



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- Friday March 5** Make-up SKI DAY#4 for Classes 4 – 8
- Friday March 5** Classes 1 & 2/3 will be in regular session.
- 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** 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
- Monday April 12**
7pm – 9pm School and Curriculum Information Session Downtown Location.
- Thursday April 15**
8:30am WINDOWS on WALDORF SCHOOL TOUR
- April 15 and 16**
Thursday & Friday Class 4 Play - Tales of Treachery and Triumph

MAY

- May 3 to 7**
Monday - Friday Class 5 Olympic Trip
- May 5, 6 & 7**
Wed, Thur, & Fri Class 8 Play - "NARNIA"
- Thursday May 20** 12:30 Early Dismissal – ALL CLASSES (1 – 8)
- Friday May 21** PRO-D Day – No Classes KG - 8
- Friday May 21** Marigold Daycare in regular session
- Monday May 24** Victoria Day – School & Marigold Daycare CLOSED
- Tuesday May 25** PRO-D Day – No Classes KG - 8
- Tuesday May 25** Marigold Daycare in regular session
- Friday May 28** Mayfest Celebrations & Strawberry Shortcake ~ Classes 1 – 8
12:30 Dismissal – ALL CLASSES (1 – 8)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On behalf of the Nelson Waldorf School - We would like to introduce...

Dharel Verville

Dharel Verville is a Waldorf parent and an acclaimed pianist giving the "Awakening to Community" Benefit Concert for the Nelson Waldorf School this Sunday.

His children, Gurshani in Sunflower Kindergarten and Jahmal in Class Four, are new to the school this year. Upon hearing of the NWS financial concerns, Dharel felt moved to give a Benefit Concert to help support the school's efforts to increase enrolment.

Dharel conducted his advanced piano studies with the great pedagogue of classical piano performances, Ernesto Lejano. This musical lineage goes directly back to Franz Liszt and Beethoven. Dharel considers himself to be an investigative artist, and his subjects of ongoing research are Depth Psychology, Jungian Psychology, Deep Ecology, and comparative studies in the wisdom traditions of the world.

Initially, members of the Nelson Waldorf School Faculty were invited to an intimate house concert in his home, to give a taste of what he was able to offer. Those who attended were thrilled by their experience and heartily encouraged Dharel to proceed planning a benefit concert for the school. Since then other Faculty have also had the opportunity to witness Dharel's exquisite musical talent, which includes not only his playing but also the depth of his understanding in the pieces he presents.

Unlike most other concert pianists, Dharel invites the audience into a journey of "Awakening" via periodical presentation of his research and his own hypotheses within the context of the music he performs. With the intent to shed light on our current cultural and political challenges, Dharel is able to unveil unique insights into the historical, political, cultural and spiritual significance of his selected works; translating the hidden mystery encoded by the composers into their music for the audience, a message relevant to our lives today!

We hope you will be able to join us for this unique and enthralling performance on Sunday!
TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL, EDDY'S MUSIC AND OTTER BOOKS

Concert Time: 2:30 p.m. Sunday March 7th at the Nelson United Church

... art, religion and science are sisters who once upon a time became estranged, but who must again enter into a sisterly relationship if man is to function as a complete human being. Art -- creativity -- must be added to what is known abstractly if we are to attain to world knowledge. This union of art and science will produce a religious mood."☺

--RUDOLF STEINER

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 for more information.

PARENT MESSAGES – Calls from parents to inform children of after school arrangements such as getting home or other directives are escalating. Often messages for 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. It would be helpful if parents could put into practice the following:

1. Inform your child of after school arrangements/information at home prior to the school day.
2. If it is 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.
3. In a real emergency, DO NOT HESITATE to call at anytime.

Teacher Evaluations

This week we will be initiating our Teacher Evaluation process. Today we will be sending home evaluation forms to parents of classes where the class teacher is being evaluated thus giving parents the opportunity to participate in our process.

If you wish to provide input for our Specialty Teachers, Bree Switzer and Karin Weidemann, input forms are available at the School Office. We encourage your input.

2009-2010 School Year – Teacher Evaluations:

Class 1	Marcelo Porto Goncalves
Class 4	Natasha Kraus
Class 7	Carron Mulligan
Music	Bree Switzer
Eurythmy	Karin Weidemann

The Foundation Skills Assessment (FSA) is an annual province-wide assessment of British Columbia students' academic skills, and provides a snapshot of how well BC students are learning foundation skills in Reading Comprehension, Writing, and Numeracy. Assessments will be during the month of February. The assessment is administered each year **to Grade 4 and 7 students** in public and provincially funded independent schools. The testing is completed and class teachers will be distributing the results to parents.

Tuition Schedules & Fees

As was distributed last week in the Bulletin we have provided preliminary information for next year's tuitions and supply fees. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. It is always our intention to consider the uniqueness of each of our families. Further information will be forthcoming through the next few weeks with registration packages distributed at the end of March.

Waldorf Education Information Sessions & Windows on Waldorf Tours

Due to Spring Break and the small window of time available for advertising, the Information Sessions and Windows on Waldorf Tours will only be held the week of April 12th (Monday info session & Thursday Windows on Waldorf). All parents will be receiving a mail-out letter and supporting posters at the end of this month to support this enrollment initiative.

