



Newsletter

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All-School News

New Board Members Wanted

The TCWS Board of Trustees is actively looking for new volunteers interested in joining the board. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved with the school and help shape its policies and long-term strategic goals. The board is particularly interested in candidates with financial experience, candidates from outside the TCWS community and former Waldorf trained educators.

Registering your interest is easy! Simply send a message to the board at:

board@threecedarswaldorf.org

More information about the work of the board and Policy Governance can be found on the school website at:

<http://threecedarswaldorf.org/about-us/board-of-trustees>

COMMUNITY MEETING – THIS Thursday, January 17th

The Board invites you to attend this important meeting about the school's finances and plans for the future.

5:30 pm – join us for a cup of soup in the kindergarten, and tour our classrooms. Teachers are eagerly expecting your visit and ready to show you students' work throughout the grades.

6:30 pm – 7:00 pm – find your way to Trillium Hall for our gathering

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – presentation

8:30 pm onward – classrooms remain open for your visit

(We have scheduled an additional meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 8:30 am in the foyer for those who are unable to attend an evening meeting).

2013-14 Recommitment

Currently enrolled families should expect to receive a recommitment packet during the week of **January 21, 2013**. The recommitment process will differ slightly from last year, in that we will not require families to sign paperwork onsite on one specific day. Instead, families will receive a packet in the mail and will have until **February 8, 2013** to submit their signed contract, deposit, and completed student file forms to the admissions office. Thank you in advance for mailing in your packet or delivering it to the front office by this deadline! Questions regarding recommitment or sibling enrollment may be directed to Seraphina at sorzel@threecedarswaldorf.org.

For families applying for financial aid, please note that the deadline for the application, supplemental documents, and fee to be received by the [SSS website](#) is Thursday, **February 7, 2013**. Financial aid awards will be mailed on **March 15, 2013** to those families who have submitted complete applications. Questions regarding financial aid may be directed to our Business Manager, Julie Dean, at jdean@threecedarswaldorf.org.

2013-14 Tuition

Early Childhood

- 2 days per week: \$5,525
- 3 days per week: \$8,300
- 5 days per week: \$13,825

Grade School

- \$18,475

After School Care

- \$9.50/hr

December Appreciations

We are grateful to our many volunteers who came forward to offer help in making December's festivals, Class Teacher Candidate Visits, and front office support times memorable and special.

The faculty and staff rejoiced at the many gifts received such as chocolate mint cookies, Christmas decorated cookies, Danish cookies, a pumpkin pie, truffles, fruit bread, apples and Satsumas, chocolate bars, and Poinsettia flowers, to name a few. Special events that happened in the classrooms were graced by many parents helping to make them joyful. We are in gratitude to Whole Foods and PCC for donations supporting our festivals.

There are so many of you who have come forward to make Three Cedars Waldorf School a special place to be. The names I have may not be all inclusive of those of you who volunteered and I would appreciate you letting me know so I may thank you personally. We appreciate and are grateful to the Class and Specialty Teachers and Facilities and Office Staff and the following people: **Yasmine Abdeldayem, Laurieann Aladin, Kelly Anderson, Maggie Bailey, Dashka Blyzniukova, Briana Bennitt, Sharlene Chin, Corey Colwell-Lipson, Flora Damasio, Paul David, Sophie Dolezel, Sandra Duncan, Julie Elithorp, Eric Fowler, Ginger Galando, Nailya Galiakbarova, Buckley Guderian, Jason and Robyn Hartman, Kristi Hartman, Petra Hines, Stephanie Hoener, Ashley Jensen, Kimberly Johnston, Lydia Lee, Yadira Martinez, Jana McClain, Jenn Miller, Jeanette Nagel, Tanya and Brian Orlando, Rick Orzel, Terri Pelton, Pat Polley, Javier and Rachel Rodriguez, Julia Rotella, Thalia Ryer, Ria Simpson, Sanae Stanley, Christa Tinker, Britt Urquiza, Cristiane Wegmann, Amanda Yuly, Bernd Zabel, Rose and Johnny Zhu.**

I wish you all a grand and Happy New Year!

Warm regards,
Geri Snyder on behalf of the Faculty and Staff

Simplicity Parenting Group - Winter 2013



ONE MORE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SIMPLICITY PARENTING GROUP THIS YEAR

An overview of this program will be held on Wednesday evening, Jan. 23 at 7 pm. The goal of this program is to help families reduce stress and increase opportunities for connection and rejuvenation by reducing clutter, reassessing schedules, bringing more rhythm into the home and reducing children's exposure to adult concerns and information - including screen time. This program is helpful to parents of children of all ages.

Comments from past participants -

"I am so glad I attended this group! If anything I wish it could have been more than 7 weeks..."

"I loved this group and I found the information and process very helpful."

The group will meet at Three Cedars on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Feb. 6, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. The registration form may be found [here](#). Please click [here](#) to view the flyer.

Grades News

Poetry by Grade 5 Students

"A Shiver of Cold", by Liberty Evans-Agnew

The sleet on your back.
Icy winds come again
After the leaves have fallen.
When dusk has come and night creeps forth,
Snow and hail and ice are here.
Trees shiver and quiver, all houses aglow,
And the moon rises to shine.
The darkness seeps in
A shiver of cold,
And we are left in dark.

