



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012

Cape Ann Waldorf School, 701 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915 978-927-8811 www.capeannwaldorf.org

First Fireside Chat is a 'Lively' Success

Second meeting this Saturday to include free childcare

Eighteen members of our community shared their experience and perceptions of the school at our first Fireside Chat on Friday, Jan. 13. The discussion was lively and provided invaluable information for the Board of Trustees to use in its strategic planning process.

Participants were asked to talk about what attracted them to the school, why they stay, and what they want their children to have learned when they graduate. They also shared their views on the strengths and weaknesses of the school and identified the areas they see as the top priorities for CAWS's growth over the next three years.



We strongly urge everyone in our community to attend one of these meetings. We need your input to plan for the future of the school! **The next Fireside Chat is scheduled for Saturday January 21, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Childcare will be offered at no charge for this meeting.** Please sign up in the first floor hall in advance.

The last meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 2, from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Photo: Board member and school parent Karen Williamson engages participants at the first fireside chat to discuss the school's future. Please see more photos of the meeting (by Tony Cheng) at: [the CAWS web site](#).

In addition to these informal gatherings, the Board will be sending out a **survey** to all the members of our extended community and posting a **blog** for people to comment about the school. We will use information from all these sources to craft our new three-year Strategic Plan. Use these to tell us what you think! We need and value your opinion.

Thanks to all of you who came on Friday to engage in this important process: Chris Dowley, Lyle Davidson, Dan Butin, Beth Crowe, Pam Deveau, Doug Cooke, Brian Romer, Bill Hanscom, Cathy

Kennedy, Christine Garcia-Akers, Jocelyn Schaeffer, Christina Yoors, Jon Cosco, Linda Platt, Chris Carrigan, Peter Rudd, Tony Cheng, and Ann Distasio.

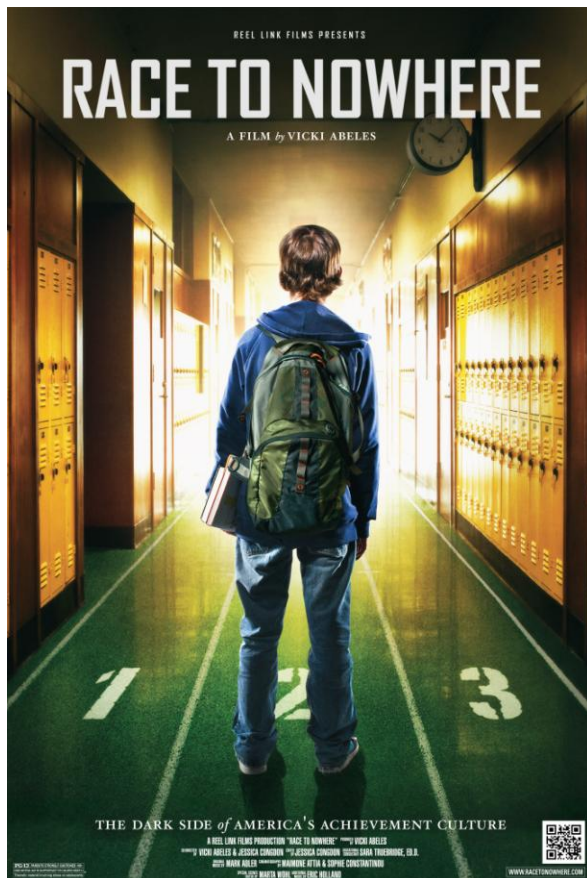
Middle School Curriculum Evening and Alum Panel that was to be held tonight is postponed!

Regarding this evening's Middle School Curriculum Evening and Alum Panel -We are hearing that parents would love to attend but are over-committed and unable to come to this evening's event at this time. We want to honor this and postpone this event to another time. We will let you know when we have a new date.

***Race to Nowhere* Here at School Feb. 3 & 4**

The Waldorf Community Association will host *Race to Nowhere* on Friday evening, Feb. 3, and Saturday morning, Feb. 4 here at CAWS. The WCA, our school's parent association, sponsors a learning conference for parents and teachers every year. This year's conference will include the movie and facilitated discussion.

The movie is 85 minutes with a one-hour discussion to follow.



On Friday, Feb. 3, Beth Crowe will facilitate the discussion following the 7:00 p.m. movie. Beth is a CAWS parent, grandparent, and long-time educational advocate and consultant. Friday night's viewing is open to the greater North Shore community.

On Saturday, Feb. 4, Dan Butin, CAWS parent and dean of the School of Education at Merrimack College, will facilitate the discussion following the 9:00 a.m. screening. This viewing is open only to the CAWS community.

Admission is free.

Reservations are required.

Details forthcoming!

CAWS Marketplace

Understand Yourself and Your Loved Ones More Deeply There will be a day-long workshop on January 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. facilitated by Elizabeth Carrington-House entitled “A Call To Presence: Understanding the Wisdom of the Enneagram.” Details: Elizabeth@DolphinLeadership.com or 978 468 4568.

CAWS Calendar January 17 – February 4, 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
15	16	17 3:15 – 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice	18 Basketball Games vs. Glen Urquhart Boys: 3:30 Girls 4:30 7:15 – 9:00 2nd Grade Parent Evening	19 Basketball Games Vs. Lexington Girls 3:45 Boys 4:45 7:00 – 10:00 Board Meeting	20 Pizza Day 8:15 – 10:00 Nursery and Kindergarten Tour and Info Session 3:15 – 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice	21 9:00 – 11:00 Fireside Chat: Strategic Planning Meeting Free Childcare Available
22	23 Basketball Games vs. Brookwood both Boys and Girls at 3:30 7:00- 8:30 First Grade Parent Evening	24 Basketball Games vs. Landmark at Landmark Boys 3:30 Girls 4:45 7:00 – 8:15 First Grade Readiness for Rising First Grade Parents	25	26 12:45 – 2:30 8th Grade Play Performance for Grades 1 – 3 3:15 – 5:00 Boys Basketball Practice 6:00 8th Grade Play Performance	27 Pizza Day 10:15 – 12:10 8th Grade Play Performance for Grades 4 – 7 3:15 – 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice 7:00 8th Grade Play Performance	28 10:00 – 12:00 Prospective Nursery Parent Gathering
29	30 2:45 Basketball Team Photo 3:15 – 5:00 Boys Basketball Practice	31 Basketball Team Photo 3:15 – 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice 7:00 – 8:30 Nursery Parent Evening	1	2 Basketball Games 3:30 Boys 4:30 Girls Fireside Chat: Strategic Planning Meeting	3 Pizza Day 1:00 – 2:00 Kindergarten Play Group for Applicants 3:15 – 5:00 Girls Basketball Practice 7:00 – 10:00 Learning Conference	4 9:00 – 12:30 Learning Conference