



## Newsletter

February 11, 2013

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**Dear Robyn,**

Please enjoy the current issue of our newsletter.

## All-School News

### News from the Executive Director

#### THANK YOU!

Our most recent Community Meetings have been a resounding success! The Board and I are keen on letting you know of our school's position, plans, and vision: we know that community involvement is key to our school's current and future success. Working closely with parents is a fundamental value of Waldorf Education, and we are very grateful and enthused by the level of parent engagement that has come to life in these short few weeks.

At the end of last week we sent you our plans for the 2013-14 program. [Click here](#) to see the document we sent. Questions or concerns? Join us on **Monday February 11th at 8:30 am in the Grade 7 classroom, and 6:30 pm in Trillium Hall.**

Since our last community meetings, parents have taken a myriad of initiatives to support our school's growth and transition. Many of you have taken the time to share your perspective, your concerns, and your ideas. In so doing, you are contributing greatly to shaping our school's present and future. Thank you to all who have stepped forward to offer your talents, your expertise, and your enthusiasm for our future. Your initiatives are featured in this issue of our newsletter, marking the launching of a new level of engagement and initiative. Onward we go!

#### MARKETING

**Jeff Altaras, Michael Wegmann, and Sabina Singh** have stepped forward to spearhead our marketing efforts, bringing their enthusiasm and expertise to the table, eager to design a strategy that speaks to those families who are seeking a school just like ours. Interested in joining the team? Contact [marketing@threecedarswaldorf.org](mailto:marketing@threecedarswaldorf.org).

#### GRANTS

**Evelyn Heath, Ria Simpson, and Kristi Hartman** have joined **Cameron Altaras** in our new

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Grants Team. After only one meeting they have already targeted a Japanese Language grant, and an Arts Education grant. The Grants team is open to two or three new members. Interested? Contact Cameron Altaras at [c.altaras@yahoo.com](mailto:c.altaras@yahoo.com).

## DEVELOPMENT

A new Development Team is now active, thanks to **Kendall Whitlatch, Cris Laliberte, Thalia Ryer, and Ashley Jensen**. This team is entrusted with holding initiatives in the area of fundraising and community development, working with me on developing a cohesive strategy. In the next few weeks, we will develop a clear mandate along with goals and milestones to bring coherence to our community building and fundraising activities. You are welcome to contact our Development team via email: [development@threecedarswaldorf.org](mailto:development@threecedarswaldorf.org).

## FUNDRAISING

Fabulous initiatives are seeing the light of day in our approach to fundraising. In addition to the Annual Fund and Scrip Program – you will get to hear much more about these in the next few months – parents are already busy creating events I am sure you won't want to miss! **Lauren Root**, our beloved Strings teacher, is holding a concert 'with an auction twist', while **Martin Wilder** is encouraging all of us to de-clutter and offer our finds to a school-wide Garage Sale! You can also feel really great about getting a hair-cut, buying cheese-puffs, and having someone else clean your house: the generosity of parents is benefiting our school!

### 2013 Spring Concert (with an auction twist!)

We are delighted to announce our **2013 Spring Concert on Saturday May 18th, in Trillium Hall**. Tickets to our Spring Concert were in years past sold at the school auction. This year we are doing the reverse: add a silent auction to our evening of entertainment with wine and desserts!

Judy Beatie, Lauren Root, Heidi Person, Rick Saada, and their guests will be performing a wide range of music including Argentinian Tangos, music from movies like Lord of the Rings and The Mission, and music from Broadway musicals. There will also be vocal duets, piano and cello, piano and violin. This year we will also have an outstanding oboist join us. Our evening will be as fun for the audience as for the performers, with some fun surprises!

### 100 Tickets

Tickets will be for sale immediately after the mid-winter break for \$50.00 each, and cover the concert, a complimentary glass of wine, and a dessert. The event will be advertised outside of our school community, and with only 100 tickets available, be sure to give the office a call to reserve your tickets now!