"Winter," by Rachel David

Dreary and dead,
Lightless and bare,
Wet and cold
Is winter.
Yet in the darkness, there is a light.
A light in a window, a light from a candle,
A warmth emitted into the dark,
Melting the snow,
Bringing spring.

Biographies

Petra Hines - Morning Glory Kindergarten Assistant



Miss Petra was born to a Greek mother and an Irish father, the oldest of 3 sisters in a little town in upstate NY where delicious ethnic foods, tons of love, and the freedom to run, jump and play all day was what childhood was made of. She learned very early in her life about the importance of family values, good morals, and what children need to feel secure and loved. Life is about who you love.

She journeyed way out West at the age of 6 and her family settled in the Green Lake area of Seattle. Petra attended grade school at Orca, a creative alternative style public school. While still in high school she babysat young children, participated in Natural Helpers and upon graduation, attended Shoreline Community College where she realized that she preferred a more creative career which led her to Gene Juarez Beauty Academy and hairdressing.

She took to the many courses and advanced training schools from Seattle, London, Canada, Los Angeles, Texas and New York. There she learned to be part of a team and a conflict resolution specialist, guiding apprentices and assistants to their own greatness and true potential. Petra is a creative business person, an amazing hair colorist, and most of all, through her wonderful career and through living on this earth, she has learned so much about people and how everyone is beautifully connected.

She began her journey with Waldorf education 10 years ago while volunteering and creating a yurt shelter with the 3rd grade class at the Seattle Waldorf School. The light and wonder she witnessed from the children was emotionally heart warming and so special that she knew she had to be a part of it somehow.

So as luck would have it, she had two amazing children who attend TCWS where along with her husband, William, they work to be a part of the light and wonder in any way they can. Being part of the TCWS community as an active volunteer, Parent Tot gatherings facilitator, class coordinator and kindergarten assistant has made Petra an even stronger advocate for Waldorf education. She is actively taking part in all classes and seminars offered in Steiner Early Childhood Education and has recently completed an amazing seven-week Simplicity Parenting course, along with many personal growth opportunities in our community.

As a passionate food lover, she dedicates her time to teaching her children about where their food comes from, cooking and baking with them and curling up on the couch to read the next "best" cookbook. She loves beekeeping, tending to the family garden, the huge flock of chickens and bunnies, her dog, Crash, and her family - they are her life!

Petra joined the Three Cedars Early Childhood program as a Kindergarten Assistant in Fall 2012.

Elle Buss - Morning Star Kindergarten Assistant



Miss Elle was born in Seattle and grew up on 15 wooded acres where she gained a love of the outdoors by building forts with her two younger brothers, and tending their very large garden with her mother. She grew up with dogs, cats, chickens, bunnies, parakeets, and ponies. From an early age people told her that she would make an excellent teacher. She was often times found helping other people and animals.

Elle received her BA in Education from Evergreen State College. She worked through half of her Waldorf Teacher Certificate at Sound Circle Center and will be returning next year to complete it. She is currently finishing her Master's in Education at Antioch University. Elle enjoys hiking with her great dane/lab cross, Bear, salsa dancing, and travelling around the world whenever she gets the chance. She substitute taught for Games and Movement here at Three Cedars in 2010 and is incredibly happy to officially be part of Three Cedars community as the assistant kindergarten teacher in the Morning Star Kindergarten. Miss Elle joined the Early Childhood teaching staff in January 2013.

Community Announcements

AWSNA Inform - January 2013

Read about: [Waldorf Alumni Reunion, Excellence in Environmental Education, and more.](#)

Community Events

Ultimate Frisbee

Ultimate will take place Thursdays when school is in session at Wilburton Park from 2 to 3:30 pm (possibly to 4). New players and beginners from grades 3 and up welcome. Teams will be forming for spring league play from March to late May. Hosted by TCWS parents David Hasbrook and Jenny Doggett.

Local Events

SWHS Play - The Caucasian Chalk Circle



We invite you to bring your friends and family to see Bertolt Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" performed by students of Seattle Waldorf High School at The Erickson Off Broadway Theatre on Capitol Hill, 1524 Harvard Ave, Seattle, 98122. The show opens Friday, January 18, 7:00 p.m., and continues through the weekend on Saturday, January 19, 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 20, 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at <http://swhsdrama.brownpapertickets.com> for \$10/student and \$15/adults.

Please check out the [flyer](#) for more information about this exciting and artful production!

Johanna Steegmans Lecture Series at Madrona School



If you missed Johanna's talks at Seattle Waldorf School last year and want to hear a re-run, here is an opportunity to hear her speak on Bainbridge Island. Just a 30 minute boat ride from Seattle! 60 minute drive from Port Townsend, 90 minutes from Tacoma, 2 hours from Olympia.

Tuesday, Jan 29 at 6:30 - Navigating the Middle School Years

For more information, please see the [flyer](#).

BELAX Girls Lacrosse

Girls of all ages can play lacrosse for Bellevue East, the top club for girls from all over Bellevue. BELAX has teams for girls from 2nd grade through high school. The season is March-May. Informational meeting January 15, 7pm, Lake Hills Library. Register now at www.belax.org

The newsletter is published every two weeks during the school year.
The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Sunday, January 20.
Please email submissions to newsletter@threecedars.org.

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