



Weekly Notice

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Clay Modeling with Patrick Stolfo

Three sessions exploring the three-fold human being

Wednesday Afternoon, March 17 from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm at the High School, 146 School St.

For adults; \$25.00. Pre-registration required.

We will explore how the three-fold human being is revealed and expressed through the sculptural-artistic process. Themes from the Waldorf curriculum will be put into creative practice. The guided exercises are accessible to any level of artistic experience. *Patrick Stolfo, M.A. is an experienced teacher and freelance artist. He teaches art history and humanities in Waldorf schools and at adult education centers. He is a core faculty member of the Alkion Center for Adult Education, and an adjunct instructor at both Antioch New England Graduate School and the Center for Anthroposophy.*

Grandparents & Special Friends

Invitations will be sent next month for the MWS Grandparents and Special Friends Day in May. Please call me if you would like someone included on the invitation list or have updated addresses. Many thanks!

Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader
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603-357-4442, Ext. 105

Strep

There are confirmed cases of strep in the Nursery-Kindergarten and at the elementary school.

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.

High School Open House

Please join us and tell a friend about an Open House at the high school on Friday afternoon, March 26 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. The high school is located at 146 School St. in Keene.

Teachers will be on hand to answer questions. Student work will be on display. Information packets describing curriculum, schedule, fees, etc will be available. You will also have an opportunity to tour the school. Parents and students are welcome.

For more information, please call John Anderson 781-219-7768.

Lisa Mahar

Eggs **DESPERATELY** Needed For Egg Decorating Workshop

We need many, many blown white eggs for our annual Egg Decorating Workshop that will be held at the Nursery/Kindergarten on Saturday, March 27 from 9:00 to 11:00.

To blow an egg, simply use a small pointed knife to tap a small hole in both ends of the egg, hold the egg over a bowl and blow the insides out. You should then run some water into the egg, shake it up and blow the water into the sink. Return the egg to the carton after it has drained a bit. Think of all of the delicious dishes you can make with the eggs: French Toast, Quiche, Scrambled Eggs (yummy with cheese for a quick dinner), Fritata and many more.

Please deliver the eggs to Lynn at the Nursery/Kindergarten or Suzanne in the main office of the elementary school as soon as possible. Call egg expert Lynn Wetterhorn at 363-8268 if you have any questions. THANK YOU!



Soup Report

This week we are offering chicken noodle soup and a vegetarian chicken noodle soup. This will be served with bread and butter.

Remember your bowls and \$3.50 this Friday, March 5th.

*Thanks,
The Soup Ladies*

**March 18th—
no school for
elementary
students only—
parent/teacher
conferences.
Nursery-
Kindergarten
classes will be
held.**

This Week at MWS

In this column we'll let you know about what's happening in our school class by class. For this week here's the news.

Parent/Child: Children will enjoy a morning of play while parents hone their knitting skills.

Morning Glory: Michelle's children will play inside and out, help collect sap and search for signs of spring.

Appleblossom: Marie's children will be helping to collect and boil sap for maple syrup. They will hear the German folk story *Grandmother Evergreen*.

Sunflower: Lynn's children will hear the story *Mud Muffins* and will enjoy the story as a puppet play later in the week. The sap is flowing and a big pot is on the boil in the outside fire pit, so the children will help collect and boil sap. Can pancakes be far behind?

First Grade: Mrs. Myers' reports that four knitted cats were born last week. Students will take one of their verses and write it on paper this week. They are happy to let the sixth graders know that they are building a mountain of food for the Community Kitchen.

Second Grade: Mrs. Henry's students are in a Language Arts Block creating and writing their first compositions. Play practice is well underway.

Third Grade: Mr. Price's students continue their study of shelters. They learned about sod houses from South America, Norway, and Finland. They also had a chance to eat lunch in a sod house during a recent trip to Kroka. Students received the parts for their play, *Joseph's Coat*, and are practicing the dialogue. The class will make another trip to Kroka this week.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Zakrzewski's students are working hard on their class play. Stop by the classroom to see wonderful watercolor paintings of the king of beasts.

