

Community Tidings

February 2, 2012

School Calendar

February

- 2 Thu** Site Committee Meeting
4:15 pm
- 7 Tue** PR & Enrollment Meeting
3:15 pm
- Rising First Grade
Envisioning Meeting
7:00 pm
- 8 Wed** Rose Kindergarten
Parent Meeting
7:00 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
- 20 Mon** Presidents' Day
No School
- 21-24 T-F** Waldorf Teacher
Education Week
No School
- 27 Mon** School Resumes
8:25 am
- Board Meeting
6:00 pm



Why I Give

Our first exposure to Waldorf education was through a beloved preschool teacher in Minnesota. In her home and yard, Miss Peggy nurtured a handful of youngsters in an atmosphere of love, peace, and wonder. I still remember our first meeting in her backyard, the summer before my older daughter began preschool. The feeling in her surroundings was the same feeling I sought to nurture in our own home. Everything about Miss Peggy suggested tranquility and love. I knew that if I was ever going to find someone I trusted my child to, this was her.

Over the next two years, first one, and then both of my daughters were warmly enveloped in love and learning at Miss Peggy's preschool. Although I did not attend with them, I also received many benefits from their education. Miss Peggy was able to find small moments, and longer afternoons and evenings, to provide support, advice and encouragement in my parenting. I grew as a parent and as a person from her presence. I believe many people in the Waldorf community describe this as "holding." Miss Peggy held us all, and we all grew from it and were nurtured by it.

Last year, we learned that we would be moving to Eugene shortly before our older daughter entered first grade. We were immediately drawn to investigate the Eugene Waldorf School. We were concerned about the effects of yet another move (our third in two years) on our children. We wanted as much continuity as possible, and we hoped this would be the case at EWS.

When my husband and I toured the school before our move, we were thrilled by what we found. Although clearly bigger than Miss Peggy's home, the feel and atmosphere were the same. We knew that this was what our children needed to thrive in this time of change and to help them move forward in their new surroundings.

In my short time at Eugene Waldorf, my over-all feeling has been one of gratitude. I am grateful for this form of education which gives my children a chance to be children, to develop as individuals and as parts of a larger whole, and teaches them to think as well as to love learning. I am grateful for a school that helps me grow as a parent and helps me develop as a person. I am grateful for a lovely community of support—from other parents to loving teachers, and to dedicated staff and community members. I am grateful for the countless hours of service rendered and the quiet generosity which continuously guides this school forward. It is from this space of gratitude that I give.

~Celeste Richardson,
mother of Gabriella: grade one and Lillian, Rosebud preschool

"Life is a gift, and it offers us the privilege, opportunity,
and responsibility to give something back by becoming more."

~ Anthony Robbins

Members of our EWS Board:

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

Board Officers:

Shannon Reilly: Chair
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Vice Chair
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Our EWS College Members:

David French
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Tricia O'Neill
Jeannie Schwaneckamp
Ian Stearns
Atta Turck
Karen Tyler
Molly Wilson

Tuition Rates for 2012-2013

In their January 30 meeting, the Board approved a 2.5% tuition increase for next year. While the Board has yet to approve a final budget, this tuition increase helps to ensure that we can cover the rising costs of health insurance, compensation, liability insurance, utilities and the expenses associated with caring for an aging site.

The new full tuition rates are listed below. We would like to point out that this increase also applies to families receiving tuition assistance as the method for determining those tuitions is based on the cost of full tuition for a family's oldest child.

The new annual tuition is as follows:

2-day pre-school	\$2,750
3-day pre-school & kindergarten	\$4,120
5-day pre-school & kindergarten	\$6,820
Grade 1	\$7,305
Grades 2-8	\$8,655

The supply fee will remain at \$200 per child per year, the same as this year. The annual fee for Renewal will remain \$9.00. The "scrip" fee will be \$250. As in past years, parents can pay these fees monthly, along with their tuition payments. Families will also continue to be able to offset the cost of tuition via their scrip purchases. However, the maximum amount of scrip earnings that can be credited back to tuition will be capped at \$250 per school year.

The sibling discount remains 20% for the second child, 50% for the third child and 70% for fourth and subsequent children. Families pre-paying tuition by July 31, 2012 are eligible to receive a 2% discount.

