



November 4, 2009

weekly announcements

COMING UP ...

...ALL SCHOOL

- ◆ ALL-SCHOOL FACULTY IN-SERVICE DAY
NO CLASSES
THIS COMING MONDAY, NOV. 9

...FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ HS FALL SPORTS BANQUET
Thu Nov 12, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ OPEN HOUSE FOR PROSPECTIVE HS FAMILIES
Sun Nov 15, 1 - 4pm
- ◆ HS WINTER SPORTS PARENT MTG
Tue Nov 17, 7 - 9pm

- ◆ 9-11TH STUDENT SERVICE DAY
SENIOR SEMINAR
9TH PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Mon Nov 23, 2009

- ◆ HS STUDENT SERVICE DAY/NO CLASSES
10TH/11TH/12TH PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
Tue Nov 24, 2009

- ◆ HS THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY BEGINS
Wed Nov 25
- ◆ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
Thu- Fri Nov 26 - 27

...FOR THE GRADE SCHOOL

- ◆ FAIRY WALK WRAP-UP MEETING
Tue Nov 10, 8:30am, Development Office
- ◆ 7TH GRADE PARENT S OF BOYS (NEW)
Wed Nov 11, 7pm
- ◆ 3RD GRADE HARVEST DINNER (RESCHEDULED)
Wed Nov 11, 5:30pm
- ◆ 1ST GRADE CLASS MEETING
Mon Nov 16, 7:15 - 8:45pm
- ◆ KINDERGARTEN PARENT EVENING - GS EURYTHMY RM
Tue Nov 17, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL ENROLLMENT EVENT
Wed Nov 18, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ 2ND GRADE PARENT EVENING
Wed Nov 18, 7 - 9pm
- ◆ GS THANKSGIVING ASSEMBLY
Fri Nov 20, after lunch details coming
- ◆ OPEN HOUSE AT GRADE SCHOOL
Sat Nov 21, 9am-12noon

- ◆ GRADE SCHOOL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NO GS CLASSES
Mon - Wed Nov 23-25

- ◆ THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
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BOOK FAIR

Thursday, November 5, 6 - 8pm

Books Inc., Laurel Village - 3515 California St.



Purchase books for your favorite reader or donate to the school (book lists provided). Refreshments, social time, child care and more.

Proceeds from any sales during the event or pre-ordered through the 8th grade will benefit the 8th grade class fund.



HEALING OUR CHILDREN WITH ATTENTION, LEARNING AND EMOTIONAL CHALLENGES

A TALK WITH SUSAN JOHNSON, MD

Tuesday, November 10, 7:30-9:00pm

Grade school campus. Donations welcome



Behavioral and developmental pediatrician Susan Johnson has made it her life's mission to connect the most recent findings of brain science with the deep wisdom of Rudolf Steiner's indications on learning and health. Don't miss this opportunity to hear her speak on this most important topic.

Our children, and especially boys, are being increasingly labeled with ADD, Learning Disabilities and Autistic Spectrum Disorders. What is going on? How might all of these disorders be related? What role does sensory integration dysfunction play in the development of these disorders? What can be done to heal our children who have been labeled with these disorders?



The Magic Lantern Traveling Marionette Theatre presents

THE FROG PRINCE

Sun Nov 15, 10:00am & 11:00am

For children 5 and older.
\$5 donation at the door.
Main Hall, grade school campus



ALL SCHOOL NEWS

◆ Affordable Tuition Program Reminder

Please remember that our Affordable Tuition Program requires an application every year. Both new and continuing applicants need to submit the school's form and the PFS (Parent Financial Statement) by January 14, 2010*.

NEW THIS YEAR:

1. The supplemental form for our school has been greatly simplified.
2. In addition to the online PFS form that SSS (School and Student Service by NAIS) processes, all other forms, including the school's supplemental form and subsequent copies of tax forms, must be sent directly to SSS.

Details about how to proceed and subsequent deadlines for tax forms are available now on the **admissions pages of our school websites**. All forms and links for applications are also available through the websites.

*Early Admission applicants to our high school have received notice via mail regarding a unique earlier timeline for their ATP applications.

Mona Nemetz, for the Affordable Tuition Program

ATHLETICS

◆ HS Girls' Varsity Volleyball*

**2ND PLACE WALDORF WOLVERINES FACE OFF AGAINST
3RD PLACE PESCADERO IN THE BCL PLAYOFFS
TONIGHT, 4:30PM,
AT 245 VALENCIA ST (NEW LOCATION!!) !**

Fri Nov 6 7:00pm BCL Central Championship, 150 Oak St
Wed Nov 11 NCS Championships - TBA
**Home games are at the Annunciation Cathedral Gym, 245 Valencia St)*

The HS Girls volleyball team is heading toward the playoffs in 2nd place. Come out and cheer the team on!

