

Nelson Waldorf School Bulletin



September 9, 2009

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2009

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
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	5:30pm	Class 5 Parent Meeting
Sat.	19	1:30/2:00	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
Fri.	25	Time TBA	Class 2/3 Parent Meeting

The Nelson Waldorf School

ALL-SCHOOL WELCOME & CELEBRATION

Saturday September 19th, 2 – 5pm

Sign-in from 1:30 – 1:50, in seats by 2:00

(childcare available from 1:30 – 5:30)

- Inspirational
- Fun
- Informational
- Social

Because we believe in the power of this meeting to strengthen our community and our work together, it is required that all parents attend the All School Welcome. A 'nuts and bolts only' meeting alternative will be scheduled for the week of September 22nd for any parents who were not able to attend. ***Important Hoe-Down Detail:**

Please bring your own plates and cutlery!! Thanks and see you there!!! **Yee Ha!**

TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY - We have overlooked saying goodbye in the bulletin to a former teacher Mark McGivern and would like to acknowledge his service to the school and to the wider school community. We thank Mark for all the gifts he brought to his work over his 6 years of Class teaching with the NWS. Mark has now been teaching in a variety of other capacities. At ISK here in Nelson, he has been teaching guitar, philosophy, English, and history of music to high school students. He has been class teacher subbing in Calgary, mentoring in Kelowna, and training teachers in Seattle in the summers of 2008/09. On a personal note he is enjoying writing fiction and non-fiction and researching MA possibilities. We continue to wish you all the very best Mark!

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION - To ensure the safety of the school grounds & playgrounds, we have adult supervision of all playground areas during the School Day. In particular, the new lower field playground is supervised during morning and lunch recess. All playgrounds, including the lower field playground are closed at drop-off and pick-up times – we are unable to provide supervision of the playground during this time. We require parental supervision at all times outside of School Hours, to include before morning drop off and after end of day pick-up. With consideration for the safety of our children, we appreciate your understanding in this request. FACULTY, Nelson Waldorf School.

PLAYGROUND HELP STILL NEEDED

This summer many dedicated parents have spent countless hours creating a play space for our children at the school. The labour, the vision, the planning & construction have all been through volunteer parent work. Though much work was done, help is still needed to tidy & polish what is there. If you have a spare moment after drop off or pickup time (or evenings or weekends) to rake, gather loose rocks & sticks, dig small trenches for mulch cribbing, sand railings, stain decks, anything that would help to finish the playground, please contact Tanya Thayer, Playground Committee Member, Class 2/3 teacher & parent 250 505-5088. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

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 14th at 3pm in the Eurythmy Room.

LICE CHECK – As a preventative measure we would like to carry out an all class's lice check during the first week or two 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.

SCHOOL WEBSITE - Have you seen the school website at www.nelsonwaldorf.org lately? There is lots of information there, including a detailed calendar for the year, curriculum information, teacher bios, school bulletins, and photo galleries.

LOCAL BUSINESS DIRECTORY - A new page on the school website lists local businesses in Nelson and the surrounding area that are connected with parents at the school (i.e., parent-owned, managed, etc.). The directory listing will contain the business name, brief description, contact details, a link to the business' own website, and a note of the connection to the school (e.g., ABC Plumbing is owned by Wallace Gromit, kindergarten parent). Benefits include: Current parents can more easily find and support these businesses; Potential parents contemplating a move to Nelson can see the variety of work available

here; Helping to build community, both between the school and the local business community, and also within the school itself. For more info or to add your business to the directory contact Iain Pardoe, iainpardoe@gmail.com

CLASS FUNDRAISER ~ FREE RANGE TURKEYS

Delicious, free-range turkeys will be arriving at the Nelson Waldorf School on Saturday, October 3rd just in time for Thanksgiving and perhaps a little early for Christmas. These free-range turkeys are hormone, antibiotic and chemical free. Priced at \$2.95/lb, they are available in small (10-14 lbs), medium (15-19 lbs) and large (20-25 lbs) sizes. Call Andrea at 250-825-2228 to order or email waldorfturkeyfundraiser@gmail.com

Pass the word along to family and friends!

POWER TO PARENT WORKSHOP

Facilitated by Liz Ameral

This free 8 week parenting series is offered to the Nelson Waldorf School and the larger Nelson Community through Nelson Community Services. It will be held at the Nelson Waldorf School and will run on Wednesday evenings September 30th – November 25th from 6 – 8pm. To register call Liz Ameral at 352-3504 ext. 228 (space is limited to 50 people).

