



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**February 24-26**  
Wednesday-Friday

Class 8 Winter Trip.

**February 26**

Class 6 Play – "ROMA-AMOR" (A Roman Comedy) 8:30am & 6:30pm  
in the Silver King Hall/Gym

### 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.

**Tuesday March 9**  
4pm – 6pm

NWS Board Meeting.

**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**

12:30 Early Dismissal – ALL CLASSES (1 – 8)

**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 - Tales of Treachery and Triumph

**CLASS SIX PLAY "ROMA-AMOR"  
THIS FRIDAY  
FEBRUARY 26 at 8:30am & 6:30pm**

Class Six warmly invites all family and friends of the Nelson Waldorf School to attend their play ROMA-AMOR - A ROMAN COMEDY!

It will be an amusing and delightful performance for all ages. Bring your friends! Friday February 26th 8:30A.M. and 6:30 P.M. in the SILVER KING HALL

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please support this event:

A Benefit Concert for Nelson Waldorf School

***Acclaimed Pianist Dharel Verville Presents:***

**AWAKENING to COMMUNITY**

*"playing works by Beethoven, Gurdjieff and Liszt"*

**Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 2:30 p.m.**

**United Church Nelson**

**Adults \$15**

**Students & Seniors \$10**

**Children \$5**

**Tickets available at NWS, Eddy's Music & Otter Books**

***Testimonials:***

*"Verville's playing is virtuosic and impassioned....in the top handful of Canadian pianists"*  
*Anton Kuerti (1989) Canada's premier concert pianist*

*Your concert on Saturday was the absolute top of the cream! I left with tremendous joy, gratitude and awe, inspired and recharged spiritually as well as emotionally!  
Words cannot express the depth of soul experience that you are able to kindle! My deepest Thank you, Dharel!!*

*Karin Weidemann, Waldorf Teacher*

*"Daryl Verville is simply a great heart and a passionate virtuoso. His piano recitals are odysseys which run the gamut from autobiographic to the burning celestial. Brilliant performances of Gurdjieff/DeHartmann, Beethoven, Scriabin and an inimitable display of the piano's power and sensitivity in his presentation of works like Liszt's "Totentanz" (Dance of Death). Watching Verville play is to observe a masterful pastiche birthed by a long lineage of consummate composers and pianists. For a meditative and a moving tour of the powerful mystic musical mythos of civilization, Daryl Verville's rare public performances are to be sought after and treasured."*

*Timothy Shay, Poet/Author, Nelson, BC*

**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY** - The Nelson Waldorf Daycare is seeking a program Director to cover a maternity leave starting mid-May 2010. This position is from 12-20 hours/week and is responsible for the management of a group daycare (30 months-5 years). Hours and wage are negotiable. Full Early Childhood Education certification required. Please call (250)352-6919 or email [daycare@nelsonwaldorf.org](mailto:daycare@nelsonwaldorf.org) for more information.

**SPRING CONCERT ERROR CORRECTION** – in previous bulletins the Spring Concert has been publicized as taking place on Thursday April 1. This was an error. The correct date and details have not been finalized but will be made known when set.

**PARENT MESSAGES** – Calls from parents to inform children of after school arrangements such as getting home or other directives are escalating. Often messages to students are received shortly before dismissal. It is very difficult to locate students at the end of the day on short notice before they have dispersed. Equally, the Front office is often very busy to be left searching for students at the tail end of the day. It would be helpful if arrangements be made at home prior to the school day. It is recognized that this is not always easy. Therefore, if it's necessary to convey a message or arrangement change to your child during the school day, please call the Front office no later than noon/lunch. Of course there are times of real emergency where calling with short notice about a delay or change of arrangement for your child is completely understandable and acceptable.



# Notes from Administration – Beverley Barcham, Administrator

## NWS Tuition Programs, financial arrangements – Tuition & Supply Fees

For the past several months the Board of Directors has been reviewing the Tuition Programs offered to our registered School families. With consideration for best meeting the financial needs of both parents and the School, there will some changes. In some cases, changes will only be to present the Tuition Programs (ie. Tuition reduction) with more clarity, transparency and availability to all.

*One consideration for change in our the tuition structure is because in the old structure a family making \$55,000, with 2 children, would pay \$11,000 but a family with an income of \$49,000, with two children, would only have to pay 11% or \$4900. The structure was changed in order for the system to be more equitable across all Net Income ranges, especially for families with multiple children.*

### At meetings earlier this year the Board agreed to the following changes to the Tuition Programs:

1. That the **sibling discount** change be revised such that tuition for the second child is 1/2 of full rate, tuition for the third child is 1/3 of the full rate, for the fourth child is 1/4 of the rate and so on (e.g. tuition for the fifth child is 1/5, for the sixth it is 1/6 and so forth). The discounts are given in inverse order of the grade level of the children (tuition for oldest child is 100%).
2. That “income” for the purposes of determining eligibility for tuition reduction is based on *household* net income based on the previous year’s income tax statement. As tax statements include the consideration of dependents the current system which deducts an additional \$3000 per dependent will no longer be available. (ie Revenue Canada Notice of Assessment Line 236 Net Income)

<b>2010-2011</b>	A hypothetical schedule of fees based on the above principles is illustrated in the table below, for families of up to four children.					
<b>Change/new guidelines</b>	<b>Number in Kindergarten</b>					
<b>Sibling Discount</b>	<b># of Children Grades 1 to 8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
Sibling Discount <b>1<sup>st</sup> Child</b> (oldest child) 100%	0	\$0	\$3300	\$4950	\$6039	\$6964
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> child</b> 1/ 2 payment or 50% discount of full tuition	1	\$5875	\$7525	\$8614	\$9439	
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> child</b> 1/3 payment or 66% discount of full tuition	2	\$8812.50	\$9901.50	\$10,726.50		
<b>4<sup>th</sup> child</b> 1/4 payment or 75% discount of full tuition	3	\$10,751.25	\$11,576.25			
And so on...	4	\$12,220				
	Note: Full Tuition for Grades 1-8 is \$5875 Full Tuition for Kindergarten is \$3300					