### Silent Auction

Our silent auction will be set-up in classrooms, where in addition to bidding on your favorite hand-made items or experiences, we will enjoy being surrounded by our children's wonderful work! The silent auction will include our community favorites: beautiful, hand-made items and experiences donated by members of our school.

## We need your help!

- **Buy a ticket**, or two, or four! Invite a friend to a special evening of community, warmth, fun, and excellent musical performance.
- **Donate an item or an experience** – the sweater you knit, the lovely doll you sewed, the Adirondack chairs you made this summer in hopes of this year's auction: let them find their way to the school! We are looking for high quality, hand-made items, and for special experiences - a dinner at your home, two-days at your Whistler chalet – and will prefer to limit the number of items to about 20.
- **Make your most scrumptious dessert** to delight our guests. We think our guests deserve the best! Bring your creation or your favorite to our Dessert Buffet, for our guests to enjoy.
- **Volunteer** – We need 8 to 10 volunteers to run the event smoothly. Volunteering tasks are simple and not very time-consuming. For information about what to volunteer for, contact Lauren Root at [laroot@q.com](mailto:laroot@q.com).

For information about tickets, donations, and volunteering, contact Lauren at [laroot@q.com](mailto:laroot@q.com)

This is a wonderful opportunity for the adult community to gather for some fun socializing and to help the school at the same time. Call the office to reserve your tickets!

**May Faire & Garage Sale** – You thought May Faire was fun? Wait until we bring a school-wide garage sale in our parking lot! On **May 4th**, our May Faire will not only be an event for our own community, with our traditional May pole dances, fish-pond and face painting, pocket lady and cookies: this year we will invite the WHOLE community to our garage sale & community event, and open our classroom doors so all can see what an astonishing learning environment we share! Our May Faire is spearheaded this year by a team of parents who have been busy helping our pocket lady restock her magic pockets. This will truly be a community event: all of us will hold a booth, bake cookies, bring items for the garage sale, direct traffic, and clean-up! To know more about this year's most wonderful volunteering feast, contact **Martin Wilder** for the garage sale [house8020@gmail.com](mailto:house8020@gmail.com), and **Ginger Galando** for the May Faire activities [gingergalando@msn.com](mailto:gingergalando@msn.com). We will let you know of specific volunteer needs in the coming weeks.

## VOLUNTEERING

After reading this, I am sure it is pretty clear to you that **WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!** Many of you generously volunteer in your classroom(s) with plays, outings, and the many occasions when your child(ren) teacher seeks your support. Now is your chance to get to step beyond the

classroom and get to know and support the school as a whole. In the next few weeks, we will make available an electronic volunteer sign-up system to make your volunteering efforts as simple as possible. For us to be successful, **we need a Volunteer Coordinator!** You are very organized, email and web savvy, cheerful, and not easily discouraged? This could be the perfect volunteering opportunity for you! Interested: contact me at [gkline@threecedarswaldorf.org](mailto:gkline@threecedarswaldorf.org).

## 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](mailto: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>

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## Building & Grounds Work Party

Saturday, March 9, 2013  
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please join us for our first Work Party of the year! We'll be focusing on outdoor projects: tidying the parking lot landscaping, readying the gardens for planting, and providing general site clean-up. Children are welcome to attend if under parents' supervision. Please come dressed for the weather and bring a potluck dish to share!

## Fundraising at TCWS

### Spring Cleaning & De-cluttering Services

Spring is in the air!!! Professional spring cleaning, de-cluttering service, using only eco-friendly,

non-toxic cleaning products, please contact Sandra Duncan at 832-585-4502 or email me at duncan\_sandra@yahoo.com

Sandra is a parents in the Morning Glory class at TCWS.

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## Spring Haircuts with William and Petra and Gem Salon



Sunday, March 10, 2013

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Just in time for springtime holidays, William and Petra will once again be offering children's haircuts as a fundraiser for TCWS! Each haircut costs \$50 and 100% of proceeds will be donated to TCWS. Please call GEM Salon at 425.822.2990 to schedule your child's haircut with William!

