



Newsletter

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Dear Robyn,

Please enjoy this last issue of our newsletter for the school year.

All-School News

2012 End of Year Letter

Dear Parents,

As students and faculty step into what we hope will be a relaxing and rejuvenating summer time, we want to take a moment to reflect on this past school year, and look ahead to the next. We are grateful for the many wonderful moments we experienced this year as a school community – our lovely plays and sharing assemblies, our festivals, community meetings, the grade 8 projects and graduation. We want to thank all of you who have shared with us your time, your talents, and your resources throughout the school year. Thank you!

What We Accomplished

The Board developed a [Strategic Plan](#), from which our ED Geraldine created an [Action Plan](#). We are glad to report significant progress on both, including, among many other projects:

- **A multi-year financial plan**, which will serve as a road map to guide enrollment, fundraising, and site development.
- **Administrative improvements**, including a new [organizational structure](#), [website](#) and newsletter, and many policies to clarify ‘the way we do things’.
- **Programs & Staffing**, under the guidance of the Pedagogical Carrying Group, we continue to review our programs and staffing needs in preparation for the 2014 Accreditation.
- **Site Development**, with the transformation of the loft in Trillium Hall into offices and the mediation of the electromagnetic field in grade 3 this summer.
- **Increased collaboration with other local Waldorf Schools**, with a joint Adult Education program, and three days of review and professional development with our colleagues of the Puget Sound region.

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- **Professional Development**, with our faculty travelling far and near this summer to renew their inspiration and skills.

Looking Ahead to 2012-13

Faculty and Staff - We have been planning for 2012-13 throughout the spring, and have completed our faculty and staff team and leadership. For the 2012-13 school year, faculty have elected their peers in positions of faculty leadership, as follow:

Faculty Chair – **Laura Mason**

Elementary Faculty Chair – **Bernd Zabel** and **Kim Holscher**

Kindergarten Faculty Chair – **Ron Sears**

Practical Needs workgroup convener – **Gretchen Whitlatch**

Program & Curriculum workgroup convener – **Maggie Reilly**

Care of Personnel workgroup convener - **MaryAnne Hinton**

This group of faculty, joined by Seraphina Orzel and Geraldine Kline, constitutes the Pedagogical Carrying Group who will lead the school's pedagogical development and accreditation effort.

Additionally, faculty members have selected **Monica Lander**, **Kim Holscher**, and **Laura Mason** as the members of the **Personnel Advisory Group**, who support the Executive Director in the process of Performance Reviews, including the hosting of a yearly professional conversation with each of the faculty members.

In the office, you will find all familiar faces next fall, with a few changes to positions as we continue to develop. **Seraphina Orzel** will continue to be responsible for most of the administrative functions, including Admissions, in her new position of **Director of Administration**, while **Robyn Hartman** will step up in her new position of **Office Manager**. We are planning for the installation of a new phone system this summer, which will enable you to reach our staff directly, without asking our receptionists to transfer your calls (we look forward to this improvement, and to the space it will create for our always busy receptionists!).

New faculty members are joining us this fall, as was announced in past newsletters. A complete listing and biographies will be posted to our website in the near future.

Our school is poised to welcome many more students, and we look forward to engaging you in our **enrollment efforts** during our **Back to School night of September 11** (Elementary) and **September 18** (Kindergarten) and beyond. With a new goal of \$118,000 shared between a fall Fundraising Event, Annual Fund Drive and Scrip program, our **Fundraising effort** will keep us engaged throughout the year.

We look forward to another exciting year at Three Cedars Waldorf School, and to welcoming you

and your lovely children back in the fall, ready for another year of learning, fun, and community!

Geraldine Kline, Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE! Three Cedars Volunteers Grounds Work Party

Saturday, July 14, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 noon, adults only

Help us weed, prune and beautify the southwest buffer (along the wooden fence with our NE 4th Street neighbors)

Wear boots, gloves and bring your favorite clippers, weeding tools and a sun/rain hat!

