



Friday Newsletter

November 18, 2011

"Fallen leaves lying on the grass in the November sun bring more
happiness than the daffodils"
~ Cyril Connolly

This week's full newsletter can be found online at www.waldorfpittsburgh.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- Sat 11/19**
- Fall Grounds Clean-up, 9:00 am
 - Open House, Auditorium, 10:00 am
 - Morning Garden Lantern Walk, Auditorium and Grounds, 4:30pm
- Tue 11/22-
Fri 11/25**
- ALL MORNING GARDEN PROGRAMS CLOSED
- Wed 11/23**
- Special Third Grade Muffin Sale 10:15 am
 - Early Dismissal 12:15 pm, **No Extended care**, Little Friends open as usual, **Busing available**
- Thu 11/24-
Fri 11/25**
- **No School, No Extended Care, No Little Friends. All Programs closed**
- Sat 12/3**
- Winter Fair 11:00 am-4:00 pm
- Mon 12/5**
- No School, Little Friends in session as usual, Extended Care available.
- Tue 12/6**
- Facilities "Doing" 5:30 pm
- Fri 12/9**
- Hot Lunch 11:45 am
- Sat 12/10**
- Parent Association Meeting, Library, 9:00 am

GENERAL NEWS

Transportation Change forms

As a reminder to all families, Transportation Change forms must be submitted to the Front Office anytime there will be a change in your child's pick-up schedule. This includes but is not limited to a change in the normal pick-up person, if they are staying in after care when they usually don't, if they are not staying in after care when they

normally do, or if they are riding the bus on a special occasion. If your child is doing anything different from their normal routine, the Office must be notified using a Transportation Change Form. This includes notifying the office of occasional use Extended Care days.

Regardless if a person is on your approved pick up list or not, children will not be released to a new person without permission from a parent. In addition, if your child is not a regularly scheduled bus rider, but will be riding due to staying in Extended Care or an Early Dismissal, you must notify the office of this change.

This week will have a half day on Wednesday November 23rd. There is no Extended Care or After Care. Buses are available. If Kindergarten parents who use busing wish to have their children ride the bus home this day instead of being picked up please submit a Transportation Change Form to the office. If your child normally attends the Extended Care program and you wish to have them ride the bus instead of picking them up please notify the office using this form. If your child normally rides the bus in the afternoons and you wish to pick them up on Wednesday instead, you must notify the office using the Transportation Change Form.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

Calling all cans! With Thanksgiving around the corner, we are pleased to continue our annual tradition of a canned food drive. Each year the Grades program collects non-perishable foods from our school families and neighbors and donates them to the Jubilee Kitchen., Please have all donations at school by Wednesday, November 23rd at 10 am. They may be left in plastic or paper bags in the Front Office. Thank you for supporting this tradition and the Jubilee Kitchen.

Lantern Walk

Last Friday, November 11th, the WSP celebrated the Martinmas Festival with the annual Lantern Walk at Frick Park. The Apple Lady awarded each child who traveled down the lantern-lit pathway in the forest, a delicious apple. Hot chocolate, pretzels and singing were enjoyed after the hike through the lantern-lit woods. A wonderful time was had by all.



Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to our music and cello teacher Nicole Myers on her recent marriage this October. Ms. Myers will be changing her name to Mrs. Cummings shortly, and some school communications regarding strings class may already refer to Ms. Myers as Mrs. Cummings. We wish Ms. Myers the very best!

Winter Fair

Winter Fair is approaching and Co-Chairs Christina Frasher and Becky Wagner are looking for volunteers. Helping with phone calls during the day is very much needed right now or posting flyers in the community. Please contact either Christina (cmfrasher@gmail.com) or Becky (bsquared75@yahoo.com) if you're able to help in the next few weeks.

During Winter Fair, many volunteers will be needed at the crafts tables, for serving food and for setting up and cleaning after the event. Sign up sheets will be posted on the web using Doodle on Friday, November 11th to sign up for volunteer positions. Please

follow the links below to sign up to volunteer at Winter Fair. Please see where you can offer your time to make this a fun and successful event and gather those much needed volunteer hours!

Baked Goods for Winter Fair

If you are a baker we would love to have your baked goods. We need your homemade *NUT FREE* baked goods dropped off at the school in the library on Friday Dec. 2nd, or first thing Saturday the 3rd. Please include an ingredient list. We also need donations of popcorn and cranberry strands to help decorate the school. Stringing popcorn and cranberries is a fun and easy way to fulfill some of your volunteer hours at home! You may drop these in the library also.

Winter Greens Sale

In the lead up to Winter Fair, the Parent Association will once again sell winter greens for home decoration. The brochure/order form is attached to the newsletter email, and a paper copy will be sent home next week. These are beautiful, long-lasting, locally-produced greens that will bring the outdoors in once the snow has blanketed the outside.

Please also consider purchasing greens as a donation to help decorate the school for Winter Fair. The deadline for orders this year will be November 28th.

EXTENDED CARE NEWS

There will not be Extended Care on Wednesday November 23rd due to the Early Dismissal.

