

Four Tellings

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

Calendar of Events

- Wednesday April 27**
Early Childhood Parent Meeting.....7 pm
- Thursday April 28**
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am
Board of Trustees Meeting.....7 pm
- Wednesday May 4**
Parent Tea.....8:15-9:15 am
Watercolor Painting
- Thursday May 5**
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am
Parent-Council Meeting.....7 pm
- Friday May 6**
Spring Concert.....7 pm
- Saturday May 7**
Preschool Sampler.....10 am to noon
- Wednesday May 11**
School Tour.....8:45 am
- Thursday May 12**
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am
- Friday May 13**
4th Grade Play.....7 pm



Sign Up for Camp Waldorf Today

<http://www.fourwindswaldorf.org/program/summer-camps>

Come Visit the Four Winds Booth at **GREEN EARTH FAIR**

May 1 at McDonald Farm
12:30-5:00 pm

[Download the Fair flyer here.](#)
[Download the 16-page Fair program here.](#)

"Putting Green into Practice" is the theme for this educational and fun event. Speakers, exhibits, music, food, kids' activities, tours, demonstrations... a celebration of Spring, Earth Day, organic food, combined with learning more about how you can live green!

*The most important work you or I will ever do
will be within the walls of our own homes.*
-Harold B. Lee

April 27, 2011



Early Childhood Staffing News

We would like to share with you that Maryla Sikora, one of our dear early childhood teachers, will be taking a one year unpaid sabbatical for the school year 2011-2012. Maryla is taking a year off to renew herself after twelve years of teaching at Four Winds Waldorf School preceded by a year as an assistant in Child's Garden in Oak Park. Maryla's request began the process of developing a sabbatical policy within the school. It is still in process but the faculty have fully supported Maryla's desire to take a sabbatical at this time.

The mandate from the Leadership Council was for the Early Childhood faculty to seek a one year internal appointment for the early childhood lead teacher position. Several candidates were considered, and the decision was to appoint Karen Hays for the school year 2011/12 to a one year contract. Mrs. Hays has been involved in the formation and development of Four Winds Waldorf School since its inception in 1994 and has taught early childhood, parent-child classes, and music classes. Her impressive resume reflects her commitment to Waldorf education and to our school specifically. We wish Maryla a rejuvenating year, and we look forward to working with Karen more fully again. We are confident that Mrs. Hays together with Mrs. Morris will create a wonderful experience for all the children who join Rainbow Garden in the fall.

Parent Tea Update

Next Wednesday, from 8:15 until 9:15, the Parent Tea will be hosting Paintings for the Japanese People of the Tsunami. This is a chance for adults (and young children who are with their parents) to create watercolor paintings. We will be sending these pictures to lift the spirits and to bring comfort and joy to the Japanese people in temporary housing. This idea was originally conceived by Mayumi Tonks and Lynn Hill. I hope you will be able to join for tea and tapping into your creativity!



-Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Parent Tea Coordinator

Scrip is Super Easy!

Use Scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, gas and other essentials. 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 at school Questions? Contact Cate Dyer at 630-853-5063.





Now That's It's Over, Tell Us What You Did!

The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America announces "Imagination Unplugged," a contest for "the best tales of a screen free week!" Send your stories and pictures (What did you do? What did you play? What did it look like?) from Screen Free week to aturowski@awsna.org by MAY 1st. We are panel of erudite judges to choose the best five to post on the AWSNA web site (www.whywaldorfworks.org) and on [Waldorf Education's Facebook page](#) for all our friends to like. The decision will be made and winner announced by May 6th. The winner is the entry with the most likes. The prizes are a copy of *Dragon Boy*, and *The Dragon of Two Hearts*, award winning books by Donald Samson, a free one-year subscription to *Renewal* magazine and a gift certificate to the [Books & More](#) store on the AWSNA web site.

We hope you enjoyed your week of April 18-24 without screens and that you tell your tales, take your pictures illustrate your adventures, then send them in and see what happens!

Warrenville Arbor Day Celebration & Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 10 am to noon

Location: Gazebo and City Hall on Stafford Place, downtown Warrenville

This celebration will include a **display of Four Winds student's watercolor tree paintings in City Hall**, musical entertainment, and sale of native trees, plants and rain barrels. Trees available for sale will be Apple Serviceberry, Witch Hazel, Downy Hawthorne and River Birch. To pre-order a rain barrel (\$85) to pick up at this event, email by April 20th rainbarrellady@gmail.com. For more information, go to <http://www.warrenville.il.us/ktmllite/files/uploads/Boards%20and%20Commissions/EAC/ArbordDay2011brochure.pdf>.

Check Out This Film

Don't miss the new film "Queen of the Sun: What are the Bees Telling Us?" premiering in Chicago at the [Music Box Theatre](#) beginning on **April 29th**,

and will be running until at least **May 5th!** Director will be in attendance April 29th though May 2nd! Queen of the Sun is a profound, alternative look into the problems and solutions of the global honeybee crisis from Taggart Siegel, the acclaimed director of the award-winning, grass-roots hit **The Real Dirt on Farmer John**. To view our Official Trailer click [here](#). Box Office Magazine calls it, "The Feel-Good Advocacy Movie of the Year." For more info visit: www.queenofthesun.com.



