



Newsletter

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All-School News

Lantern Walk 2012 Appreciation



Many weeks ago, we began our Lantern Walk preparations with a special visit from the 8th grade students. Each 8th grader found a balloon, rice paper, glue and partners to help with making a lantern for our upcoming festival. The kindergarteners were quite impressed with their big helpers.

Day after day we formed our lanterns and sang lantern songs during our circle. Eventually, all of the lanterns from our returning students arrived and hung festively around the class. Even our class gnomes, Lipputto and Tiptap, made their own very tiny lanterns for the festival!

Finally, the night arrived. It was crisp and cold. We gathered around two bonfires and drank hot cider to warm ourselves. The kindergarten, parent-tot, and Forget-me-Not children went to Trillium Hall to enjoy a puppet show about George and his Lantern. The first and second grade students went to hear a story about Saint Martin and his cloak. After hearing the stories, we quietly gathered and began singing our Lantern Songs. We processed over the field and quietly walked through the back woods. As we walked along in the woods, several TCWS 8th graders and alum and sang lantern songs to encourage a reverent and festive mood. Many children even saw the tiny lights of Lipputto's and Tiptap's lanterns shining in the dark woods!



The Early Childhood Faculty and Monica Lander would like to thank the many volunteers that helped make our beautiful Lantern Walk Festival. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Geri

Snyder for her willingness to help work to create magical festivals at Three Cedars! A special thank you to the third grade parents who helped create this festival for the families of younger students including: Yadira Martinez, Andy Held, Rich Koehler, Brad Hartman, Michael Geri, and Mark Wigzell. Thank you to the third grade students and Mr. Zabel for assembling the luminaries. Thank you to Mr. Preston and the 8th grade students for help with the lantern-making. Some of our other volunteers include Jim Jack, Nancy Zabel, Nels Mason, Colin Aylward, Jeannette Nagel, Thalia Ryer, Daria Blyzniukova, Rachel Rodriguez, Sandra Duncan, Ashley Jensen, and Angie Alkove. A very special note of gratitude to TCWS 8th graders Kylie Hartman and Ananda Gordon-Peabody, and to TCWS alum Teal Chinn, Anne & Rachel Mason, Amanda Mythen, Carrie Saada, Sam Crewe-Sullam, Aldous Root, Iain Kelly, Caelan Sun, and Keaton Guderian.

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.

Sibling Application for Admission Deadline

Siblings of students currently enrolled at Three Cedars Waldorf School receive priority consideration when applying to our programs. If you are considering enrollment for the 2013-14 school year for a younger sibling, please submit your [application](#) for admission by **Thursday, December 13, 2012**.

Additional Kindergarten Assistant Position

Three Cedars is seeking an additional Kindergarten Assistant in the Morning Star class in order to make space available for a few new students to join us in January. This is a part time position, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Monday - Wednesday, beginning in January. Please view the full posting along with instructions for applying on our [website](#).

Parking Lot Etiquette

Drive SLOWLY both in the vicinity of our school and on our campus, where the speed limit is FIVE MILES PER HOUR, ESPECIALLY AS YOU ENTER THE SCHOOL GROUNDS.

DO NOT PARK in the fire lanes, in front of the garbage enclosure, the handicap spaces, or on the sidewalks.

Please RESPECT ALL SIGNAGE, traffic cones, and no-parking areas.

Please respect no-parking requests for special events.

Students come and go from the parking lot throughout the day, as early childhood and grade school students attend school at different times. We recommend that you use a high degree of caution when driving through or parking on our campus, for the safety of all.

Handicap parking space is reserved for handicap parking only. The fine for illegally parking in a spot reserved for persons with disabilities is \$250.

(reprinted from TCWS Community Handbook, page 72)

Biographies

Annette Campana - Class of 2015



Annette Campana was born and raised in Vancouver, British Columbia. She attended the Cleveland Institute of Music before returning to B.C. where she attained her Bachelor of Education Degree from Simon Fraser University. For six years Annette taught public middle school in British Columbia and later in New Jersey. After the arrival of her two daughters she discovered Waldorf Education. Deeply inspired as an educator by the insightful and developmentally thoughtful education, she completed her Waldorf teacher training at Antioch University New

England. Annette worked at the Waldorf School of Princeton as a grade school teacher, early childhood teacher, and choir director. Recently her family relocated back to the the West Coast and she is excited to once again be taking a sixth grade class! She enjoys music, a cup a tea and a good book, but most of all spending time with her family in the wonderful outdoors.

