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High School Open House

Join faculty and students for an Open House at the High School this Friday March 26 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Our high school is located at 146 School Street in Keene. You will have an opportunity to talk with teachers, view student work, tour the building, review the curriculum, and ask questions. At 4:15 there will be a brief demonstration lesson to give you a feel for high school content and presentation.

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 **10:00 to 12:00 (not 9 to 11)**.

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!**

Fun and Games Potluck

Saturday, March 27, 5-7p.m.

Please join us this Saturday to share good food and lots of fun during our first ever Fun and Games Potluck. Bring a substantial dish to pass and your own tableware. Parent Council will provide drinks. After dinner, we'll play! Board games and the like will be provided. Our own MC, Lindsay Bartlett will guide the evening and provide opportunities to tell jokes. So, if you know any kid-friendly jokes bring them on! Do join us for the unique opportunity to eat and be silly with some of your favorite folks.

Liza Dupuis

Morning Tour at the Elementary School

Wednesday morning, April 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 rsuse@monadnockwaldorfschool.org to let us know you are coming.

Lisa Mahar

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!

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"Receive the children in reverence, educate them in love, let them go forth in freedom" -Rudolf Steiner

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

This week we are offering vegetarian chili with fresh corn muffins.

Remember your bowls and \$3.50 this Friday, March 26.

This will be the last soup day. Get it while it's hot!

Thanks,
The Soup Ladies

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: Parents will continue to hone their knitting skills. The children have been watching the sap boil for maple syrup while enjoying maple tea!

Morning Glory: Michelle's children will hear the story *Ba Ba Black Sheep*. They will enjoy pancakes covered in the maple syrup they have helped to make.

Appleblossom: Marie's children are welcoming spring by planting grass seed baskets and dying eggs. They will hear the story *Rabbit's Surprise*.

Sunflower: Lynn's children will hear the Chippewa story *Shingebiss*, about a duckling so brave he was not even frightened by the North Wind. In circle the children will be singing *Where Are the Froggies When the North Wind Blows?* The children will plant their grass baskets and enjoy maple syrup on pancakes.

First Grade: Mrs. Myers' students are writing about a song they have been singing. This week they will hear the story of *Briar Rose*, a young girl who slept for 100 years! The students have enjoyed playing store with the items their families have donated for the Community Kitchen!

Second Grade: Mrs. Henry's students will enjoy a day at Kroka this week. Play preparation is well underway and costumes are being fitted. This week the class will finish up a story it has taken three weeks to tell. Goat skins and crystal eggs will figure in.

Third Grade: Mr. Price's students visited Kroka last week. Though there was still some snow on the ground, the class found a soft, mossy spot to make a fire and cook lunch. They also made a lean-to out of fallen branches. Play practice continues and the classroom has been transformed into a theatre.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Zakrzewski's students studied the mighty lion in their block comparing and contrasting human beings with animals. This week will include a study of the fox. Play practice is also well underway.

Fifth Grade: It's play week for Miss Marshall's students. The elementary school students will witness the story of Gilgamesh on Thursday afternoon. Costumes

are being finalized right down to the beards and Mr. van Riel is fine-tuning the lighting. The class is also hearing about a mighty US river that, despite a lot of human intervention, still responds to the demands of Mother Nature and floods at times.

Sixth Grade: Mr. McGuigan's students are wrapping up their South American Studies with their Picture Post Card Project. They will continue their Physics Studies of warmth, light, and sound. It's spring: green items for the Community Kitchen, please!

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Motter's students are finishing up their Renaissance studies with trips to Florence, Rome, Germany, Poland, and Denmark. They were there for the introduction of the printing press and for some important astronomical discoveries. This week they will travel to England. We won't see the seventh graders at Monday morning assembly for three weeks because they will be in a Photography Block with guest teacher Mr. van Riel.

Eighth Grade: Ms. Morse's students were so busy with play preparation that they could not join us for Monday assembly. Break a leg!

Calendar of Events

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

April 10

Morning Tour at elementary school

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

High School News

We are delighted to report that the ambitious goal of raising \$150,000 by mid-March in order to fund next year's high school program has been reached! We are moving forward for our ninth and tenth graders for next year, signing a lease for our building, recruiting our teachers, and reaching out to new and continuing students.

A second critical benchmark is right around the corner. As you may remember, we challenged ourselves to raise a total of \$500,000 in gifts and pledges by June 30, 2010 in order to lay solid financial footing for the high school in its early years.

With the first \$150,000 raised (with a thousand thanks to many generous donors) we are pushing ahead. We are pleased to report that friends and supporters of Monadnock Waldorf School have pledged \$130,000 beyond the first \$150,000! We are well on our way to meeting the June 30 benchmark, with about \$220,000 left to raise. These funds will allow us to meet our financial obligations while we work over the next few years to offer the full high school program to students in grades nine through twelve.

