



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### FEBRUARY

**Thursday February 11**  
Time TBA

Carnaval Assembly

**Friday February 12**

Carnaval Celebrations 10:45am – 12:15pm  
12:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL ALL CLASSES

**February 15-19**  
Monday to Friday

PRO D WEEK - NO SCHOOL FOR CLASSES KG TO 8  
*Marigold will remain in regular session.*

**February 24-26**  
Wednesday-Friday

Class 8 Winter Trip.

**February 26**

Class 6 Play – "ROMA AMOR" (A Roman Comedy)

### MARCH

**Friday March 5**

Make-up SKI DAY#4 for Classes 4 – 8  
Classes 1 & 2/3 will be in regular session Friday.

**Sunday March 7**  
2:30pm

NWS Benefit Concert "Awakening to Community"  
featuring pianist/playwright Dharel Verville at the United Church.

**Friday March 12**

12:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL ALL CLASSES – Start of Spring Break

**Monday March 15 to  
Friday March 26**

SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL FOR CLASSES KG – 8  
CORRECTION Marigold Daycare will be CLOSED THE FIRST WEEK of Spring Break  
(March 15-19) and OPEN THE SECOND WEEK (March 22-26).

### APRIL

**Thursday April 1**

Spring Concert – Details TBA  
12:30pm EARLY DISMISSAL ALL CLASSES

**Friday April 2**

GOOD FRIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED/NO CLASSES OR MARIGOLD DAYCARE

**Monday April 5**

EASTER MONDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED/NO CLASSES OR MARIGOLD DAYCARE

**April 15 and 16**  
Thursday & Friday

Class 4 Play

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Waldorf Knit-a-Thon for Haiti Raises over \$5,000 (and counting)! Nelson comes up big with pledge donations

Although by week's end this total is likely to hit \$6,000, what was even more remarkable about Saturday's Nelson Waldorf School Knit-a-Thon was the number of children and adults who came out, and the truly positive spirit that pervaded the event. The Nelson Trading Co. Mall saw a peak of nearly 50 people at one time. Then the Coconut Lounge received the "après-ski" crowd who came in to knit. Joanne King, one of the organizers, declared teaching at least 10 adults how to knit—many of whom were willing dads!

All funds will go directly—and quickly—to Pure Water for the World (PWW) to finance the work of Nelson residents David Putt, Marie-Paule Brisson and Sebastien de Marre who are in Haiti installing bio-sand water filtration and sanitation stations. These safe water "hubs" are being installed in schools, clinics and refugee camps. **Each \$200 will supply 20 children with clean drinking water, as well as hand washing and hygiene facilities. \$6,000 will therefore supply 600 children with these services!** (To find out more about PWW, go to [www.purewaterfortheworld.org](http://www.purewaterfortheworld.org))

The one surprise that came late last week was when we received a call from PWW thanking us for our involvement, but with a correction: Contrary to what we had researched and believed, PWW does not receive matching funds from the Government of Canada. It was explained that the government prefers to select large agencies such as the Red Cross, and then give these agencies the autonomy to direct the funds responsibly – as opposed to dealing with smaller agencies. PWW, however, believes so much in its work, its service and the quick, direct and efficient help it provides in Haiti and worldwide, that it has preferred to remain fully independent and forego government funding. Considering how much we were able to raise and the direct connection we have in Haiti, this now seems like a small point. However, it needed to be cleared up!

On behalf of the organizers and faculty of the NWS, thank you to the Nelson Waldorf community and to the citizens of Nelson for supporting this cause and showing yet again how much of a close-knit and generous community we are!

*Phil Fertey, Joanne King, Danny Finley*

### A PARENT'S REFLECTION

*I just wanted to let you know how much it touched me to be within the Waldorf community outside of school on Saturday at the knit-a-thon. I was moved to tears, watching Tajo knit with Bree... or hearing Phil cry out in joy when he finished his own square, which was echoed in the pride I saw in Tajo when he finished his.*

*I looked around the room and saw so many little miracles. The class four boys sitting still and focused knitting, the class eight girls dressed appropriately, helping the younger children, Bree circulating and engaging with the children, our class six girls all snuggling in one chair, and the little class one and two children all getting involved.*

*To have a community surrounding each child where there are adults who know and care about them is truly a gift. To see the results of the social inclusion work that everyone has been doing is really beautiful.*

*Thank you so much for being such great examples, and thank you so much for all the hard work you have done and are continuing to do to build the structure of this school and community. It is showing.*

*Carla Stephenson, Class 5 & 6 Parent*

**"PURE WATER FOR THE WORLD" RESPONSE:** *This Is Fantastic!* - You should have heard the cheering here a minute ago. Please extend our amazing gratitude to the kids, the organizers and everyone involved. The best part is knowing how much of a difference this will make on the ground in Haiti. Words fail me!