Fifth Grade: Miss Marshall's students are putting the finishing touches on their play and look forward to presenting it next week in two performances, one during the school day. The class is also hearing tall tales from American folklore including one

character who is half alligator, half horse and half human!

Sixth Grade: Mr. McGuigan's students are continuing their South American studies this week. Next week they will move on to a physics block where they will be exploring magnetism and static electricity. The class is practicing for the play, *The Silver Thread*.

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Motter's students were deep into their Renaissance Main Lesson work on Monday morning and were not able to join us for our assembly.

Eighth Grade: Ms. Morse's students continue practicing for their play, *As You Like It*. They are engaged in a Chemistry block with co-teachers Ms. Morse and Mr. Schoen. Though there is no school on Thursday for our elementary students, the eighth graders will be here none the less to block the play on the stage in the Assembly Room.



MWS Parent Council Presents...

Fun and Games Potluck

Saturday, March 27 at 5:00-7:00 p.m.

We'll begin as we always do, with good food and good company. Please bring a substantial dish to pass and your own tableware.

After dinner we will play together - young and old - using board games and more. Our MC, Lindsay Bartlett, will provide an opportunity for anyone wishing to tell a good kid-friendly joke. Kids may wish to try theirs out on their parents first. So, come one and come all with your desire to be together and have fun at our first ever Fun and Games Potluck!

Liza Dupuis

Calendar of Events

March 17

Clay Modeling with Patrick Stolfo
3:30 to 5:30 pm, 146 School Street

March 26

High School Open House
7:00 pm, 98 S. Lincoln Street

March 27

Hippity Hop on By!
Egg Decorating Workshop
10:00 am to Noon
424 Old Walpole Road

March 27

Parent Council Fun & Games Potluck
5 to 7 pm

April 2

No School

*First Day of School for
Elementary and High
School for the School
Year 2010-2011
is Wednesday,
September 1st.*

*All You Need Is
Mom or Dad -
Dr. Suzanne
Coble Back by
Popular
Demand*

Suzanne Coble, MD has agreed to repeat and expand on a talk and demonstration she offered earlier this year on caring for sick family members at home. Join us at our nursery-kindergarten on Saturday morning April 17 from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Dr. Coble will focus especially on supporting your children's good health and will demonstrate simple and effective home-care practices. The cost of the program is \$10.00 and childcare will be provided. Please register in advance by calling our Main Office at 357-4442.

Green Up Keene

Last year volunteers in Keene picked up approximately 1.8 tons of trash! This year MWS is getting together volunteers to help again. This event is occurring in Keene on April 10 and 11. We have taken responsibility for Robin Hood Park and if we have enough volunteers, we would like to do the areas around the school down to Carpenter Park. If you wish to see the areas that others have chosen go to: <http://www.ci.keene.nh.us/sustainability/green-keene>. The Green push pins mark the general areas groups have chosen.

To make the day run smoothly, we will try to divide the classes by area but feel free to join where you wish. We will gather on Saturday, April 10th and start at 9 AM and hope to be completely finished by 11 AM. You should bring work gloves and a bucket would be helpful. We will provide vinyl gloves and garbage bags. The rain date will be Sunday, April 11, same time. We will announce any cancellation on the phone message at MWS.

Grades 1-4 and 9 will meet at Robin Hood.

Grades 5 and 6 at the school.

Grade 7 at the cemetery on North Lincoln.

We hope to get a large turn out to clean up our adopted park and neighborhood. Any questions please contact your Parent Council representative.

The Parent Council

Supplement: Caring for Sick Family Members at Home

The *Caring for Sick Family Members at Home* supplement is now available in the Main Office at the elementary school for \$5.00 each. Thank you to the Aurum Foundation for sharing copies of *Lilipoh's* holistic wellness guide which contains many of the remedies Dr. Coble presented at her February talk and many more besides.

Jean Correia

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

Burritos Return!