In Extended Care this week

This Tuesday, November 15th, the students enrolled in the Extended Care program made pine cone and grapefruit birdfeeders to take home and hang as a gift to our feathered friends in this cold weather. The students all enjoyed decorating each pinecone and grapefruits, and they had some eager volunteers to eat our grapefruits before the rinds could be used as vessels.



Next Week

On *Tuesday, November 29th*, we will be hosting a special after-school craft activity, and students will be participating in a beading project in the Extended Care program. Take a look at the Extended Care section of the school website for updates on upcoming activities at www.waldorfpittsburgh.org/extended care.

GRADES NEWS

In the Third Grade

The third grade has been learning about Native Americans for the past few weeks. They have discovered how the Iroquois lived in the forest, how the Inuit survived in the Arctic, and how the buffalo helped the Sioux make a living on the Great Plains. They also heard many Native American stories, and the third grade students are currently working on writing their own stories in the same style and tone as those they have heard. Some

of the stories currently in progress from the third grade classroom include “How the Fish Lost its Teeth” and “How the Beaver got its Tail.”

In addition, The Third Grade submitted a gingerbread house to the PPG Place that was based on a design of a Native American longhouse. Grandmother of Madeline King volunteered her time to help the students with this exciting project. The gingerbread houses are on display in the exterior windows of Two PPG Place beginning this weekend through January 7th. For more information visit

<http://www.ppgplace.com/gingerbread.php>

Fifth and Sixth Grade visit the Oakland Zoo

The Fifth and Sixth Graders watched the Pitt women play Loyola in Basketball today. Team work, perseverance and love of athletic ability are some of the experiences they enjoyed! Go Pitt!



Dyeing Yarn in the First Grade

This week the First Grade finished dyeing their wool yarn. To achieve the three colors the first grade and Ms. Konefal-Shar used onion skins for the yellow, cochineal bugs, a lady bug from Mexico, for the red-violet color, and magical indigo ground from shells with some crystals and a drop of magic.



ENROLLMENT NEWS

From the Enrollment Office

Did you know...this Saturday's Open House is for YOU!

Attending an Open House is the perfect way to consider your child's next step at our

school. Next year we will be offering all of our current programs and adding seventh grade.

- ◆ Come listen to Early Childhood & Grades faculty talk about Waldorf Education and how it addresses the developmental needs of each child.
- ◆ Ask current parents questions and hear their perspective.
- ◆ Enjoy a delicious brunch prepared by our own Parent Association.

If you are interested in our Scholarship Program, a financial aid workshop will be conducted at 11:30 am for any Open House participant.

Saturday, November 19th, 2011
10 am – 12 pm
Adults only please.

RSVP to Devon Wood, Enrollment Coordinator:
dwood@waldorfpittsburgh.org or (412) 441-5792 x224

Future Open Houses:

Wednesday, January 18th, 2012 - Financial Aid Workshop
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 4th, 2012 - Financial Aid Workshop
10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Thursday, March 22nd, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18th, 2012
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

2012 Enrollment Timeline

January 13	Re-enrollment forms & tuition information mailed out to current families by this date
February 3	- Newly Entering/Nursery/K applications due* - Re-enrollment forms due for current families - Little Friends Summer applications due for current families - Summer Camp applications due for current families
February 6	-New applicants notified of space available -Little Friends Summer open enrollment (non-current families) -Summer Camp open enrollment (non-current families)
February 29	Deadline for submitting financial aid materials
March 15	Nursery deposit of \$400 due for newly entering Nursery students

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| March 27 | Scholarship award letters mailed |
| April 10 | Scholarship Appeal letters due |
| April 24 | Contracts due for Kindergarten and Grades programs and \$400 deposit due |
| June 1 | Materials fees due for Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grades |

* Visiting Days (2-day visits for Nursery or Kindergarten, 3-day for Grades) and Parent-Teacher Interviews will occur February – April, 2011.

FROM THE PARENT ASSOCIATION

Hot Lunch Friday

A PA-sponsored hot lunch will be held on Friday, December 9th from 12 until 1 pm.. The lunch will include cheese pizza from Spak Brothers restaurant on Penn Avenue, carrots, and apples for a price of \$4 (\$1 each for each additional slice). Please send your child with plate & napkin. Proceeds from the PA hot lunch sales will be used to build and beautify the outdoor play spaces for the school.

VOLUNTEERING & DONATIONS

Fall Grounds Clean-up

Bring a rake and come out for our annual fall grounds cleanup at the Waldorf School of Pittsburgh. There are a lot of leaves to clean up and we can use as much help as we can get! Rain or shine, the clean up starts at 9:00 am and runs through 1:00 pm. Stop by for an hour or the whole time. The school has some rakes and tarps for moving leaves, but if you have these or other tools it would be helpful to bring them. There will be bagels and coffee for early morning fuel and a pizza lunch for anyone around at the end.

We will have a dumpster from Agrecycle to collect all the yard waste for composting. The dumpster will be on site until November 28, so if you can't come this Saturday please consider coming any time until then. *Please note that the dumpster is for compostable yard waste only.*

Donations Requests

- New/Gently Used Digital Camera
- New/Gently Used Chest Freezer (Early Childhood)
- Tissues and Cough Drops for the Classrooms (Early Childhood and Grades)

All articles can be found here at

<http://waldorfpittsburgh.org/tag/newsletter111811/>