Thanks to all who have given and have asked others to give. Many people continue to work tirelessly to meet the June challenge. If you would like more information and learn about the ways you can help please speak with Carol Spindler, Art Heller or Rudiger Ruckmann.

Lisa Mahar

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

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 child-care will be provided. Please register in advance by calling our Main Office at 357-4442.

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

Financial Aid Awards

For those of you awaiting news of financial aid for 2010-2011, letters were not mailed last week as was expected. The Committee needed extra time to consider awards in light of funds available. Please note that financial aid award letters will be mailed by Friday, March 26.

*Jo-Anne Yardley
Business Office*

Parents and Teachers Participate in a Community Forum on the Media

Thank you to the parents and teachers who joined us last Monday (March 15) evening for a discussion to explore the topic of media in the lives of our children and families. We used a very participatory discussion technique (called

World Café) to respond to the following two questions:

1) What may be the beneficial and harmful effects of today's media?

2) How might we create an environment in our community, homes, and school, that protects children from the negative media influences but does not isolate them or deny them any benefits from them?

With our own mission statement in mind we discussed what kind of approach to media would suit and serve our community. The group noticed that new media (especially the internet) offer lots of benefits to children (such as easy access to information and art, networking and shared inspiration, exposure to diverse opinions, long-distance communication, etc.), but that of course these same media bring along new dangers and harmful consequences (such as addiction to certain media types, isolation, consumerism, decreased physical activity, false sense of reality, less room for quiet inner space, etc.). Interestingly, some of the perceived benefits also represent potential detriments, especially, when there is overuse, but the issues are much more complex than just reaching a right balance.

For instance, many agreed that there is no such thing as a universal approach to the media, but that we need to consider the child at different ages, different environments (home, school, community), and different media uses.

This brought us to the discussion on how to create an environment that protects children from various, negative influences but does not deny them the multiple benefits that modern media can offer. We realized that we might not reach a consensus immediately, but everyone agreed that discussions like this one are very helpful, especially in the kind of non-judgmental environment that we were able to create. Many parents expressed an interest to have more occasions in the future to discuss media use and learn from each other on how to deal with issues, for instance as part of parent-teacher conferences in every class.

The evening ended with participants suggesting some concrete next steps we can take as a school community. Besides continuing this conversation in ways still to be determined, some of the suggestions that were made included to consider a class agreement on media policy each year, to learn from other schools

how they approach media use, identify what resources and support are available to parents, and establish discussion guidelines to facilitate a rich and fruitful conversation of such a complex and important topic.

Thanks to all those who attended. And for those of you couldn't make it, talk to a teacher or a member of the parent council, if you want to contribute your insight or ideas for continuing this conversation.

Jan Maes

Frequently Asked Questions About Waldorf High Schools

as put to John Anderson, high school humanities teacher and Monadnock Waldorf School's High School Project Coordinator

How did the Waldorf high schools come about?

This is an interesting question as the origin of the high school and its curriculum is not all that well known. When Rudolf Steiner was asked if he could contribute to educational reform, his response was that he would actually have much to say about the kind of reforms that would be needed to educate children in what we would today call a holistic and developmentally true way. If the teachers could be found, he would be willing to start a new school dedicated to these values. However, the school would have to meet three conditions before it could begin. One of those conditions was that the curriculum must be conceived over twelve years of schooling. Steiner could see that with a high school, the elementary curriculum would find its true complement, allowing the student to build on what had been learned, and grow that much more. This building upon foundations already laid would develop a feeling of wholeness in the students and secure their learning within their individuality.

The other two conditions? - that boys and girls would be educated together in all classes and that the government would exercise only minimal control over how the school would be run. Such values may not seem as radical today, although I remember in my own elementary years how I was not as a boy allowed to take cooking or home economics. It still amazes some of

my public school colleagues to see Waldorf school boys and girls happily sitting together focused on their knitting, sewing, or cross-stitching. I once experienced first hand how those elementary handcraft lessons were transformed into a high school fashion show, where all the clothes were designed by students.

How does a Waldorf high school differ from the elementary school?

A Waldorf elementary student will certainly recognize the concentrated period of study that is the main lesson. In high school these periods usually last for three weeks, though four week blocks are also used. What might seem different is beginning the day with a half hour class in movement, games, or singing. This experience of the past year has shown how students are better prepared for the concentrated study to follow by beginning their school day in this way.

The subject lessons follow main lesson after a mid morning break. Depending on the day, these will be English, math, language lessons, or even an extra main lesson period. After lunch, there is usually a double period of an artistic or crafts-based activity, sports, or electives. Obviously in a new high school such as ours, there will be a period of time where these offerings are being built up.