Welcome to Lauren Baldwin

Almost every year our Faculty welcomes practicum students from Waldorf Teacher Training Centres. This year we are fortunate to have Lauren Baldwin from the Rudolf Steiner Centre in Toronto. During the next several weeks, Lauren is observing and teaching in Class Four with Natasha Kraus.

Community Celebrations!

At the Parent Council meeting last week discussion led to a request that the Bulletin have a designated space for 'community celebrations'. As noted by one of our parents this will create 'an opportunity to highlight things that have been successfully accomplished at the School through group and individual efforts'. We will be welcoming input to this section. More to come!

Facility Update

During the February *Pro D Week* the Faculty began the preparation of the Curriculum Room (what was the Library). Books have been moved to various locations throughout the School (ie. Classrooms, Parent Room) so that this room may become a centre for displays of student work for enrollment initiatives such as Windows on Waldorf, as well as a much needed Meeting space. Various books we are not using have been designated to recycling – however, we are offering these books first to our families – see the display by the front office – please help yourselves – a donation box is available.

As we begin to prepare for the expansion of the Kindergarten and Child & Parent Programs, room allocation and moving has begun with the expectation of work on-going through the Spring Break. Preparation for the new Parent Room location is well underway – thank you Georgia, Jodi, Hugues, Sandy, Pam and all other supporting parents, as well as the move of the Costume Room to the its new location next to the Parent Room (all located in the building that was previously referred to as the Grade Nine Classroom). We will be moving the Woodwork Room to the new location – next door to the Parent Room & Costume Room and are seeking volunteers to help with painting, moving furniture, tools, building shelves, etc. during the Break – please contact either John Pengelly or me if you are available. **To give away** – Used Pool Table as we move and store equipment from one room to another we find that we have a pool table that will not be of use now or in the foreseeable future - (call me if you are interested and can take it away!)

SOCIAL INCLUSION CORNER

March Theme ~ Week One Social Inclusion Tools used with the Social Inclusion Coordinator

Faculty and staff at the Nelson Waldorf School are able to bring the principles and practices of Social Inclusion to the students in a wide variety of ways with the use of in class and out of class approaches. As discussed last month the teachers and playground supervisors use a number of in class tools to deal directly with social issues as they arise, while the school as a whole works proactively to teach healthy social skills and awareness.

As an additional support to this ongoing, in class and whole school work we have a Social Inclusion Coordinator who works with the children in a more individualized and specific manner as the situation requires. Danny Finley has created a strong foundation for her work with the children by promoting a truth telling culture within each class and developing healthy, supportive attachment relationships between herself, the teachers and the children. Danny is a well known, trusted and respected adult in the children's school lives and her efforts have brought a deeper understanding of the subtle nuances of healthy social interactions through the use of "Crossing the Line" exercises.

This month we will introduce the Social Inclusion tools used by the Social Inclusion Coordinator when more directive, individual efforts are needed. It is important to understand that these tools are used in the context of healthy attachment between participants and that the tone of each is one free of blame and judgment.

Two Social Inclusion tools available to use when appropriate include:

Social Inclusion Change Plan This is a form that a student completes with the assistance of the SI Coordinator that outlines the student's plan to change behaviour.

Ready for Change Meeting - An adult mediator (the SI Coordinator or SI teacher) interviews a student involved in a social difficulty to determine the underlying issues. An SSAC member is assigned to assist the student through the process and to take notes. The class teacher may also attend.

Join us next week as we continue to learn about available out of class Social Inclusion tools.

The S.I. Coordinator – Danny Finley

PARENT NEWS

March 3 2010



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 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.

SPRING BREAK WORKSHOPS FOR CHILDREN

Puppet Making Workshop (Ages 7-13) at Kutenai Art Therapy Institute. Tue. March 16 11am-3:00pm \$45 Make a unique puppet from recycled materials! Be it a person, an animal, or a forest spirit with the character of a trickster, a wild one, or a playful friend, it's all up to your imagination.

Art Making (Ages 6-12) at Taghum Beach Wed. March 17th 9:00-3:00 Spend St Patrick's Day outside hunting for shamrocks, and painting leprechauns. We will explore, create, and use our imagination and sense of adventure. Please bring a lunch. \$55 Meet at Taghum Beach. To register for workshops, contact Judith @ 354.9014 or judith_robertson@hotmail.com

ART CLASSES for adults and youth starting again soon! Contact Deb Andrews @ debra@netidea.com or 250 352 7510

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 for more information & registration.

TO THE WALDORF COMMUNITY

Chile has been rattled by an earthquake category 8.8 on the Richter scale, the largest in a decade. Millions of homes have been devastated by the event, and millions of people left without medicine shelter and food. Communications are still down and the number of victims has reached more than a thousand.

We have started a relief campaign to help those in desperate need of support. As it is approaching winter in Chile, we want winter clothes (winter jackets, snow pants, winter boots, tents, blankets, winter gloves and so on) as well as financial donations (will be faster to deliver). All donations will be gathered by Jaime Sanchez @ (250) 352-0953. We will pick-up any donations and until we open a deposit account for the campaign, monies will be gathered by contacting Jaime or placing in the piggy-bank at the Nelson Waldorf School Front office.

We thank your solidarity with all our heart, many children and the elderly will appreciate your efforts to help them in this difficult time.

Thank you all, to all my relations ~ Jaime Sanchez (Parent of Cian Class 4 & Relmu Class 2/3)

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.