



# Four Tellings

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



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## Don't Miss Welcome Back Night – Tonight!

Join us tonight at 7 p.m. in the Community Room for our annual Welcome Back to School Night.

The Faculty, Administration, Board of Trustees, and Parent Council will ring in the new year and open our house. After a community presentation, parents will have the opportunity to visit the classrooms, and speak with our faculty, class parents, and Board members.

We anticipate seeing a representative from each household at this event. It is an adult only event. We recommend that you make child care arrangements at home because of the late hour.

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## Four Winds 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.



## From the Desk Of Marianne Fieber

It looks like we have made it through our first week of school. There are so many smiles and good will infused in the air. It is palpable and refreshing. I am so grateful for all the office support we have from quite a large group of parent volunteers. It is also gratifying to know that many committees are populating with willing and capable people – there's always room for more and we welcome anyone interested.

It seems that most families are doing rather well navigating the snarling traffic at the intersection of 59 and Butterfield. According to our city of Warrenville the expansion project currently underway will experience a major shift at the end of September when traffic will be opened up to two lanes in all directions; north, south, east and west. This should be welcome for all our families. Hang in there. Police have been watching the flow of traffic around our area so please take care to stop fully at stop signs and check your speed.

Thank you all for being here and making Four Winds Waldorf School an exceptional place to be.

## Parent Council Update

Parent participation is the lifeblood of the school. It is Parent Council's goal to harness that enthusiasm and parent talents in order to strengthen the school's strong community.

Parent Council meets the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Community Room. The meetings are open to all. If you have something you'd like to contribute to the meeting, please contact your class representative or Eduardo Nigro directly.

### *Here is this year's Parent Council*

Chair.....Eduardo Nigro  
 Mrs. Mogavero's EC.....Katheryn Brown  
 Mrs. Hays' EC.....Margaret Duncan  
 Mrs. DuRocher's 1st grade.....Robyn Abend  
 Ms. McLachlan's 2nd grade.....Lynn Hill  
 Mrs. Elf's 3rd grade.....TBD  
 Mrs. Schneider's 4th grade.....TBD  
 Mrs. Cooper's 5th grade.....Angie Murray  
 Mr. Keeney's 6th/7th grade.....Karen Friede  
 Mr. Cooper's 8th grade.....Kathy Fitzgerald  
 Faculty representative.....Bruce Cooper

Parent Council is currently planning the New Family Welcome Dinner on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. Additionally, it will be organizing the following events this year:

Oct 15, Harvest Fest  
 Dec 10, Elves' Market  
 Feb 17, Teacher Appreciation Dinner  
 May 20, Mayfaire



## This Week's Calendar

September 14<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

8:45am School Tour  
 1:30 – 3pm Leadership Council  
 3 – 4pm Executive Steering Committee  
 7:00pm Welcome Back Night  
*Food Order Forms Due*

September 15<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)

10:30 – 11:30 Social Inclusion Coordinating Group (SICG)  
 3:15 – 5:30pm Faculty Meeting  
 6:30pm Board Meeting

September 16<sup>th</sup> (Friday)

3 – 4pm Student Service Committee Meeting  
*School Photo Forms Due*

September 19<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

7:00pm 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night

September 20<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

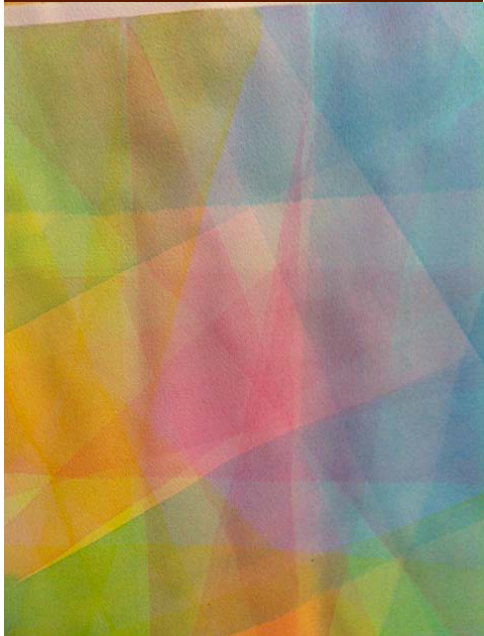
9:00am Parent Child Begins  
 8:30 – 10am - School Pictures

September 21<sup>st</sup> (Wednesday)

1:30 – 3pm Leadership Council  
 3 – 4pm Executive Steering Committee  
 7:00pm 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Night  
 7:00pm 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Parent Night  
 8:30 – 10am - School Pictures

### **Other Noteworthy Events:**

September 22<sup>nd</sup> – New Family Welcome Dinner (7pm)  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> – Michaelmas Celebration



*Seventh Grade Veil Painting*

## Pictures In The Four Tellings

**How do you feel about having your child's picture in the Four Tellings?**

The Four Tellings is distributed to family and friends of Four Winds Waldorf school via email and on the school's website. Last year picture permission forms were sent out to all families that will be honored this year. If you wish to verify your form, or ask that we not use a picture of your child, please check with the front office to update your wishes.