The Seventh Grade has begun selling Armadillo burritos for lunch on Tuesdays! You can order chicken or bean and rice, half a burrito or a whole burrito. \$3.50 for a half a burrito and \$6.00 for a whole burrito. Sides of sour cream and salsa are available for 50 cents each. Order Tuesday morning at drop off outside your child's classroom.

The Seventh Grade

A Loyal MWS Friend Talks About the Annual Fund

Kathy and Mark Gross have been part of the MWS community since 1997 when their daughter Charlotte started pre-school. She graduated from MWS in 2008 and her brother Kevin is currently in 7th grade. Mark and Kathy each served as MWS Board Chair for two years; Kathy is currently Board Treasurer. Both Kathy and Mark also help MSW as active volunteers and loyal donors. Kathy recently shared her family's reasons for believing in the importance of the Annual Fund.

Why do you give to the Annual Fund?

Even though we pay tuition, I know the school relies on the Annual Fund to meet its budgetary needs. Without it, we wouldn't be able to offer tuition assistance to families who want to be here but can't fully afford it. We also wouldn't be able to pay our wonderful teachers and staff a liveable wage. We appreciate the fantastic education our children receive here and want to do our part to keep it going.

In what ways do you believe your contributions help MWS?

I'm proud of the amount of tuition assistance MWS offers. It is more than most schools our size can provide. There are so many lovely students, and their families wouldn't be here if we couldn't provide that assistance. I know our contribution to the Annual Fund helps ensure that those families can continue to attend.

I also know that for many years the school paid its teachers salaries that were well below those of other Waldorf and area schools. MWS has slowly been able to increase that over the past 8 or so years and the Annual Fund plays an important role in allowing that to happen.

What do you like about the Annual Fund?

It's important to me to know that my Annual Fund contribution directly supports the current year's budget. There are other ways we contribute to the school as well, but this particular contribution goes right to work. It's a great way to feel part of the community to know that our dollars are combining with those of others to keep MWS running. I am humbled by the fact that even families receiving financial aid will make a contribution to the Annual Fund as they know how important even their small contribution is.

For more information about the MWS Annual Fund or other fundraising initiatives, please call or write Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader, rruckmann@monadnockwaldorfschool.org 603-357-4442, Ext. 105.

Media Forum: A Great Start

Over forty parents and teachers gathered together in the Assembly Room this week to engage in spirited conversation around media using the World Cafe model. Through a series of conversations in small groups of four or five we shared our thoughts and feelings about the benefits and harms of media and how to craft an approach to media as families, as a school, and as a community that supports our highest hopes for our children.

People got to know one another in new ways. Insights, concerns, fears, hopes, and questions were shared and explored. Those of us in attendance considered this a great beginning and expressed the wish that the evening's conversations would lead to a continuing collaboration between parents and teachers regarding the role of media in community, school, and family life.

Jan Maes, NK parent who helped guide the process, agreed to take the notes home and develop a description of the evening and we all agreed to keep the conversation moving forward. Look for more in the next *Weekly Notice*. Thanks, Jan!

Thanks to all who baked a little something, who helped to set-up and clean-up, and who acted as table hosts.

Lisa Mahar

The Service of Service in Adolescence

"...the adolescent is a completely different being."

"Only now does the human being fully stand in the outer world."

~Rudolf Steiner

When Rudolf Steiner speaks about the adolescent he makes special effort to impress upon us, as teachers, the profound difference between the child before and after sexual maturity is reached. This difference is one of the important considerations for high school teachers, when developing curricular and extra-curricular experiences for the adolescent. In the time leading up to adolescence the young person has his or her beliefs, perspectives and opinions largely determined out of imitation or trust in authority. They unfold in the personal authoritative relationship with adults, primarily the class teacher and parents. From this foundation, the adolescent has now to explore life in depth and grasp it with his/her own understanding, verify it with his/her own judgment.

