



Weekly Notice

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Eighth Grade Parents

Remember that there is a meeting **tonight**, Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 pm (just before your class meeting) for eighth grade parents interested in learning more about Monadnock Waldorf School high school. A light supper will be served and you will have an opportunity to meet John Anderson who has recently joined us to coordinate high school outreach and recruitment efforts.

Lisa Mahar

March 15 Community Forum on Media

Mark your calendars for Monday evening, March 15 at 7:00 pm in our Assembly Room for a community forum of parents and teachers designed to explore the topic of media in the lives of our children and our families. This gathering will use a World-Café style approach to encourage and deepen conversation.

Last week Torin Finser talked with a group of about 60 parents, teachers and friends about the deep moderating influences of slowing down, taking time, forgiving, and loving. He posed questions and explored ideas about current culture and the contribution Waldorf education can make to supporting healthy families and healthy children.

Now we will bring these ideas home. Using our own mission statement as a guide (find it right here on the front of the *Weekly Notice*) we will consider the kind of approach to media that suits and serves our community.

We look forward to a fruitful evening of parent, teacher, and community conversation.

Lisa Mahar

Singing Assembly

Friday, April 16, 12:45 pm

Please note that the sixth and the combined seventh/eighth grade choruses will be performing in a Friday afternoon assembly the week before the April vacation. Many of the grades will be sharing songs they have been working on with each other. Parents are invited! Please stay tuned for further details in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Wiener at 352-7079, or Mr. Elliot at 358-1064.

Nell Wiener and Bruce Elliot

Spring Concert

Tuesday, May 6, 6:30 pm

Save the date! The upper grades Band and Orchestra (grades 6-8) have been working hard on some new music, and are looking forward to sharing it with each other and with the community. All are invited to this exciting evening of music! See above for information about choral presentations.

Nell Wiener and Bruce Elliot

Monadnock Waldorf School is dedicated to nurturing young human beings who will be capable of contributing fully to the tasks of life with courage, compassion, and conviction. We strive to foster wholeness and life long well being through awakening an abiding love and interest in the world while cultivating the gifts and strengths that are unique to each individual student.

Soup Report

There will be no soup this week; we'll be back March 5th.

The Soup Ladies



Reminder: Reenrollment Paperwork Due

Re-enrollment applications, deposits and financial aid applications are due Friday, February 19.

Enjoy February Vacation: week of February 22

News from Grade Nine

Ninth graders are spending this week working at various service organizations in the community. They will be engaged for 30 - 40 hours shadowing individuals in the agency, assist directly in the agency's work and, if possible, complete a small independent project collaboratively with, and under the guidance of, their host agency. Students are working at: The Harrisville Children's Center, The Community Kitchen, Fast Friends Greyhound Rescue, Miracles in Motion riding therapy camp, the new warming shelter in Keene - 100 Nights, and the Orchard Hill School.

This week long experience is part of a developing curriculum for introducing students to community and world service that will span all 4 years of high school. When we return in March we welcome Patrick Stolfo for an Art History Main Lesson and an afternoon of clay modelling.

Girls and Boys Basketball Banquet Thursday, February 18

The MWS girls and boys basketball teams will have a potluck banquet for players, their families and coaches to celebrate the end of another fantastic season.

When: Thursday, February 18, at 5:30 p.m.

Where: MWS Assembly Room.

What to bring: 8th graders please bring a main dish, 7th grade boys salad or side dish, 7th grade girls dessert, 6th graders- drinks. Also please bring dishes and utensils for your family.

Morning Tour at the Elementary School

Wednesday morning, March 10 at 8:15 am *In the library at the elementary school*

Learn why families have moved across the country to attend Monadnock Waldorf School! There is no better way to be introduced to the elementary program than to visit classes in session. You will sit in on grades two, four, six, and eight and observe both children and teachers as they move through the morning Main Lesson. We'll tour the building, have a question and answer session, and enjoy refreshments.