*Rik Valentine (Pure Water for the World)*

# NWS BENEFIT CONCERT

We know what we can achieve when we pull together for a Knit-a-Thon...  
Now, let's unite to support a benefit concert  
**"Awakening to Community"**

For the soon-to-be-expanded Waldorf Cedar Forest Kinderhouse.

On Sunday, March 7, acclaimed pianist **Dharel Verville**, a parent of two children attending the Waldorf School, will perform at the Nelson United Church at 2:30 pm with proceeds going to the Nelson Waldorf School's expanding Early Childhood Education (ECE) program. Once completed, the expanded ECE facility will house an additional parent-and-child Sweet Pea program and a third kindergarten, helping fulfill our goal of increasing enrollment and improving the financial health of the school.

**Dharel has very generously offered to share his extraordinary gift with our school's community, knowing that funds raised will go towards strengthening the foundations of this school. As a show of solidarity, we hope every family who is able can attend this not-to-be-missed concert. You will not be disappointed.**

Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students/seniors, \$5 children... at Otter Books, Eddie's Music and the Nelson Waldorf School. There is an opportunity for any parent wishing to sell tickets to friends and neighbours to help us **FILL THE HOUSE**. Please contact Bev for more info!

**"Awakening to Community"** is the theme Dharel has chosen for this concert, wherein he will present a succinct glimpse into the relationship between science and art which Rudolf Steiner had requested his Anthroposophical movement to advance. Along with this brief expose, Dharel will demonstrate, through the performance of the evening's musical selections, the principles that are historically common and foundational to vibrant and evolving communities. The Gurdjieff music evolved out of the profound depths of spiritual communities, both Sufi and Christian, which Gurdjieff visited and lived in for twenty years of his adult life, and bears a remarkable relationship to these principles. Dharel's selections of Beethoven's piano masterpieces, especially the third last sonata, Opus 109 (First Movement), will delight the audience with a revelatory perspective concerning these principles and will cast an illuminating light as to where our political system is veering off course to the detriment of our precious community life!

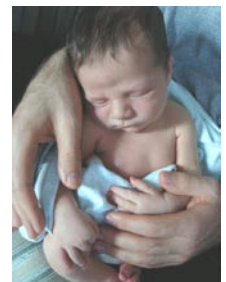
\*\*\*\*\*

**WHOOPIING COUGH** – there have been reported cases of whooping cough in the school, please see the Public Health document below (last page) for information about this condition.

**EARTH WEEK** – We are aware of the date error in last week's bulletin about Earth Week. There will be more information about Earth Week closer to the correct date. Apologies for the confusion.

**BOUQUETS** to Hugue Lincourt (Class 2/3, 1, & Marigold parent), Nathan Smith (Marigold parent), and a belated bouquet to Pete Bustin (Class 1 and Marigold parent) for our lower playground outdoor musical instruments! Much thanks from Classes 2/3 and Class 1 and their teachers!

**IT'S A BOY!!!**  
Congratulations to Marcelo and Myra on the birth of their new bundle of love. They are all doing well and working on finding the perfect name.



## **SOCIAL INCLUSION CORNER**

A school community can come together: it can reach out beyond itself to the bigger world. The Knit-a-Thon is an event truly worth celebrating where students, parents, teachers and staff came together in common purpose with enthusiasm and earnestness in response to the plight of others.

We have been asked by some parents to describe how the children came to take this up so strongly, so here is a brief outline...

