

Nelson Waldorf School Bulletin

October 21, 2009



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 2009

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| Thur. | 29 | 10:30am | KG Halloween Festival |
| Sat. | 31 | 5-7:30 | Halloween Journey |

November 2009

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| Thur. | 5 | 5 - 6pm | KG Martinmas Festival & Lantern Walk |
| Fri. | 6 | 12:30 | EARLY DISMISSAL All Classes |
| Mon-Sun | 9 - 15 | NO SCHOOL Classes KG-8 | FALL BREAK – Classes KG - 8 Marigold in session (except Nov. 11) |
| Wed. | 11 | Statutory Holiday | Remembrance Day No Marigold or Classes |
| Thur. | 19 | 5 – 6pm | St. Martin Play & Lantern Walk for Classes 1–3. |
| Tue. | 24 | 5pm | Nelson Waldorf School AGM |
| Thur. | 26 | Main Lesson & 6:30pm | Class 7 Play |
| Monday | 30 th | 8:10–9:10am TBA 12pm 2:40pm | Spiral Walk (Class 1) 1 st Advent Assembly Kindergarten Spiral Walk Spiral Walk (Class 2/3) |

HALLOWEEN JOURNEY NEWS

- *Reminder: Every child is asked to bring a pumpkin to school next week. In class the children will carve the pumpkins to create the pumpkin path for the Halloween Journey.*
- *NOTE: The PARENT ROOM will be closed much of next week for BEE HIVE CONSTRUCTION.*
- *NO CAMERAS OR VIDEOS PLEASE TO KEEP IT MAGIC.*

AN INVITATION TO THE HALLOWEEN JOURNEY SAT. Oct. 31st

On this special autumn night when the veils are thinner & one can see into the Magic world, small groups of children & parents are guided on an enchanting journey along a pumpkin and lantern lit path past various scenes or characters. At most scenes the children receive a simple natural/healthy gift that is symbolic of what they experienced. This is a **non scary silent journey** to hold a mood of reverence and to better see the magic of the night. This is an **outdoor event** so dress for cold crisp moonlight, chilly mysterious clouds, furious freezing rain or sparkling snow. **All time slots between 5-7:30 pm must be PREBOOKED & PREPAID through the Nelson Waldorf School Financial Office. \$5 per child accompanied by an adult** (includes a bag of popcorn at the check in, and natural/healthy gifts along the way)

When you arrive check in at the admission desk at the bottom of the main school stairs to get your popcorn and wait for your time slot **Hot or cold Organic Apple Cider** will be for **sale** at the check in area. In an effort to ensure the evening is sustainable and honouring of Mother Earth, each child is asked **bring their own small cloth bag for gifts** along the way.

THE LIST IS GETTING SMALLER, BUT SOME HELP IS STILL NEEDED FOR THE HALLOWEEN JOURNEY.

*Much Gratitude To All
Those Who Have Contributed !*

Tasks before the Journey:

- *eco-artists to decorate a Fallen Star/Gnome scene in the Kindergarten hall on Fri. 30th 1pm
- *eco-artists to decorate the eurhythmy hall for a South American scene/story Fri.30th 1pm
- *costume ideas for Jack Frost
- * creative scene builders to create a Bee Hive scene for the Queen Bee and her bees with Lisa Lockett next week in the parent room
- *Lantern path set up volunteers for Sat. 31st 3-5pm
- * Pumpkin /torch and lighting set up with Andrea Fri.30th/Sat. 31st

Help needed during the Journey:

- *Angel Guides who can guide a group and hold a mood or reverence and magic for children and adults (ie: Parents who might guide the group their children are in)
 - *Take down volunteers 8:30pm Sat.31st (ideally some of the parents in the last journey groups) and ?Sun. 1st?
- Contact: Martha, 352-0953 or marthaellenw@gmail.com or Keitha at the Front Office.**

IN MEMORY OF FRANKLIN KANE

Franklin Kane, a great friend of the Nelson Waldorf School, passed away last week at his home in California. Franklin was a huge part of the inspiration behind the inception of our school. When the founding members were studying & working toward establishing Waldorf Education in the Kootenays, he came to Nelson to speak & lead workshops on many occasions. He was an amazing speaker, a story teller, a visionary & an inspiration to all who met him. Franklin was a co-founder of the Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks California. He later came to Edmonton, Alberta as director of a Waldorf program within a public school. It was during this time that he came to give lectures in Nelson & eventually, myself, Patricia Luckey & Nancy Franco (former NWS teachers) trained with him in an apprenticeship program in Edmonton. Franklin touched the lives of many people & was a selfless worker for anthroposophy & Waldorf education. We send our love to his family & dear ones. He will be deeply missed.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Switzer

We all have gifts to share
PROJECT WEEK
November 2 – 6
Possibilities for workshops are endless