A LITTLE ABOUT THIS COURSE

This video and conferencing course has been developed by internationally renowned developmental psychologist Dr. Gordon Neufeld, best selling and award winning author. His revolutionary yet scientific approach turns parenting right-side up, restoring natural intuition to parenting and putting parents back in the driver's seat. His book, "*Hold On To Your Kids*" is causing an international stir and is now available in five languages. This video course takes the best that science has to offer and renders it readily accessible to parents of children of all ages. Dr. Neufeld's approach has won powerful endorsements from such luminaries as Dr. Daniel Segal, Dr. Mary Pipher, Raffi, Dr. Peter Levine and Robert Bly. For more information about Dr. Neufeld or his approach, visit his website www.gordonneufeld.com

ABOUT THE SCHOOL BULLETIN and PARENT PAGE??

In determining what goes where – the following guidelines apply:

1. Merchandise for sale/wanted, services offered/wanted, housing needs, all go in the Parent's Bulletin.
2. "Lost and Found" at the school belongs in the Parent Bulletin.
3. Any course, classes, lectures, etc. being put on by individuals go in the Parent's Bulletin.
4. Courses, classes, lectures, etc. being sponsored by Nelson Waldorf School go in the School Bulletin.
5. Articles not directly related to Waldorf Education go in the Parent's Bulletin.
6. Articles on specific festivals celebrated by the Nelson Waldorf School go in the School Bulletin.
7. Articles on Waldorf Education from AWSNA, etc. go in the School Bulletin.
8. Reports from Committees, the Board, etc. go in the School Bulletin.
9. Bouquets - If there is someone you would like to acknowledge in the school community to say thank you to for some deed or action large or small, Just send your gratitude message by email to info@nelsonwaldorf.org for inclusion in the bulletin (space permitting). Please make sure that it is short and concise.

***IMPORTANT* - DEADLINE for Articles or Bouquets is Monday by 3:00 p.m.** Submission **after this time** will not make it in until the next week's bulletin/parent page.

* *Please send submissions by email to info@nelsonwaldorf.org with bulletin in subject line.*

* *All submissions must be very short and concise with contact details.*

ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE BULLETIN

It is the intent of the school that by the end of September the bulletin will be sent to families by email. Hardcopies will be available upon request.

An update will follow on this process in coming weeks.

PARENT NEWS

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Published Weekly
(Submission deadline is Mondays by 3pm)
Email ~ info@nelsonwaldorf.org
or drop off at the School Office.

Note: Ads for the Parent News are space permitting & are on a first received basis. All ads that are printed are for **one week only**. An ad **may** run for an additional week if space permits but this is not assured. If you wish to re-submit an ad, please allow at least a 2 week break.

Are you concerned about plastics contaminating your food? Visit us today to order glass & stainless steel storage containers for your kitchen and your child's lunch box. www.HealthyKitchenware.com

STRINGS LESSONS - for Pre-Twinkle beginners 6 and under. Lessons are early afternoons Mondays, Tuesdays, & Wednesdays. Email Stephanie Judy at sjdfs@direct.ca

FOR SALE - Handcrafted, fir, wooden, single bed (w/o mattress) \$50 - Antique "tall boy" dresser \$40 - Antique stereo cabinet \$35. Call: 250-352-2297 or 250-551-3663

CELLO LESSONS - Please call Nadja Hall 352-3105 if you or your child is interested in cello lessons. Three spaces left.

FOR SALE - Lady's Trek 800 all terrain bike with lock & helmet. Rarely used, excellent condition. \$150. Call ilana Pengelly 250-352-9658 for details.

FOR SALE - Sweet Heart Wood Burning Stove by Heartland with large cast iron airtight firebox; warms up to 1500 square feet; warming cabinet; also includes 5 gal. copper lined water reservoir with tap. Brand new condition (purchased 10 years ago but never set up) Asking \$3,000 OBO. Call ilana Pengelly 250-352-9658 for details

FOR SALE - Four acre share in the Mulvey Creek Land Coop bordering Vallhalla Provincial Park. \$30K obo. Call ilana Pengelly 250-352-9658 for details.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS - All parents, new and returning are warmly invited to the first Parent Council Meeting of the year scheduled for Tuesday, September 29th at 7pm. More details to follow in later bulletins & at www.nelsonwaldorf.org/parents_council.php

GROCERY STORE FUNDRAISERS - Buy your Co-op, Save-on, and Safeway grocery cards now from Andromeda in the Finance Office. Details in the attached flyer.

KOOTENAY CO-OP CARDS - Questions about Natural Foods or Supplements? Need help navigating your way through the bulk aisle? Special diet info? Looking for a basic tour? With your purchase of a Kootenay Co-op grocery card from the school, the Co-op invites you for a free personalized store tour. Just contact Michelle at the Co-op for more info: 250-354-4077.