- Mr. Fertey and Ms. King remembered the success of the school's knit-a-thon for the tsunami victims in Thailand and thought we could do the same thing for the earthquake victims in Haiti. The teachers agreed. An email went out to all the Waldorf schools in the world to join in a common effort.
- A Monday all school assembly was held, led by Mr. Fertey, where the plight of Haiti was recalled and the concept of a worldwide Waldorf knit-a-thon was introduced. A quilt would be made to be raffled off, with pledges gathered by individual students for the knitting.
- Class teachers took the work back to their classes, encouraged conversations, set goals and put up pictures, handed out the pledge sheets. Announcements were in the bulletin.
- Students sought out pledges from family and community members. Relatives from near and far received phone calls and made donations. Parents supported their children's efforts
- A second Monday assembly for classes 4-8 introduced "Pure Water for the World" as a local worthy organization. The process of the biosand filter was explained. The children asked questions.
- The children of Classes 1 and 2/3 were visited by Ms. Finley who introduced the organization and sand filter to the younger children and answered their questions
- The central school bulletin board showed pictures and reminded us of Haiti and the knit-a-thon
- Students, parents, grandparents and teachers, and the local Knitting Circle gathered at the Nelson Trading Company Mall to knit squares for the quilt 10am-3pm
- The event then moved to the Coconut Lounge from 3-8 pm where the after-ski crowd and many other students joined in
- An outstanding 20 squares in red, blue and green (colours of the Haitian flag) were completed amidst the liveliness of conversation, hot chocolate, and a good number of new knitters were taught
- Our dear handwork teachers were our capable overseers, as well as many parents and other teachers lending a hand. Older students helped younger ones and younger ones helped older ones. A good time was had by all.
- The third Monday assembly brought the school together again to celebrate the accomplishment, acknowledge everyone's efforts and see the slide show that Mr. Fertey had compiled of all the people who were at the knit-a-thon along with images of the work of Pure Water for the World.
- Our next steps will be to crochet the squares together and raffle the quilt.
- All interested crocheters welcome! Please talk to Joanne King, one of our handwork teachers.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU** to all who supported this event – to the students who took this up with focus and heart; the parents who helped their children with pledges, driving, and knitting themselves; the teachers who held their class' participation and helped all along the way; to Michael Chapman who helped us connect with Pure Water for the World; and to our organizers, Phil Fertey and Joanne King who envisioned this event, and brought us the leadership and organization it needed to be fun and productive!

*The S.I. Coordinator – Danny Finley*

# Class 2/3 Valentines Day Fundraiser

## Hand Made Organic Truffles

**\* THERE IS NOW A DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVE**

*Please support our Class 2/3 fundraiser while at the same time*

*treating yourself or your Valentine to our delicious hand made truffles. Each truffle package contains 2 truffles (1 cocoa, 1 coconut covered). They are made with organic ingredients.*

**Please pre-order your truffles at the school office.  
Truffles will be available for pickup at  
12:30pm Friday, Feb. 12th in Class 3**

### ORDER FORM

DESCRIPTION	COST	HOW MANY (number of packs)	TOTALS
Each package of 2 truffles	\$1.50pkt	x	\$
Each package of 2 ( <b>dairy free</b> ) truffles	\$1.50pkt	x	\$
<b>10</b> packages truffles (10 packages with 2 truffles in each pack equals 20 truffles)	\$10.00pkt	x	\$
<b>TOTAL PAID \$</b>			

Name  Phone

Email

**To order please leave your order form at the school office.  
We are able to accept exact change only or cheques payable to  
*Amy Smith or Chantal Boisvert***

## Pertussis (Whooping Cough)

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is circulating in your community. Pertussis is most likely being spread from person to person in homes and social settings. There is no indication at this time that transmission is occurring in the school setting.

Pertussis is a serious infection of the lungs and throat. It spreads easily from person to person. When someone with the disease coughs, sneezes, or laughs, tiny drops of fluid holding the germ (bacteria) are put into the air. The bacteria can infect others when they breathe in the drops or get them on their hands and touch their mouth or nose. If people with the disease are not treated, they can infect others for up to three weeks after their cough starts.

Pertussis occurs in people of all ages but young children who have not been immunized get sicker than older children and adults. Those most at risk of severe disease are children less than one year of age, children with a chronic health condition, or pregnant women in their third trimester

Early symptoms of pertussis are

- runny nose
- mild fever
- a mild cough
- sneezing

Later symptoms (after one-two weeks)

- severe coughing spells
- may make a whooping sound before the next breath
- may gag or throw up with coughing spells
- cough can last a month or two and is usually worse at night.
- 

If your child develops these symptoms, please see your doctor. Sick children should stay home from school until they have fully recovered from their illness. Public Health contacts all parents of children diagnosed with pertussis and their close contacts. **Please check the immunization records for all your children** and make an appointment at the health unit if your child is not fully immunized. For more information, go to HealthLinkBC at [www.healthlinkbc.ca](http://www.healthlinkbc.ca) or call 811 or [www.immunizebc.ca](http://www.immunizebc.ca). If you have any further concerns or questions, please contact me at 505-7200.