The tour is great for parents who want to see their children's classes, for grandparents and special friends, for teachers who are curious about Waldorf education, or for anyone who wants to know more about the elementary program at Monadnock Waldorf School.

Registration is requested so please give a call to Suzanne or Jeni in the Main Office (357-4442) or drop an e-mail note to sruse@monadnockwaldorfschool.org to let us know you are coming.

Lisa Mahar

Spring Bulb Sales

The Seventh Grade will again be selling flowering spring bulbs. This year the sales will be from March 29th to April 1 in the playground at pick up. We will have 4" pots for \$4.00, 6" for \$7.00 and 7 1/2 " pots for \$14. The choice of tulips and hyacinths in various colors and bright yellow daffodils makes you pine for spring!

The Class of 2011

Alumni News

Did you see Stephanie Bilodeau (MWS 2009) on the front page of the *Keene Sentinel*? Stephanie Bilodeau won second place in the Poetry Out Loud poetry slam recitation competition held recently at Keene Public Library. Stephanie won a \$15,000 renewable scholarship to New England College in Henniker for her efforts! Congratulations.

Swanzy Rural Character, a film by Evan Barlow (MWS 2005) made in 2009 as a senior project at Monadnock Regional High School recently won the Sir Edmund Hillary Award at the Mountain Film Festival as well as the John Muir Gold Award at the Yosemite Film Festival and the Gold Reel at the Nevada Film Festival. Congratulations.

Lisa Mahar

Calendar of Events

Week of February 22

Vacation

March 3

Parent Council Meeting, 6:45 pm

Double Your Gift to the Annual Fund!

A most generous donor has stepped forth to help us meet our Annual Fund goal of \$100,000. Donations will be matched one-to-one for every dollar given up to \$10,000! A donation of \$40 pays a day's tuition for one of our students. Thanks to this challenge grant, that gift would now be \$80.

The Annual Fund is the critical difference for making up costs not covered by tuition revenue. It is the foundation of our philanthropic program at Monadnock Waldorf School. Your gift of any size helps all our wonderful students. Please consider making your first or even second contribution this year to the Annual Fund. Envelopes are available in the main office or can be sent to you by me. Thank you for all your support.

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Thank You

On behalf of all the students who spent hours sanding their projects to a perfect smoothness, I would like to thank Charles Johnson, father of David, Kerry, Robbie, and owner of Johnson Abrasives in Jaffrey for making sure that the woodshop will not run out of sandpaper for a long time. The two fourth graders, Lauren Ryder and Lake Gildner-Blinn, finished their boxes beautifully thanks to this generous gift.

Hans van Riel



Green Up Keene Day!

This April 10th and 11th the citizens of Keene and surrounding communities will be taking to the streets to Green Up the city. The MWS Parent Council will be organizing a clean up of Robin Hood and surrounding areas as part of MWS's contribution to the community. So save the date of April 10th to help us clean up the park, More details will come as we get closer to that date.

The Parent Council

Basketball News

Congratulations to the boys basketball team—they came in second in their tournament last week.



Community Service

All over New Hampshire food kitchens are experiencing an increase in the number of people needing help with meals for themselves and their families. The Keene Community Kitchen is a crucial link between good food and the people who need it. For the past two years parents and teachers from our school have worked various shifts at The Kitchen and we will continue that this year.

Because the Sunday shift is now four hours, they will have our group pack food for the family boxes so we can continue with a two hour shift. This year children older than 10 may accompany a parent on a shift.

Our next date is: **February 21** between 9 am and Noon. Please let Miss Marshall know if you can join us.

Monica Marshall, 357-3285

School Store IOU's

If you have an IOU from the school store, please make sure that you come in to the Main Office and pay it right away. Thank you.

Carla Folkert

New! School Calendar and Public Events are Online!

Look in the "school news" section of the MWS website for "calendar."

Nursery-Kindergarten Wish List

- Rain Pants (sizes 3 to 7)
- Fall or spring blooming perennial plants

Please contact Lynn Wetterhorn at the Kindergarten, 357-8663, if you can help us. Thank you!