**Do you have a great picture of the school, or school related activity, that you'd like to share?**

Please consider submitting your pictures to the Four Tellings. All photos must be emailed by Friday for publication the following Wednesday. Send pictures to [kassia.shaw@me.com](mailto:kassia.shaw@me.com).

## Hot Lunch Program

Hot off the press... we are confirmed for our hot lunch program on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Bi-Monthly Food Order forms are due *today* for service beginning Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>! Please consider supporting Two Mothers Foods and Two Brothers Tap House by ordering hot lunches.

## School Photographs

Elise Brady will be taking individual and class photos of our students on September 20 through September 22. Forms are due on Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. You will be notified of the date when your child's picture will be taken.

## Reminder to Order Your SCRIP Cards...Right Now!

Brrrr, a chill is in the morning air as autumn rolls in. Plan ahead for cold days to come. Purchasing silk long johns and outerwear (Lands' End 18%; Gap/Old Navy 14%; Children's Place 12%; etc. ), a hot cup of coffee or tea (Starbucks 7%), or perhaps a trip to the hardware store for fall yard cleanup or winterizing supplies may be in your near future (Ace Hardware 4%; Home Depot 4%; Lowes 4%; Menards 3%).

Plan ahead by ordering your Scrip cards by **Thursday at 10am** and you'll be ready to shop next week while helping Four Winds earn cash back at the same time! While you're ordering, don't forget to add cards for your gas and grocery purchases in the weeks ahead.

Go to [shopwithscrip.com](http://shopwithscrip.com) and register with enrollment code L99B27DD227L2 to place your order. Have any questions? Contact Corrie Goldberg at [corrie23@sbcglobal.net](mailto:corrie23@sbcglobal.net).

## Parent Involvement Form

Attached to this week's newsletter are Parent Involvement Forms. If you have recently filled one out as a fairly newly enrolled family (within that last year) you needn't fill it out again unless there are more gifts you have to share. We would like all families to complete one and submit it asap - we will be able to receive them at any time. We are going to work toward finding the right opportunity for everyone whether it is on-site or working from home. There are many ways to support our school.

## After School Programs & Clubs

If you have a special skill or activity you would like to share with our students for a semester-long, year-long or even shorter series, please contact Marianne and present your ideas in a written proposal for the Leadership Council to consider. We'd love to have a full range of after school enrichment opportunities for our students.

## School Uniforms

We're looking to get input from our community as to whether or not there is an interest in uniforms, please forward comments to Marianne Fieber.



## Welcome New Students!

Four Winds is happy to welcome these new students to our early childhood and grades programs:

- **Aramis Allain** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parents Eric Allain and Glibel Gomez live in Naperville.
- **Amela Amago** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Parents Dion & Maya Amago of Wheaton
- **Basil Bevard** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Parents Shay and Bianca Bevard live in Woodridge.
- **Sydney Celenza** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents Lou and Joanne Celenza live in Roselle.
- **Trevor Celenza** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade. Parents Lou and Joanne Celenza live in Roselle.
- **Natalie Coop** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Justin & Dorothy Coop live in Warrenville.
- **Kaylee Elf** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents David & Nanci Elf live in Elmhurst.
- **Gabriel Ezzat** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parents Omar and Lisa Ezzat live in Montgomery.
- **Nate Kravchuk** – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents Mark and Mary Kravchuk live in Wheaton.
- **Dilara Naska** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents Altin Naska and Fusun Alpakin live in Naperville.
- **Amara Prah** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parents Michael and Shannon Prah live in Aurora.
- **Ambriel Prah** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Parents Michael and Shanon Prah live in Aurora.
- **Sasha Rodrigue** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Parents Jeff and Amy Rodrigue live in Joliet.
- **Sarah Rourke** – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents Steve and Linda Rourke live in Bartlett.
- **Nelson Schneider** – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade. Parents Christoph and Nancy Schneider live in Chicago.
- **Anya Shaw** – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Parents Brian and Kassia Shaw live in Montgomery.
- **Benjamin Shaw** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parents Brian and Kassia Shaw live in Montgomery.
- **Klora Shaw** – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. Parents Brian and Kassia Shaw live in Montgomery.
- **Elliana Sheehan** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Parents Mike and Susanne Sheehan live in Wheaton.
- **Kiana Sherwin** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parent Nikole Sherwin lives in Batavia.
- **Sydney Triol** – Oak Tree Mixed Age Kindergarten. Parents Robert and Kimberly Triol live in Aurora.
- **Diego Villafuerte** – Rainbow Garden Preschool Class. Parents Will and Maritza Villafuerte live in Warrenville.

Many, many thanks to Robyn Abend who worked tirelessly last year as our Enrollment Coordinator to welcome so many new families to our school!



## Buildings and Grounds Update

Building and Grounds would like to thank all the volunteers this summer who gave up their lazy summer days to refinish the floors and clean out our landscaping. *(A huge thanks especially goes out to David Heater who took the initiative to lead our best floor cleaning and waxing job ever!)* Our community thrives when volunteers step up to do the job, and it's always a pleasure to work with everyone.

