



Newsletter

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Please enjoy the current issue of our newsletter.

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All-School News

Updates - Winter 2012

OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday January 9th, 6:30 pm - This is the last Open House of the year and our largest enrollment event. Join us for the evening of discovery, attend a class, meet our teachers, and **INVITE A FEW FRIENDS TO JOIN YOU**. Open House postcards are available in the office for distribution: doctors' offices, cafes, libraries – Everybody should know about Three Cedars Waldorf School! Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Community Meeting on Thursday January 17th, 7:00 pm in Trillium Hall (in lieu of the Parent Association meeting) – In the context of the Board of Trustees' ongoing conversation with the school community, join us for a discussion about the school's financial state, our plans, and our need for your help. (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).

FUNDRAISING – You still have a few weeks to make your donation and deduct it from your 2012 taxes – Donations to the Annual Fund bridge the gap between our tuition revenue and our operating costs. This year's gap in funding totals **\$107,990**. Every faculty, staff, and board member has contributed to the Annual Fund and raised \$21,231.50. You love our school? You wish to help? Donating to the school is a great tangible way to express your appreciation. You can find our pledge card [here](#).

Auction 2012-2013

Many of you have asked about this year's auction, and following several weeks of thorough review with key auction volunteers, it is time to recognize that we are not able to host the Auction this school year. In the past, the Auction has been a wonderful way for the community to gather and enjoy a social time, and to contribute to the school's fundraising efforts. The event is held fondly by many parents as a highlight of past school years.

This year however, we find that we do not have the resources to plan and build an auction, and the analysis of past years' auction proceeds is not sufficiently convincing for us to stretch our resources and overwork our staff further. You can see the data related to past auctions here.

	Revenue	Expense	Net*
2011/12	53,000	23,500	29,500
2010/11	95,500	25,000	70,500
2009/10	75,000	29,000	46,000
2008/09	78,000	24,500	53,500
2007/08	60,000	22,000	38,000

The important topic of fundraising for our school deserves some good conversation with members of our community, scheduled during the Parent Association meeting of Thursday March 21st (6:30 pm in Trillium Hall), dedicated to the topic of 'Building Community'. Please join us!

Grade School Dismissal Time on Thursday, Dec. 20th - 2:00pm

Our usual dismissal time of 1:45 pm will be slightly delayed by the performance of the Shepherd's Play for the elementary grades students, starting at 1:00 pm. The play's mood of shared humor, meaningful story and joy in art will send the students into their winter break with warmth and community sharing. **Please expect pickup time to be 2:00 pm** instead of 1:45 pm, and enjoy conversations with other parents while waiting. If you would like to attend the play, you are warmly invited to the 5:30 pm performance later the same evening for kindergarten and school families and friends. Thank you.

Shepherd's Play: A Performance Gift from the Faculty on Dec. 20

The medieval "Shepherd's Play" will be performed for parents and friends on **Thursday, December 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm in Trillium Hall**. This is TCWS's first-ever all-ages performance for the larger community, and kindergarten families are specifically invited. **THE PLAY IS FREE AND OPEN TO ALL.**

Performing this play is an annual tradition in most Waldorf schools, dating from Rudolf Steiner's directing the plays in 1915. This Christmas-themed play is the first of three; the others are the

"Paradise Play," about Adam and Eve, and the "Three Kings' Play," about the events surrounding the three kings' visit to the Christ child. Rediscovered medieval manuscripts in dialect show the Christmas story in simple language with robust humor. Singing processions explain the events, and a warm, heartfelt mood prevails. Since familiar teachers act out the roles of Mary and Joseph, shepherds, innkeepers and angels, the performance is enjoyed by all. Along with the winter spiral of light and the advent assemblies, this play shares the joy of the season. Please join us on December 20.

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

Three Cedars Parent-Tot Classes

The winter session of our Parent-Tot classes will begin on Friday, January 11 and we have just a few spaces left! Parents with young children are warmly invited to [register](#) for this wonderful class, taught by Miss Maggie on Friday mornings. Please submit your completed registration form and fee to the admissions office soon to hold your space.

Biographies

Monica Lander - Class of 2020



Ms. Lander was born in Murfreesboro, TN, and as the daughter of an Air Force career father lived in various places throughout her childhood including Morocco, Missouri, and North Dakota. When her father retired, the family settled and Ms. Lander attended junior and senior high school in Spokane. Ms. Lander studied psychology and philosophy at Eastern Washington State University, helped found the Quadra Island Waldorf School on Vancouver Island, had a one-year internship at the Edmonton Waldorf School, a formal class teacher training year at Sunbridge Teacher Training Program, NY and more recently completed a certification in Spatial Dynamics with Jaimen MacMillan's program. She has over twenty years experience as a Waldorf class teacher in grades one through eight, and has taught in Washington D.C. and Seattle. She is a certified Waldorf Movement Education instructor since 2005 and is currently adjunct faculty for Sound Circle Teacher Training Program in Seattle and the Southwestern Colorado summer training program. Ms. Lander's volunteer work and summers include training Waldorf teachers, practicing and teaching outdoor skills such as Wilderness First Aid, rock and glacier climbing, and sea kayaking. Her daughter Michaela, now twenty-nine years old, began Waldorf Education in kindergarten, and graduated twelfth grade from the Washington D.C. Waldorf School, studied Anthropology and German languages at American University, and is now a professional firefighter/paramedic living in Washington DC. Ms. Lander joined Three Cedars Waldorf School in 2008, having taken a Grade 1 class before transitioning into the Dean of Education role in 2009.

Judy Beatie - Strings Teacher



Mrs. Beatie was born and raised in Salt Lake City, Utah. She attended University of Utah on a full musical scholarship and left that program after auditioning and joining the Utah Symphony at the end of her freshman year. Most of her musical education was thereafter received on concert stages in various cities throughout the United States, Europe, and South America. Mrs. Beatie teaches viola and violin privately and she has taught in the



Northshore School District for twelve years, has toured with “The Washington State Arts Commission” for ten years, and while living in California she toured with “The Young Audiences Program.” She presently coaches for Seattle Youth Symphony and this is Mrs. Beatie’s sixth year teaching introductory strings to Grade 4, intermediate strings to Grade 5, and leading 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 Events

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

Classifieds

Student Seeking Homestay Opportunity

Hello. My name is Jay Hong, a student at UW. I'm looking for a nice homestay family whose children go to Three Cedars Waldorf School. My sister, Minyoung, is a grade 7 girl who is hoping to attend the school for two months from Jan to Feb. Minyoung speaks good English and is looking forward to experiencing school life and making great friends! Please contact me at 206-883-6024 or email me at luvured@uw.edu if you're interested in helping my sister enjoy her stay at Three Cedars Waldorf School. Payment will be discussed too!

Firewood Available

Wood available-would like to barter. We had to take down 1 1/2 birch trees this fall due to disease. We have 3/4 cord of wood cut into 16-18" rounds under our carport. You would need to haul, split and cure it. After Wed. Dec. 19, we will also have one cord of wood from a diseased maple tree. We would like to barter some yard work and hope the wood could be hauled away before Christmas but yard work could wait until a later date.

Joanne Crum 425.746.0416 fjcrum@gmail.com

Seeking Playstands

WANTED: 2 wooden playstands to give to our four year old son for Christmas. Please contact Susan Ingham at sfingham@yahoo.com or 206 334-2521 if you have a pair that you are willing to sell.

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