

A NOTE FROM THE FACULTY CHAIR

I am writing on behalf of the faculty and staff to extend warm greetings to you all as we approach the start of a new school year. The school is now twenty-two years old! As I was reflecting on this number, it made me think about how long a large number of us have been a part of this amazing school and what an impact it has had on our lives. Some of the faculty began as parents first and became teachers later, others came as teachers and parents at the same time, some as teachers without any children at all or any children enrolled in the school, and some started as students and have become teachers, the most exciting group of all! The longevity of our faculty is a testament to the love we bear for our students and the school.

As we look to the year ahead, I thought I would take this opportunity to let you know what classes we will each be teaching (the office will give us a fuller picture in the weeks ahead of their roles). Just for fun I will attempt to do this according to the order in which faculty first arrived at the school (either as parent or teacher or student). I apologize ahead of time for any errors. Rose Sheehan has also prepared brief introductions to the new grades teachers in another part of the newsletter. The final arrangements for Sweet Pea and the remaining Early Childhood assistant hires will be announced in the next newsletter.

- **George McWilliam**, who has been here the longest of all, is continuing his sabbatical.
- **Stephen Sheen**, will return to mentor and evaluate teachers again this year as well as teach woodworking and direct the Shepherds' Play and the Paradise Play.
- **Kati Manning** will teach German to Grades One through Eight.
- **Virginia McWilliam** will be teaching the Eighth Grade.
- **Finnivair McWilliam** will be the Red Rose Kindergarten assistant.
- **Stephen Smith** will teach private string instrument lessons, lead ensembles, and direct the middle school orchestra.
- **Susan Slowick** will teach private string instrument lessons, lead ensembles, and assist with the orchestra.
- **Jenny Helmick** will teach Eighth Grade Track English.
- **Brian Macdonald** will teach the Sixth Grade and also Seventh Grade Track English.
- **Tyler Macdonald** will teach Physical Education to Grades One through Eight, continue in his role as Athletic Director, and coach.
- **Caroline Mercier** will lead the Red Rose Kindergarten.
- **Mari Yamaguchi-Allen** will teach Eurythmy to Grades One through Eight.
- **Mary Mansur** will lead the Yellow Rose Kindergarten.
- **Vanya Yoors** will teach Second Grade.
- **Mary Egan** will teach Hollyhock Parent/Child Handwork.
- **Anne Carignan** will teach First and Third Grade Handwork and do Extra Lesson Assessments.
- **Andrea Higashibaba** will be with the First Grade in the afternoons until

October 5th and then with them two afternoons a week for the rest of the year.

- **Sabrina Babcock** will teach Fourth Grade.
- **Patty Doucette** will teach private string instrument lessons, lead ensembles, and assist with the orchestra.
- **Deborah Bishop** will teach Second, Fourth, Sixth and Eighth grade Handwork.
- **Sarah Prescott** will teach Fifth Grade Handwork.
- **Susan White** will teach the Sunflower Nursery and Parent/Child classes.
- **Heather Collis Puro** will teach Fourth and Seventh Grade Handwork.
- **Yoko Yeaton** will assist in Sunflower Nursery, the Parent/ Child classes, and the Hollyhock class.
- **Rose Sheehan** will teach the Fifth Grade and the Fourth and Fifth Grade Chorus.
- **Sandra Braden** will assist in the Yellow Rose Kindergarten.
- **Tom Braden** will teach Seventh Grade and the Sixth Grade recorder class.
- **Pamela McElreavy** will lead Parent/Child classes and the Bluebell Nursery.
- **Alex McGregor** will teach Spanish to Grades One through Eight.
- **Dianne McGaunn** will teach First Grade
- **Laura Quayle** will teach Third Grade.

Please keep an eye out for familiar faces and make a special effort to welcome those in our midst who are new. I look forward to the start of the school's twenty-second year!

Sabrina Babcock
Faculty Chair

NEW GRADES' FACULTY

On behalf of the teacher search committee, I am pleased to introduce the following new members of our Grade Teacher Faculty.

Alex McGregor, most recently a community member of the Ashland Waldorf School in Rockland, Maine, is our new, full-time **Spanish Teacher**. He will teach Grades One through eight. Mr. McGregor spent the first half of his childhood in Bogota, Columbia. His family then moved to Lexington, Massachusetts. A graduate of Bard College in New York, Mr. McGregor has taught Spanish at the high school and middle school level for the last three years in coastal Maine.

Dianne McGaunn, a greater Boston area native, joins us as our **First Grade teacher**. After several years in the computer industry, Ms. McGaunn answered the calling to become a Waldorf teacher. She did her teacher training at Sunbridge College in New York and taught for two years at the Waldorf School of Princeton. Ms. McGaunn and her family have recently relocated to Topsfield. Her sons Matthew and Joseph will be joining the Second and Fourth Grades.

