

Four Tellings

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

Calendar of Events

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

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

Saturday April 9
Waldorf School Journey.....9 am to noon

Sunday April 10
6th & 7th Orchestra Performance.....3 pm
At the IBEW building, Ferry Road, Warrenville.
Warm-up and tuning at 1:45 p.m.

Monday April 11
Community Conversation #3.....7 pm

Wednesday April 13
School Tour.....8:45-10 am
3rd Grade Play.....7 pm

Thursday April 14
Scrip Orders Due.....10 am

Monday-Monday April 18-25
No School, Spring Break

Tuesday April 26
School Resumes



Forks and Spoons

The school is in need of stainless steel forks and spoons. Do you have some that have come home in your child's lunch box? Do you have an old set of silverware sitting in storage? Do you like to stop at garage sales? Please bring whatever you collect to the front office. Thanks!

Save your Labels For Education



See article on page 3

Scrip Orders

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

www.shopwithscrip.com

*All of nature begins to whisper its secrets to us through its sounds.
Sounds that were previously incomprehensible to our soul
now become the meaningful language of nature.*
-Rudolf Steiner

April 6, 2011

Jump-A-Thon this Friday!



Friday, April 8th from 11:40 a.m. to 3 p.m., Rain or Shine!
Families are encouraged to attend and cheer the children on as we hope to make this a fun afternoon for all.
VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Finish gathering your pledges for the children's Jump-A-Thon, a "fun"draiser for Four Winds Waldorf School. Jumping will happen on Friday during the school day for the mixed aged kindergartens; after school (12:15 p.m.) for grades 1-2, and during movement classes for grades 4-7. Children will be able to participate at all levels of ability. Even the youngest children will be able to jump over the snake rope on the ground. Goals will be established as class goals and not individually to promote excitement and enjoyment without subjecting anyone to disappointment. Contact **Kelly Kasper** or **Sean Blair** via email if you can volunteer on Friday to help out with the fundraiser. It will be a lot of fun, and so easy! kelly-okasper@gmail.com and svblair_chicago@yahoo.com.

Special Orchestra Concert

The 6th & 7th Grade orchestras are honored to be the only elementary school orchestras 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 6th & 7th grade orchestras followed by the WWSHS a cappella choir and a closing show from the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Please support our students by attending this concert. \$10/ adults and \$5/seniors and students. **Free tickets for families of performing students are available in the school office.** Thank you!



Community Conversation #4

Monday, April 11th

7:00 - 8:30 pm

Discovering and Uncovering Shared Values



Please take some time to write out what values you have for your family, what values you experience at Four Winds and what values you'd like to see as part of our community. Please bring them with you to our conversation. Child care available for pre-registration. Contact the front office for child care.

FROM THE DESK OF *Marianne Fieber*

There is a verse members of the faculty and staff speak prior to the beginning of the school day just like the children in each of their classes. It goes like this:

We will to work,
Letting flow into this our work
That which from out of the Spiritual World
Working in soul-spirit and in life-body,
Strives to become human within us.

I have often pondered from various angles and points of view what it means to become human. Certainly we are born into a physical human body and that is the first step, a given for everyone we meet as we move through the day. Yet how do we become human beyond our birth right? What does that even mean? How is it expressed and how do we practice being human? This is a process of discovering ourselves and how we are with one another. What does that mean? A human being can be generous and stingy, loving and hateful, clear and confused, certain and uncertain; perfectly imperfect. There is a higher place within each of us as well that we can access as we face challenges with our fellow beings. We can school ourselves in not rushing to assumptions or believe in half-truths. We can ask questions to discover reality rather than accuse. We can open our ears and hearts to hear the pain behind a difficult comment? Human beings can also be courageous and inspired by something greater than themselves and choose to participate in a creative deed for the benefit of other human beings besides themselves. I am drawn to this image of what it means to strive to become human: to engage with other imperfect humans to create something remarkable for the benefit of many. That is what our Four Winds Waldorf School has as a foundational impulse and I believe in the inspiration and creativity that lies within our parents, teachers and students to contribute to the ongoing gift that we are preparing for our children and the world. I want to thank all of our families for what you bring as we courageously strive to be more human.