In this spirit, the 9th grade was given the opportunity to work independently, in the community, alongside service professionals to gain direct experience with the needs of those who surround them in their community. Each student spent a full week (30-40 hours) working with a local service agency of their choice to explore and better understand the role these organizations play in supporting a healthy community. Students shadowed members of the organization to better understand their work, they assisted in delivery of services and they completed a project for their host agency based on their individual talents. In addition each student created a journal which captured their experiences and reflections along with the history of their host organization and the mission statement that guided their work. Most important is the fact that they worked independent of and unaccompanied by their teachers or parents. I was touched to read the insights and reflections captured in these journals:

"Because of this service project, I am becoming more aware of the different levels of society..."

"I am slowly realizing that dogs help us change the bad things about us, especially

(those) that have been poorly treated."

"It was fascinating seeing all the different personalities of the (agency's clients), as they were all extremely different."

"Reflecting on my experience...I see where I was most challenged and what I gained from it."

"...I can tell how dedicated these people are to understanding and teaching every child..."

Through direct experiences of the world, such as this service experience, the adolescent can begin to find an independent path through the challenges that the world presents. These experiences provide a framework for contemplating life as they grapple with the existential challenges presented by this new stage of development. As high school teachers, one of our tasks is to provide the framework, through the curriculum, to support this individuation process.

It is important to recognize and thank the organizations that hosted our students: The Community Kitchen, The Harrisville Children's Center, the 100 Days Warming Shelter, The Orchard School, Fast Friends Greyhound Rescue and Miracles in Motion. Their willingness to welcoming a teenager into their midst and participate as partners in this effort, made these experiences possible.

If you are a member of a service organization and are interested in participating next year, or if you know of an organization we should explore, please feel free to contact Lisa Damian, sunsongfarm@juno.com.

Bulletin Board

Carpentry, Etc.—recycling an old trade towards a sustainable future, sliding-scale offered, barter negotiable. *Call Kimball Temple at 852-3927. 3-16-10*

LL Bean traditional hunting shoe (ankle boots) for sale. Excellent condition. Size 10 M (mens). \$20.00 Great for spring! *Call Jenny Wojenski at 358-3350. 3-16-10*

For sale: portable karaoke machine/cd player, never used and in original box, Memorex \$30.00. *Call Jenny Wojenski at 358-3350. 3-16-10*

House for sale. Lovely home on 12.63 acres in Keene. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, large screened-in porch, open kitchen/dining, wood floors, wood stove & 2 fireplaces, beehive oven, treehouse. 1st floor bedroom, bath & laundry. Large master bedroom suite, \$359,000. *Contact Susan or Bill Hay at 357-0372. 3-16-10*

22" Harrisville Designs floor looms for sale: 4 heddles, 4 treadles, \$600 each. Lightly used. *Please call Sarah Antel at Stonewall Farm at 357-7278. 3-16-10*

Childcare opportunity: Wilderness Camp Instructor is looking for a Nanny in Aquinnah on Martha's Vineyard for two lovely girls, ages 4.5 and 1.5 years old, from June to the end of August 2010. *If you have a working knowledge of Waldorf Education, are creative, nurturing, love living outside, and enjoy taking a short hike to the beach often, please call: Connie 508-645-3839. 3-9-10*

For sale: 190 S. Lincoln St., Keene - New Price! \$179,500. Large front porch, walk to town and to MWS, lovely living room with fireplace, dining room with built-ins, one car garage, wood floors, 3 or 4 bedrooms and loads of charm. *Contact Holly Gorsuch at BHG The Masiello Group at hollygorsuch@masiello.com or 603-313-1224. 3-9-10*

Job Opening: Shipping Associate. This is a temporary, part time, hourly position in our shipping department during our spring busy season only. Responsibilities include: Meet our customer's expectations by shipping complete and accurate orders on time; Pick and pack orders as needed; Assemble

gift products and marketing materials; Maintain quality control standards on all outgoing orders; Contribute to an accurate and organized warehouse inventory; Stock shelves when needed; Participate in regular cleanup of shipping department. W. S. Badger is located in Gilsum, NH (population 800+). We manufacture our Fine Organic Balms and Hardworking Natural Remedies right here in SW New Hampshire to market and sell locally and worldwide. *Please send, fax or email us your resume and cover letter telling us a little about yourself to: Jay Smeltz, Human Resources Coordinator, Office: (603) 357-2958 x20, Fax: (603) 352-4818, jays@badgerbalm.com, W.S. Badger Co., PO Box 58, Gilsum, NH 03448. 3-8-10*