◆ GS Girls' Volleyball

6th Grade

Fri Nov 6 8:15pm Game 7 v. Good Shep. - 40th Ave/Lawton
Sat Nov 7 2:15pm Game 8 v. Corpus Christi - 255 Jules Ave

7th Grade

Sat Nov 7 9am Game 8 v. St. John - 2001 37th Ave

8th Grade

Sat Nov 7 11:15am Game 8 v. OLM - 2001 37th Ave

Congratulations to 8th Grade Girls who lead their division as regular season play draws to a close.

Last minute updates and directions? Call the Sports Hotlines:

HS- 415-213-6197 / GS- 415-213-6196

You can also get up-to-date athletics information on our websites at www.sfwaldorfhighschool.org/newsandevents/athletics or www.sfwaldorf.org/gradeschool/athletics.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

◆ It's Spirit Week!!

The 11th Grade has instituted SFWHS's first ever Spirit Week! The fun began on Monday with Pajama Day, Tuesday was Twin Day, today is School Colors (check them out at the big Volleyball game tonight!), tomorrow is Class Colors and the week ends with 80's Day -we can't wait to see the interpretation of that theme! There have been pie eating contests, tug-of-war, costume contests and more. We look forward to sharing details and photos next week.

Cory Powers, Weekly Announcements, editor



The Pleiades is one of the most beautiful star clusters in the sky. In Autumn it rises during the evening and its distinctive glow shines even for urban dwellers. The Pleiades, also known as M45 (from the Messier Catalog), is a collection of relatively young stars (only 100 million years old!) that shine with a blue color due to their hot temperature. The Pleiades are also known as the Seven Sisters and there is plenty of mythology describing each of the seven sisters. Despite the "Seven Sisters" mythology, most people see six stars when they look out at the Pleiades and describe the shape of the asterism as a small Little Dipper. Random fact: the Subaru car company logo is made up of six stars, Subaru being the Japanese term for Pleiades.

This week the full moon passes very close to the Pleiades and in more southerly latitudes it actually occults (blocks out) several of the brightest stars in the cluster. For those of us in San Francisco, the evenings of November 3-5 should be especially interesting if you view the Moon through binoculars or a telescope. You will be able to notice how fast the Moon moves past the stars of the Pleiades and other bright stars in Taurus. Although the very bright light of the full Moon will drown out nearly everything around it (including the blue nebulosity of the dust surrounding the Pleiades), all will be clear when you look closely with binoculars or a telescope.



*Paul Salazar, parent grades 6 & 10, urbanastronomer.blogspot.com
The Urban Astronomer will be on KFOG 104.5 FM next Tuesday morning during the 8:00 hour of the program*

GRADE SCHOOL NEWS

◆ 7th/8th Grade Dance a Hit

Two weekends ago, our 7th and 8th grade students, along with those from other Bay Area Waldorf schools, participated in a middle school dance in our Main Hall. It was a great turnout and the students danced the night away under the guidance of MC (and GS Gym teacher) Justin Ganz and his able DJ assistance Kaleb Ganz (grade 12) and Jack Policar. In addition to dancing to play-lists suggested by the students, there were Conga lines and musical chairs. There were lots of positive comments from the students -

- "The dance was killer." - Julian
- "My favorite dance so far." - Elliot
- "The DJ's were fun, young and had a great selection of music." - Nils
- "It was great to have a chance to meet students from other schools."
- "Mr. Ganz and his crew were great DJ's." - Orestis
- "The atmosphere was amazing as we danced the night away." - Pablo
- "The music was well chosen... I hope that you can DJ again, because I enjoyed working with you." - Simon

Special thanks from Mr. Ganz and Mrs. Barhydt to chaperones Norman Fargo, Eric Christeson, Rhian David, Elias Feldman, José Hernandez, Patrick Markle and Ralph Barhydt.

Our clean-up and set-up crews made sure the Main Hall was decorated beautifully and then put back in order at the end of the dance. Thanks also to our terrific 8th grade students who pulled the whole event together: Philippine, Elizabeth, Aria, Julian, Eric, Orestis, Nils and Kamana for setting up; Pablo, Cole, Zina, Elliot, and Philippine for their super-efficient job of clean-up with extra help from Monica and Elias Feldman; Maddalena for leading the organizing; Max for arranging lighting and Davia for making signs. Thanks also to the Fariab family for arranging refreshments.

