



October 14, 2009

Calendar of Events

October

- 16 – Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch Field trip
- 19 – All Grades Parent Evening 6:00
See article for more information.
- 20 – Board of Directors Meeting 6:30
- 27 – Helle Heckman Presentation
- 28 – Grades Assembly 2:00
- 29-30 – NO SCHOOL-Parent Teacher Conferences

November

- 12 – Consuming Kids Movie Screening
- 17 – Board Meeting 6:30
- 21 – Winter Market 9:00 am – 12:00pm
- 24 – Grades Assembly 2:00
- 25-27 – NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

“For the Waldorf student, music, dance, and theater, writing, literature, legends and myths are not simply subjects to be read about, ingested and tested. They are experienced. Through these experiences, Waldorf students cultivate a lifelong love of learning as well as the intellectual, emotional, physical and spiritual capacities to be individuals certain of their paths and to be of service to the world.”

News from the Office

Directory – We believe we have the directory completed! Please let the office know if there are any errors. Thank you for your patience with this.

Morning Snack Program

Need a break in the morning rush? How about signing your child up for the morning snack program? We strive to provide a nutritious organic snack for your children to ensure they have the energy needed to complete their day at school. Simply sign up in the office by Monday and your child can have a wonderful snack all week for just \$1.00 a day!

Thank you to all parents who have utilized this nutritious program. The children have enjoyed the delicious snacks and look forward to the next day’s snack.

Grades Parent Evening

Monday October 19, 6:00 to 7:30

The first parent evening of the year will be an all-grades meeting. The evening will begin at 6:00pm in the Assembly Hall. This will give all parents the opportunity to learn about the current main lesson block of each grade and have a glimpse of what the future studies are for the upcoming years. At 6:30 the meetings will move to the classrooms for a grade-specific meeting. Each class will have a note taker. If you have children in multiple grades, please choose one meeting and see the teacher for notes from the other meetings.

This evening is an opportunity for us all to come together as a community to learn more about all of the wonderful, interesting work being done at school and to support the children.

Winter Market

Exciting news! Three Rivers Waldorf School is the host for the indoor market location as a test run for the expanded winter market in 2010. We have two special holiday markets in November and December planned. Saturday, November 21st, 9AM-12PM (the Saturday before Thanksgiving).

Saturday, December 12th, 10AM-2PM will coincide with the holiday fair. Come and show your support!

International Visitor Comes to TRWS!

Helle Heckmann will be in our area later this month! Her long awaited return to TRWS is nearly here (she last visited in the Autumn of 2006). She will be the keynote speaker at a weekend-long conference in Viroqua from October 23-25th (flyer available in the office). She will be at our school all day on Monday October 26th and Tuesday October 27th, observing our Early Childhood programs and mentoring the E.C teachers.

On Tuesday evening at 6:30 in the Assembly Hall, she will kickoff our “Why Waldorf Now?” lecture series speaking about the benefits of outdoor play for children, "Children need more than ever to be out of doors where they can move freely and develop their bodies and social skills through play." Helle says. Ms Heckmann holds a BS and is a certified early childhood teacher. She is a member of the Danish Steiner/Waldorf Kindergarten Association and serves on the board of The International Early Childhood Association. She has traveled and taught throughout the Americas, Canada, and Europe for the past 18 years. The lecture is free, but donations will be accepted.

This talk will be the first in a series of five lectures that will be hosted at Three Rivers Waldorf School. Look for flyers about the next in the series- a screening of the video “Consuming Kids” and a discussion afterwards about the media marketing to children on November 12th at 7:00pm. We have invited our colleagues from around the region in the colleges, universities, and the public schools. We hope a good showing of parents from the school will take advantage of this world-class presentation that is free to everyone. See you there!

From the Third Grade: How many thumbs is your foot?

Happy October! The Third Grade has entered its first Math Block and is continuing to explore the world around them by measuring it with their thumbs and feet, and discovering linear measurement. How many paces is it to the cafeteria? How many thumbs long is Ms. Morse’s boot? Just ask your third grader!! We are also reviewing the four functions in this Math Block, as well as furthering our work on carrying. Students also received a writing book last week to use as a sort of journal so that we can converse back and forth to each other while practicing our cursive letters, as well as spelling. Perhaps your child could share some of what they have written? Or show you how they are coming on their cursive letters?

Our first Parent Evening is coming up Monday, October 19th at 6:00 pm – I am looking forward to having you all in our daily space so that you can see the wonderful work the children are doing so far this year. I am not available during the two scheduled conference days at the end of the month, but will have a sign-up sheet available soon with alternative times.