RSVP to sorzel@threecedars.org

-- Interested parties will progress to no-host Moghul Palace buffet lunch afterwards --

Scrip Update

PCC – 5% goes to the school

If you shop at PCC and want to help the school, it's EASY. The front office has PCC Scrip cards preloaded with a \$50 balance. Just bring cash or a check to purchase your card. It's all set for you to use at any PCC! Present your card at checkout or use at self-checkout. The price of your groceries will be deducted from it. Recharge your card at any time for \$50-\$1000.

SAFEWAY – 1% back or more

Mrs. Jaz has been learning more about the eScrip program over the past few weeks and all that it offers. The most important thing to know now is that anyone who shops at Safeway can go online at www.escrip.com and register their Safeway Club Card number. Every time you shop at Safeway and scan your Club Card, a percentage of your purchase amount will be automatically donated to the school.

Please note that if you have registered for this program in the past, eScrip now requires participants to confirm their enrollment each year. If you haven't been to their site lately, please take a moment to visit www.escrip.com and re-enroll. Thank you!

For first time participants, please register [here](#). Use either the Group Name or the ID # listed below:

Group Name: Three Cedars School
ID #: 500000351

Seattle Waldorf High School - Class of 2012

Seattle Waldorf High School graduates 19 Seniors. Among them, Jaimiey Sears (son of Ron Sears, Kindergarten teacher), Caleah Dean (daughter of Julie Dean, our Business Manager), and Sara Mae Kline (daughter of Geraldine Kline). The [keynote address](#) was given by Wim Gottenbos, class teacher at the Seattle Waldorf School, who has taught Waldorf students for the past 35 years. We thought you would enjoy a glimpse of their graduation ceremony, which took place on June 8th at the Seattle Children's Theater.

Grades News

Japanese Kimonos



In 4th grade, the current 7th grade was promised a kimono day. Finally this year, after three years of persistent nagging, they got it.

On Thursday, June 5, Lin Sensei brought in her friend and kimono instructor, Ms. Masako. Ms. Masako brought two helpers, Ms. Sagious and Ms. Kameoka. All three came in silk kimonos. The kimonos brought for the students were summer kimonos (proper name, yukata) made of cotton.



Zoe Evans-Agnew was elected the model to show how a yukata was put on. Then three stations were set up and all students were dressed in their chosen yukata.

After all the students were dressed they wandered around the school showing off their yukata and educating the other classes. The students went back to their classroom where they learned more, including how to fold a kimono. They then took pictures and removed the yukata, thus ending their kimono day!

Rhiannon Whitlatch and Kylie Hartman, Grade 7 Students

Handwork, Grades 2 & 7 - Gnomes & Dolls



Many 7th grade students experience major changes in their bodies. Now is the time that anatomy is brought, as the children start asking questions. In Handwork, to complement both their anatomy lessons and the examination of body proportions found in Renaissance art, the students each make a doll. Because the doll is built up, meticulously, from a core that includes “bones” and a heart, the project takes all year to complete. At the end of the year, when all the dolls are lined up next to each other, it is often easy to see who made each doll.

In the 2nd grade, the students are slowly emerging from the imaginative world. In Handwork, they spend the year working on a gnome doll. This, too, takes all year to complete and, like the 7th grade doll, one can see the personality of each child in the gnome created.



Mrs. Whitlatch, Handwork Teacher

Early Childhood News

Walking Sticks



On the last day of kindergarten, the 6- and 7-year old children, led by Miss Laura and Mr. Ron, “hiked” through the gardens and over the suspension bridge at the Bellevue Botanical Garden, continued through the Wilburton Park woods and stopped for a snack at Kelsey Creek Park. To aid them on their journey, students carried their new walking sticks. This was a very exciting day for them!