Cory Powers with Justin Gamz and Mary Barhydt

◆ Photo Make-Up Day

For those students who were absent on school photo day, November 4, there will be a make-up photo day offered on Thursday, November 12. Please see Melinda for any questions or if you need an order form.

◆ New Round of Pizza Lunches

All pizza orders are due by Thursday, November 5 for the next round!! Thanks for participating in the 8th grade fundraiser. The order form is available at <http://www.sfwaldorf.org/news/>

◆ More Open House Thanks

We were remiss in not acknowledging the contributions of Cynthia Dewar and Todd Oppenheimer at our last Open House on October 24.

Cynthia and Kim Jason-Smith are the dedicated volunteers who read, order and shelve books in our small, yet carefully selected book closet. Cynthia arrived early to set-up the beautiful book table and then proceeded to sell over \$250 worth of books, a record for our open houses! With the help of Todd Oppenheimer, author (*The Flickering Mind*) and parent, who graciously signed purchased copies of his book after the event, the book table was more popular than ever. Todd also spoke eloquently in the question and answer portion of the Open House.

Thank you for all your help. We couldn't do it without you!

-Lori Grey, Enrollment Director

P.S. Volunteers, chefs and bakers are needed for our next open house on November 21. Volunteer forms are now available.

◆ Winter Parenting Classes to Begin November 30 Sign up Now..

San Francisco Waldorf School warmly welcomes enrollment in the winter session of our parent child classes. Classes provide a nourishing environment for the developing child and a supportive forum for families to explore and deepen their connection with Waldorf education. All classes are facilitated by a trained Waldorf early childhood educator. Observation classes introduce participants to Waldorf parenting principles and to the practice of objective observation; Work and Play classes provide an opportunity to explore the art of handwork through the creation of beautiful and useful objects from natural materials or to experience the joy that comes from preparing seasonal and nourishing foods with your child by your side. Full course descriptions and open enrollment can be found at: www.sfwaldorf.org

Questions may be directed to Allison Carroll at acarroll@sfwaldorf.org or 931-2750 x232.

GS PARENT ASSOCIATION

◆ Fairy Walk - A Great Success!

We would like to give a big thank you for everyone's participation in the Fairy Walk. To all the scene leaders, actors, witches, wizards, ticket collectors, fairy guides, set-up and clean-up crews, cookie bakers, pumpkin carvers, shoppers and everyone else who helped in any way, we could not have done this without you. Also we would like to thank the office staff, teachers and the teacher trainees for their support. Together we made the Fairy Walk a magical event for the whole school.

Bryan Chua, Alison Thain, Cara Daniels

Wrap-Up Meeting - Tuesday, November 10, 8:30am in the Development Office

P.S. Did you lend something to the Fairy Walk? Please retrieve your personal possessions from the Main Hall foyer by Friday morning. After this all items will magically disappear and it may be difficult to make them reappear!

◆ Ostheimer Countdown!



THREE days left to choose your gifts, fill out the order form, turn it into the Grade School Office and then relax! Between this and the book sale, your holiday and birthday shopping could be FINISHED! AND our students reap the benefits!



**Order deadline is
TOMORROW, Thursday, November 6!!**

OF INTEREST

◆ Community Enrichment Courses at the Bay Area Center for Waldorf Teacher Training

Workshop with Oliver Steinrueck:
"Reverence for the Young Child at Home"

2 sessions – 8:45 to 10:00am, Thursday, November 5 and Thursday
November 19. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted. Enrollment:
Minimum of 8; open to parents of children enrolled in a Waldorf, or
Waldorf-inspired school. At Marin Waldorf, 755 Idylberry Road, San
Rafael, CA 94903

**Talk by Kate Kristensen: "How Being a Waldorf Parent Helped
Me Succeed in Corporate America: Keeping a Waldorf lifestyle in
balance with professional demands."**

7:30 pm on Tuesday, November 10. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted.
At Summerfield Waldorf, 655 Willowside Ave, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Talk by Dr. Philip Incao: "Should We Be Afraid of Illness?"

7:00 pm Thursday, November 12. Cost: No fee. Donations accepted.
At Marin Waldorf School, 755 Idylberry Road, San Rafael, CA 94903

To register, please call the office at (415) 332-2133. Early registration is
much appreciated and will help to ensure that the minimum numbers
are reached in advance.

