



NEWSLETTER

Monday, Oct. 3, 2011

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Inviting all Waldorf Community Members to First Meeting of Waldorf Community Association (WCA)

Wednesday, Oct. 12, after drop-off (8:30 -10:30 a.m.)

The main topic of discussion will be how to navigate your way through school policies and procedures. There will be guest speakers, an opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns, and free coffee and bagels. Bring your interest and your ideas. Children always welcome. Exact location TBD. See you there!

WCA Speaker Series Reminder

Thursday Oct. 6, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

“Waldorf Education: Can It Meet Today’s Children – and Help Today’s World?”

Presenters: Jenny Helmick and Mary Mansur

It's free and informational - a great opportunity!

Master Campus Planning Meeting Scheduled for Oct. 20

Have you wondered about the next phase of the campus expansion? Do you know about “Lot 2A” and what can be built there? The site committee is planning a meeting on these topics and more on the evening of **Thursday, October 20**. Come and hear about the limitations and opportunities presented by our site; the design process that resulted in the current configuration of the school building and grounds; and the possibilities for future expansion. Bring your questions and your ideas—in addition to a presentation of work done to date, this will be an interactive discussion in which we will start to collectively formulate our vision for the future of the CAWS campus.

–Site Committee

Don't Miss Out: Hire 8th Grade for Fall Yard Clean Ups!

The CAWS Class of 2012 is now scheduling appointments for your annual Yard Raking. Students will arrive at your property with rakes, ready to rid your yard and garden of leaves. We will bring tarps to move the leaves to your designated spot. If you prefer we bag the leaves, we'd be glad to. We just ask you to provide the bags. An adult will be present at all times with the students. This service is great for anyone: do-it-yourselfers who want a break this year or those who hire others to complete this work. Why not get your yard cleaned up and help support the eighth grade as they fundraise for their end of year trip? To schedule or have any questions answered, please contact eighth grade parent Joan Wendt at meepadog@gmail.com or 978 479 4549 (cell). You'll be glad you did!

Go Green For Halloween! CAWS Costume Swap to Support Third Grade Farm Trip; Old Costumes Wanted

Reuse, recycle...and support a good cause! The third grade is launching its fundraising for this year's farm trip with a Halloween Costume Swap on Wednesday, Oct. 19 during the noon pick up and 2:40 p.m. pick up times. Make a \$5.00 donation and leave with your Halloween costume or three coordinated items to use with your costume. Decorations will also be available for purchase. Also, *please donate your unwanted Halloween costumes, costume pieces, clothing items that can be used to create a costume and decorations (nothing scary or gruesome please). We are looking for items suitable for babies to teenagers. Donations can be placed in the box located outside the kitchen downstairs.* If you have any questions, please contact Maureen Aylward at 978-290-1507 or maureenaylward@comcast.net

Thank you!

--Maureen Aylward, for the Third Grade

Steiner Study Group Starts Tonight

Interested in learning more about some of the ideas that underlie Waldorf education and other movements initiated by Rudolf Steiner? A Monday night study group starts tonight at 7:30 p.m. here at Cape Ann Waldorf School. The group, which will meet every other Monday, will be reading Steiner's *The Foundations of Human Experience* (/Study of Man).

Alumna News: 2006 Grad on Stage with Bocelli

CAWS class of 2006 alumna Gillian Hurst joined a select choir that performed Sept. 15 with Andrea Bocelli and the New York Philharmonic Orchestra at a free concert in Central Park. For a stunning look at some of what Gillian probably saw from the stage, and what her proud mother and brother likely saw from the crowd, [click here](#). The concert was videotaped by PBS for broadcast later this fall. Gillian is currently a Sophomore majoring in Vocal Performance at Westminster Choir College, a primarily vocal conservatory in Princeton, NJ.

Volunteer Web Content Manager Needed

Do you have a blog? Do you know your way around Wordpress and feel comfortable manipulating images and posting to the web? Cape Ann Waldorf School needs the right person to keep the web site fresh and up-to-date. It's a great way to contribute from the comfort of home and it's a great way to get to know all parts of the school. If you're interested or just want to hear more, please contact Kristen Fehlhaber at businessoffice@capeannwaldorf.org

Still Looking for Morning Office Support

Could you help answer phones, collect attendance boards, and help with small projects as necessary on school mornings? Any amount of time/days that you could give would help the school and is likely to be a rewarding experience! Please inquire with Mrs. Deveau in the office. Thank you.

Newsletter Photographer Wanted

We'd like to add more photos to our weekly *Newsletter*. Responsibilities include snapping photos of events and occasional everyday happenings at CAWS in an unobtrusive manner and emailing them to the editor. Example of an assignment: the CAWS cross-country team has been spotted running through the trail and up and around Moraine Farm. I've been told it's an inspiring sight and would love to share a photo with our community. Thank you to the great photographers who continue to share many wonderful photos (Jen Benoit has great images in today's issue!). All parents and teachers: keep the photos coming! But if you think you can stand a more regular, "on-call" gig, please contact James Kennedy at jmalcolmkennedy@gmail.com or 978-499-1773 and join the volunteer "staff" here at the *Newsletter*. Thank you.

CAWS in Salem News

Cape Ann Waldorf School, along with its partners at Moraine Farm, were mentioned last week in an excellent *Salem News* article by reporter Will Broaddus. The impetus for the article was the first ever Moraine Farm Open House held this past Saturday, but it provided more than a summary of the activities planned for the day. It talked of the partnership of the six nonprofits (Trustees of the Reservations, Essex County Greenbelt, Batchelder Trust, Friends of the Olmsted Landscape, Cape Ann Waldorf School and Project Adventure) and Olmsted's sense of purpose in his landscape design.