We hope that parents will understand the necessity of raising tuition from year to year to help us cover the rising costs that we also incur. At the same time, we understand that we are asking parents to stretch in order to support the school. We are grateful for all that the parents do. We encourage you to speak to a Board member or to Molly in the business office, if you have any questions or comments concerning the increase in tuition. Thank you.

Smoke and mirrors? I think so!

This year's middle school Science and Academic Fair was an exciting event, attended by parents, students and greater Eugene community members on Wednesday evening, January 25. The fair was a wonderful opportunity to catch a glimpse of what a middle school main lesson might look like.

Grade 6 presented demonstrations that allowed visitors to experience traveling sound. Other interactive demonstrations explored static electricity and magnetism, as well as the refraction of light as seen through a prism.

Grade 7 chose to share their study of optics. Observers walked into a darkened classroom and experienced the light only from candles and a flashlight. They showed the phenomenon of how light travels in a straight line, how it passes through some substances and not others, and how light is reflected in glass and mirrors. They created optical illusions with mirrors in hopes of creating wonder and interest in how we all see the world and each other.

Grade 8 presented demonstrations of the experiments they have been conducting in class using concepts related to the Idomo-polar motor, the electric car, the examination of kinetic and potential energy using marbles, air and water pressure, and pressure using balloons and nails.



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.

Meg Blanchet

Spencer Bugbey & Lara Colley

Lara Cameron & Jesse Whitworth

Sarah Gregory

Phil Hanft & Rebecca Vincent

Jelena Jaehnig & Chris Bianchi

Michelle & Ian Jennings

Megan McGregor

Amy Miller & Dahcota Hagen

Timothy & Celeste Richardson

Helen Simmons

Ian & Cameron Stearns

We have raised **\$8,865** to date on the way to our goal of **\$25,000** and **35%** of our community has participated.

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

Grade 5 is currently at 83% participation and Grade 2 is at 73%.

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.
 Sixth Grade: \$100 will be donated if the class reaches 100% participation.

The Campaign Giving Calendar:

This week: Early Childhood Classes and Alumni

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

Week of February 13th: Third and Fourth Grades and all Campaign Closing Gifts

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 Tuesday, February 7 at 12:30 pm in the community room. All community members are welcome. This year's auction will take place on March 17 at 6:30 pm at the Hilton. Please save the date!

Duck Eggs, Local soy-free feed, free-range; \$4 - 1/2 doz., \$7/ doz. Jordan **541-543-6321**. Free samples.

Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil (made with love) from our family farm in Tuscany. Delivery at EWS by appointment. Aroon & Sofia: **541-393-9191/337-3965**.

www.oliotoscana.wordpress.com.

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

Dr Jordan Michels DC - *Assisting you in creating the space you need to heal your life.* 30 years Holistic Chiropractic & Nutritional care for adults & children. Call for consultation **541 687-9528**. "Like" us on Facebook &/or subscribe to the blog for vital health information & a free gift - [Facebook/DrMichels](https://www.facebook.com/DrMichels) or www.DrMichels.com.

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**.

Atta Turck at **Greenlight Studio**, 541 221 1230, is open for your orders. **Furniture:** tables, desks, computer stations, book shelves, benches, hand-made stools, country style pine furniture; **architectural:** custom doors and screen doors; **cabinets.** I also do **repairs**. Recommend me to your friends. New: Here is a page of some of our fancier projects at: <http://www.greenlightstudio.us/woodwork/>

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Childcare available! Lena Sessions (Waldorf class of '02) is available to babysit. She graduated from Macalester College in 2010 & spent this last year teaching outdoor education. She has years of experience working as a camp counselor & babysitter. She has a flexible schedule . First aid & CPR certified. \$11 per hr. Contact Lena: **541-543-4561**.

Warré Bee-Friendly Beehives are vertical top bar hives meant for hands-off, minimalist and sustainable beekeeping. I make Warré beehive kits for local individuals. The hive walls have the full one-inch thickness, best 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 Demeter approved hive kits include predrilled parts, all of the required fasteners and plenty of post-sale customer support. Also, special orders for assembled hives with or without bees from natural swarms are seasonally available. Bill Wood ~ **541-687-8211** ~ woodbillr@q.com ~ www.beeologique.com.