Afterwards, the group returned to Wilburton Park to join Miss Amie, Miss Maggie, the rest of their classmates and all the kindergarten families for the annual kindergarten end of year picnic.

Community Announcements

Announcements from Sound Circle Center - June 2012



for Arts & Anthroposophy

Please take a look at our [new website!](#) You can sign up to receive our Summer newsletter , which will be published soon. It features articles by several guest presenters in our summer intensive courses. We also have a [facebook page](#) and a [twitter account](#).

Summer at Sound Circle: Rekindling the Flame in Arts, Anthroposophy and Teaching, July 2-6 and July 9-13

Sound Circle's summer courses and evening lectures are available to "becoming" teachers, practicing teachers seeking continuing education, and the wider community. The highly esteemed Anthroposophist, Christof Wiechert, will present [two lecture series](#) of three evenings each. It is also possible to attend a series of five lectures by Michael D'Aleo on a key aspect of Anthroposophy: [Living Thinking](#). This year's courses include [middle school science](#), [early childhood movement](#) and [festivals in early childhood](#), [karma in everyday encounters and experiences](#), and [practical advice](#) for all teachers.

Housing Needed

During the two weeks of summer courses, Sound Circle will need housing for participants who will be joining us from afar. Do you have a guest room (or even a shared room/sleeping bag space) to offer for the participants for one or two weeks? (July 2 -13th)

Guests will pay the host \$30/night for a private room, \$25/night for a shared room, and \$15 for sleeping bag space; \$5 per breakfast if they request.

Please email information@soundcircle.org if you are able to help.

Parenting Courses

In the fall, two parenting courses will be offered by Sound Circle Center, one for parents of children from newborn to seven and the other for parents of students in Middle and High School.

Foundation Year

Sound Circle is still accepting applications for its eighth Foundation Year, which begins in September, 2012. The Foundation Year, is open is open to those interested in more deeply knowing themselves and the world through creative arts and Anthroposophy and also serves as the first year of Waldorf Teacher Training. At our website you'll find information about classes, schedule and cost.

Simplicity Parenting Summer Camps



Simplicity Kindergarten-Age and Younger 'Summer Camps'

3-day Summer Camps with Mama Jackie and Mama Briana in Bellevue

10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesdays through Fridays, weekly registration
Outdoor play in nature, exceptional nutrition, and fun with friends!
3 to 6 y.o. without parent or birth to 4 y.o. with parent attending.

See www.simplicitylearningcenter.com for more details.

Click [here](#) for full description.



Sahale Summer Camp, July 1-7th, 2012



With a focus on practicing skills of friendship, inclusion, collaboration and fun, this overnight camp is specifically designed to meet the needs of youth aged 9-12. Explore 65 acres on the Tahuya River where camp life includes games, drama, archery, art, music, nature exploration, group work together time, and learning skills of outdoor living. Our staff includes Waldorf trained educators and student counselors, elders as mentors, family life educators and professional musicians and artists who all volunteer to create a week of living in a magical village camp setting. For more information contact Irene Perler, SWS alumni parent and camp director, at irene_perler@hotmail.com, and visit www.goodenough.org.

Meeting the Challenges of the 21st Century

THE CHRIST EVENT OF THE 21ST CENTURY - Singularity & Immortality

The Event with Dr. Yeshayahu Ben-Aharon July 6-7, 2012

At: Seattle Waldorf School's Huckleberry Hall 2728 NE 100 Seattle , 98125

Sponsored by: Center for Anthroposophical Endeavors

Please see [flier](#) for registration details and cost of event.

Navigating the Gifts (and Challenges) of an Energetically Sensitive Child

If your child is attuned to their emotions, instinctively “gets” others’ energy and senses nearly everything around him, you have an energetically sensitive child. Our son, Ethan, is quite sensitive to the world around him and we have had to navigate the bumpy road of how to raise him in a not-so-sensitive world. As parents who have fiercely fostered our child’s sensitivities while helping him not “take on” everything he feels, we are passionate about helping other families with a similar dynamic.