Bulletin Board

Woodstove for sale: Nearly new, Hearthstone Tribute Model 8040 for sale. Asking \$900, *if interested, see Jo-Anne Yardley. 2-16-10*

HD Loom For Sale: 22" Floor Loom by Harrisville Design. Fully assembled. Beautiful hard wood. Folds for easy portability. 4 harnesses and 4 treadles. Weaves a full 22 inches. Can be folded with the warp in place. Current new model \$1196, will sell for \$600, fully assembled. Includes 2 Leclerc boat shuttles, 1 stick shuttle, 1 sleigh hook, 7 spools, 1 crank hook, guide book "Warping All by Yourself" by Cay Garrett. (Bench not included.) Also available for sale, cherry warping board \$50 (new price, \$110). This loom is from the late 1980's and is in great working condition. Always kept covered, indoors. *Debbie Black, (friend of Meena Neva) at 352-9776. 2-16-10*

For sale: 1996 Nissan Pathfinder 4X4, V6 CYL, Auto Transmission, just inspected, new exhaust and front brakes (rotors & pads), 130,000 miles, only \$2,995 or BRO *call or email Dave (friend of Wojenski's) at: 603-381-9861 or ravencomputer@hotmail.com. 02-16-10*

Miracles in Motion Therapeutic riding center is offering birthday parties on Sundays from 10-12 or 1-3 for up to 20 children ages 5 and up (parental supervision required). Children will be able to help groom and tack the horses, enjoy birthday cake, play party games, and of course, ride! *Please call four weeks in advance so we can plan accordingly, Stephanie Jacques, Program Director, at 357-7282, info@mimnh.org. 2-16-10 (Lydia Ballantine)*

Summer Performance Teacher Needed. Camp Glen Brook is looking for a performance teacher for our summer camp season. Experience teaching children is required. Most of our performances are musical vignettes so singing and instrumental skills are helpful. Some minor scenery development is also required. *Please contact Willow Nilsen 876-3342 for more information. 2-9-10*

In search of a used toddler car seat with harness system intact. *Please call Brie Maynard at 499-3060. 2-9-10*

Lost! NorthFace black gortex ski/snowboard pants, size small. Lost from 6th grader, Dominic, either in school or on Friday ski trip. *Please call Brie Maynard at 499-3060. 2-9-10*

For sale: Elan down hill skies, 46" inches with boots, approximately size 5 (Italian boots!), and poles, excellent condition. \$75. *Please call Bunny Ballantine at 835-2392. 2-9-10*

The Steiner-Waldorf school in Avignon (France) offers its buildings for rent to "Waldorf families" and friends, during the summer holidays (July-August). A way to help our school while enjoying the beauty of Provence, its climate, history, culture. See you soon in Provence. *Contact: location.ecole@free.fr, website: http://web.me.com/ecolersa. 2-9-10*

For rent: available August 1st. A lovely single family 1500 sq. foot home on a great quiet street within easy walking distance to MWS and Robin Hood park. 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, hardwood floors downstairs, fenced in backyard with huge maple tree, full basement with washer and dryer. Garage and shed. \$1400 a month. *If interested call Alan or Amy Robertshaw at 355-5046. 2-9-10*

Do you want to upgrade your ipod? I'm looking to buy an ipod. *Please call Hilary at 355-8207. 2-9-10*

Looking for gently used men's outdoor clothes and winter boots: Jacket and pants sizes mens S, M, and XL; shoes and boots mens 9 1/2, 10, and 11. *Thanks, Dawne Morgan at 603-352-9174. 02-02-10*

Babysitter available most weekends and some weekday evenings. My name is William Henry and I am an eighth grader with experience babysitting children, mostly between the ages of 3 and 10. I also completed the Red Cross babysitter training course last spring. *You can contact me at 355-8132. 02-02-10*

