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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities
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Dates for the 2010 AWSNA Summer Conference at the Atlanta Waldorf School and Academe of the Oaks is now confirmed for June 22 - 25, 2010. We invite you all to participate, as we embark on a three-year journey exploring adolescence and how to work together to build vibrant K-12 programs. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta! The Summer Conference Committee consists of Connie Starzynski—Summer Conference Committee Chair, James Pewtherer—Pedagogical Section Council, Stacy Alston—Waldorf School of Atlanta, Eva Handschin—Academe of the Oaks, Arthur Pittis—Austin Waldorf School, Carol Bartges—RSSNY, and Michael Soulé—AWSNA Leader of Programs and Activities.

Winning with Waldorf IV a huge success...Duffy Waldorf was his usual expert and generous self, full of good teaching, gracious good humor, willingness to help, and just plain champion style. The preparation done by the on-the-ground-golf crew at the Waldorf School of Orange County was top notch. Their hard work, twinkly sense of humor, and love of their Waldorf School made the day. Our own AWSNA Board representatives, Val Bertelsen III and Lynn Kern, were there golfing well. Careening golf cart tours were managed again by Patrice Maynard, Chaddie Hughes, Board Member of both AWSNA and the Baltimore Waldorf School, and Barri Borsky, Development Director at Highland Hall, who has been a good partner on all four Winning with Waldorf golf benefits, as she helps to lend us Duffy. Pictures will be posted soon on the www.whywaldorfworks.org web site. Winning with Waldorf V is already planned for June 7, 2010, and will be hosted by the Emerson Waldorf School in North Carolina. Save the date!

Important News from Canada...The membership of the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI) and the Canadian Association of Independent Schools (CAIS) has voted to dissolve their respective associations and to endorse the creation of a new organization that will combine the strengths of both founding groups. This organization will be headed by Anne Marie Kee, former Executive Director of CESI. A new board was also elected that includes members from each former board. CESI was a national accrediting body for independent schools in Canada applying a rigorous process based on twelve standards drawn from international best practices. CESI was recently recognized by the National Association of Independent Schools International Commission on Accreditation, a world accrediting body. CAIS was an association that provided professional development opportunities and hosted annual conferences for faculty, staff, and school leadership. "The mandate of the new organization is to significantly enhance the opportunities for member schools to pursue their own ambitious agendas of renewal, innovation, and constant improvement," says Kee. "National accreditation based on international standards will differentiate these schools and give families the confidence of knowing that the school they choose is a cut above the rest." Toronto Waldorf School is currently the only Canadian Waldorf school with CESI accreditation.

Although this year's main flu – the H1N1 virus – has been declared an emergency, we encourage schools and families to remain fully informed about the virus. It is still milder than many other viruses, lasts only about three days, and, as with most diseases, the danger is usually for the very young and the very old.