Laura Quayle is our new **Third Grade teacher**. Ms. Quayle, a graduate of Dartmouth College, is currently enrolled in the Teacher Training Program at Sunbridge College. Ms. Quayle, a native of up-state New York, most recently taught Spanish at the Desert Marigold Waldorf School in Phoenix, Arizona. Ms. Quayle has lived and worked abroad in a number of both Spanish and French speaking countries. Her many interests and talents include gardening and organic farm work, a passion for cross country running, singing, dancing and performance as a pianist.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW LOCATION FOR BLUEBELL NURSERY AND PARENT/CHILD CLASSES

The Bluebell nursery and parent/child classes will be held at Temple B'Nai Abraham this year. It is located at 200 East Lothrop Street in Beverly.

OPENING-DAY ASSEMBLY

All parents are warmly welcomed to attend the opening-day assembly for grades 1-8 which begins at 8:30 a.m. on September 5 and runs about an hour in length. The traditional Rose Ceremony for the First and Eighth grade students will occur during the assembly. First and Eighth grade parents, if possible, should plan on attending the assembly. The Rose ceremony is an event that the children remember even as alumni. It is something that you will not want to miss. The ceremony will be completed at the eighth grade graduation ceremony in June. We look forward to seeing you at this assembly.

HANDWORK ASSISTANT

The handwork program has an opening for a handwork assistant to assist the handwork teacher in the lower grades. This opportunity is for 1-1/2 contact hours per week. The schedule is yet undetermined. If you have interest in this position, please contact Deborah Bishop at home, 978-283-7226, or leave a message at the school office, 978-927-8811. Thank you.

PART-TIME PIANO ACCOMPANIST NEEDED

The Cape Ann Waldorf School in Beverly Farms is seeking a classically trained pianist to accompany eurythmy classes on a part-time basis. At CAWS, students in the first through eighth grades participate in weekly eurythmy classes in which music, movement and poetry are the focus. The classes are taught by a trained eurythmy teacher who selects and provides piano music which is largely drawn from the classical repertoire (music in previous years has included Bach preludes, selections from Schumann's "Kinderscenen" and Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words," and folk dance settings of Bela Bartok). Good sight-reading skills, a classical background, and a willingness to improvise are helpful, as are a love of music and children, and a desire to collaborate in this unique educational venue.

The school is in need of an accompanist on weekday afternoons until 2:30 beginning in September 2007 and running until June 2008. The salary is \$25 per 45-minute class. If interested, please contact Julia Elliott at 978-352-5581 or email at juliabelliott@comcast.net.

FURNISHINGS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED

Dear Members of the Caws Community,
We need assistance providing furnishings for our new Early Childhood classroom. If you no longer have need for any of these items, please contact Susan White, Mary Mansur or Caroline Mercier. We need:

Playstands
Small wooden child's table
Sheepskins
Doll cradles
Gently loved Waldorf dolls,
Large clean plastic storage bins
Circle rug ~ 8 feet in diameter
Small refrigerator
Electric tea kettle
Wooden tree blocks
Wooden toys – castle, cars, trucks
Wooden doll house
Rope swing
Sandbox
Child-sized shovels, rakes, wheelbarrows and pails
Large wooden boat/climber
Lamps – floor lamps and small table lamps

If you have other items you think may be useful to us, please contact us at CAWS (978) 927-8811; or Susan at home (978) 525-2245; Mary's cell phone at (978) 821-1299; Caroline at home (978) 927-4730. Thank you!

DROP OFF, PARKING AND PICK UP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT HALE STREET

Traffic flow and safety are obviously critical areas of concern as we drop off and pick up our children at school. The school grounds and circle were designed at a time when many children walked to school. Please take the time to read the various procedures carefully to know which apply to your situation. In order to accommodate all our families, it is important to follow the traffic procedures conscientiously, drive slowly, and always watch for children around the cars.

Remember, many of the children are short and may not be easy to see.

Please never allow children below the middle school grades to walk among the cars, cross Route 127, or go to and from the car unattended. Do not stop in the middle of the access road to drop off or pick up children. It causes delays, blocks emergency vehicles and sometimes backs traffic into the main road.