In the 2008/09 school year the NWS piloted the Middle School PROJECT WEEK. For one week, after Main Lesson time, Grade 6,7 and 8 students participated in two workshops of their choice. Students made marionettes, played piano duets, felted scarves, learned blacksmithing technique at the forge in the forest and the list goes on..... This school year, PROJECT WEEK is back by popular demand. The Middle School students are lucky to be part of a community with gifted adults who are inspired to share their skills. **BASKETRY, WET FELTING, ARCHERY, MOSAICS, SAMBA DRUMMING, COOKING, DANCE, PAPER MACHE, BOOKBINDING, SINGING, CAKE BAKING & DECORATING, OUTDOOR EDUCATION, & FIRE SPINNING (without the fire)** have all been confirmed as workshops this Fall. You too, can be a part of this exciting week. Workshop teachers are still needed. If you might consider teaching a small group of bright, eager, creative students OR you want to learn more about this program please contact Carron via the Front Office 352-6919.

THEFT REPORTED - We have had a reported incident of theft this past week. A parent's purse (leopard print bag) was taken from her car on Wednesday afternoon around 4:00 p.m. If you have any information please contact the School Office. In light of this unfortunate incident we request you take care with valuables left unattended. Beverley, Administrator.

WINTER FAIRE NEWS

CHILDREN'S ONLY STORE - Donations are requested for the Children's Only Store at our Winter Faire! New hand crafts only, please. Your time sewing or assembling from a kit is much appreciated as well. Past donations include beeswax ornaments, felted soaps, potpourri, mint tea, bath salts, fairies, craft materials, etc. Please email sheryl@telus.net or call Sheryl @ 352-9830 to donate.

H1N1 FLU VIRUS GET THE FACTS ABOUT FLU AND STAY HEALTHY *A public service announcement from the B.C. Ministry of Education*

Given the start of the new school year, the following information is provided to assist parents & staff. Influenza is caused by viruses & is generally spread when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Here are six simple, common sense precautions that can help safeguard everyone's health:

- 1) Stay home when you're sick or have influenza symptoms.** Get plenty of rest and check with a health care provider as needed.
- 2) Avoid close contact with people who are sick.** If you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick.
- 3) Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and throw the tissue away immediately.** It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
- 4) Wash your hands. Washing your hands often will help protect you from getting sick.** When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers.
- 5) Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** You can become ill by touching a surface contaminated with germs and then touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- 6) Practice other good health habits.** Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage stress, drink plenty of fluids, eat nutritious foods, and avoid smoking, which may increase the risk of serious consequences if you do contract the flu.

If you have a fever or cough illness, regardless of where you have traveled, stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. See a health care provider if your symptoms become worse but call ahead of time to let them know you have fever or cough illness. You can call at **8-1-1**, 24 hours a day/seven days a week to speak to a nurse if you have more questions or if feeling ill. For more steps on how to protect you and your family visit FightFlu.ca

Or visit See www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1

- *Protecting Your kids from H1N1
- *If you think your child has H1N1
- *Talking to kids about H1N1
- *Q & A for parents about H1N1

Beverley Barcham, NWS Administrator

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.

CONCERT SERIES - The Nelson Waldorf School is once again renewing the school's donation to the upcoming Nelson Overture Concerts Society program. Students can continue to receive free entrance (with reservations) to the Concert Series.

Series dates are:

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| Friday, Oct 23/09 | Quartango |
| Sat Jan 23/10 | Alexander & Daniel Tselyakov |
| Sun March 7/10 | Vancouver Chamber Choir |
| Sat April 24/10 | Symphony of the Kootenays |

TEADMILL FOR SALE - Looking for new or used treadmill. Please call Lee @ 250-352-0636

UPHILL HOME FOR RENT: 3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, bright, cozy, wood floors, fireplace, skylights, fenced yard, deck and views, close to Lion's Park. References Req'd. \$1400/month & utilities. Contact Jane 250-226-6863. Note: Home can be separated to include an in-law suite as well, & is also for sale. Available Nov. 1.

STUDENT EXCHANGE - I am looking for a girl or boy who would like to have a pupil-exchange for a few months. I am 14 years old and live Freiburg a small town in south Germany near the french & Swiss border. I go to a Waldorf-School near my house. I would like to come next summer for a few months. If someone would like to come here first, it would be possible from January next year. Please contact Leona Labusch leona.labusch@arcor.de

1990 VW WESTFALIA Vanagon Camper, well-maintained records, new winter & summer 185 truck tires on rims, rebuilt engine, transmission, muffler, exhaust system, trailer hitch, 6 year old paint. Only two owners. \$17,000 firm. **MOUNTAIN BIKE**, 18 speed, well maintained, \$50.00.

LAKEFRONT HARROP PROPERTY for rent over holidays (December 18-January 2), 1250.00/wk, 3 bed/2 bath, 30 minutes to town. **ART 1 DAY WORKSHOP:** Build a BLESSING BOARD, Bring your intention & imagination to your work of art by creating a beautiful, collaged, painted, designed work of art to hang over your entry. I will facilitate your ability to actualize dreams for the year. Some materials included. ages 13-adult, \$75, 10-4, Nov. 21 in Harrop. For info call Kim 229-4458.

