

Learning Conference Moved To Feb. 5, 6

The Learning Conference is returning to CAWS Feb. 5 and Feb. 6, a change from the date previously announced.

This conference is for us, the parent body, and anyone wanting to learn the “What, How and Why of Waldorf Education.”

The conference will open Friday evening (6:30-9:00 pm) with a panel of Waldorf School graduates answering questions compiled from our parent body.

On Saturday (8:30am -3:00 pm), the conference will continue with a keynote speaker in the morning followed by a choice of hands-on workshops focusing on the “why” of Waldorf education. Workshops will be led by our own faculty and will explore subjects like math, painting, geometric form drawing and science. The Saturday workshops are designed with a choice of workshops on the early grades in the morning and the middle school years in the afternoon.

The cost is \$10 Friday night only, \$20 Saturday, and \$25 for the two-day event. The Saturday cost includes lunch. Registration information and more details will be announced later in the month.

Pizza Lunch Wednesday

Pizza lunch will be served again this Wednesday, Jan. 13. Tickets (\$5.00 for one slice, \$6.00 for two) can be purchased in the Main Hall at drop-off that day. All proceeds will go to CAWS. And remember: start your mornings with coffee, tea or baked goods from the new parent-run coffee hour, Mon., Wed., and Fri.

Tour Classes Tomorrow

For a fascinating look at main lesson learning in grades 1, 3, 5 and 7, please come on a tour of classes tomorrow, Jan. 12, 8:30 – 10:30 am.

There is so much to see. Come, be surprised, and meet with faculty afterwards for a short Q&A.

RSVP to Kelly Hiselman: 978-927-1936.

Who's Learning What In Main Lesson

- Grade 1 Math
- Grade 2 Math
- Grade 3 Money
- Grade 4 Norse Mythology/ Language Arts
- Grade 5 North American Geography
- Grade 6 Business Math
- Grade 7 Class Play
- Grade 8 Anatomy

*NOTE: Tour classes (see above)
for a closer look!*

Message From Admissions: Sibling Sign-Up Open Now

Hello everyone, this month, we are very pleased to offer priority admissions to currently non-enrolled siblings in our community for next year.

If you are interested in enrolling your youngest child in Nursery or Kindergarten, please fill out an application from our web site www.capeannwaldorf.org and submit with your

\$50 application fee to me. I will then follow up with an interview time for you and your child to meet with our early childhood teachers.

Interviews need to be completed by Friday, January 29. If you have an interest in participating in this process, please feel free to call me with any questions and I look forward to working with you! --*Kelly, Your friendly admissions director*

New Gym Teacher Here; Welcome Joanie Albers!

We are pleased to welcome our new gym teacher for grades one through six, Joanie Albers.

Mrs. Albers comes with energy, enthusiasm and extensive experience teaching children. Her love of the outdoors and her commitment to gentle inclusion in learning is evident and will facilitate a smooth transition.

During Mrs. Albers's visit in December many children met her and she quickly learned their names and adjusted her lessons to suit each group. The faculty was impressed at her ability to immediately take hold of the classes she taught and engage each of the students, assessing every situation and making adjustments as needed. The people with whom she previously worked spoke of her in the highest regard.

Welcome, Joanie.

Newsletter Items

Due Thursday, Jan. 21

The next *Newsletter* is scheduled for Monday Jan. 25. Therefore, announcements concerning January/February events, meetings, etc., are due on Thursday, Jan. 21. Thank you:

jmalcolmkennedy@gmail.com.

Nursery, Kindergarten Open House Saturday

Tour classrooms, speak with faculty, and enjoy puppet shows and beeswax candle-making with the children, Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:00 am – noon.

RSVP to Kelly Hiselman: 978-927-1936.

Handwork Group Open Thursday Mornings

Join Heather Collis Puro, Laura Freysinger and Libby Sheen for open handwork sessions in the Main Hall, Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:15.

If you are stuck in your own project or want to learn something new, there is enough expertise here in all mediums to help you out.

Parents and friends gather to work on a variety of knitting, crocheting, and sewing projects. Parents with small children are welcome. Tell your friends!

The Night Sky

The Newsletter astronomy column returns this week thanks to Red Rose Kindergarten father Jon Cosco.

Last month marked the winter solstice, and also a spectacular “blue moon” on the last night of the year. A blue moon is the “extra” full moon in years that have thirteen full moons. Most years have twelve full moons which occur approximately monthly, but in addition to those twelve full lunar cycles, each solar calendar year contains roughly eleven days more than the lunar year. The extra days accumulate, so every two or three years, there is an “extra” full moon or “blue moon.”

This month, Mars shines and Venus hides behind the Sun, crossing from the morning to the evening sky on the 11th. Mars will make its closest approach to Earth for this year on January 27. It is highest in the sky around midnight, and it outshines every star except blue Sirius, the brightest star in the night sky.

Earth came closest to the Sun for this year on January 2. The year's nearest moon — a full moon, to boot — is on the 30th. The January full moon is traditionally known as the “Wolf Moon” or “Old Moon.” To some Native American tribes, this was the Snow Moon, the name we now give to the full moon in February. Native Americans called the February full moon the “Hunger Moon” because hunting was made very difficult by the heavy snow cover.

Sources: <http://www.almanac4kids.com> and <http://en.wikipedia.org/>

Financial Aid Forms Due

For anyone interested in applying for Financial Aid, the FACTS on-line application is now available via the CAWS website.

The deadline for completing the Financial Aid application is **January 15**, and the deadline for submitting all supporting tax documents to FACTS is **February 5**.

Please go to the school's website under the Admissions section for further information and for a link to the FACTS on-line application. Feel free to call, email, or stop by the business office and talk with Lauren White if you have any questions.

Drive a Teacher To Work, Thursdays

Could you drive our Sweet Pea teacher to work for her noon-time start on Thursdays? She lives in Byfield, right on the Georgetown line...not far from Ipswich, Topsfield and Newburyport. If you think you can help, please call Anshin Higashibaba at: 978-317-6129.