Please be mindful of the daily weather and whether your child is dressed appropriately for cold and/or wet. Layers are always best to help modify as the day warms, but with this week’s snow, I am fearful winter gear will be a must for a while!!! Also, chances are that by now your child needs extra clothes replenished, or seasonally changed out. Why not bring an extra set with you Monday night for our Parent Evening? See you then! ~ Ms. Morse

Grade 4

This week begins a three-week math block. The first week will consist of review and newer terminology to propel us into the remaining two weeks. I look forward to covering our curriculum in more depth at the Parent Evening.

The Parent Evening is next Monday evening. I encourage all students to have a parent representative present. It promises to be an enjoyable evening with our new format. See the announcement in this newsletter. If you are unable to attend, please notify me. Parent/Teacher conferences are the 29th and 30th of October. Signup sheets will be posted on the school bulletin board on the first floor this week. If there are times that are more convenient for you that are not listed, please contact me to make other arrangements. ~ Mr. Rabbitt

News from Grade 5/6

The class has just finished up a three-week block reviewing many of the math processes learned last year, including working with fractions. This work will continue to be reviewed and expanded upon throughout the skills classes. We will have one more math block as a combined class, in which we will explore business math.

We spent last week and will spend this week focusing on language arts. The students have been working on reading comprehension, building vocabulary, and exploring the different parts of speech. We are also looking at the construction of complete sentences.

Next week begins a three-week block on physics, in which the children will begin to experiment with heat, light, and sound.

Each student has picked a book to write a book report on. I am pleased with the level of literature being chosen but can foresee that some of the children may need help dividing up their reading and coming up with benchmark goals along the way. I have offered to help them break up their reading by week in class but please check with your child and offer up assistance. If the reading is left to the last week there will be a great deal of unnecessary anxiety. The students will present their reports on 11/20, 11/23, and 11/24; the three days prior to Thanksgiving Break

Parent-Teacher conferences are fast approaching. Last year many of you signed up in advance of the two scheduled days. This made the conferences much nicer, as I wasn't trying to squeeze everyone in two days. I am available to meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 1:45-2:30, Wednesdays from 11:30-12:05, Thursdays from 10:50-11:25 and Fridays from 10:50-11:25. Please email or leave a note in my mailbox and I will call to confirm the time. I cannot stress enough how nice it was to be able to meet comfortably, without the pressure of 21 consecutive conferences.

Also, a reminder that the all-grades parent evening is Monday, October 19th at 6pm.

Thank you and see you soon,
Ms. Hotchkiss

Little Lights News

Little Lights is looking for people interested in being a substitute caregiver. There will be extra hours over the holiday break. We are also hiring for someone to work two days a week in the afternoon. If this sounds like something you are interested in doing, please contact Rachel Hanson Myers through the office or at home (608-738-2841). Your consideration is appreciated.

Little Lights is sending a call out for toddler/infant natural toys. If you have extras your children have outgrown please contact Rachel Hanson Myers. ~ Thank you!

Enchanted News!

The Holidays are approaching fast... Have you been thinking about your shopping list? Are there items you would like to see in your school store? We would love to hear about them! Please bring your suggestions to us. Stop in and let us know what they are, or feel free to drop us a note in our Mail File in the Lobby.

Handmade Items Needed...

Calling all Knitters, Painters, Felters, Crocheters, wood workers, etc...The school store is in need of more handmade gifts for the Holidays. These items are what give the store that TRWS feel. We have a wonderful consignment opportunity, why not make some extra money before the holidays! Stop in for more details.

Logo Contest Deadline Approaching

Enchanted needs your creativity to come up with a Logo for the school store. Please submit your entries to the store Mail File in the lobby by Friday October 16th.

Happy Autumn, The Enchanted School Store Committee

10th Annual Holiday Gift Making & Craft Fair

The winter season and holidays are just around the corner, and this year's Holiday Fair will be a great way to celebrate the season with friends and family. Please reserve Saturday, December 12th from 10:00am – 4:00pm so you and your family and friends can join in the festivities right here at school!

Major Events of the Day:

- **Children's Gift Making** – In the gym, children hand make gifts with a variety of natural materials. In the past jump rope making, candle dipping, bark & pine cone ornaments, silk dying, stringing popcorn and beautifully scented oils have thrilled the children throughout the day.
- **Craft Fair & School Store** – Unique vendors display and sell hand made crafts, toys, games and jewelry, as well as art and craft supplies. Vendors will be set up in the assembly hall and throughout the hallways of our school and the school store will be open for business throughout the entire fair. Look for the vendors from the Cameron Park Winter market this year, too!
- **Food & Beverages** – Snacks and hot lunch are available for purchase in the school cafeteria when you need to take a break from the festivities.
- **Elf Cottage** – Visit busy elves in their natural surroundings and watch as they craft toys and bake yummy cookies!
- **Holiday Fair Puppet Play** – Listen and watch as storytellers and puppeteers enchant and amuse you with a Holiday Fair Puppet Play.
- **Gift & Craft Raffle** – With the simple entry of the winning ticket, you could be the lucky new owner of beautiful hand made crafts and gift items, donated through the generosity of our Three Rivers Waldorf Community.
- **Holiday Fairy & Wizard** – Can you imagine what a fairy or wizard holds in their pocket? Visit them and you are likely to find treasures of delicate beauty!
- **Cake & Treat Walk** – Walk the circle to the festive music, and you may find your self the winner of a plate of goodies or even a magnificent Holiday Cake! Because everyone loves to be a winner, this year we hope to have not only cakes and pies, but also a multitude of small plates of cookies, bars and other treats for winners to choose from when they find themselves standing on the winning square!
- **Scrip Sales** – make an order and stock up on holiday gift cards for friends, family and even a treat for yourself!

You are needed to make our school's fair a success!

We need help from our community to make this event a success for the 10th year in a row! A meeting is scheduled for planning and organizing the Holiday Fair. It is scheduled for 12:15 on Wednesday 21 October in the meeting room, in the EC hallway. If you want to get in on the ground floor, join us for this meeting. We need a team to pull off this beloved event for our school. Please contact Martha Buche, coordinator of this year's holiday fair, at martha.trs@charter.net, or by placing a note in her office mailbox, if you are able to help with any of the following fair items.

- **Donations for Gift & Craft Raffle** – natural toys, hand made crafts, knitted/crocheted items, fair trade products, etc.
- **Treasures for the Holiday Fairy & Wizard** – small ornaments, gems, etc.
- **Puppeteers & Story Tellers**
- **Supervisors** for children's craft making tables, elf cottage, school store, Three Rivers Waldorf School information booth, and the ticket booth.
- **Cakes & Pies** (no larger than 9"x9") for the cake & treat walk
- **Bars, Cookies, Cupcakes, Treats** for the cake & treat walk (our goal is to have many more smaller items to win (example – a plate with a brownie, a cookie, and a cupcake), in order to allow more winners of this sought out event!)
- **Elves** (children from 1st thru 3rd grades) for the elf cottage
- **Ticket sellers/Cashiers**
- **Helpers to set up** vendor booths, craft making booths, and the elf cottage
- **Cooks & servers** for hot lunches and snacks (and preparation elves!)
- **Organizers & Brainstormers** for creating additional Holiday Fair Activities & Events
- **Clean up crew** to ensure our school is as bright and shiny after the fair as it was before the fair.
- **Food Donations for Lunches & Snacks** – Soup, Fruit, homemade bread, butter, apple cider, that sort of thing.
- **Holiday Fair Poster Distributors** – the more places we display our posters the greater opportunity we will have for a wide variety of visitors!
- **Crafter, Shoppers, and Holiday Observers to VISIT & ENJOY THE FAIR!!!!**

Vendors Needed for Holiday Fair!

We are seeking vendors who sell handmade products of natural materials, or fair trade products. Items that are moderately priced and appeal to families and children from the age of infant through Junior High ages are always popular! We strive to display a wide variety of vendors, with little duplication of items, to give our vendors a great environment and opportunity for being successful.

If you are interested in being a vendor, or know someone who would be interested in becoming a vendor at this year's Holiday Fair, please pick up a registration form in the office or by emailing Martha Buche at Martha.trs@charter.net. Registration forms must be completed and returned with payment to the school **before 3:00pm Friday, December 4, 2008**. Forms may be mailed, faxed (608-787-6914), or emailed to Martha. *Payment must be received before registrations will be accepted and completed. See registration form for details. (Registration forms and invitation letters available in the office.)*

Steering Committee Update

IMPORTANT NEWS FOR EVERY SINGLE PERSON CONNECTED TO TRWS! PLEASE DO READ!

In the past year, much work has been put into enhancing existing policies and procedures and creating new ones. Thanks to Alma Noll, Marilyn Huckenpoehler, Pat O'Hara, Kurt Firary and especially Martha Buche, these new and enhanced Policies & Procedures are up on our website! We are grateful for the vision of the Davis/Kenow family regarding this work, and for the grant they gave TRWS that helped to make this work possible. They allowed us to hire consultants that contributed to this work. Just go to www.threeriversschool.com/policiesprocedures for all of the information.

What does this mean for you? For all of us?

This means that we now have great structure and clarity for our processes here at TRWS. Questions can be answered by checking out a policy or procedure. If you are on a particular Committee, you can learn more about how things can run efficiently and effectively by reading that Committee's particular policies and procedures.

Of course, this work is not exclusive and will be never be considered "finished." These are living documents that will be reviewed and enhanced forever more! The greatest news is that we can all be on the same page in regards to how things can be accomplished here at TRWS.