Mothers & Sons I have had countless connections and many inspired chats about parenting during my time at MWS. Over the last few months, as well as years past I have found myself engaged in meaningful and productive conversations with other mothers of son's centered around: boy culture, media violence, risk taking, Xbox, communication, and so forth. One of the aspects of this school that is dear to me is its thoughtful, committed and engaged community of parents. Today's world is a busy place, with quicksilver change, rampant materialism, and omnipresent mass media. Our responsibilities of parenthood are growing, as are our challenges and frustrations. This latter part is what moves me to action- I am looking for other mothers of sons, to join me in conversation. I see a need for this forum, to speak about issues concerning today's mothers of sons, voices that need to be heard, questions answered and inspiration sought to meet some of the challenges facing these growing men, as well as giving a much needed voice to our sometimes silent boys. While there is no doubt that every boy needs a good man in his life, he also is in need of a strong mother, a mother with a voice. Mothering our sons is beneficial not only to our boys, but to our society as well. I am still unsure of the logistics of such a forum; that can be determined once we have a collective of mothers. It is not my intent to exclude fathers, or overlook the challenges facing mothers of girls. I am just addressing an idea that keeps circling back to me, so perhaps its time for me to give it wings. *Thanks for the great conversation ladies, and remember, shine on! My email is dawnekmorgan@gmail.com, or call Dawne Morgan at 352-9174. 02-02-10*

Whether you are heating with oil, wood, gas or electricity, contact Home Energy Audits of Keene to find out how a professional energy audit can help you reduce both your carbon footprint and your utility bills. *Philip Henry can be reached at 355-4441 or eaudits@gmail.com. 02-02-10*

Our daughter Olivia (MWS '96) is looking for housing for the first two weeks in August. She would be willing to house sit, pay rent, or do a house exchange: for your apartment/house in Keene, you would have an apartment near Freiburg, and one in Heidelberg, two most beautiful cities in Germany. *If you are interested, call Monique and Andrew Shurman at 603-357-7313. 2-2-10*

Armstrong ceramic floor tiles—still in box. 8" square, lightly mottled buff color. Enough to cover 215 sq. ft. (500 tiles). Asking \$300. *Please call Matt or Cathy Hall at 352-4947. 2-2-10*

Automotive Repairs: We have a current Waldorf parent who owns an automotive repair shop on Route 12 just south of the Cheshire Fairgrounds. The name of the shop is Erik's Import Autoworks (address 209 Monadnock Hwy., East Swanzey, phone number 903-0650). His name is Erik Bergquist. He and his wife

Marguerite are the parents of 4th grader Cedar Gadbois. Erik specializes in European imports. A few other Waldorf parents have already discovered Erik's shop. He would appreciate any additional business we can refer his way. I am passing this along because his work has been excellent. *Daryl Stutes (parent of 5th and 7th graders) 1-27-10*

Woolens 30% off! Huge savings off this year's wool. Think ahead and order up a size for next year. Price sheet and order forms located in the Main Office of the elementary school. All orders need to be prepaid and will be ordered on Fridays. Woolens to be delivered to the elementary school for pick-up. *Tobi Boudreau at The Woollybear, 13 Roxbury Street, Keene, NH. 01-12-10*

My name is Kerensa Bartlett and I am an enthusiastic, MWS 8th grader who is **looking for work as a babysitter.** Whether you need a simple outing, a weekly sitter, or just a night out, I'm

your girl. I love being around children and have lots of experience from my 7 year old brother and his friends. *If you are interested, please give me a call on my home phone at 358-5057 or my cell phone at 762-5822. References available. 12-01-09*

Please consider me for your home improvement needs: J. Klassen Carpentry and Painting. Interior/exterior painting, lazure, drywall, roofing, sidewalling, window replacement, floor installing and refinishing, screened porches, chimney flashing, chimney cleaning, insulating, small scale renovating, and weatherization. Interest in working with living design. References available and fully insured. *Call Jonathon at 603-903-3028. 10-06-09*

Community Events

Kiss Me, Kate

February 18, 19 and 20th at The Colonial Theater in Keene

Shows are at 7:30 pm, with two shows on Saturday: a matinee at 1:00 pm and an evening performance at 7:30 pm. Tickets \$20. To purchase tickets, please call Walter Reney of Walpole Savings Bank at 603-355-1644, Bud Record at Markem at 283-1512, or Keene Colonial Box Office 603-352-2033.

