



NEWSLETTER

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Our Holiday Fair, an Old Style Marketplace for the Season

The “Season of Light” is welcomed in Germany and Austria with the opening of the Christmas Markets or *Christkindlmarkts*. Many of these markets can be traced back to the Thirteenth Century, and featured open-air stalls full of nutcrackers, holiday ornaments, sausages, gingerbread and other edibles, and handmade local crafts.

Martin Luther raised the popularity of the Christmas Markets by suggesting that children receive gifts from the Christ Child, hence the name Christkindlmarkt. Previously, gifts were given on St. Nicholas Day, December 6, or St. Martin's Day, November 11. Today, markets throughout Germany and Austria begin with a welcome of the Christkind (Christ Child) with a local youth dressed as an angel carrying a lantern and choirs singing holiday carols.

It's beginning to look
a lot like Holiday Fair!
Please read today's
Newsletter for ways
that you can help
bring our big event to
life. *Many hands make
light work!!!*

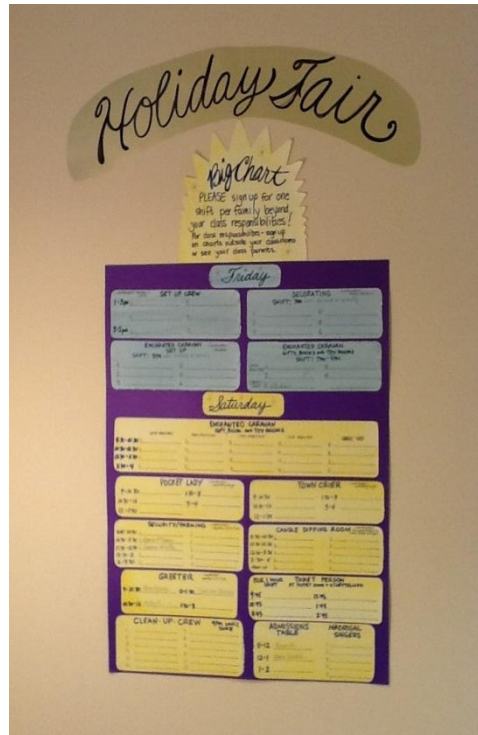
Many markets disappeared in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, but most have been revived over the last fifty years. At a town square, locals buy wares, meet up with friends and neighbors, and enjoy spiced wine under twinkling lights in the crisp evening air. The markets are a wonderful alternative to holiday commercialism.

Our own Holiday Fair is Saturday, Nov. 19, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Visitors to our “town square” will enter into transformed rooms that sparkle

amid swags of greenery. Local artisans and the Enchanted Caravan (the CAWS school store) will display handmade and one-of-a-kind items for our delight starting Friday, Nov. 18 at 7:00 pm. The festive air of the season will be carried by the songs of the Madrigal Singers. The Town Crier will announce stories and puppet shows. Many will help St. Michael to “Shoot the Dragon.” Small ones will visit the Wee Folk Shoppe and find the Pocket Lady roaming the hall. Mix in the tantalizing aromas of the Cafe and the Candle Dipping Room...and we will all be caught up in true holiday spirit. Come one and come all! Invite your friends and neighbors to our festive meeting place! The magic created during this one special weekend is what sparks our own lanterns and is carried in our hearts through the long winter season ahead.

The Big Chart is UP!

Holiday Fair Volunteer Sign-Ups



Look for this chart in the hall next to the office and sign up for a way that you can support the Nov. 19 Holiday Fair (and Nov. 18 preview night). Please sign up for two additional hours beyond what you are already doing with other parents in your child's class.

Ordering Deadline for Holiday Plants is Tuesday, Nov. 15

When you order plants from CAWS, we use them to decorate the school during the Fair, and afterwards, we give them back to you to decorate your own home. Look for an order form in the hall (or attached) and buy quality poinsettias and Norfolk Pines. These make great hostess gifts to take to Thanksgiving feasts or other holiday parties! Order by Nov. 15, please.

Still Plenty of Time to Join the Madrigal Singers!

Please don't think that you've missed your chance to join the Madrigals and perform at the Nov. 19 Holiday Fair. We had a successful first rehearsal, and you are welcome to join parent and choral director Julia Elliott at upcoming rehearsals, listed below.

Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

For more information contact Julia at juliabelliott@verizon.net.

Craft-Making to Support the Holiday Fair

Please join us at CAWS! *All skill levels are welcome.* All materials will be provided.