There is still work to be done! Please see the sign-up board near the front office. We are in special need of families willing to sweep the floors each day after school, and in need of families willing to do weekly cleaning duties.

Contact David Heater if you have any questions at [djheater@hotmail.com](mailto:djheater@hotmail.com).

## The Groman Café Is Back!

The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade will alternate Thursdays in this popular fundraiser for their class trips. Come a little early to enjoy a cup of Groman Joe and a delicious treat.



## Focus on a Grade Eighth Grade

*Led by Bruce Cooper*

**“Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility — these three forces are the very nerve of education.”**

**– Rudolf Steiner**

*Focus on a Grade is a year-long series. Each grade represented at Four Winds Waldorf School will be featured for an entire month. We will be looking at different aspects of that grade from what’s going on in the classroom to student work and activities.*

### Central Image

The central image of eighth grade is the modern man. Students have spent the last seven years building up to an understanding of the modern age, and learning various skills that will help them feel present and confident in their emerging roles as individuals.

Their work in history, geography, science, literature and math will culminate in a final project and eighth grade class trip that will be featured in the Four Tellings at the end of the year. This year’s eighth grade class is led by Bruce Cooper.

### Current Block Work

The eighth grade’s first block this year is focusing on the life and times of William Shakespeare, as he represents the first modern human being. The block is a joint history and literature study that looks at how the themes in his works “anticipate modernity,” and the

“way human beings are and live,” according to Mr. Cooper.

The students will be looking at major speeches within 12 different plays to see how Shakespeare delves into the psychology of the modern mind. At the end of the block, Mr. Cooper’s class will go see a Shakespearian play.

The eighth graders are also working on wood block relief carvings – which are currently on display in their classroom. They started with plain, square poplar blocks, and they are hand-carving designs of their choice, many geometric in nature. As the carvings are finished, they will be sanding and finishing the blocks.

They are also working on algebra and preparing for their role in this year’s Michaelmas play on September 29<sup>th</sup>. The eighth graders will be performing in the orchestra.

They are also eagerly awaiting the announcement of their end-of-year class trip. It is considered a rite of passage as they prepare to conclude their eight years at the school. Many of the students have been in class together since their early childhood days.



## Outreach Events

Come visit the Four Winds booth at the following outreach events this month!

### Primrose Farm Frolic, St. Charles Park District

Sunday, September 18, 2011  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm  
5N576 Crane Rd, St. Charles  
[www.st-charlesparks.org](http://www.st-charlesparks.org)

Family fun on the farm including folk music, pumpkin painting, caramel apples, hayrides, straw maze, petting zoo, and antique farm equipment.

### Cantigny Green Fair

Saturday, September 24, 2011  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
1S151 Winfield Road, Wheaton  
[www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org)

Cantigny and SCARCE will host the third annual Green Fair to celebrate what's working in our community—for people, businesses and the environment. The event will include eco-vendors, activities for kids, local farmer's market, cooking demos, live music, eco-fashion show, and a showing of "Green Fire."

### Whole Foods Market Day

Sunday, October 9, 2011  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
75<sup>th</sup> Street, Naperville

## Box Tops and Labels for Education

You can find **Box Tops** on General Mills cereals, Cascadian Farms Organic cereal, Scott Tissue, Hefty, Kleenex and many more products. Clip the box top and bring it into the office and deposit in the Box Top box. We earn money by collecting Box Tops!



By collecting **Labels for Education**, we earn points and redeem them for sports and/or educational equipment selected by the teachers. Bring in your UPCs and bottle caps from the following products:

<http://www.labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx>

Contact Angela Murray with any questions at [amadary@att.net](mailto:amadary@att.net).

## Poison Ivy and Deer Ticks

*"Leaves of three...let them be."* Keep your eyes out for poison ivy this fall. It has been spotted on some of the trails and near the playground area. There is a leaf on the front door of the school if you need a refresher, or many pictures online. If you spot the plant, please let the school know so that it can be pulled immediately.

Should you be in the unfortunate group of people allergic to poison ivy, one tried and true remedy is a paste made of vinegar, baking soda and salt, applied to the rash as needed. Jewelweed is also highly effective and often referred to as "nature's antidote" as it often grows near poison ivy. Crush the leaves and rub the juice on affected areas.

Though there haven't been any sightings this fall, we do have deer ticks in the area. Please check your children carefully if you know they've been in the woods.

## Chess Wizards – Mondays, 2:50-3:50 pm

This is a delightful afterschool program for grades school aged students. The Chess Wizards delivered a really terrific program last year and we are delighted they will return. Please contact the front office if you are interested, or Chess Wizards at (866) 9494-FUN or [www.chesswizards.com](http://www.chesswizards.com). The first meeting will be on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Classifieds & Newsletter Submissions

Please submit classifieds and newsletter content by Friday afternoon before school ends to be published the following Wednesday.

Classified 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).