Picture This Event—Registration Deadline May 21st.

Arts Council Sponsors Photo Contest

Ask local residents to suggest places to visit in the community and you're sure to hear mention of Warrenville Grove Park and Blackwell Forest Preserve along with the Library and Park District Recreation Center. Beauty can be found throughout the city by presenting a simple scene in a new way through photography.

The Warrenville Arts Council wants to encourage this discovery as it embarks upon its second season with a photo contest entitled "Picture This." Warrenville youth ages 6-17 are invited to use their creativity to capture unique photographs of various outdoor subjects in the community such as landscapes, buildings and still life. Participants will register in one of three age categories: 6-8, 9-12 and 13-17. Registration forms are currently available from the Arts Council by calling 630-876-2935 or by email (listed below). Forms may also be picked up at the Park District registration desk. *Registration Forms must be accompanied by a \$10 fee and are due by May 21.* An important Orientation Meeting will be held at the Park District Recreation Center on *Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 am* to explain the details of the project.

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



Fiber Arts Studio

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5th Annual Spring Open House

Esther's Place Fiber Arts Studio, Big Rock, IL

Sat. and Sun., May 7-8th 10-4

Come join us in welcoming our lambs in our annual Mother's Day Celebration. Take a picture with a lamb, feed the sheep, take a farm tour, purchase fresh produce and more. Tours will be at 11, 12, 1, 2 & 3 o'clock, and there will be complementary lunch and homemade baked goods to enjoy. The fun starts at the shop, and be sure to wear your farm shoes!

<http://www.esthersplacefibers.com/events.html>.

Morton Arboretum Arbor Day Plant Sale

Sale Dates: April 29 -May 1

Location: Visitors Center Parking Lot

Unique varieties of plants will be available at the Arbor Day Plant Sale. Choose from old favorites and recently introduced hybrids—specifically selected to thrive in our climate, and are difficult to find at garden shops. Members have first access to this outstanding sale with a great value. For info on more Arbor Day events, go to <http://www.mortonarb.org/calendar/article/22073/arbor-day-celebration.html>

Morton Arboretum Members Only: Friday, April 29, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Saturday, April 30, 9 a.m.-noon.

Open to the Public: Saturday, April 30, noon-4p.m.; Sunday, May 1, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.



Wheaton 2011 Native Plant Sale

Saturday, April 30, 2011, 8:30 a.m.-noon

Location: Wheaton Public Works Bldg, 821 W. Liberty Drive

Find native Illinois trees, shrubs, grasses and flowers for sale; buy a rain barrel or take home some free wood chips (you provide the container) during the Environmental Improvement Commission's Native Plant Sale in partnership with the Wheaton Park District. [Check out the list of plants being sold](#) (pdf) or find out more on the [Wheaton Park District's website](#).

Anthroposophic Approaches to Therapies and Nutrition

A Conference sponsored by True Botanica Foundation April 29-May 1, 2011, Mukwonago, WI (near Milwaukee) Workshop topics:

- *New formulas with berberine, ginseng, iris, rhythmically prepared metals, and more*
- *Women's health concerns*
- *Pediatric Care and Cases*
- *Topical applications*

• *Presentations on anthroposophic processes: the role of alcohol; quality control through chromatography*

Ample time to clarify usage and dosage of remedies and supplements in specific cases Esoteric aspects, meditative work and history of anthroposophic medicine. Call 262-646-5573 or go to <http://www.truebotanicafoundation.org/4.html>.

Classifieds

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

Esther's Place and Lamb of God Farm 2011 CSA! 20 week and 10 week shares are available for \$45 a week. We have a terrific selection in each 24"x18"x6" box, including produce plus a unique sampling of eggs, meat, cheese and specialty items from local farms. Drop offs include Wheaton, St. Charles, Oswego and Big Rock. You'll receive a newsletter each week, with recipes, plus an invitation to our annual potluck. Call today 630-556-9665 or email info@esthersplacefibers.com

Erehwon Farm spring and summer CSA shares are available.

The farm sustainably grows a wide selection of vegetables and herbs free of chemical herbicides, pesticides and fertilizers. Shares are limited. Share costs are usually less than the cost of purchasing similar vegetables in high-end supermarkets and are much fresher because they're harvested within 24 hours of delivery or pick up. Fresh from our farm to your table. For more info call Farmer Tim 630-485-9963, visit our website www.erewonfarm.com or like us on facebook.

Great Opportunity! Host a boy or girl from Madrid, Spain

(ages 11-18) for 2 weeks or a month-long exchange in June, July or August. Families of exchange students will pay you \$250/week. Incredible cultural and language experience for the whole family! For more information contact: Elena Bisbarros at 630-346-0190 or by e-mail: ebisbarros@gmail.com

3/4 Violin for Sale: Child's 3/4 sized violin valued at \$800, excellent condition. A portion of proceeds will benefit Four Winds Waldorf School. Please contact Cathy Beverley at 630-336-7252 to discuss price.