## Biographies

### Maggie Reilly - Morning Star Kindergarten Teacher



Miss Maggie grew up in Arkansas and gained a love of the outdoors by playing in the woods with her sisters and spending time camping. She met her husband while attending college in Arkansas and knew from an early age that she was called to be a teacher. While living in New Mexico, she learned about Waldorf education from a college professor and thereafter spent time working in various childcare settings, substitute taught in a Reggio Emilia school, and observed in Waldorf kindergartens across the country. After moving to New Jersey, Maggie received a B.A. in Sociology and Child Development from Thomas Edison College. She taught pre-school until her son's birth and then became a kindergarten assistant when he was old enough to attend nursery class at the Waldorf School of Princeton. She began Waldorf Teacher Training at Sunbridge College, where she completed her Waldorf Teaching Certificate and a Master of Science in Education. Miss Maggie relocated to the Pacific Northwest last year and enjoy the many outdoor opportunities for camping and hiking in the area. Miss Maggie joined Three Cedars as a co-teacher in the Morning Glory Kindergarten in 2006. In 2012 she transitioned to lead teacher of Morning Star Kindergarten.

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### Lauren Root - Strings Teacher





Mrs. Root was raised as the daughter of an officer in the U.S. Army. She was born in Garmisch, Germany and then lived in Moscow, USSR; London, UK; Monterey, CA; Fort Bragg, North Carolina; Honolulu, HI; Fort Leavenworth, KS; Nebraska City, NE; Springfield, VA; Carlisle, PA; Fort Benning, GA; not necessarily in that order. She attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore and earned a Bachelors of Cello. After attending business school for a year in Syracuse, NY; she moved to Whidbey

Island, WA and taught cello for a few years before settling in Bellevue, WA for the last twenty-five years. Mrs. Root teaches cello privately and has been involved with the Seattle Youth Symphony Orchestras for twenty years and Marrowstone-In-The-City children's programs for seventeen years. Decades of performing and touring with chamber music ensembles and orchestras was put on hold with the birth of her son, now a TCWS alum. Mrs. Root joined TCWS in 2002 and teaches introductory strings to Grade 4, intermediate strings to Grade 5, and the Grades 6-8 Strings Ensemble classes.

## Community Announcements

### *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 Opportunities*

## Spiritual Streams and Sun Initiates Workshop - February 2013

Workshop by Brian Gray

**Friday, February 22 to Saturday, February 23**

Held in Seattle Waldorf School's Huckleberry Hall

2728 NE 100 Seattle 98125

Brian Gray will share his significant research of the **Spiritual Streams and Sun Initiates** with the Seattle community by offering a Friday lecture plus two Saturday morning lectures and an afternoon workshop. On Saturday evening he will continue with a wonderful topic for this new year -- **The Healing Forces of Novalis: Spiritual Nourishment for 2013**. For the fullest benefit, please join us for the entire weekend offering and if not possible, you are welcome to attend any of the four lectures. Brian has not been to Seattle for over 10 years. This is a rare opportunity to experience his deep work and wisdom, his enthusiasm for humanity, and his loving warmth. Please see the [flyer](#) for more details and early registration info.

*Brought to you by the Center for Anthroposophical Endeavors and the Seattle Branch of the Anthroposophical Society.*

## Healing in the Madonna Pictures Workshop

The three members of the Western Regional Council (WRC) of the Anthroposophical Society – Joan Treadaway, Linda Connell, and Daniel Bittleson – will be meeting with the Seattle community. While here Joan is offering wonderful lectures and workshop focused on the healing properties of the Madonna pictures. For particulars, please see the [flyer](#) or on the branch [Facebook page](#). We welcome their return visit. Please join us in one or more of these activities! We hope that you are able to participate.

For more info, contact Pam Engler @ 206.526.5984 or [pengler@nwlinc.com](mailto:pengler@nwlinc.com).