3. That the tuition due for a family be equal to the schedule outlined above or to a level equal to “income” as defined above, multiplied by a factor “a” that is set annually by the Board whichever is less, provided that proof of income is submitted. It was agreed that the current factor continue at 11%.
4. That exceptions to the standard tuition and tuition assistance must be authorized by the Board and the reasons for the exception must be documented, although the identity of those involved should remain confidential. Although the Board does have wide discretionary powers in this regard, it is expected that changes will be granted only where there are circumstances that significantly impact a family’s ability to pay.
5. That tuitions will increase by approximately 1% - tuition for Grades 1-8 \$5875 and tuition for Kindergarten \$3300.
6. That the early payment discount for the School year 2010-2011 be 5% when payment is received by June 15<sup>th</sup>.
7. That supply fees be increased for Grades 6-8 to reflect the addition of the Main Lesson Enhancement and Workshop Week Programs. Fees will be increased by \$100/child.

To enable families to complete their enrolment contract and registrations without the necessity of meeting with the administrator (as has been our past practice) – all forms will be issued with the enrolment package. Families can complete the forms, to include tuition adjustment, calculate and complete the contract of enrolment and submit payment.

However, if you wish assistance with these transactions I am available to meet with you at your convenience.

## Tuitions, Fees & Guideline Programs 2010-2011 School Year



### ANNUAL TUITION FOR THE 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR

	<b>1<sup>ST</sup> CHILD</b>	<b>2<sup>ND</sup> CHILD</b>	<b>3<sup>RD</sup> CHILD</b>	<b>4<sup>TH</sup> CHILD</b>
Rate of pay	<b>100%</b>	50%	33%	25%
KINDERGARTEN	<b>\$3300</b>	\$1650	\$1100	\$825
Grades 1-8	<b>\$5875</b>	\$2937.50	\$1938.75	\$1468.75

*FOREIGN STUDENT FEE \$4,600 –IN ADDITION TO TUITION FEES KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 8)*

Early Payment Program Kindergarten – Grade Eight:

- All fees will be reduced by 5% if received by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Tuition reduction:

- Available to all families.
- With documentation & completion of Tuition Reduction application, 11% of household income for a 'per family' rate of tuition.

A payment plan for parents is coming as well where parents can pay monthly in advance for tuition.

#### **Tuition Scholarship**

To increase enrolment and to offer the opportunity to new families to consider a Waldorf education, the Board of Directors has agreed to continue to offer 'free' tuition to new families to the School. Please enquire at the School Office for this information.

#### **ADMINISTRATION FEE:**

One time/per Family Fee: \$100

#### **SUPPLY FEES (per child)**

Kindergarten: \$250  
 Grades One – Five: \$350  
 Grades Six – Eight: \$475

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**Full Reregistration & Tuition package to be distributed in March, 2010**

# PARENT NEWS

February 24 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)

**YOUTH WORLD DANCE CAMP** - Youth will get to learn Hip Hop, Bellydance, Funky Jazz, African & Modern Dance from some of the areas most renowned dance instructors! This camp runs for five consecutive mornings March 15-19 from 10am -12 at the Slocan Park Hall. With funding from CBT and CKCA this camp is made available for \$50 per student. Contact Shauna at 250-226-0087 or go to [SoulFireDance.webs.com](http://SoulFireDance.webs.com) for more information & registration.

**NELSON & DISTRICT MINOR BASEBALL** - registration has begun. Ages 4-18. Deadline March 12. Email [nrsc@telus.net](mailto:nrsc@telus.net) or Tara Gray [logan007@telus.net](mailto:logan007@telus.net) or phone 354-1963 for info also check the Sports Council web site at [www.nelsonsports.ca](http://www.nelsonsports.ca) 352-3989.

**ART MAKING IN NATURE** at Kokanee Creek Park. March 8. 10-3 \$45. Ages 6-12. Meet at Kokanee Park and spend the day outside exploring the forest, creating art & using your imagination. Call Judith 354.9014 or email [judith\\_robertson@hotmail.com](mailto:judith_robertson@hotmail.com)

## 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

### 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.

**CLASS MEETINGS** - I am a parent from a class where we have high participation at our parent meetings throughout each year. It seems almost every family has made a commitment to these meetings since grade 1 began and what a gift to us all! Parent participation and support is felt deeply by our class teacher and our children - all of our families. I am saddened recently and surprised to hear of many class meetings throughout the school having very low participation. This journey with our children won't last long, it is probably going to be the most memorable and significant piece we will all look back on many years from now. If you pick one thing as a parent outside of getting your child to and from school please make it to these meetings. Your presence for our incredibly dedicated faculty is very meaningful. Recently I attended a Parent Council meeting as well, the next day I felt connection to the whole school as I drove into the parking lot, I realized sadly I have only felt connection to my own child's class. It's a fantastic feeling that I hope we can all share. Share who you are, share what you can, others welcome you!!!

**Hopeful parent**

### PARENT COUNCIL NEWS

#### PARENT COUNCIL NEWS E-ZINE:

The second issue of the monthly Parent Council News E-zine was sent out by email on February 11th. These E-zines contain interesting and useful information about parent activities and opportunities at the school. If you didn't receive one, you can subscribe at [http://www.nelsonwaldorf.org/parents\\_council.php](http://www.nelsonwaldorf.org/parents_council.php). Don't miss out!