If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to ask any one of us.

As always, onward!
In partnership,

Your TRWS Steering Committee:

Martha Buche, Faculty Co-Chair 366-1635; Marilyn Huckenpoehler, Board President 782-5289

Alma Noll, Administrator 782-8774 or 781-4533; Jon Rabbitt, Faculty Co-Chair 786-3388

Stacy Shapiro, Parent 787-0427

Parent Association Gathering to Welcome New Families.

Greeting TRWS Families!

Please Help Us Welcome Our Newest Three Rivers Families with a Pumpkin Carving Gathering, hosted by The TRWS Parent Association on

Saturday, October 17th Starting at 10a.m.

We will be carving/painting Pumpkins, followed by a Spaghetti, Salad and Garlic Bread Lunch served at Noon.

Gluten/Dairy Free options will be available

*We encourage families to bring their own pumpkins and carving tools. We will have some knives available, and will provide the paints. Limited quantity of Pumpkins will also be available.

Jars of Homemade Sauce and Loaves of Fresh Bread will be for sale after lunch!

Please join us in welcoming our newest families with some fun and fellowship!

Warmly, The Parent Association

The Parent Association is on Facebook! Join our group @ TRWS Parent Association/Facebook

Waldorf Doll Making Class

Enchanted is excited to announce a
Waldorf Doll Making Class with Jeni Blake

Cost is \$35.00 per Doll and includes all the materials and the classes to make it!

1st Class will be held on Saturday, November 7th from 9-Noon

2nd Class will be held on Saturday, November 14th from 9-Noon

The Final Class will be on Saturday, November 21st from 9-Noon

Registration forms will be available in the office, and in the *Enchanted School Store*. Please return forms to the School Store Mail File by October 28th. Payment should be made in the office or store prior to the 1st Class.

“Consuming Kids” Movie Screening to be shown at TRWS

This brand new and critically acclaimed film throws desperately needed light on the practices of a relentless multi-billion dollar marketing machine that’s selling kids everything from junk food to violent video games. *Consuming Kids* will change the way you think about childhood in the 21st century. Come join us on Thursday, November 12 at 7:00 pm for this free screening. Bring a Friend!

School Pictures

School pictures are now available for viewing at: <http://namipix.smugmug.com/>

Enter the following information:

Gallery name: Three Rivers Waldorf School

Password: TRWS

Click on "Slideshow" to view the images in the full screen size

Frame# (-001, -017,-119, etc.) should be found by the image

Picture retakes are scheduled for the week of October, 26 ~ 30. Any missed class photos will be taken during that time.

An order form is attached to the back of the newsletter.

CPR Certification

It would be wonderful if TRWS community members become CPR certified. This includes parents as well as staff. None of us want to have a life-threatening emergency happen, but if it were to occur – every second matters! The more of us that are prepared, the better. We plan on continuing this training series for staff and parents with first aid, basic wilderness survival skills, and how to build your own herbal/homeopathic first aid kit. There is an “interest” sign-up sheet posted on the school bulletin board. If you have any additional input, questions, or concerns please contact Melissa Hagedorn.

Community Corner

For Sale...

Does anyone need a crib? We have one that needs a new home, the cost is \$35, please contact Nicole Clutter at 608-492-9461 or place a note our mail file. Thank you.

I have 4 pairs of new shoes for sale. They are still in the box. They are all women’s size 5-5 1/2. Two pairs are Clarks and they are sandals. Two pair are Saucony running shoes. These are normally around \$80.00 a pair, I am asking \$10.00 for each pair. Please contact me by email-drewdockry@gmail.com if interested. Thank you ~ Drew Dockry

ORDER FORM

Name: _____ contact info. _____

1. Write down the frame #
2. Write down the quantity you want to order under the right print size.
3. Specify your request (sepia , B/W, color, crop tighter, etc.) if you have any
*default format is color, the way it appears in the gallery
4. Calculate your total\$, **add 5.5% for tax.**
5. Make your check out to Nami Cutler
Secure the payment by staple on or put in the envelope with this order for
6. Put in the Cutler file at the school, thank you

FRAME #	4X6 \$2.00	5X7 \$6.00	8X10 \$12.00	Wallets/set of four \$6.00	Sepia, B/W, color

<p>4x6: _____ x \$2.00/each = \$ _____</p> <p>5x7: _____ x \$6.00/each = \$ _____</p> <p>8x10: _____ x \$12.00/each = \$ _____</p> <p>4Wallets: _____ x \$6.00/sheet = \$ _____</p> <p>Total Before Tax \$ _____</p> <p>(Add tax 5.5%) Your Total</p> <p>\$ _____</p>