Location: here at school. When: every Monday, Thursday and Friday after drop off. Also, Friday, Nov. 11, 9:00 a.m. to Noon, Topic TBD. (Also, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. we will be pricing Enchanted Caravan items being sold at the fair.) For more information: Heather Collis Puro or Laura Freysinger.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Evening of Health Tomorrow, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 8, is an evening of health and wellness sponsored by the Waldorf Community Association. Christine Cronin of Satya Wellness (www.satyawellness.com) will lead an interactive workshop about Ayurveda, the 5,000 year old healing tradition from India. Learn about its history and origins, find out about your dosha -- your unique Ayurvedic body-mind constitution -- and learn about ways to maintain or regain health with simple, everyday lifestyle practices for you and your family. Nov. 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Orders from Steiner Books Due Wednesday!

Families two weeks ago received the Steiner Books Catalog. There are many wonderful titles available for the youngest child up to and including adults. If there are books that you are interested in ordering, please do so through the Enchanted Caravan School Store. Ordering this way saves on shipping costs and all the profits from your purchase go directly to CAWS. Ordering is easy: either place a note in the Holiday Fair mailbox or email Heather Collis Puro at heather@collispuro.net. Ordering deadline is Wednesday (Nov. 9)!

Early Morning ‘Parking Awareness’

A friendly note from a friendly mom: would early morning parkers please squeeze in as best they can so that the later cars -- we 8:08 arrivals -- will have a better chance at a parking spot. Thank you very much!

Eighth Grade Fall Yard Clean Ups

The eighth grade is willing the leaves to fall from the trees, and they are ready with rakes in hand! Despite the cold weather, we still want to rake your yard. Please keep us in mind as an alternative to a professional lawn service. Contact eighth grade parent, Joan Wendt at meepadog@gmail.com to make your reservation.

Cell Phone Policy Reminder

We recognize that cell phones are useful and convenient for parents and students alike. Cell phones, however, are also used to receive messages from friends, play games, look at photos, etc. Although cell phones often have handy functions such as calculators, clocks, and stop watches, etc., which can serve a purpose in the classroom, their use is often inappropriate for pedagogical goals and are easily distracting as recreational activities.

Cell Phone Policy...

We are also finding that students are changing their pick-up arrangements *via* cell phone, so that the school is not apprised of these changes. For these reasons, the following cell phone policy is in effect:

- Students may bring cell phones to school, but the phones must be turned off and remain in the backpacks until the student leaves the school grounds.
- If you need to change pick-up arrangements, please call the office rather than calling your child's cell phone. This way the office, as well as the student, is aware of the new arrangement.
- Phones being used by students at school will be confiscated and returned to the parent. This applies for both on-campus and off-campus school activities.
- We respectfully ask that adults do not use cell phones or other electronic communication devices while in the building or play areas during school hours.

In the event of an emergency, common sense will prevail; students should immediately inform an adult of an emergency in any event.

Great Hall Almost Ready! Help Needed to Finish the Job...

The Great Hall, our community gathering space and multifunction room *is almost ready for use*. As we await final permit documents that will allow us unrestricted use of the room (it is currently for storage only) we need to complete one last project. Could you help? We need people to install acoustic insulation in the Great Hall ceiling. We are using an eco-friendly and people-friendly



recycled denim insulation (shredded blue jeans!) that has low dust and little or none of the itch of traditional fiberglass. We've got one or two volunteers already, but we need one or two *teams* of a few volunteers each.

Please reach out to CAWS parent Peter Rudd if you think you can help.

Left: That's Peter at work on the driveway! Photo by Toni Cheng

Without insulation, the Kindergarteners above the hall can hear all that is going on below. To remedy this situation – and to finish the last piece of this project and open our new Great Hall -- we need you're your help. Some of the work has already been done. Visit the Great

Hall downstairs to see. No special skills are required but at least two members of each team must be comfortable on a tall step ladder. If you would like to help please contact Peter Rudd either by email at peter@teachingtrees.com or phone at the office, 978-927-8811. If you can assemble your own team that would be wonderful! Peter is available Mondays and Tuesdays to help, but anytime a team is available they can work.

Waiting for Wind and Tide

Last week Ms. Quayle took the seventh grade for a surprise field trip to Salem. The class was studying trade and navigation as an epilogue to their more extensive inquiry into the Age of Exploration (see last week's *Newsletter*).

In Salem, the class had a private tour of the mansion of Elias Derby, the major U.S. merchant whose ships worked the China trade routes established by the earlier explorers. The class also had a workshop on navigational tools and studied maritime art in the Peabody Essex Museum.

Here, Molly Cooke takes inspiration from *Waiting for Wind and Tide*, an 1870 oil painting by Francis Augustus Silva. That's her sketch below. Thanks to her father, Doug Cooke, for these photos.



