

# Four Tellings

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

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today,  
and creates a vision for tomorrow.

-John F. Kennedy

May 25, 2011

## Calendar of Events

**Thursday May 26**  
Last Scrip Order of the Year, due.....10 am

Teacher Appreciation Dinner.....5 pm  
6th Grade Play.....8 pm

**Friday & Monday May 27 & 31**  
No School

**Wednesday June 1**  
School Tour.....8:45 am

**Thursday June 2**  
Pick up Scrip Orders .....all day  
Parent Council.....7 pm

**Tuesday June 7**  
Kindergarten Graduation.....1:30 pm

**Wednesday June 8**  
Last Day of School- Dismissal.....12:15 pm  
All School Picnic.....12:30 pm



### Last Chance Before Summer Break to Order Scrip!

Will you be eating, driving anywhere, or shopping this summer? Yes? Then it's time to buy some scrip! **Our last scrip order for the year will be this Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, orders placed by 10 a.m., please.** Cards will be delivered the following Thursday, June 2nd. Take a moment to think about what you might need this summer, gas cards, grocery, restaurants, Target? Check out options at [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com). Our school code is **L99B27DD227L2**. If going online is too much for you, then you can stop by the office and fill out a paper order form. Also, we will be selling out our inventory during Thursday Drop Off for the next two weeks. Remember to bring your check books. Thank you for supporting our school!



## School Year Appreciation Edition: A Heartfelt Thank-You To All

We rely so much on parent support and involvement in our school. Thank you for helping us in the literally hundreds of ways you have this year. As much as we are trying to thank people specifically, we apologize in advance for anyone who we inadvertently left out. **We really do appreciate everyone!**

**Mayfaire:** Thanks to everyone for helping make Mayfaire such a warm and pleasant event last weekend. The music by **David Callaway** was just terrific and augmented by our own **Tenpenny Annie**. The Maypole Dancing was sweet and accompanied expertly by **Honna Austin**. We had crafts and face painting nestled among the trees at the top of the bowl and in the bowl - GAMES! The food delicious and there was much to appreciate about our school and community coming together to celebrate the season. Special thanks to **Eduardo Nigro** and Parent-Council for organizing the event, and to **Marisa Pawelko, Michelle and Ray Rosen, Lynn and Rich Hill, Victor Page, Alyssa Maurer, Renae Anastasia, Jocelyne Roy, Anna Morris, Rebecca and Duane Kozlowski, Robyn Abend and Corrie Goldberg**.



**For Being our School Counselor and all around fabulous resource:** For the past five years, **Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith** has taken on increasing responsibility in the area of Social Inclusion for our school. This year, she took up the job of school counselor as a volunteer, and has been a tireless resource for faculty, students and parents. We are so grateful.

**For taking on our Marketing program, weekly outreach activities, and community festivals:** **Jocelyne Roy** serves the school in so many ways, but especially for taking on our Marketing program this year. You rock, you craft maven!

**For Front-Office Help:** Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Melissa Rutkowski, Kelly Kasper, Lynn Hill, and Cate Dyer. We couldn't have done it without you!

**For managing our Scrip Program:** This is the second year **Cate Dyer** has done an excellent job for us managing the scrip program. Thanks so much!

**For organizing our Jump-A-Thon fundraiser:** Sean Blair, Vicki Blair, and Kelly Kasper. What a fun event for all concerned!

**For organizing our Candlemas festival:** **Kelly Kasper** took this festival on in a big way this year. Thanks again.

**For several big and small plumbing needs:** Jeremy Sauer.

**For our beautiful new kitchen!:** Project leaders: **Vicki Blair, Sean Blair, Jocelyne Roy and Michelle Rosen**. Assistance from: Hal Hancock, Peter O'Callaghan, Barbara DuRocher, Joey DuRocher, Larry McCarthy, Gene Walker, Kelly Kasper, Rich Hill, Lynn Hill, Nour Kabbani, Christy Kabbani, Thea Olsen, Jon Abend, Brian Maurer, George Murray, and David Heater.

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## *Gratitude* continued...

**From Carlene Mogavero, Oak Tree Garden:** Thanks to my parents for help in the classroom and during our outside play times; to our Class Angel **Amanda Villacresses**; to our Parent Council class reps **Marisa Pawelko** and **Katheryn Barrett-Brown**; to our Laundry Goddess **Frances Moritz**; to our Graduation Committee rep **Savraj Khanna**; to our Field Trip Angel for first half of year, **Shellie Kruchko**; and to **David Heater** for classroom projects.

**From Maryla Sikora, Rainbow Garden:** Thanks to my parents for help in the classroom and during our outside play times; to our Class Angel **Lisa Drost**; to our Parent Council rep **Rebecca Tews Kozlowski**; and a special thank you to **Cate Dyer** for being our Graduation Committee rep, our Field Trip Angel for the Cosley Zoo field trip, and for being our special class projects helper.