Weekly Regular Meetings

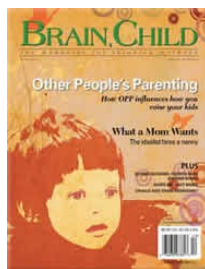
Grades Faculty - Tuesday 1:15 pm
Early Childhood Faculty - Tuesday 1:20 pm
Student Services Committee - Tuesday 2 pm
Leadership Council - Wednesday 1:15 pm
Executive Steering Comm.-Weds 3 pm
SICG- Thursdays at 11:15
Special Subject Faculty- Thursday 12:45 pm
Full Faculty - Thursday 3:20 pm

CHESS CLUB NEWS



Chess Wizards are accepting new students to the chess club for the second-half of this semester. There are a total of six classes left - April 11, May 2, 9, 16, 23, June 6. The fee is \$60 for the remaining classes. This short session is a great way to try the chess club and start learning this strategic game. Classes are held on Mondays 3-4pm in the Community Room. Parents are welcome to stay in the class and observe. Registration forms are available at the bulletin board and in the front office.

Social Inclusion Update



Over the weekend, I picked up a copy of *Brain, Child* from Whole Foods. *Brain, Child* is “the magazine for thinking mothers.” Perusing the articles, I was intrigued to find one on bullying. The article, “What Do You Say?” was written by a father whose son and his classmate suffered bullying. It reminded me once again of how well our children treat each other. Not to say that we have a perfect school where everyone gets along perfectly all of the time. However, our faculty respond quickly and proactively to teasing and exclusion, and this makes all the difference. Without the dedicated work of social inclusion, we might be one of those schools where students are fearful, and where adults feel compassion, but are impotent in how to respond. If you would like to read this article, you can find copies of it on my desk in the office.

-Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, School Counselor

Screen-Free Week: April 18–24

The former TV Turn-off Week has been reinvented as Screen-Free Week by the Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood and will be celebrated this year from April 18 to 24. Families, schools, and communities all over the U.S. will spend those days turning away from screen-based entertainment and distraction and turning on to life and the real world—to reading, enjoying nature, day-dreaming, and spending time with family and friends. More than 50 national and professional organizations have endorsed this effort, including the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, the American Public Health Association, and the Alliance for Childhood. For more information, see www.commercialfreechildhood.org/screenfreeweek/.

Sign Up for Camp Waldorf Today

LABELS FOR EDUCATION

We are encouraging everyone to save "Labels for Education" (see sample, below.) They are on the packaging of products such as Campbell's soup, Pepperidge Farm, and Post cereals. It's an easy way to support our school. Though some of our community families may not buy products with these labels, many of our extended families and friends might. Asking them to save box tops for you is an easy way to help our school with very little effort. For every top turned in, the school earns points to spend on anything it wants. Look for the box in the front office to deposit your labels. For a list of products, go to: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/assets/pdf/English%20Product%20List.pdf>.



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.



Clean Out Those Closets

Have you been wondering about the **green and white** drop box in our school parking lot? In it we collect clothes, shoes and other textile items which are picked up by **USAgain**, a green company committed to reducing carbon emissions, protecting the environment and offering affordable clothing to people worldwide. Instead of throwing your unwanted clothes in the trash, bring them to us and drop them into the box. Once the items are collected, they are weighed, sorted and diverted from landfills to be re-worn, reused or recycled. Four Winds receives \$.02 per pound (paid quarterly) on what is picked up from our box. This is a way to fundraise and actively help our environment. SO... clean out those closets and bring in your clothing, shoes, towels, linens, gloves, blankets. Tell your friends you'll help them dispose of their unwanted textiles!

Arcturus Summer Intensive 2011

June 27-July 1 at the Chicago Waldorf School
This year we want to share with you, Rudolf Steiner's impulse to heal the Earth through biodynamic gardening, art, and education. <http://www.arcturus.info/summer.htm>

Summer Intensive 2011

Working with Nature

A hands on approach...



Classifieds

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

LOST: Blue Raincoat Looking for a bright blue raincoat lost at school. Belongs to Adi in Rainbow Garden (his name may have rubbed off the label.) Please contact Isha at 630-429-4768 if you find it. Thank you!

Looking for Rainboots to purchase: children's size 12 rainboots needed. Do you have some to sell? Please call Michelle Rosen, 630-776-8594.

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.

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](tel:630-346-0190) or by e-mail: ebisabarros@gmail.com