◆ Rudolf Steiner and Sri Aurobindo The Adventure Within

with Robert McDermott and Irène François

Friday, Nov. 13 7:30-9:30pm & Saturday, Nov. 14 9am-1pm

Tickets at the door: \$65. Students/Seniors: \$45. For more information
call Jessica at 415-359-5189 or e-mail sfprogram@steinercollege.edu

◆ Au Pair Family Wanted

I'm a 19 year old from a German village near Cologne and I am
seeking an au pair position in the Bay Area. In addition to caring for
3 siblings, I have worked as a babysitter for 5 years. I have studied
English for 8 years and have been on 5 exchanges in America and
England. I also have an international driver's license and basic
knowledge in cooking and other housework.

My au pair organization is the Cultural Care Agency. For me to get
my working VISA, I must make any arrangements through them.

Please email me at: elisabeth.schmees@gmx.de.

*Elisabeth and her family are acquainted with several Waldorf families
through German exchanges. Contact Paige Hart, 11th grade parent, if you
have additional questions.*

◆ Hummingbird Preschool Open Houses

Saturday, November 14 & Sunday, November 15, 10-11am &
Thursday, January 7, 4-5pm

749 39th Ave. (near Balboa). RSVP Marlis Harris 751-7977 (after 1pm
on weekdays) or Maureen Perry 752-7621

Please join us for approximately one hour to visit the school to meet
our Waldorf-trained teachers, Marlis Harris and Barby Lobb.

It is recommended that children stay at home so that parents may
be free to ask questions. However, we will have care available for
families who request it.

Please RSVP for childcare. www.hummingbirdsf.com

◆ The Genius of Money: Essays and Interviews Reimagining the Financial World

We are pleased to announce that *The Genius of Money* a book by
John Bloom, founding parent and former administrator of the
school, is now in bookstores. The book addresses the intersection
of money and spirit in essays based on historical works of art,
under the title *The Poetics of Money*. The book also addresses the
Topography of Transactions, and a Wealth of Transformation
which consists of interviews with individuals who have
transformed their own relationship with money. John is the
Director of Organizational Culture at RSF Social Finance and
lectures widely on aspects of money in social life.

"We are being forced by economic crisis to look at the deeper
issues of money - its shadows, light, power and its evanescence.
It is a great bellwether of the state of our consciousness. It is time
to look at the hard issues, especially money, in a new way that
incorporates spirit and social values. If anything has been made
clear, it is that when money is disconnected from real economic
activity and human productivity, it too easily becomes an end
unto itself. Financial transactions then become impenetrable,
opaque, and unaccountable in the true sense of the words. When
money is an end rather than a means, transparency is an enemy,
trust a victim. Money has become so abstract it can no longer be
weighed, though it weighs on us, and each of us, with our credits
and debits, lives within its meaning...." -John Bloom

◆ Fundamentals of Waldorf Education An Introduction with Betty Staley, MA

Saturday, November 7, 2009 9am-3:30pm

For Parents, Teachers, Administrators, and Board Members. At
Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks, CA (Sacramento area)

Workshop Fee: \$45. Registration: Visit www.steinercollege.edu or
call 916-864-4864.

- Learn why Waldorf is on the cutting edge of education
- Gain a better understanding of its philosophical basis
- Learn how the Waldorf curriculum and method meet the
developing child from kindergarten through adolescence
- Explore ways Waldorf develops critical, creative thinkers
- Hear about Waldorf's disciplined and imaginative approach to
mathematics and science
- Learn how Waldorf is healing education for children
- Learn how the arts further academic progress, emotional
balance, and strength of character
- Experience the Waldorf curriculum first-hand through artistic
activities

Betty Staley, MA, directs the Waldorf High School Teacher
Education Program at Rudolf Steiner College and the new
Community Learning Center at the Fair Oaks campus. She has
over 30 years experience working with adolescents as a Waldorf
high school teacher and was the founder of the Sacramento
Waldorf High School. Betty has taught history and literature,
advised new high school initiatives, and lectured internationally
on child development and adolescence. She is author of six books
including *Between Form and Freedom: A Practical Guide to the Teenage
Years*.

Holistic Pediatric Dental Care with Rupam Henry

Thursday, November 12, 7:00 PM, Morning Glory Nursery

Please RSVP to Morning Glory Nursery by November 7th! More
info available at www.morningglorysf.com