



# Community Tidings

## School Calendar

### January

- 23 Mon** Grade 4 Parent Meeting  
6:00—8:00 pm
- 24 Tue** Grades Overview and  
Grade 1 Readiness Meeting  
7:00 pm
- 25 Wed** Middle School Science Fair  
6:30—7:30 pm
- 26 Thu** Strings Concert  
7:00 pm

### February

- 2 Thu** Site Committee Meeting  
4:15 pm
- 7 Tue** PR & Enrollment Meeting  
3:15 pm
- 11 Sat** Open House  
10:00—12:00 pm
- 14/15 T/W** Grade 6 Play  
Tuesday: 11:00 am  
Wednesday: 6:30 pm
- 16/17 Th/F** Parent/Teacher  
Conferences: No School

*My eager heart strives joyfully*

*To carry spirit light to cosmic  
winter night*

*That shining seeds of souls*

*Take root in the ground of the  
world*

*And the Word resounds in  
senses' dark*

*Transfiguring all that is.*

~ Rudolf Steiner

## Why I Give...

January 19, 2012

As the Annual Giving Campaign rolls around, I am struck with more certainty than ever that it is essentially an opportunity to receive. That may sound backward, or even like a cliché, but after many years of being in the Eugene Waldorf School community, I have had firsthand experience with the principle that it is in giving that I receive.

When our family first came to the school, I felt a profound sense of being held, of being carried. I immediately felt a deep reminder of how I wanted to live my life, of how I wanted to raise my children. I was also aware of being enveloped in a spiritual momentum. My family was nurtured and supported, and I was allowed to just take it in. With all of this coming in, I felt not only a responsibility to give back, in whatever small way I could, but also a beckoning call to join in, to add to, and mingle with, this spiritual momentum.

So what does it mean to be a part of this? To me, the most obvious is that as I become more aware of the love and effort that is poured into my children, I am compelled to support that love and effort. I want to strengthen the foundation from which this amazing energy springs forth. So it is from this level that I recognize the invitation to join in. Then I realize that I am blessed, I am fed, I am filled when I put my energy into this larger pool. I become more confident, I feel included and a part of friendships that are developed; I somehow become soft enough to take in the love, to feel my place in this interconnected journey that we are all sharing. So, it is not only my children who receive the benefits, it is my whole family and, it is me as an individual!

At times I feel stretched, and life is always a balancing act. The question arises: is there a point of giving too much? I know for me, this is one of those life ironies. If I give with the goal of getting something back, I am likely to be sorely disappointed. Furthermore, I need to be clear about where and why I'm giving. But if I give because that is what my soul truly craves, then my soul is filled with more than what I could ever possibly offer.

Regarding the Annual Giving Campaign, there is no question of whether to give or not. Any gift is a welcome gift. To give a dollar benefits the school, as well as the giver. First, the flow of energy is strengthened; more love is moving through every one of us. Second, from a purely practical viewpoint, if our school has 100% participation in this fundraiser, we would be in a more competitive spot for receiving grants. This is of utmost importance. So, based even on that point alone, how can we not give something? Every one of us has something that we can share. Again and again we are assured that it is not the amount of giving that is important, but it is the act of giving itself.

The invitation is here. How do we respond? When do we recognize that our individual involvement strengthens the very foundation that supports our children and ourselves? For me, it often comes down to not procrastinating. I can have all these lofty ideals, but when I get my Annual Giving Campaign envelope, I just need to send a check off right away! Sometimes things have a way of getting lost in one of my many important to-do piles. I don't know how much I will have to give this year, but I know I have something. Whatever we can offer will be enough. It will be the right amount. With gratitude for all that my family receives, we will step up to the plate. We are blessed to be a part of this community. Our task is to be open to these blessings, to give ourselves to them.

Debra Braun: written in the 2002/2003 school year

(mother of Aidan, Grade 8, and Zachary, EWS alumni, now a junior in high school)

## EWS Annual Giving Campaign Update

We'd like to thank the following parents, teachers, alumni, grandparents and friends of the Eugene Waldorf School who have given so generously to this year's Annual Giving Campaign.

*Jen Bosch-Fahl & Chuck Fahl*

*Lana Miller*

*Steve Brodsky*

*John Nanci*

*Sandra & Wesley Burch*

*Heather Nolle*

*Anton & Mary Cole*

*Shannon & Carrie Reilly*

*Rebecca & Peter Emerson*

*Andhi Reyna*

*Andrew & Tara Jecklin*

*Shannon Rivers*

*Harvey & Susan Meier*

*Karen Tyler*

We have raised **\$5,800** to date on the way to our goal of **\$25,000** and **18%** of our community has participated.