Two-family home for sale: Two 3-bedroom apartments in well cared for home within walking distance to MWS, downtown and Robin Hood Park. Each apartment has replacement windows, newer bath, its own washer & dryer, decorative fireplace and separate heat controls. House has fenced yard, new porch, all roofs recently redone, rear deck, tree swing, sandbox and storage. Strong rental history—an excellent owner occupied or investment property. Now is a great time to capitalize on government incentives and low interest rates, along with rental income to offset the mortgage costs. \$239,000. *Call Sharon or Glenn Koshar for more information or a viewing 352-2207. 03-09-10*

Rain pants needed, size 3 and 4. *Please call Marguerite Bergquist at 357-4020. 3-2-10*

100% wool sweaters needed for 7th grade project. Holes, felting, out-dated styling—all gratefully accepted. Drop off in basket outside of classroom. *Thank you! Liza Dupuis. 3-2-10*

Two apartments for rent: Located at 71 Beech Street, at the corner of Beaver Street. 1 bedroom available now, \$850, includes heat; 3 bedroom available April 1, \$950, includes heat. *Please call Vern Green at 352-1073 for more information. 3-2-10*

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

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*

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*

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

Eric Stumacher, Pianist in Concert at Monadnock Waldorf School on Saturday, March 20 at 8 pm

Benefit for Congregation Ahavas Achim, Keene. Suggested donation \$18. For more information, please call 603-242-3521.

Stonewall Farm Hosts Annual Sap Gathering Contest

In celebration of the New England maple season, Stonewall Farm will host its annual Sap Gathering Contest on Saturday, March 27, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. This unique event tells the tale of maple sugaring the old-fashioned way, with teamsters and their work horses riding through hills and woods gathering sap to bring back to the sugarhouse. As many as twenty teams from all over New England will compete in the contest, loading and carrying 'sap' they've gathered from old-fashioned buckets along a marked course. Judges award points to the teams based on technique, quantity of sap collected, and the time it takes each team to successfully complete the course. Visitors are invited to watch the action from a knoll outside the Learning Center. The event will feature exhibits, maple sugaring demonstrations, and an obstacle course. Hayrides and pony rides will be available and the small animal area will feature sheep, chickens and angora rabbits. Lunch and refreshments will be served all day in the Community Room, and maple syrup on ice cream may be purchased outside the sugarhouse. Admission to the event is \$3 for Stonewall Farm members plus they will receive a free hayride. Children 6 and under are free. General admission is \$5 per person. Visitor parking will be located at Alumni Field on Arch Street in Keene, with shuttle service to the event. On-site parking is reserved for teamsters only. *For more information on the contest or other upcoming programs and events, check on the web at www.stonewallfarm.org, or call 603-357-7278.*

Gorgeous women, all shapes and sizes are invited to a clothing swap on Sunday, April 11th at 2.00pm.

Location to be determined. R.S.V.P Jeanne-Marie Eayrs at 603-352-1603. Fun event! Make your used items someone else's new item.

Common Ground Center—celebrating families in all their diversity.

Enjoy a week with your family in beautiful Vermont. Camp Common Ground has week-long intergenerational programs for families of all shapes and sizes featuring delicious vegetarian food and fabulous programming in a unique community setting. Separate morning programs for adults and kids. Multi-age afternoons and evenings. Yoga, art, music, dance and more! Explore beautiful mountains, fields and Lewis Creek. Available for rentals as well. *Contact us at 800-430-2667 or www.cgcvt.org with questions or to get a brochure.*

Summer day camps at The Orchard School and Community Center in East Alstead, about 20 minutes drive from Keene.