HOME FOR RENT, family neighbour-hood, 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, full bsmt. fenced yard, organic gardens, decks. \$1450.month + utilities.

1981 VOLKSWAGON WESTFALIA camper van for sale, recent rebuilt engine, mechanically well maintained, good cond. Reduced, must sell! \$5,500 obo. **4 tires**, R13 on rims (fit Toyota Corolla) \$100. **Shop-Vac** wet-dry vaccum, near new cond. \$75. **Nu-Heat electric floor heater mat**, 40"x48", new \$125. For info on all phone Sheila 250-505-5201.

PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

FOOD FOR FUNDRAISING - Gift Cards for Kootenay Coop, Save-On, and Safeway are available from Andromeda in the Finance Office and can be used like cash to buy your groceries. Please consider taking part in this no-cost fundraiser.

PARENT COUNCIL MEETING - All parents warmly invited to attend the upcoming meeting on Oct 27, 7-8:30pm, in the Parent Room. There's lots happening to enhance our school & we welcome everyone's help & ideas. Check the Parent Council page on the school website for more details.

CLASS 8 FUNDRAISER, POLESTAR PLANNERS -flexible, spacious format for recording family's daily activities all in one planner. A sample book is available for viewing at the Front Office. Email orders gezfinch@hotmail.com or call 250 352-3957. Orders can also be made with exact change or cheque payable to NWS Class of 2010 at the Front Office.

| SINGLE PRICES 1 meal is \$3.00/Additional Portions are \$2.00 each FAMILY PRICES 2 meals \$5.00 - 3 meals \$7.00 | | TUESDAYS ~ Pizza ~ With veggies & juice Cheese Vegetarian Pepperoni Ham/ Pine | THURSDAYS ~ Hot Dogs ~ With fruit & juice Tick column of choice | | | Notes to Julien |
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| NAME | CLASS | Portions & topping Eg.CheeseX 2 | 2-BBQ Hot Dogs | 1 Tofu Dog | 1 Smokie | Advance Orders by number of weeks. |
| 1) | | | | | | X _____ Weeks |
| 2) | | | | | | |
| 3) | | | | | | |
| CHEQUES PAYABLE TO <u>JULIEN CORMIER</u> (Not the School) Or <u>*EXACT CHANGE ONLY*</u> | | | | | | Total Paid \$ |

Nelson Waldorf School Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, November 24, 2009 5:00 p.m.

In accordance with the Nelson Waldorf School By-Laws
"...an annual general shall be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last preceding annual general meeting." NWS previous AGM was Dec. 2, 2008.

The Nelson Waldorf School Annual General Meeting is open to all members of the Nelson Area Waldorf School Association. Membership includes those with children registered in the school and those employed as faculty or staff. It is also available to those wishing to support the Nelson Waldorf School. Proxy forms will be available for those members unable to attend.

An Annual General Meeting provides the opportunity for the Board of Directors to present the membership with a comprehensive picture of the school's current situation and with considerations for the future, financially and operationally. As well as serving as a vehicle for communication, certain required business is conducted at an AGM – specifically the confirmation of the school's auditor, the acceptance of financial statements for the previous fiscal year, and the election of directors.

NOMINATION PROCESS

Current Directors:

Steve Forte (2nd year first term) Donna Switzer (Faculty Designate)
Ralf Hoerger (Faculty Designate)
Carron Mulligan (Faculty Designate)

James Loeppky (2nd yr second term) Director Term ending a regular Board term
Gary Barrett (1st yr special term) Director ending a special 1-year term to help restore staggering to Board Term

Joanne King (appointment) appointment holding office until the AGM
John Leishman (appointment) appointment holding office until the AGM

We have vacancies on the Board of Directors for the coming year (Director Terms are for two years). Directors may be re-nominated and serve for more than one term.

Faculty designates are appointed by the NWS Faculty.

We encourage anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors to put her/his name forward. If you wish to nominate another member, please obtain her/his permission first and ask them to fill out the candidate submission form. This form is printed below and must be submitted by **noon on November 3rd** to the School Office attention Beverley Barcham, School Administrator.

Our by-laws require that the names of those nominated be published a minimum of 15 days before the election. In consideration for the November Fall Break, a list of nominees will be **published in the November 4th, 2009** Bulletin to meet the requirement.

NOMINATION FOR THE NELSON WALDORF SCHOOL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I, _____, hereby offer to stand for election to the NWS Board of Directors at the Annual General Meeting on November 24, 2009. My name will be published with the other nominees in the School Bulletin on November 5th, 2008 to announce my intention.

Name of Nominee (please print) _____

Signature of Nominee _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Verified by Nominating Committee Member _____ Date: _____