*Please remember that you can always pledge now for an amount to be donated later.*

### Participation Matching Gifts:

Thank you to those parents who have stepped up to offer participation challenges in order to boost the level of participation in individual classes.

We always welcome more matching challenge gifts!

We have been offered the following challenge grants so far this year:

First Grade: \$200 will be donated if the class reaches 100% participation

### The Campaign Giving Calendar:

**This week: Fifth and Sixth Grades, Board, Faculty and Staff**

Week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>: Second and Seventh Grades and Employee Matching Gifts

Week of January 30<sup>th</sup>: Early Childhood Classes and Alumni

Week of February 6<sup>th</sup>: First and Eighth Grades and Adult Education/Teacher Training

Week of February 13<sup>th</sup>: Third and Fourth Grades and all Campaign Closing Gifts

## Break Care?

We are offering break care during the Parent/Teacher Conferences, Thursday and Friday, February 16 and 17, as well as the following Tuesday through Friday, February 21-24, during the Waldorf Teacher Conference Week. To ensure a spot in break care, please sign up by **January 25** with the reception office. We may have availability after that date, but spaces will be limited and dependent on staffing. Occasionally, we have had to cancel break care due to extremely low numbers of children. In that event, we will notify parents well ahead of time.

## Re-enrollment begins in early February....

At that time, we will distribute your re-enrollment packets to you. These will include enrollment and contract information for you to complete for next year. You will be automatically billed for your \$200 (per family) tuition deposit. This will show up over two months in your February and March statements, \$100 per month. Molly in the business office is happy to work with families that would like to make alternate payment arrangements for their tuition deposit. Families who do **not** intend to return in the fall can notify the business office and have the charges removed. Look for more details soon!

### Members of our EWS Board:

Carrie Jackson  
Shannon Reilly  
Steven Brodsky  
Spencer Bugbey  
Ian Stearns  
Molly Wilson, ex officio

### Board Officers:

Shannon Reilly: Chair  
Steven Brodsky: Vice Chair  
Carrie Jackson: Treasurer  
Spencer Bugbey: Secretary

### Our EWS College Members:

David French  
Jelena Jaehnig  
Marie-Christine Lhomond  
Tricia O'Neill  
Jeannie Schwaneckamp  
Ian Stearns  
Atta Turck  
Karen Tyler  
Molly Wilson

## EWS Annual Auction/Raffle Update

We are thrilled that several parents have stepped forward to help support our annual auction and raffle. Our next meeting will be Friday, January 27 at 8:30 am in the community room. Please join us!

**Thank you...** to all the volunteers who came to our Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day work party. John Nanci pruned our fruit trees; Patrick McIlrath pruned ivy and shrubs and moved straw bales; Aron Kalsi and Carrie Reilly moved fair signs to storage; Shannon Reilly cleaned gutters; and Chris Bianchi filled potholes in the parking lot. Thank you also to Doré Zarlons for re-painting the lines on our parking lot Friday.

## The Adventure Ahead: Elementary Education & First Grade Readiness

Please join us on January 24 at 7:00 pm in the Rose Kindergarten as early childhood and grades teachers present an overview of what it means to be ready for first grade. They will also provide a picture of the Waldorf grades curriculum through eighth grade.

This evening is ideal for anyone who wants a better understanding of what they can expect when their child enters the elementary school here at the Eugene Waldorf School. A question and answer time will be offered at the close of the session.

Please join us for our annual Middle School Science and Academic Fair, Wednesday January 25th, 6:30 - 7:30 pm where 6th, 7th and 8th graders share their explorations and discoveries in physics, chemistry, and specialty subjects.

This is a great opportunity for current and prospective families to experience the middle school curriculum and see how the children are prepared for high school and beyond.

All are welcome.

Come Enjoy the EWS Winter  
Strings Performance in the  
Great Hall.

Thursday January 26  
at 7:00 pm

## Dear Parents of EWS,

Did you know that Waldorf Teacher Education Eugene, "WTEE," has been growing Waldorf teachers here on the EWS campus for 21 years? This year, we are initiating a number of new **Community Enrichment Courses** in the arts and Anthroposophy especially for parents of EWS and WTEE students. We hope you will be able to participate.