Each of the organizations sharing stewardship of the land "are helping to preserve not only the landscape as Olmsted designed it, but also the sense of purpose with which he pursued landscape architecture," Broaddus said in the article.

"It's a unique partnership," adds Mary Williamson of Essex County Greenbelt, "to have so many nonprofits sharing the campus in a creative way." [Click here for the full article.](#)

Waldorf High School of Massachusetts Bay, Sun., Oct. 16

Open House Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Tour the school with a student and parent guide, meet and speak with new and returning faculty members, attend a question & answer session with students & teachers.

Information Sessions: Tuesday, Nov. 1 & Monday, Nov. 21, 10:15 a.m. – noon

Visit classes in session, meet students & faculty, attend a Q&A with Mara White, Administrative Director, and Chuck Claus, math, science and music teacher.

Waldorf High School is dedicated to helping teenagers become their best selves through awakening and fostering in our students: *clear, informed, and heartfelt thinking; creativity and inquiry; compassion for and interest in the world and in each other; and a well-founded belief in their abilities and the will to use them.* Guided by a faculty dedicated to knowing every student, our students make their own discoveries, instead of having formulas delivered to them. We ask our students to observe and to call on their own powers of analysis to find out why things are the way they are. We guide them to explore learning with their minds, their voices, their eyes, and their hands.

Registration is not required for the Open House. If you are planning to attend an information session, kindly call 617-489-6600 to let us know. School website:

<http://www.waldorfhighschool.org/>

MORAIN FARM OPEN HOUSE

The Moraine Farm open house on Saturday (Oct. 1) was a great success. Thank you very much to all those listed below who helped our school come alive during the big day. There were many new visitors to the school and many CAWS families getting their first look at the ropes courses, the farm/CSA, the big red barn and other parts of the property managed by our many partners here at Moraine Farm. At CAWS many visitors enjoyed bread-making, beautiful strings music, face painting, needle felting, science experiments (*see below*) and some fun attempts at juggling and other “circus arts” (*also below!*). Please see other photos from the day at school on the [News section of the CAWS web site!](#)

Science Experiments with Mr. Macdonald

Brian Macdonald (now the first grade teacher) demonstrated some chemistry experiments while explaining Waldorf science education. From Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, the emphasis is on a direct encounter with observable phenomena, he said. Students describe what they see and then evaluate what has happened. At the open house we watched a small volume



of sucrose turn to a towering pillar of black carbon (*left & on web*) and we saw food coloring swirl and spin through milk with the help of a drop of dish soap (*right*). *Photos by Jen Benoit*

Circus Arts With Mr. Yoors

Also at the open house, Mr. Yoors shared fun plate spinning, juggling, and tossing games with adults and children alike! (As at other Waldorf schools, healthy physical activity at CAWS lays the foundation for healthy development; circus arts, such as juggling, riding a unicycle, and tumbling improve posture, balance, coordination, self-confidence, and strength).



Thank You!

A great big thank you to some of the friends, family and teachers who gave so much to make CAWS' participation in the Moraine Farm Open House a success: Jen Benoit, Gretchen MacKilligan, Ms. Miles, Ms. Tannenheimer, Mrs. Stubbs, Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Yoors, Mrs. Nevin, Ms. Scalera, Mrs. Rugo, Ms. Deveau, Mr. Smith and Elisa Smith, Mrs. Collis Puro, Mrs. McGaunn, Joseph and Matthew McGaunn, Cecilia Mullings, Denise Frame Harlan, Madeleine Harlan, Jennie Yoors, Taylor Wendt, Michaela Butin, Amy Deschenes, Dana Dooley, The Kennedy Family, Jocelyn Miller, Jennie and Jim Meyer, Chris Dowley, The Scarcella Family, Elise Zoli, The Second Grade Class Community, Richard Geoghegan, The Seibert Family, Aina Cullem, Christine Akers and Jay Hiselman.

CAWS Calendar October 3-29, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3 7:00 – 8:30 5th Grade Parent Evening	4 10:00 – 12:15 Grades 1 and 8 to Brooksby Farm 2:50 – 3:30 Basketball Orientation Meeting in 8th grade classroom	5	6 9:00 – 1:00 4th & 5th Grade to Granite Quarry in Gloucester 7:00 – 9:00 Adult Speaker Series-Waldorf Education: Can It Meet Today's Children...and Help Today's World?	7 12:10 dismissal Professional Afternoon	8
9	10 No School	11 7:00 – 8:30 Nursery and Kindergarten Parent Evening	12 8:30 – 10:00 WCA Meeting in Eurythmy room. 11:00 -12:00 & 2:00 – 3:00 Halloween Costume Exchange 7:00 – 8:30 8th Grade Parent Evening	13 7:00 – 8:30 4th Grade Parent Evening	14 12:30 – 2:30 3rd grade to CSA	15
16	17 First full day for first grade	18 7:00 – 10:00 Board Meeting	19 8:30 – 2:00 4th and 5th Grade to Saugus Iron Works 11:00 -12:00 & 2:00 – 3:00 Halloween Costume Exchg.	20 7:00 – 9:00 Planning Touchstones All Community Invited	21 12:30 – 2:30 3rd grade to CSA	22
23	24	25 Picture Retake Day for All Classes 7:00 – 8:30 Waldorf Math & Science Curriculum Presentation	26 7:30 – 9:00 First Grade Parent Evening	27	28 12:30 – 2:30 3rd grade to CSA	29 2:00 – 5:00 Halloween Party in Great Hall 7:00 – 10:00 Middle School Dance

