

Four Tellings

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

March 16, 2011

Calendar of Events

Thursday March 17
Spirit Day for St. Patrick's Day!

Scrip Orders Due.....10 am
Board of Trustees Meeting.....7 pm
Free **HANDLE** Lecture.....7 pm
Presented by Janet Oliver

Friday March 18
Re-Enrollment Deadline.....3 pm

Saturday March 19
Handle Workshop.....8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Sunday March 20
Handle Workshop.....12 noon to 5 pm
FW Skate Party.....12:30 to 4 pm
At Funway in Batavia

Wednesday March 23
Parent Tea.....9:15 am

Thursday March 24
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am

Saturday March 26
New Parent Welcome Dinner.....6 pm
Hosted by Parent Council

Thursday March 31
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am

Friday April 1
No School- Faculty In-service

Thursday April 7
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am
Parent-Council Meeting.....7 pm

Friday April 8
Jump-A-Thon.....In School



AWSNA Visit

On Thursday, March 17th, two representatives from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America will be visiting our school for the annual visit. Please help us welcome Colleen Everhart and Luke Goodwin.

Scrip Orders!

The easiest way for the school to make money: Scrip! Please participate by placing your order TODAY!

www.shopwithscrip.com

*It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is.
And when you've got it, you want -
oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want,
but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!*
-Mark Twain

Don't miss the deadline...

Re-Enrollment Form and Deposit due Friday, March 18th

Free HANDLE Lecture

Four Winds Community Room
Friday, March 18, 2011, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

"Why Do They Do That - Behavior as Communication"

Learn from Janet Oliver's years of experience how to better understand the more mysterious aspects of your child's habits. Understanding goes a long ways towards creating the possibilities for positive change. Janet's talks are excellent. You will want to be here! If you can clear your schedule, attend Janet's **INTRO to HANDLE** class on the weekend, March 19 - 20. You will be glad you came. Every minute is packed with helpful information and activities.

Lace up and Get Rollin'!

Parent council is hosting a Four Winds roller skating event at Funway Skate Center in Batavia. Join us on **Sunday March 20th** from 12:30 until 4pm for Funway's Sunday Matinee Skate featuring family style fun at it's best, oldies to top 40, Hokey Pokey, races, couples, trios and yes- The Chicken Dance! Admission-\$5, skate rental- \$2.50 for retro quads \$3 for inline skates. Hope to see you there!



School Store News

"Grandma Fieber" (Marianne's mom) has been busy sewing and has sent us some darling handmade doll clothes for spring and summer. These clothes fit many Waldorf dolls, American Girl dolls and stuffed animals! Come see what we have! Also, don't forget we have many adorable animals and other items to fill your Easter or Spring baskets for your children.

Lecture Notes on the Adolescent

Last week, Carol Triggiano came to our school, and presented a lecture on the topic of adolescence. As our school's counselor and out of personal interest, I looked forward to expanding my knowledge. Carol did not disappoint. Her portrayal of the adolescent developmental gesture was clear and she gave practical suggestions on how to communicate limits while at the same time providing appropriate freedoms. I took notes throughout, and I have consolidated them for use by all. If you are interested, please click on the .pdf attached to this week's email.

-Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, School Counselor

Simplicity Parenting

Kim John Payne, M.Ed.

Saturday, March 19th, 2011 7-9 pm

Location: University of Wisconsin Arboretum, 1207 Seminole Highway Madison, WI

Simplicity Parenting offers a clear and effective pathway to simplify four areas of home-life: environment, rhythms & rituals, schedules and filtering adult concerns. This reduces stress on children, allowing more time and energy for connection, creativity and relaxation. Hosted by the Madison Waldorf School. Buy tickets on-line at www.madisonwaldorf.org or Brown Paper Tickets 1-800-838-3006, \$15.00 on-line or \$22.00 at the door.

Come and join us for our next Parent Tea

We will be hosting our next Parent Tea on Wednesday, March 23, between 8:15 and 9:15 a.m. Our topic will be *the healing effect of stories*. Waldorf teachers routinely rely on stories to address pedagogical issues, and with practice, parents can become adept at telling stories whenever their child experiences distress. Stories can help in a variety of situations. To name but a few, stories reassure when in the midst of moving, after a fight with a beloved friend, or during ongoing illness. Not only can they become a much trusted resource, stories can also become an enjoyable artistic outlet. To learn more about this subject, please stop by the office to pick-up a copy of the article, "Healing Stories: a schooling of attention and intention." The copies are located on Parvaneh's desk.

-Kelly Kasper and Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Coordinators

Special Orchestra Concert

The 6th/7th Grade orchestra is honored to be the only elementary school orchestra to be invited to perform in the concert "Sounds of the Schools," hosted by the Warrenville Arts Council on **Sunday, April 10, 2011, from 3:00 to 4:30 pm** at IBEW, 28600 Bella Vista Parkway, Warrenville, IL 60555. It will include an opening performance by Four Winds 7th grade Orchestra followed by the WWSHS a cappella choirs and a closing show from the 'Elmhurst College Jazz Band'. Please support our students by attending this concert. Thank you!

Weekly Regular Meetings

Grades Faculty - Tuesday 1:15 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

Special Subject Faculty- Thursday 12:45 pm

Full Faculty - Thursday 3:20 pm

Extra Special Barn Dance

Sunday, March 20th, 2 p.m. at Fermilab in Batavia

Come out to Fermilab for an afternoon of dancing to live fiddle music with caller Dot Kent and The Common Taters. This is a good one! Dot Kent, the caller, is wonderful at working with all-ages crowds. At the Kuhn Barn on the Fermilab property (bring a picture ID to show at the Fermilab gates), and includes simple circle and contra dances in a fun, social atmosphere. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water. Admission is \$5. For more information, call (630) 897-3655 or visit www.chicagobarndance.com <<http://www.chicagobarndance.com>> .

Earth Hour 2011

Saturday, March 26, 8:30-9:30 p.m.

According to ComEd, last year, more than 80 million Americans and thousands more across the globe turned out the lights in a unified call for action to combat climate change. Known as Earth Hour, the "largest climate event in history," this global effort encourages every individual, business, and community to turn out the lights for one hour to show that by working together, everyone can make a difference in the fight against climate change. Earth Hour is all about the small changes that everyone is capable of making in their lives and building the Earth Hour ethos into each day's living. Turning the lights off, represents turning the lights on in your mind, to the benefit of emissions reduction. Imagine the result, if everyone around the globe switched off their lights for one hour?

The Batavia Environmental Commission has an entire Earth Hour 2011 event planned on Saturday, March 26th from 7:30 until 9:30 for the whole family! The program includes Candle-light yoga, guided relaxation, **Story telling by Bruce Cooper from Four Winds**, Drumming Circle, and a Community Sing. Gather at the Eastside Community Center, 14 N. Van Buren in Batavia.

Classifieds

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

Two Mothers Foods is here for your family meal needs. Let us cook you dinner! Check out our new menu items: gluten free beef pies, spicy samosas, and chicken paprikash just to name a few. We have many options including vegan, dairy-free, gluten-free and soy free. If you place an order, we will bring it to school for pickup! Visit our website, www.twomothersfoods.com, call the store at 630-428-5878 or stop by at 1659 N. Route 59, Naperville, less than 2 miles from school. Menus can be found in the school foyer. Thank you!

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