If you wish to be electronically notified of upcoming courses, please visit the WTEE website at <http://wtee.org/> and select "Program" from the menu, then follow the link at WTEE Community Enrichment Courses to join the mailing list.

Here are the first two classes being offered:

**Woodcarving:** 10 sessions beginning January 31. Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:30. Make a pentatonic lyre from scratch using gouge and mallet, rasp, coping saw, carving knife. Course fee is \$100 which includes all materials. Takes place in the EWS woodworking shop. Led by Patrick Marooney.

**Form Drawing:** 8 sessions beginning February 1. Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:30. Rudolf Steiner brought form drawing especially to enliven and invigorate our life or etheric body. Beautiful forms drawn freehand. Beginners welcome. Course fee \$80, materials included. Led by Patrick Marooney.

**Warré Bee-Friendly Beehives.** *Beeologique*® has provided Warré beehive kits to individuals in the Willamette Valley since 2008. I prepare these hives using all natural materials. The hive walls have the full one-inch thickness, determined to be most appropriate thickness for hiving bees in our climate. All of my bee boxes are easily assembled with locking double rabbit joints. They have closeable “port hole” windows for easy monitoring of the bee situation within. My kits include predrilled parts, all of the required fasteners and post-sale customer support. Special orders for assembled hives with or without bees from natural swarms are seasonally available. **Bill Wood** ~ 541-687-8211 ~ [woodbillr@q.com](mailto:woodbillr@q.com) ~ [www.beeologique.com](http://www.beeologique.com).

**Kids Yoga Class for 3-5 year olds** at Just Breathe Yoga Studio with Kira Roberson. Ongoing series starting Wednesday, Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm. First series is 6 weeks long. Classes are taught in a playful environment and use songs, stories, dance, art, games, and a focus on self awareness to teach children the fundamentals of yoga. Sign up at [justbreatheeverybody.com](http://justbreatheeverybody.com). More info available at my website [oneworldayurveda.com](http://oneworldayurveda.com).

**Raw Organic Green Juice** by subscription delivery. Education, coaching, support. Cleanse, fast, recover from surgery/chemo/illness, improve chronic conditions, enhance health. Call **Bright Now!** Ask for Joanna: 541-746-9493.

**Circus Yoga Valentine's Playshop for the Whole Family!** at the Reach Center, 2520 Harris St., Tuesday, February 14th from 5:30-7:00. We will play games, explore simple partner acrobatics, move our bodies, co-create, communicate, and laugh a lot. Activities are best for children over age 6, but all ages are welcome. Email or call Kelli Mae at [kellimae-fly@gmail.com](mailto:kellimae-fly@gmail.com), 630.291.6465, for more details. Sign up online at [circusyogavalentine.eventbrite.org](http://circusyogavalentine.eventbrite.org) and learn more about the practice at [www.circusyoga.com](http://www.circusyoga.com).



**Eurythmy Class for Adults.** Visible speech and visible song with Keith Hess. All are welcome. **Thursday, January 19,** 6:45—8 pm in the EWS eurythmy room. \$10—\$20 sliding scale. **541-344-8885** for questions or just show up.

**Meg Blanchet** MA, LMT, CHT practices a gentle yet powerful method of wholistic healing that incorporates Craniosacral Therapy, Integrative Manual Therapy, Reiki (Master) & the Hakomi Method. \$70/hr, \$10/session goes to EWS when you mention this ad. **541-485-3246**.

Beautiful America Girl **bedroom set**—bedspread/pillow sham/angel net: **\$40**. Twin bed—header, footer & slats: **\$75**. Call Meg Blanchet: **541-485-3246**.

**Mimi Dvorson, M.Ed., M.F.T.** is a psychotherapist serving individuals, couples, and families. She works with clients addressing relational issues, communication challenges, parenting, adolescence, wellness and spiritual questing, depression, and anxiety. She is familiar with Waldorf education—her daughters are both graduates of EWS! Please feel free to call for more information: **541-731-7072**.



#### Store Hours

Mon—Fri 8:30-9:30am

Mon—Fri 12:15-1:15pm

Mon—Wed & Fri 2:45-3:30pm

**Missing...** A basket with ropes, gloves, mittens and clippers has disappeared. It has been missing since Thanksgiving! It belonged to the Sunflower Kindergarten and was used every day outside on the playground. If you know where it is or have seen it, please let the reception office or the Sunflower Kindergarten know as soon as possible. Thank you.

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