"Our Town at Dublin" Production at Dublin School

Performances are Friday, February 19 at 7 PM, Saturday, February 20 at 1 PM and 7 PM, and Sunday, February 21 at 1PM. *For more information, please contact Teresa Imhoff, Dublin School Admissions at 603-563-1231, www.dublinschool.org.*

February Farm Days

Stonewall Farm, non-profit working farm and education center, presents February Farm Days, Saturday February 13, 20 and 27 from 11 AM-2 PM. Visitors can take sleigh rides pulled by the Farm's Belgian draft horses Prince and Magic (\$4 for adults, \$2 for children 6 and under). Purchase hot chocolate, muffins, coffee cake and marshmallows for roasting. The Farm has trails suitable for cross country skiing and offers access to miles of rail trails. Children and adult snow shoes will be available for use on the property, or visitors can bring their own and explore 130 acres of conservation land. The Farm, located at 242 Chesterfield Road in Keene, is open dawn to dusk, 7 days a week free of charge. *More information can be found at www.stonewallfarm.org or by calling 603-357-7278.*

Camp Glen Brook February Vacation Day Camp

Camp Glen Brook in Marlborough, NH, is offering a new winter day camp program for third through eighth graders. Camp will be held during winter break February 22-26. Campers will enjoy sledding, ice skating, skiing, farm chores, baking, camp songs, crafts, nature study, and games amid Glen Brook's 250 acres of forest, field, pond, and streams. Indoor activities and meals will take place in Glen Brook's historic Main House. Our high staff to camper ratio ensures personal attention for your child. Camp Glen Brook has successfully held overnight camp programs for sixty-five summers and sixteen winters. All camp programs have Waldorf ideals woven into the daily fabric of their activities. The program is managed and run by Willow Nilsen, Glen Brook's program director and parent of Sage Gould MWS 6th grade. Camp will be offered from Monday through Friday 8am-5:00pm. A wholesome lunch and snacks will be provided by Camp Glen Brook's Chef, Ashley Sheehan, parent of River, MWS kindergarten, Taja, MWS 4th grade, and Dominic, MWS 6th grade. *For more information or to register please visit the camp on the web at www.glenbrook.org or contact Willow Nilsen at 603-876-3342.*

Zimbabwe Benefit: An Evening of Music with Silas Beardslee

Silas Beardslee (MWS 2002) will present a concert of original music to support the Rimbi Farm Project in Zimbabwe at 8:00 pm on Tuesday evening, February 23 at The Starving Artist, 10 West Street in Keene. Donations taken at the door. *For more information, please call 603-630-4520.*

School Fundraisers

Eighth Grade Bread and Cookie Order Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Orders due: Thursday, February 18, 2010

Pick-up date: Thursday, March 4, 2010



<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total Price</u>
	Small FRENCH	\$4.25	
	Loaf Pan FRENCH	\$4.75	
	Sesame Batard FRENCH	\$4.25	
	4 SEED SUNNY FLAX	\$4.50	
	Large COUNTRY ROUND	\$4.75	
	WHOLE WHEAT	\$4.75	
	OLIVE ROSEMARY	\$4.75	
	Special: Cinnamon raisin	\$4.75	
	Wheat-Free: Six seed and grain	\$4.75	
	Cookie: Classic chocolate chip	\$1.50	
	Oatmeal raisin	\$1.50	
		TOTAL \$	_____

*Please turn order in to the Main Office
at the elementary school.*

*Please make checks payable to
MWS Class of 2010.*