MORNING DROP OFF AT HALE STREET

- Please pull to either side of the semi-circle or into the school yard through the second entrance to park.
- Enter the school yard through the second entrance; do not park or drive in the school yard beyond the first corner of the building. Exit through the same entrance as you entered. There should be no vehicles moving or parked in front of the building.
- Do not stop in the middle of the access road.
- Do not park between the church driveway and our driveway or at the curb marked "loading zone." In addition to drop-off and pick-up times, police may give tickets for parking there even when the buses are not present.
- All cars must be out of the school yard prior to 10:00 a.m. recess. There is no

parking in the school yard for the remainder of the school day until after 3:00 p.m. Please do not park by the dumpster or along the far wall during this time.

AFTERNOON PICK UP

- Many vehicles must converge on the school at pick-up times. Safety is a serious concern. There are moving children and moving vehicles. Please watch carefully at all times.
- The classes will line up by grade outside the building for dismissal. (Early childhood classes, please see below.) The first grade waits on the kitchen side of the building. All other grades are dismissed in the basketball area. During inclement weather, the children will be dismissed from the Main Hall on the first floor. Please go inside to pick them up.
- Once a child is dismissed to the responsible adult, it is the adult's responsibility to watch the child.
- Children below Sixth Grade should not be unaccompanied anywhere on the school grounds after dismissal. Middle School children must be accountable to an adult.
- Cars may park on either side of the access road except in the areas reserved for the buses.
- At afternoon pick up, cars must enter the school yard by the first entrance and form a line parallel to the wall. A second line can form parallel to the first line. ***Do not*** form third or fourth lines under any circumstances unless a traffic person (with an orange vest) directs you. Added lines encroach on the waiting areas of the classes and create a hazard.
- Do not leave your car until you see your child's class is ready for dismissal. Accompany any child under the middle grades to the car and return directly to your car.
- As soon as the first car in line is filled and the children are in seat belts, the car should exit carefully through the second opening

and the next car can pull to the front of the line.

- The bus drivers will retrieve children using the bus services.

KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY DROP OFF AND PICK UP AT HALE STREET

- All early childhood class children must be accompanied in and out of the school building to and from the cars at all times. After dismissal, the adult picking up the child is responsible for the child.
- For drop off, park in the designated areas described in the Morning Drop Off Procedures above and accompany the child(ren) to the classroom(s). There is no parking in the school yard between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- For midday pick up, the children will be brought to the front of the school by the teachers. Park in the semi-circle or the street and pick up your child(ren) from the teacher in front of the school. In inclement weather they will wait just inside the door. Do not park in the school yard.
- Sweet Pea Aftercare children should be picked up directly from the classroom. Park your car in the appropriate areas.

CAR POOLING, TRAIN AND PICK UPS BY OTHER THAN THE PARENTS OR THE BUS SERVICES

- Regular arrangements for pick up other than by the parents must be known both in the office and by the class teacher.
- The office and the class teacher should know which children will take the train home.
- Train passes are available in the office.
- Any change in the regular pick up arrangements must be reported to the office by 1:00 p.m. of that day. After 1:00 p.m. we cannot accept changes unless there is an emergency, such as a car break down. Generally changes in transportation arrangements are stressful for the children

unless they know in advance from their parents.

ALL SCHOOL WELCOME BACK PARTY

We are pleased to invite everyone – families, faculty, and staff - to a welcome back party on Sunday, September 16, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at Green Meadows Farm in Hamilton. There will be live music and contra dancing with our very own caller and (now fifth grade!) teacher Rose Sheehan. Hayrides are available for a modest charge. Refreshments will be pot luck; families with last names A-L bring a savory, M-Z bring a sweet. Beverages and paper goods will be provided by the school. This is a casual event and a time for families to renew acquaintance, relax, and socialize. We will make some brief introductions of faculty, staff and board. If you have never been to the Farm, it is a beautiful place to spend a Sunday afternoon, and even buy some organic produce for your Sunday supper! Keep your eyes open for more news about this event as the date approaches. We hope to see you there!

Please Note: This event is replacing the Parent Evening for the Grades that was scheduled to take place on Friday, September 14th. Make sure to change your calendars!

DIRECTORIES

Our directories are in the process of being created. If you would like your e-mail address included in the directory, please e-mail it to us at info@capeannwaldorf.org and include in the subject line "directory e-mail address" so I know it's not spam. You may also leave it on the answering machine, but there's less chance for misunderstanding if your e-mail address is in print. If your e-mail address was in the directory last year, it will be used again. If it has changed, please inform the office.

PHYSICAL FORMS

A written report of a physical examination (performed within the last 12 months) by your health care provider is required of the following students:

- 1) All students new to the school
- 2) All students entering first grade and sixth grade
- 3) All students who will participate in extracurricular sports activities.

Immunization documentation is required for:

- 1) Children entering Bluebell, Sunflower and Yellow and Rose Kindergartens
- 2) Each grade a school physical is required (i.e., new students, first grade, sixth grade and those wishing to participate in extracurricular sports).