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



THE
GOLDEN
GOOSE

Store Hours

Mon—Fri 8:30-9:30am

Mon—Fri 12:15-1:15pm

Mon—Wed & Fri:2:45-3:30pm

Sale at The Golden Goose!

January 26th–February 8th
25% off all remaining 2012 calendars!

February 9th–17th—all games 25% off

Advertisement and Editorial Policy

The *Community Tidings* publication is produced by the Office Receptionist, with input and editorial assistance from faculty and community members. Submissions and advertisements relating to our school community and Waldorf education are welcome. We print and distribute on Thursday mornings. The weekly deadline for content or ad material is **Friday, 3:00 pm**, one week prior. **E-mail submissions** are preferred. E-mail to: info@eugenewaldorf.org or please put your article, with your name on it, in the mailbox outside the door of the reception office. If you have a full page insert for *Community Tidings*, or would like to place an ad, please talk to Mary in the reception office.

All submissions are edited for length, clarity, and content. Any inquiries regarding the *Community Tidings* publication may be directed to Mary Cole, Office Receptionist.

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Sketching the Human Being

A Community Enrichment Course from WTEE

Through the touching art of Frederic Back from 'The Man Who Planted Trees', we shall explore drawing the human figure, with simple line, shade and colour.

As a group exploration we shall move towards how drawing can relate to strengthening our will, understanding our feelings and controlling our thoughts, helping us towards being free human beings.

STARTING TUE. FEB. 7TH - 3pm - 4.30pm

COURSE DURATION 5 WKS.

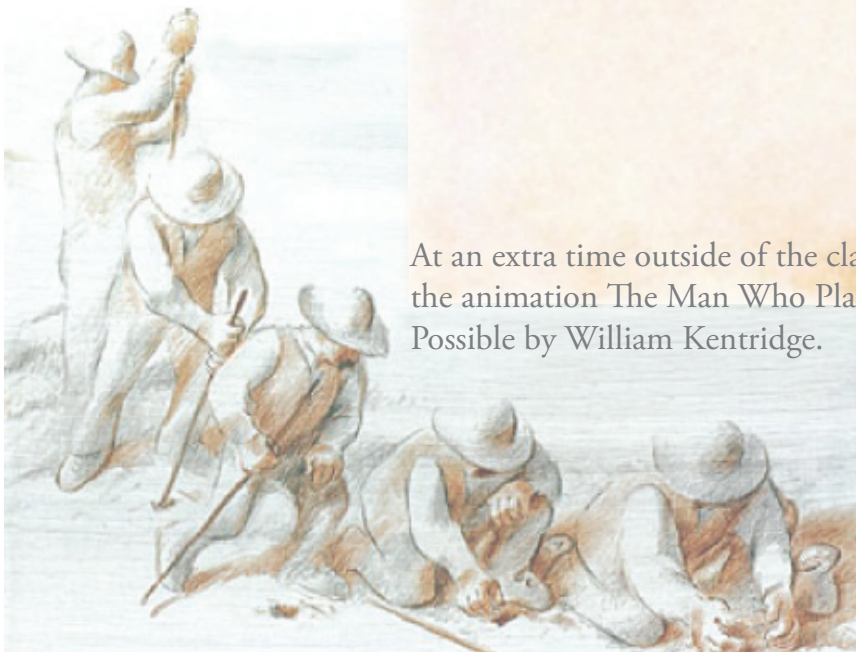
COST \$50

Please come and join us in a fun exploritive class, appropriate for all levels, an ability to laugh and love yourself required.

REGISTRATION:

With any questions about this class please feel free to contact Shaun at 541 556 2651

To register, email office@wtee.org



At an extra time outside of the class hours the course also includes a showing of the animation *The Man Who Planted Trees* and the documentary *Anything Is Possible* by William Kentridge.

As a creative individual Shaun Plowman brings a unique approach to learning, combining his Waldorf teacher education with his skills as a facilitator, craftsman and artist. He is dedicated to sharing his open spirit and desire for Truth, Love and Freedom.