Sincerely,  
Angelina Eisele  
Public Health Nurse  
Interior Health

# PARENT NEWS

February 10 2010



**Published Weekly**  
(Submission deadline is Mondays by 3pm)  
Email ~ [info@nelsonwaldorf.org](mailto: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 printed are for **one week only**. An ad may run for an additional week if space permits but is not assured. To re-submit an ad, allow at least a 2 week break.

**VOTE FOR A VISION OF THE FUTURE** - "Imagine Transition" music and video competition finalists will be presenting their creative works at the Capitol Theatre on February 27th, 7:00 pm. Local musicians & videographers have been asked to "imagine" Nelson in the year 2030 or to envision how to "transition" Nelson to a more sustainable & resilient community future. The audience will vote by secret ballot for their top three performances in each category. There will be a follow-up party at the Best Western where winners will be announced. The Best Western celebration is free for everyone possessing a Capitol Theatre ticket stub. This event is open to all ages & will include a cash bar & DJ sound. Tickets are at the Capitol Theatre \$12 adult/\$8 students & seniors. [www.capitoltheatre.bc.ca](http://www.capitoltheatre.bc.ca)

**A FUNDRAISER FOR HAITI** - Performance by the Shenango Women's Choir being held on Sun. Feb 28th at the United Church. Time to follow. Tickets or info; call Patricia Forte at 354-0333.

**HOUSE FOR SALE** - Magnificent 5-Bedroom Log Home for Sale in The Middle Road Community. Eco-friendly materials. \$660,000 <http://www.onepercentrealty.com/listingdetails.cfm?lid=27047&pfuse=mapsearch&start=1> Please pass this along to those you think might be interested. Thanks!

**ASPEN SWITZER IN CONCERT** - On Saturday Feb. 13 at 8pm award-winning singer/songwriter & former NWS student, Aspen Switzer and band, will be in concert at the intimate Studio 80 Theater on the 10th Street Campus at 10th & Elwyn in Nelson. Tickets are expected to sell out fast. Advance tickets are \$15 available at Eddy Music at [aspenswitzer.com](http://aspenswitzer.com) or from Donna at the school, or \$20 at the door.

**TEMPORARY RENTAL WANTED** - My parents are coming from out of town & are looking for a furnished rental in town for Feb-March-April or thereabouts. Any ideas or leads would be greatly appreciated! Thanks, Julie Kerr 354-4765.

**MUSICIANS VOLUNTEERS** - Jubilee Manor, a multi-level care facility in Rosemont is looking for musicians who would like to share their talents with us. We would love to welcome anyone who would love to volunteer for us. If you think you maybe interested...please phone Rose at 352-7011. We love entertainment!!!!

## FUNDRAISERS

### "YODEL WHILE YOU RODEL!!"

Class 8 is selling European Wooden "Rodel" Sleds!  
• Classic Alpine design - Built to last  
• **Waldorf special \$90** (reg. price \$120)  
See Mr. Fertey 250-354-4271

### "VALENTINES DAY" ORGANIC TRUFFLES

#### \* THERE IS NOW A DAIRY FREE ALTERNATIVE

Place your orders *ASAP* as the pick up date is 12:30 this Friday in class 2/3. The Order Form is at the bottom of the main bulletin and is also available at the Front Office.

### PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

**NWS VOLUNTEERING** - Do you have an opinion about parent volunteering at the school? Come and share your thoughts at the next Parent Council Meeting, Tuesday Feb 23, 6:30pm in the Parent Room (right after February break week). If you can't make the meeting, you can email your opinions to [iainpardoe@gmail.com](mailto:iainpardoe@gmail.com).

**PARENT COUNCIL NEWSLETTER E-ZINE:** Don't miss out! The second monthly Parent Council Newsletter E-zine will be emailed tomorrow. Subscribe at [http://www.nelsonwaldorf.org/parents\\_council.php](http://www.nelsonwaldorf.org/parents_council.php) to ensure you receive your copy.

### BOTTLE DRIVE CONTINUES UNTIL YEAR END

Please bring all your refundables to the school & drop them in the BINS located beside the sanding box (across from the Bus Stop). A Class 4 Fundraiser.

### FOOD FOR FUNDRAISING

— Are You Still Eating? If so you could be raising funds for the school in the easiest possible way. By using grocery cards purchased through Andromeda in our Finance Office to pay for your spuds! Cheques can be sent in with your child & the cards will come home with them the same day **or** if your child is too young for such a task a Class 8 student or parent will be happy to facilitate the transaction for you. Call ilana 352-9658 or Geraldine 352-3957 to arrange.