## 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](http://www.belax.org)

## Wider Community

## Education and Parenting in an Age of Technological Change



*In celebration of our 30th Anniversary, Portland Waldorf School is fortunate to*





*host editor, educator and philanthropist Eric Utne on March 2 on the topic of Education and Parenting in an Age of Technological Change.*

Mr. Utne is perhaps best known as the founder and publisher of The Utne Reader. Since 1984, this magazine has made smart and challenging voices from lesser-known sources available to a wider public.

In 1991 the magazine formed the Neighborhood Salon Association to “revive the endangered art of conversation and start a revolution in people’s living rooms.” Over 18,000 people joined, comprising nearly 500 salons across North America, many of which still continue.

Less known is that Eric Utne has been involved with Waldorf education for over 35 years as a parent, teacher (at the City of Lakes Waldorf School in Minneapolis) and board member of Sunbridge College for Waldorf teacher training in Chestnut Ridge, New York, and as a public advocate for Waldorf education.

**His free talk on March 2 is entitled “Education and Parenting in an Age of Technological Change.”**

**Don’t miss the rare chance to hear this dynamic activist and speaker.**

Please click [here to view the press release](#).

## Stout's Island Summer Solstice Retreat



**June 16-21, 2013**

[5-day Writing, Yoga and Meditation Workshop](#)

At beautiful [Stout's Island Lodge](#), WI

With award-winning writer, author, and experienced Waldorf teacher, Jeannine Ouellette and certified yoga and meditation teacher, Maria Toso. Daily yoga and meditation sessions ignite and support creative synergy. As you connect your body, mind, and senses through movement and stillness, you release tension and cultivate deep insight and balance.

Morning and afternoon writing sessions bring your gaze over the edge of doubt and into the space of the unexpected, where new things come from, while reconnecting you to the innate joy of language and possibility. Experience these brilliant workshop techniques drawn from the work of anthroposophist, poet, and master teacher [Paul Matthews](#), who uses playfulness as a portal to the profound, as well as from [James Pennebaker's](#) groundbreaking work with writing for healing and transformation. You will have plenty of free time to enjoy the beautiful and contemplative island setting.

\$1,695//\$1,495 per person for single or double occupancy (includes all lodging fees & taxes, most meals, and all programming)



Please register early, space is very limited and the retreat may fill quickly. For more information visit [elephantrockretreats.com](http://elephantrockretreats.com). You may also email [elephantrockretreats@gmail.com](mailto:elephantrockretreats@gmail.com) or call 612.244.0865 with questions and for additional information about tuition discounts or payment options.

## *Sound Circle Offerings*

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## **Introduction to Anthroposophy Lecture Series - Winter/Spring 2013**

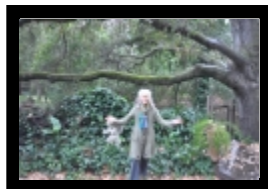


On Saturday mornings twice a month the public is invited to join the Foundation Year students to listen to presentations on essential themes in Anthroposophy.

9:15am - 10:45 am at the Seattle Waldorf School, 2728 NE 100th St, in Huckleberry Hall (East Entrance)

Drop in \$10 per session. Click [here](#) for a listing of upcoming presentations, including Evolution of Consciousness and Antroposophy as a Path of Thinking.

## **Story Workshops with Nancy Mellon**



### **The Wild Cry for Healing Story**

Friday Evening, March 1st, 7:45 pm - 9:15 pm

### **The Storyteller as Peacemaker: Renewing Our Relations**

Saturday, March 2nd, 11:30 am - 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 3rd , 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Seattle Waldorf School, 2725 NE 100th St, Seattle

For more details, click [here](#). Read Nancy's article, [Peacemaking through Story](#).

The newsletter is published every two weeks during the school year.  
The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Sunday, February 24.

Please email submissions to [newsletter@threecedars.org](mailto:newsletter@threecedars.org).

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