a movie; *whatever you have planned for the weeks ahead, Scrip cards can make it easy for you to help Four Winds whenever you spend, but you have to remember to buy them and use them!* Please remember that *your order must be placed and paid for by cash or check in the office by 8:30 am on Thursday* to be included in the school order (orders paid with PrestoPay can be received as late as 10am). Unpaid orders remaining in the system will be cancelled after 2 weeks of nonpayment. As always, to register to order through Scrip, go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and enter enrollment code **L99B27DD227L2** to place your order from over 600 vendors. If you've already registered, just go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and place your order online. If you have any questions about the Scrip program or PrestoPay, please see the Scrip Flyer attached to this week's Four Tellings or contact Corrie Goldberg at [corrie23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corrie23@sbcglobal.net). She is very nice and helpful, so don't be shy.

**Scrip Tip of the Week:** *This week's order will be available for pickup from the office on Wednesday December 21st. Please remember to pick up your order so that you can use your cards for gifting and shopping during the break. For any additional shopping needs throughout the break, please take advantage of PrestoPay to purchase ScripNow! cards for personal use or e-gift cards and to reload your Scrip cards as well. Please note the following Scrip's holiday hours that will impact reload orders: reload orders placed between 10:00AM. December 22, and 2:30 p.m. December 27, will be available for use the morning of Wednesday, December 28. Reload orders placed between 2:30PM. December 29, and 2:30 p.m. January 3, will be available for use the morning of January 4. ScripNow! e-cards are available within minutes any time, even when the Scrip offices are closed.*

## Classifieds

☞ Experienced professional roofer looking for off season odd jobs. Gutter cleaning, snow removal, last minute leaf removal, heavy lifting, garage clean up, repairs, interior painting etc. Very reasonable pricing on all. Contact Jonathan Goodwin (630) 809-8174.



☞ After-School Childcare needed. A potential new family interested in our school needs childcare for her two children from 3:00-6:00PM Monday-Friday during school weeks. We are looking to see if there is an adult interested in providing this childcare at the school. They are willing to pay \$15 per hour for two boys in grades 4 and 2. Please contact the front office if you are interested.



## Classified & 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](mailto:kassia.shaw@me.com).

## Pictures This Week

Many thanks this week to Marianne Fieber, Roberta Nigro, and David Heater for submitting pictures this week of Saturday's *Elves' Market!*

