

# Nelson Waldorf School Bulletin

AUGUST 26, 2009



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### September 2009

Tues.	1	5pm	Class 2/3 Potluck
Tues.	1	10-2	Marigold Open House
Wed.	2	4:30-6:00	Bluebell & Sunflower Potluck
Tues.	8	8:10-12	School Begins 1-8/Marigold
Tues.	8	8:45am	Rose Ceremony Welcome
Wed.	9	6:30pm	Class 6 Parent Meeting
W/Th	9/10	8-12noon	KG. gradual entry
W-F	9-11		Class 8 Outdoor Challenge Trip
Thur.	10		Class 6 Cody Caves Trip
Mon.	14	7-9pm	Class 7 Parent Meeting
Mon.	14	7-9pm	Class 8 Parent Meeting
Tue.	15	5:30	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Sat.	19	1:30	Parent Orientation/Hoedown
Mon.	21	6:30pm	Class 4 Parent Meeting
Tue/Wed	22-23		Class 6 Kokanee Glacier Trip
Wed.	23	6-8pm	Bluebell&Sunflower Parent Meeting
Fri.	25	Time TBA	Class 2/3 Parent Meeting

### SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS

The 2009/2010 School Year is fast approaching. Classes 1-8 and Marigold Daycare will begin Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The first day will be a half day from 8:10am to 12noon for classes 1 – 8. Marigold will be a full day from 8:00am - 4:30pm. Kindergarten will be gradual entry over two days Wednesday & Thursday, September 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am – 12noon.

**ROSE CEREMONY** - Waldorf Schools across Canada, United States and internationally will be celebrating the tradition of the Rose Ceremony. Parents are welcome to attend this reverent ceremony where Class One students are welcomed to the School and presented with a rose. This Ceremony takes place the first day of school in the Silver King Hall at 8:45 a.m.

**PLEASE BRING** - All children must have a pair of indoor shoes kept at School. A change of clothing is also recommended. Each child is assigned a cubby area in which to keep their shoes, lunch, etc. Please ensure your child's lunchbag/kit or daypack does not have graphic designs or logos, etc. on it. Please label all items with your child's name.

**LICE CHECK** – Check your children's hair for lice and treat (if lice are found) before the first day of school. As a preventative measure we would like to carry out an all class's lice check during the first week of school. We can only do this if we have several parents who are willing to carry this task out. Please contact the school office if you are willing to be a team lice checker.

**BUS SERVICE** - We utilize the city bus for transportation to and from downtown each school day. The 'Waldorf' bus leaves the depot at Ward and Baker Streets Monday - Friday at 7:50am each morning, arriving at school at approx. 8:05, in time for the 8:10 bell. The bus leaves the school at 2:45 p.m., arriving downtown at approx. 3:00 p.m. **There is no bus service for Classes 1-5 that let out half days on Fridays.** Student bus passes will be available for sale from the school Finance office by August 28th. The cost of a bus pass is \$31.00 a month. A monthly pass allows the bearer that month's use on all Nelson City busses any time of the day & weekends. Purchasing a student bus pass is a definite savings if your children rides the bus regularly. For less frequent riders, Punch passes are also available for \$29.00. We do have a minimum number of passes that we must purchase from the city in order to sustain service to our school so **please purchase your passes through the school rather than the city.** A regular student one time fare for riding the bus is \$1.50 per ride. *However, if we have more riders than the bus can carry, we can only assure rides for bus pass holders.*

### EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- \* Interim Handwork Teacher with experience with hand and machine sewing, felting and knitting. Preference will be given to Waldorf educated or experienced.
- \* Handwork Assistants needed part time to assist the Handwork Teacher during classes.

Please submit resumes to the Main Office.

**DO YOU LOVE TO SING?** Come to our first choir gathering. Ask any questions and hear from other choir members what it's like to be in a choir (safe, fun & not scary). No commitment! There will be tea, snacks and a simple fun song. Join us on Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 3pm in the Eurythmy Room.

**PIANO NEEDED** – for the Music Room! If you have one that you don't use, please consider donating it to the Music Program. Call the School or Bree at 250 352-5250.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO TAPING AT THE NWS**

We recognize the need and desire among ourselves to record that "special moment" so we can remember it in future years. Yet, we also acknowledge the potential distraction that picture-taking and video taping pose for others, including the children who are most often the focus of this attention. As we enter a new school year, we ask that you please observe the following guidelines regarding photography and video taping of school events.

**Indoor Ceremonies, Performances and Festivals** - A designated school photographer (and, if requested, a video taper) will be used to record these indoor events. Photographs (and DVDs, if video taping was pre-arranged) will then be available to parents for purchase at a nominal fee. Due to the solemnity and brevity of the Rose Ceremony, only photography will be used. Please note: The Advent Spiral is a non-photographed/videotaped festival.

**Class Plays** - Photography will be allowed during dress rehearsals by a designated photographer and/or individual parents, as was previously the practice at the school. Official photographs will be available to parents for purchase at a nominal fee. A designated video taper can be arranged to record actual Class Play performances.

As a result of these guidelines, parents will be expected to refrain from personal photography and video taping during these indoor school events. Thank you.

## **PARENT COUNCIL NEWS**

1. The Nelson Waldorf School Parent Council designs, holds, guides, and facilitates the participation of parents in service of the Faculty and Board of Directors of the Nelson Waldorf School. All parents of children enrolled in the school are general members of the Parent Council. We encourage all parents to consider getting involved with the Parent Council. If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office (250-352-6919 or [info@nelsonwaldorf.org](mailto:info@nelsonwaldorf.org)). The first meeting of the year is tentatively planned for Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm.
2. Grocery voucher fundraisers have been greatly expanded this year. Please consider supporting the school at no cost to yourself by using vouchers for Save-On-Foods, the Kootenay Co-op, and (possibly) Safeway. Vouchers will be available from the school administration and from individual parents, and all money raised will go towards such things as class trips and upgrading the theatre lighting. Further details will be available when school starts.

## **BOUQUETS**

### **Dear Playground Committee & Volunteers:**

The Board of Directors of the Nelson Waldorf School would like to express their sincere thanks to all those families and community members who have volunteered their time and energy towards the creation of the new Lower School playground. For your steadfast effort and hard work towards transforming the playground, you have our heartfelt appreciation. First and foremost, this initiative will directly benefit the younger children of the school with an enriched and transformed natural play area. It will also serve to remind us of what can be achieved when a committed group of parents, united by a common vision, can achieve. Thank you for this wonderful legacy.

*With our deepest gratitude,*  
**The Board of Directors of the Nelson Waldorf School:**

James Loepky  
Gary Barrett  
Steve Forte  
Ralf Hoerger  
Joanne King  
John Leishman  
Donna Switzer

Another huge bouquet of thanks to all the parents who worked on the new playground over the summer. Your dedication and hard work are inspiring. Can't wait to see the children enjoying this special space!

***From the NWS Faculty***