Camps begin July 28th and run Monday thru Friday until August 13th. Camp themes include: Creating your own Folktales and Illustrating them, Comics, Kroka and Orchard Hill Adventures, Art in Many Mediums, photography, public art, mural painting, Japanese traditional arts such as ikebana and origami, Forest camp week, Farm camp week, Sankofa West African Village week, and Circus Arts week. Camps are detailed on our website www.theorchardschool.org or you can find a brochure at the Monadnock Waldorf School's elementary school table.

Camps run 8:30 -2:30 and Extended care available before and after, 7:30 -5:30. Camps are \$ 115 a week for campers ages 3-6 and \$160 a week for Campers ages 6-14. There are many financial assistance options and we make the finances work for everyone!

Everyday we explore forest trails and woodland streams, join in all camp sing, play at the pond and much more. Campers and counselors experience weeks full of arts, music, green building, picking and eating fresh produce, caring for farm animals, and being outside all the time! Dreams and Friendship abound. *Call 835-2495 or email eleanor@theorchardschool.org. Also look on line for our April vacation camp at the Orchard School and Community Center. April 19-23th. Full time or part time options. Extended care available.*

School Fundraisers

Eighth Grade Bread and Cookie Order Form

Name: _____ Grade: _____

Orders due: Thursday, March 18, 2010

Pick-up date: Thursday, March 25, 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: Whole spelt	\$4.75	
	Cookie: Mint 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.*



March 2010

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A Newsletter for Waldorf School Communities
from the Association of Waldorf Schools of North America

Facts about Waldorf Education...

- Introduced to North America in 1928.
- Schools and institutes 100% independently founded. Every school is an independent organization, self-directed and based on Waldorf pedagogy.
- Covers 3 countries in North America, 34 states, 4 provinces in Canada, 3 regions in Mexico, and 1 Native American nation.
- 162 affiliated Waldorf schools.
- 250+ early childhood centers.
- 17 teacher education institutes with over 600 students preparing to be teachers.
- 39 complete Waldorf Education programs pre-K through high school.
- 1 school entirely adapted to the needs of children with special needs.
- 1 school adopted by Native Americans.
- 165 stores sell Waldorf-inspired products.
- 8 Waldorf schools with educational programs designed in partnership with farms practicing organic or biodynamic agriculture and 57 schools with gardening and farming programs.
- 2 children's outward bound camps for further education.

NOW is the time to register for the AWSNA Summer Conference "*Working Together: Building the Bridge to Adolescence.*" This conference focuses on how Waldorf schools prepare students for high school, meeting the challenges of adolescence, and building vibrant K-12 programs. Keynote Speakers include Betty Staley, Douglas Gerwin, Michele Starr, and Arthur Pittis, and accompanied by a wide array of focus groups, artistic workshops, round table discussions and an opportunity to network with hundreds of colleagues. Hosted by the Atlanta Waldorf School and Academe of the Oaks, from June 22 - 25, 2010. You can register at www.whywaldorfworks.org.

Good news... AWSNA received special funding for building integrity and quality in the institutes through site visits from other institutes' teachers. The emphasis is going to be on building collaborative strength and high quality. This funding came through the Freunde der Erziehungskunst, with the hope that high standards globally for Waldorf Teacher Education could be cultivated and shared on an international level.

"Why Waldorf Works Books&More" is available on our website ... this is an enhanced online store that acts as a rich resource for children, parents, and teachers. You'll find books that enrich, inspire, and reveal the truth, beauty, and goodness in children, in Waldorf Education, and in the world. Every book has been cleared through AWSNA as a good representation of the kind of literature, and curricular support, for deepening the unique view of the unfolding human being we hold in Waldorf Education.

A new Effective Practices module on Governance is available in the Affiliated Resources section of Why Waldorf Works. This module covers important topics such as Board of Trustees, Pedagogical Decision Making, Administrative or Rights Realm, Brotherhood, Operational Coordination, Decision Making Processes and Reflections on Governance.

Save the date: June 7, 2010! AWSNA's annual golf tournament, Winning with Waldorf V, will be hosted by the Emerson Waldorf School in Chapel Hill, NC.