The guidelines have changed so that the only part of the Health Record that needs to be filled out is the immunization section if it is a year a physical isn't required.

We have included a Health Record form with this newsletter. A standard physician's form is also acceptable, but please be sure it includes the date of the child's physical. If you have extenuating circumstances (i.e., your pediatrician cannot give your child an appointment before school begins) please contact the office with the date of the appointment.

NOTE TO NEW FAMILIES: Please remember that physical forms which were included in your acceptance package were due to the office by July 15. If you have not been able to have your child examined, please make an appointment and call the office with the date of their physical. If you need another form, please call the office and we will be glad to send you one.

CALENDARS

Included in this newsletter are two calendars. One is the school days and one is the events for 2007-2008. There have been some changes so please discard your old calendars and replace them with these.

HOT LUNCH NEWS

Welcome back everyone and I hope you all had a fabulous summer & ate well.

I am looking forward to the new school year and hope to come up with some new and exciting lunches for the children. Dinners are still available to go after school. Just see me in the morning, or further in advance, if possible.

As we all know the prices of food have increased dramatically this year -- Forty-four percent is one report that I read. I need to cover some of that increase and so some price changes are inevitable. The lunch tickets, if purchased for half the year or the full year will remain at \$5.00 each. Ten - twenty tickets will be \$5.50 each. Any less will be \$6.00. Please use a pen when you write their name and grade number on the ticket and please be sure it is legible. I understand that the younger children like to write their own names but if I can't read it causes mix ups in the class rooms.

Snack coupons are still available for \$10.00. I am willing to keep track of them in the kitchen so the children don't need to carry cash to school.

Hot lunches will begin on Thursday, September 6 with cheese and veggie subs and dessert. September 7 will begin our Friday pizza lunches.

► I am looking for helpers in the kitchen. I have a variety of hours available that I exchange for lunch tickets. It can be a lot of fun and flexible. I am especially looking for moms or dads who do early pick up that can come in at 11:30 a.m. and help with the setting up of the lunch trays and possibly some serving.

***KINDERGARTEN/LOWER SCHOOL
EXTENDED DAY PROGRAM
POSTPONED***

Some parents have expressed the need to have an aftercare program from 2:40 – 5:30 p.m. For two years we have extended this offer but have not met the minimum number to justify this program. For the program to be successful we need to have at least 6 children enrolled each day.

We hope to offer this program again for September 2008. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Julie Macintyre in the Admissions Office at 978-927-1936 or admissions@capeannwaldorf.org.

***SUMMER STORY HOUR AND
PUPPET SHOWS***

CAWS has offered story hours for many years every Tuesday in July. This year we also added puppet shows on Thursdays. This event was open to anyone in the local community with children ages 3 to 7 years. The children met from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. in the Kindergarten playground, gathered for refreshments and then joined a Waldorf teacher for a story. Thank you to everyone who made this event successful:

Brian Macdonald, Vanya Yoors, Kelly Hiselman, Virginia McWilliam, Caroline Mercier and Mary Mansur. We had an average of 12 families attending each story; on one day we had 20 families!

PERSONAL

***A NOTE FROM
SENORA GSOTTSCHNEIDER***

Hello to the Cape Ann Waldorf Community!

I just wanted to share with you all that Manuel and I are expecting our first child to be born shortly at the end of August-beginning of September. We are awaiting a little girl by the

name of Emma. All is well here below the heat and rays of the Mediterranean sun. This year I continued teaching EFL at The North American Institute in Barcelona and also completed a Masters in TEFL and public-private school certification program to be able to teach a more diverse population group. Manuel is busy studying and running his own business. Our two organic gardens are thriving and I have six boxes of tomatoes awaiting me to can. I think of you all often and fondly and hope that all are well in that precious location on the ocean. Please extend my best to all and enjoy the summer vacation. Blessings.

If ever on the other side of the Atlantic, here we are:

Christine Gsottschneider and Manuel Liria
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Barcelona, España

HOUSING WANTED

My name is Joshua Sim, I am a former student of Pine Hill and High Mowing Waldorf Schools in Wilton, NH. I graduated from High Mowing in 2006 and will be attending North Shore Community College in Danvers, where I will be pursuing my career goal of becoming a commercial pilot. I am looking for housing and am hoping someone can help me. I am looking for a single room in an apartment, condo or shared family house. My budget has a limit of \$400 per month, but I am more than willing to help around the house during my spare time. My cell phone is 603-769-7563, home phone, 603-654-3977 and email, flyalot87@msn.com. Thank you.