Jackie Ralston - After Care Lead Teacher



Mrs. Ralston was born in Santa Ana, CA and moved to Joyce, WA when she was five years old. She spent the next four years on a hundred acre farm with two ponds, two creeks, a herd of cows, and seventeen horses, and two sets of grandparents before her parents moved to Port Angeles when she was nine. She then experienced life in a small town, surrounded by loggers and fisher folk, before moving to Bellingham to attend Western Washington University. She met her husband and the Ba'hai faith there, then relocated to the Eastside

where she has lived for the last twenty-three years. Her work experience has included bookkeeping, preschool teaching, parent-tot playgroup teaching, serving as the assistant director at a child care center, and twenty total years as a nanny. Mrs. Ralston completed her foundation year with Bill Bryant in Tacoma and her two children have attended Waldorf schools from grades 1-11 and preschool through grade 2, so far. Her interests include knitting, reading, basket making, philosophy and spirituality, human development and group consultation. This is Mrs. Ralston's eleventh year of association with Three Cedars and her second year as our lead after school care teacher.

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

Fall 2012 Heavy Baby Workshop



Create a therapeutic and cute 2 or 4.5 pound Waldorf-style heavy baby for a child you love! Workshop led by doll maker, puppeteer and Waldorf teacher Aimee de Ney on Saturday, Nov. 17th and Sunday Dec. 9th at the Fremont Community School and on Sunday, Nov. 18th, also in Seattle. Heavy babies can be created in a variety of sizes, styles and colors dependent upon the age and preferences of the recipient, and they are all sure to be well loved! Please contact me at aimeedeney@yahoo.com or 919-260-8491 for more info.

Please click [here](#) for the flyer.

The Winter Solstice Bus Trip – December 15, 2012



An invitation from your hostess Irene Perler (who has been enjoying snow since 1961!)

Remember the good old' days when times were simpler? When eating fresh fallen snow, sledding down a hill, a snowball fight followed by a fire and hot chocolate and the smell of the pine trees in the cold winter air warmed your soul? You could pull that sled up that hill over and over until the sun went down and then you looked out the window back at the snowman you made with your Mom's scarf, a carrot and a broom?

Join a bunch of friendly, fun-loving folk of all ages, looking for simple pleasures and magic that the winter season and a shared experience brings. Each year, we ride a cozy bus through the mountains to the Bavarian village of Leavenworth for food, festival of lights, shopping and music. We stop along the way to play in the snow: sledding, snowmen, romantic walks in the snow with your sweetheart are all possible. We take a horse-drawn sleigh ride followed up by a warm dinner in a rustic farm building with a hot wood stove. We sing and play games and then we join in an age old tradition of people all around the world who call back the sun each year to make sure it comes back again to warm the world and make the plants grow again.

Many friends have enjoyed these rituals and traditions for almost 20 years. I invite you and your friends and family to join in the fun!

This Solstice Bus trip celebration is being held Saturday, December 15th from 8:30 am to 11:00 pm. Tickets cost: \$85 adults, \$70 youth (aged 13 to 18), \$55 children under 12 and children under 2 are free. Some scholarship is available and family rates are negotiable.

For more information and registration contact Irene Perler at irene_perler@hotmail.com or pick up a flyer at the front desk at Three Cedars.

Get your tickets now! Even at today's prices this is a value worth every penny and the time spent with your family in this way is priceless! I'll save you a snowball! Promise!

Discipline Workshop for Parents and Teachers - December 2012



presenter, Briana Bennitt

Saturday, December 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Enjoy this refreshing and common sense approach as we explore discipline and child-rearing. This workshop demystifies "discipline" and illustrates the common pitfalls of some of the more prevalent "behavior management" advice that bombards parents and teachers. Participants will be introduced to the basic principles of "Real Discipline," "Collaborative Counseling," "Simplicity Parenting," and newer resources now available on the science of human development, parenting and teaching. Adults will become more confident and skilled in their approach to discipline so that children may relax into the safety and security of authentic adult authority.

NOW REGISTERING:

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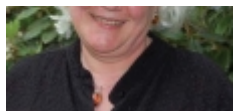
STARS credit available for teachers and childcare providers registered in the Washington DEL MERIT system: .6 CEUs/6 hours: \$90 with certification for 6 hrs STARS CEUs, \$75 to register without STARS credits.

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](#).

The newsletter is published every two weeks during the school year.
The deadline for submissions for the next newsletter is Sunday, November 25.

Please email submissions to newsletter@threecedars.org.

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