**From Brenna Hardin, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** The first grade parents have all stepped up to help this year in various ways. **Melissa Rutkowski** is my class angel, of course, as well as the parent who is with the class on most of our first Thursdays. **Lynn Hill** is the parent council rep, and has also helped out on first Thursdays. All of the parents have taken turns cleaning the classroom. **Mayumi Tonks** added some beautiful lazuring to the walls at the end of the summer, and **Rich Hill** painted the window sills white to let in more light. I am certainly thankful for all the help I have received from my class parents this year!

**From Diane Power, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** So many parents have helped out this year, I want to thank them all, but especially **Cate Dyer** as Class Angel, **Eduardo Nigro** as Parent Council class rep; **Robyn Abend**, for helping with the Report Booklet; for room set up and clean up, **Vicki & Sean Blair**, **Kelly Kasper**, **Liz Westberry**, **Lynn Hill**, **Eileen Campe & Lisa Atkinson**; for excellent help as a Reading Resource, **Sunday Cummins**; for extra handwork help, **Nicky Poloski**; and for extra help with the class play, **Uma Selvarajan**, **Alyssa Maurer**, **Eileen Campe**, **Bob Vincenti**, **Lisa Atkinson**, **Cate Dyer**, **Liz Westberry**, and **Lynn Hill**.

**From Liz Gantner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** A Big Thank You to **Jocelyne Roy** for help on first Thursdays, for organizing our farm trip, going downtown to see "Jackie and Me", taking my class so I could attend meetings, driving on field trips, feeding me amazing food; to **Chris Olsen** for chaperoning on our class trip; to **Kathrine Gandolfo** for cleaning help and driving on many field trips; to **Mary and David Heater** for providing an incubator and eggs, caring for the eggs over the weekends; to **Diana Chiado** for being our Parent Council rep-good job; to **Laura Schulze** for connecting us with Feed My Starving Children and cultural events; to **Lisa Park** for delicious contributions to Groman Café; and to **Lynn Hill** for volunteering to staff the front office on Tuesdays.

**From Mari Cooper, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thanks to all my parents for help on class trips and classroom support. Special thanks to **Renae Anastasia** who has been extraordinarily helpful as Class Angel; to **Angela Murray** and **Nicky Poloski** who have been Parent-Council reps; to class trip chaperones, **Renae Anastasia** and **George Murray**, and to Renae's parents **Sharon & Don Riordon** for allowing us to stay at their home during the trip, also to **Jocelyne Roy** for letting us borrow her van for the trip; for class play support and props, **Kristie McHugh** and **Angela Murray**; to **Jane Jones** for classroom help on first Thursdays; to **Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith** for teaching Social Skills classes each week; and to **Rick Chavez** for printing our fundraiser daily planners.

**From John Keeney, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thanks to all the parents for general classroom set-up, support and help during our Groman Café days. Special thanks to **Jocelyne Roy** for maximum energetic class parent organizing and follow-through, for chaperoning our class trip and also for assistance on first Thursdays; to **Vicki & Sean Blair** for hosting our class trip at their home in Lake Geneva; to **Anna Morris** for classroom support and organizing the plant sale fundraiser for us; to **Rachel Vander Ploeg**, **Vicki & Sean Blair** for cleaning help; to **Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith** for teaching Social Skills classes each week; to **Dana Anastasia** for being a chaperone on our class trip; and to **David Heater** for creating the ceramics kiln.

**From Bruce Cooper, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Thanks to all the parents for general classroom set-up, support, help on numerous field trips and help during our Groman Café days; to our Parent Council rep **Kathy Fitzgerald**; to our Class Angel **Jody Bilstrom**; special thanks to **Shiho Kajiwara** for teaching recorders and music, and to **Marilyn Maurer** for volunteering to teach music to the 7th grade this year; a big thank you to **Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith** for teaching Social Skills classes each week, and organizing service projects; and to **David Heater** for creating the kiln for ceramics.

**From Karen Hays, Parent-Child teacher:** thanks to **Kara Dendrinis** and **Jemma Ryan-Roth** for planning the field trip to McDowell Grove.

**From Barbara DuRocher, Parent-Child teacher:** thanks to all the parents for bringing excellent snacks, and especially **Annette Arnold** for always sweeping up the room!

**From Naomi Studebaker, Parent-Child teacher:** thanks to all the parents who helped out in class in so many ways and especially **Lyn Doering** for extra support.

**From Emily Bava, Spanish teacher:** Special thanks to **Kristie McHugh**, who has been a great help to me when I need a substitute; and to **Rachel Vander Ploeg** and **Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith** for driving to Chicago with the 6th & 7th graders.