Raffle Winners Announced

The eighth grade is pleased to announce the winners of their "free babysitting" raffle: Jocelyn Schaeffer, Dan Butin, Stacey Fisher, Janice Walwood, and Diana Niethamer. Congratulations to our winners!

Many, many thanks to each of you who supported our raffle! The proceeds go to the students' big trip at the end of the year.



Pluto and Zoom Zoom

The Butin family was one of the five winners of the eighth grade babysitting raffle, but it's their two dogs that are celebrating. The eighth grade has agreed to offer the Butins free dog-sitting in lieu of free babysitting. Congratulations, Pluto and Zoom Zoom.

Thank You for a Great Open House!

A heart-y thank you to the following people for their wonderful support at the Lantern Making Open House and Tour on Saturday: Elizabeth Stubbs, Heather Collis Puro, Laura Freysinger, Angel Tevan, Betsy Vicksell, Matt Stella and Jeni Indresano, Gretchen MacKilligan, Christine Young, Cathy Kennedy, Leanne Scarcella, Chris Fantini, Mary Dissette, and Stephanie Irvine. And to all our parents who distributed fliers to help us get the word out about this event - Thank You! And finally, to Dana Dooley and Luba Grenader, whose additional diligent preparations helped us to reach this special day.

CAWS MARKETPLACE

Thanksgiving Turkeys! [Farmers to You](#) is now taking orders for Thanksgiving turkeys from Misty Knoll Farms. Orders taken until Nov. 13 for a Nov. 23 delivery. These delicious birds range from 12 to 30 pounds. Each size range is its own order item. You can head over to the website to see the pre-ordering procedure and why these birds should grace your table. (Cooking guidelines are included with each turkey.) If you have not yet partnered with Farmers To You, their truck is in the parking lot every Wednesday between 2 and 3. Come by and see the bounty of Vermont delivered weekly. Talk to CAWS parent Maureen Aylward Wrinn, our on-site host, for more information on how you can form a partnership.

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Understand Yourself Understand Yourself and Your Loved Ones More Deeply. There will be a day-long workshop on November 12th from 10-6pm facilitated by Elizabeth Carrington-House entitled “A Call To Presence: Understanding and Applying the Enneagram.” Details: Elizabeth [@DolphinLeadership.com](mailto:Elizabeth@DolphinLeadership.com) or [978 468 4568](tel:9784684568).

Fresh & Bright

Holiday Plants

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ORDER DEADLINE IS Tuesday, November 15

Plant	Unit Price	Quantity	Color	Total
6" Poinsettias 3-6 flowers Red, pink, or white	\$10			
8" Poinsettias 6-12 flowers Red, pink, or white	\$18			
3' Norfolk Pines	\$28			

Please place completed order forms into Heather Collis Puro's mailbox in the office by the deadline. Payment due with this form. Make checks payable to CAWS.

CAWS Calendar November 7 – 26, 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6	7 3:15 Boys Basketball Practice 7:00 – 8:30 7th Grade Parent Evening	8 3:15 Girls Basketball Practice 5:00 Shepherds' Play Practice 7:00 – 9:00 Adult Speaker Series	9 5:30 Lantern Walk for grades 1 & 2	10 Professional Day – No Classes Lantern Walk 4:30 Nursery 5:30 Kindergrtn	11 No School	12 10:00 Madrigal Singers Rehearsal in Eurythmy Room
13	14 3:15 Boys Basketball Practice	15 8:15 – 10:30 Admissions Grade Tour Grades 2, 4, 6 and 8 12:00 – 2:30 4th & 5th Grades to Salem Maritime Museum 3:15 Girls Basketball Practice 5:00 Shepherds' Play Practice 7:30 Madrigal Singers Rehearsal in Eurythmy Room	16 7:00 – 10:00 Board Meeting 7:30 – 9:00 3rd Grade Parent Evening	17 8:15 – 1:00 7th and 8th Grades to Boston for Romeo & Juliet 3:15 Boys Basketball Practice	18 No Sweet Pea Classes 12:30 – 2:30 3rd grade to CSA 3:15 Girls Basketball Practice 7:00 – 9:00 Holiday Fair Preview Night; includes vendors (Adults Only)	19 9:00 – 4:00 Holiday Fair
20	21 3:15 Boys Basketball Practice	22 Parent Conference Sign Up 3:15 Girls Basketball Practice 5:00 Shepherds' Play Practice	23 Grandparents and Special Friends Day No Early Childhood classes 10:45 Assembly 12:10 Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving No School	25 Thanksgiving Break No School	26