After attending this two-hour workshop, you will:

- Understand the context and importance of your child's sensitivity and how it's a gift, not a liability
- Learn specific tools to foster energetic sensitivity without allowing it to sabotage your child's (or your) life
- Know how to help strengthen your child's energy field, so he isn't negatively impacted by others
- Identify inadvertent ways you diminish your child's gifts and how to stop doing them

Click [here](#) to learn about your facilitators, Sara and Jesse Yao

Address:

6827 Oswego Place NE

Green Lake, WA

[Map and Directions](#)

Date: July 12, 2012

Start Time: 6:30 pm

End Time: 8:30 pm

Price: \$65.00

Click [here to register](#).

Family Seeking Living Space

Dear Families and Friends at Three Cedars Waldorf School,

I hope you are well. Kailas and I will be returning to Washington State this summer. I would like Kailas to attend Three Cedars Waldorf School for 7th and 8th grade. We are looking for a place to live that is located near the school.

This is a description of what I am seeking:

- A mother-in-law apartment
- A duplex
- An apartment
- A shared living space
- Work exchange in payment for rent
- It would be helpful if my payments did not exceed \$500-\$700/month.

We look forward to being a part of the Three Cedars Waldorf School community again. Thank you for your efforts in supporting Kailas and me in this transition.

Sincerely,
Nancy and Kailas

My best contact is my e-mail address at nkrivanka@hotmail.com.
A phone number contact is 510-223-3568.

Family Seeking Housing

Waldorf family LOOKING FOR 2 bd. August/September for next year (or longer). Working mom, finalizing Waldorf Teacher Training, and Waldorf student son (7th gr. next year) looking for year lease/rental near to school as possible. We are coming from out of state, arriving early-mid August. We have a 'housing choice voucher'; please email/call with any questions about it or us. Great references: Jude, auntiebridgedagap@gmail.com 808-217-6137

Baldwin Acrosonic Piano

I am the original owner of a beautiful Baldwin Acrosonic piano built in 1948. It is a fine musical instrument and an elegant piece of furniture. In recent years, it has been played only occasionally and is in need of tuning to restore its wonderful sound.

When it was made, the Baldwin Acrosonic was at the top of Baldwin's line. This lovely piano and accompanying bench are in fine condition with the exception of a few minor scratches. It is classically styled with reeded legs and a graceful music stand. The keys are original, as is the gleaming finish.

I have the written appraisal which was \$1,000 in 1980.

I am asking \$800.

Please call Lillian at 425-451-8470 for more information

Downstairs Space for Rent in Wilburton Neighborhood

Wilburton neighborhood. Garden level studio apt in lower level of split level home. Private entrance. Garage with automatic door (remote provided). Bedroom, furnished with bed, dresser, desk. Private full size bathroom. Large family room, furnished with couch, large table, cabinet for TV,DVD.

Functional kitchenette, ideal for light cooking. Includes small refrigerator. Renter provides electric appliances (microwave, etc.); lots of cabinets for dishes, pots, pans, etc.

Laundry room with washer and dryer shared with owner. Utilities payments; cable, water, electric recycle are shared. Storage space, and good closet space.

Walking distance to Bellevue Botanical Garden, Kelsey Creek Park and walking trails. Located a mile from 405/I-90, and 520. Walking distance to bus route, Uwajimaya, Whole Foods, Bartells, medical facilities.

No pets, no shares, no smokers, no drugs, no parties. Seeking individual with quiet lifestyle. Available June 1, 2012. \$900 mo. plus 1/2 utilities. One month Security and first and last month's rent upfront.

Contact 425-451-8470 for more information.

Treatment Room for Rent

Karen Ball, ND, MPH has treatment rooms available for rent if you are an excellent practitioner looking for a new home. Contact Dr Ball for more information.

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