**From Honna Austin, Orchestra teacher:** I can't thank **Shiho Kajiwara** enough for accompanying orchestra class and performances!  
...more gratitude next page...

## FROM THE DESK OF *Marianne Fieber*



This year at Mayfaire, we had a special event, a Peace Pole Ceremony. We sang and processed from the Maypole to the Peace Pole and once in the front meadow Rich Hill spoke of the generous gift made by his mother and step-father. **Herb and Mary Adams** made our participation in the world-wide peace pole project a reality. **Jocelyne Roy and Larry McCarthy** planted the pole on Friday and it was ready for us all to honor on Sunday. We had members from our community read the various languages chosen for our pole; English, Spanish, German, Polish, Portuguese, Italian, Japanese and Sanskrit (this doesn't seem completely accurate but we are grateful nonetheless). The 3<sup>rd</sup> graders led us in a Peace Round and together we spoke the wise words of Francis of Assisi:

### *An Instrument of Peace*

Make me an instrument of peace:

where there is hatred,  
may I bring love;  
where there is wrong,  
may I bring the spirit of forgiveness,  
where there is discord,  
may I bring harmony;  
where there is error,  
may I bring truth;  
where there is doubt,  
may I bring hope;  
where there are shadows,  
may I bring light;  
where there is sadness,  
may I bring joy.

O grant that I may seek rather to comfort than to be comforted;  
rather to understand than to be understood;  
rather to love than to be loved,  
for it is in forgetting myself that I find:  
It is by forgiving that I am forgiven.

We closed then with *Dona Nobis Pacem* in a 3-part round.

Many thanks to everyone who participated and honored this event with your hearts and voices. We hope to cultivate the area around the peace pole into a Peace Garden, I encourage everyone to stop by the front meadow and take a look. I hope everyone enjoys their long weekend coming up!

**Mission Statement:** Four Winds Waldorf School is committed to awakening the intellect, imagination and determination of every child, leading to a life-long love of learning. Within a protective and nurturing environment, teachers and parents work together to build a community where each student's confidence, sense of responsibility and self-reliance unfolds.

## *More Gratitude* continued...

**For serving on our Board of Trustees:** Rich Hill, Renae Anastasia, Eduardo Nigro, Carlene Mogavero, John Keeney, Shelagh Savino, David Heater, Jocelyne Roy, Marianne Fieber.

**For serving on Parent Council:** Eduardo Nigro (festival chair), Kathy Fitzgerald- a special thanks for the new parent dinner organization, Lynn Hill, Marisa Pawelko, Nicky Poloski, Angela Murray, Diana Chiado, Rebecca Tews-Kozlowski, and Bruce Cooper.

**For serving as our Faculty Chair:** Carlene Mogavero has done a stellar job this year. We are so grateful.

**For work on various committees:** grandparent Jerry Abend has been so helpful, thank you!

**For printing needs:** Rick Chavez

**For school cleaning:** Kristie McHugh, Rachel Vander Ploeg, Anna Morris, Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith, Jocelyne Roy, Vicki Blair, Sean Blair, Melissa Rutkowski, Naomi Studebaker, Marianne Fieber, Liz Gantner, Robyn Abend, and Kathrine Gandolfo. For help on our special cleaning day: Shelagh Savino, David Heater, Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith and Lisa Drost.

**For grounds help:** Jocelyne Roy, Larry McCarthy, Gene Walker; **Shed:** David Heater; **Earth Care Day:** Anna Morris, Annette Arnold, Lynn Hill, Laura Schulze, Rachel Vander Ploeg, Marisa Pawelko, Jim Brown, and Katheryn Barrett-Brown; **Native Plant Garden:** Rob Orland; **Mowing:** Victor Page and Dana Anastasia

**For serving as a parent rep on our 1<sup>st</sup> grade hiring committee:** Stephen Tonks

**For presentations at our Waldorf School Journeys:** Stephen Tonks, Ajay Jain, Stephen Cummins, John DuRocher, and alumni Ellen Fitzgerald and Laurel Hays.

**For assistance with our Extended Care program:** Every Wednesday, Isha Villafior would help if needed, also thanks to Naomi Studebaker, Cate Dyer and Anna Morris.

**For continued assistance with financial matters and transition work with bookkeeping:** Paul Thompson.

**For Social Inclusion work:** Shellie Kruchko

*To all the participants of our Community Conversations. Thanks for sharing your time and good energy.*

*To all our full and part-time faculty for all the extra things you do to create a truly superior educational experience for our students.*

## Parent Musical Group offers CDs as Fundraiser



We had the opportunity to hear *Tenpenny Annie* play at Mayfaire, and they were great! Now, we have *Tenpenny Annie* CDs for purchase in the office. This band is made up of Four Winds teachers and parents, and the music ranges from classic Irish to folk blues. David Callaway, of the fabulous duo *Frank and Dave*, professionally recorded this music. This has resulted in beautiful melodies with perfectly blended acoustics. According to Barbara DuRocher, "This CD is a favorite of mine! The blended harmonies and folk style instruments are a joy to listen to. I play it when I want to mellow out." The CD is a fundraiser with all money being donated to the school. Please stop by and support our efforts.



-*Tenpenny Annie*: Bruce Cooper, Mari Cooper, David Heater, Stephen Tonks and Parvaneh Shidnia-Smith

## Announcing TLC Book Arts

Tammera L.C. Ordoñez - a certified Waldorf teacher, a lifelong journal writer, and a bibliophile - announces the opening of TLC Book Arts. Tami says,

"Discovering the art of bookbinding and learning all that I could of the process became a passion and a joy. Binding main lesson books, preserving a year's worth of student work became a gift to the parents in my classes. Thus the idea for TLC Book Arts was born." Waldorf parents know deciding how to keep and protect their children's school books can become a storage nightmare. What do you do with all that work? Wouldn't it be nice to have a record of your child's school work through the grades that is easy, beautiful, and functional to store and display? Now you can! You'll be proud to display these handsome, heirloom quality books on your bookshelf or coffee table. Storage problem solved, you and your child have a beautiful keepsake edition of his/her work, and it is protected from whatever might happen to it after years in a damp basement or a hot attic. Prices vary according to the cover, binding styles and labor; price range is between \$35 and \$60 per book. See the brochure attached to this week's mail. For a **Free Estimate** or to place an order **Call or Email 630.697.5530 or [Tammera.Ordonez@gmail.com](mailto:Tammera.Ordonez@gmail.com)**.



## FW Alums Place in Track & Field Events

Lasse Palmquist, Jake Barry, and Caroline Sutfin, all FW alumni from Susan Egger's class, participated at the Regional Middle School Track and Field Conference last week. This pulled the top three athletes in track and field event from 10 area public middle schools. All three students made the top three in their events at their separate schools. Caroline represented high jump, Jake was in one of the running events, and Lasse was in both the discus and 800 meter running event. Lasse received a regional medal in the 800! Congratulations to these alums!

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## Summer Course Offerings

July 6-26, 2011 in Milwaukee, WI

Great Lakes Waldorf Teacher Training is very pleased to announce our course offerings and dates for this year's Summer Intensive, offered in partnership with Mount Mary College, Milwaukee, WI. If you would like more information, including registration materials, please contact Lori Barian, [lori.barian@newspiritventures.com](mailto:lori.barian@newspiritventures.com), or 414-698-6694. Courses:

- Intro to Waldorf Education & Child Development I
- Essentials of the Waldorf Curriculum
- Essentials of the Waldorf Kindergarten
- Artistic Work in the Waldorf School I: Intro to Mediums

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**Sound of  
Music  
Features  
FW  
Alumnus &  
Parent**

Chamber Opera Chicago presents The Sound of Music at the Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport, Chicago on June 11-12. Four Winds alumnus **Eric Maurer** is featured as supernumerary and **Marilyn Maurer** is in the chorus! Tickets \$10-\$30. For more information call 312-951-7944 or <http://www.chamberoperachicago.org/>.



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We are encouraging everyone to save "Labels for Education." 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 labels 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. For a list of products, go to: <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/assets/pdf/English%20Product%20List.pdf>.

## 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

## Classifieds

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

**Looking for the family who bought a wooden dollhouse at our resale last year:** Anna Russell found a little stool that belongs to the wooden dollhouse she sold to a family in our community at the Toy & Clothing Sale last year. She would love for you to have this piece that goes with the dollhouse. Contact Anna Russell, [a\\_russell68@yahoo.com](mailto:a_russell68@yahoo.com).

**Host Families Are Needed:** exchange program enables French high school students the opportunity to live with an American host family. During the weeks of July 10th to July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2011, students ages 15-18 will be placed with local families. Chicago guided tours & meals are provided on certain dates with our chaperones. Hosting an exchange student allows your family to share American hospitality, creating life-long friendships and reciprocal travel opportunities. Call today to choose your student! Contact: **Dottie Lipinski or Amy Hansberger**, [dottie.lipinski@gmail.com](mailto:dottie.lipinski@gmail.com), 630.251.4270 or 630.779.3340.

**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. Call today 630-556-9665 or email [info@esthersplacefibers.com](mailto: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. For more info call Farmer Tim 630-485-9963, visit [www.erewonfarm.com](http://www.erewonfarm.com).

**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: [ebisabarros@gmail.com](mailto:ebisabarros@gmail.com)