High school brings students into the surrounding community doing service work or directly experiencing employment and work processes. Exchanges with other schools, also internationally, are planned to give students as broad an experience as possible.

Will the same teacher be with them for four years as in the elementary school?

The class teacher is left behind in the elementary school. The high school specialist - whether in the humanities, sciences, or the arts - now comes before the class. High school students soon sense that their teachers have an in depth knowledge of their subjects and that they themselves are being asked to form a new, more personal and personally responsible relationship to each subject. They see that their teachers' in depth knowledge is something they can also aspire to. This is another way of saying that academics and intellectual challenge are clearly front and center.

Each year, the class will work with as many as six or seven such specialists. However, each class does need someone responsible for the smooth running of the

class and for holding an overview. Therefore, it is common in Waldorf high schools to have a class sponsor, sometimes called the class guardian, who sees to the administrative needs of the class, from schedules to class trips, exchanges with other schools, and so on. In their junior and senior years, students might also choose a personal adviser from among their teachers.

*John Anderson
High School Coordinator*

Bulletin Board

Calling all artisans: The 9th grade is preparing for upcoming micro-apprenticeships. If you are an artisan/craftsperson - or know of one - who is interested or willing to invite a student into your studio for 20 hours during the week of April 12-16, *please contact Lisa D a m i a n , s u n s o n g - farm@juno.com.* Students will observe, assists as skills allow, work on a small project, and have access to the artisan for questions and guidance. Inquire if you want to know more. Specific areas of interest include, but are not limited to: pottery, blacksmithing, metalsmithing, weaving, historical costume design, wood turning, floral arrangement, instrument making, clothing design and construction and leatherwork. 3-23-10

Kayak, anyone? It is time for the Cobb Meadow School's spring raffle. This year is as exciting as ever with a nice kayak as the first prize, a beautiful EMS tent as the second prize drawn, and then a Burton snowboard as the third prize. Cobb Meadow is a wonderful mixed age kindergarten in Dublin. We will draw the winning tickets at our May Day celebration, May 6th. Tickets are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. *Call Fiona's mom (7th grade) Anne, at 357-8518 or Hazel's mom (2nd grade) Kristin, 563-7045. Thank you. 3-23-10*

Donations sought: Cindy Dunleavy, local midwife, has been to Haiti twice to deliver and care for mothers and babies. She is going again for the month of April and is looking for donations of: receiving blankets, onesies, cloth diapers, children's board books, children's art supplies and natural toiletries for mothers and babies. If you have questions, please stop in and see Jeni in the Main Office. *Donations can be brought to Jeni in the Main Office at the elementary school. Thank you. 3-23-10*

Colonial Theater tickets (good seats!) for resale: Three tickets for An Evening with Garrison Keillor, Sunday April 11, 7:30 p.m.; four tickets for Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway, on Friday April 30, 8:00 p.m. BRO; *contact Carol at 835-6939. 3-23-10*

Wanted: Old copies of "Parenting" or "Family Fun" magazines, or similar type magazines. I'm gathering pictures of children in a "hyper" state, "sleepy" state, and in a "moderate or calm" state. *Please call Jane Swain at 399-4404 or just put them in my mailbox at the school. Thank you. 3-23-10*

Eggs, Eggs, Eggs! We have a small flock of 20 chickens and 2 ducks at our home in Roxbury. Our hens have been very busy laying eggs. So busy we have a surplus! Our birds free range on our 6 acre property from noon until dusk everyday. Any supplemental feed is organic. *If anyone is interested in fresh tasty eggs, please call Jes Gallagher, (mother of Benjamin, grade 3 and Hannah, N/K), at 603-903-4685. Prices are \$3.50 a dozen and \$4.50 for a carton of 18. 3-23-10*

It is a Wonderful time of year! Maple sugar season is here! The sap is flowing and my partner Fredric and his family are boiling! Over the past couple of years we have had many inquiries about purchasing our maple syrup - normally sold by the drum and canned only for family and close friends. Because of the interest so many have shown, we have decided to take orders for those who would like some. Nadeau Sugar Camp is a family owned and run business. Our maple syrup is Grade A and AA. We also are MOFGA Certified Organic. Prices are \$8 a can, \$60 a gallon, and 8 cans = 1 gallon. *For questions or to place an order, please call Jes Gallagher, (mother of Benjamin, grade 3 and Hannah, N/K), at 603-903-4685. 3-23-10*

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 Gilsom, 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*

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

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.*

In the spirit of the media forum I thought to share this.

Campaign for a Commercial Free Childhood-Reclaiming childhood from corporate marketers.

7th CCFC Summit - Market Values, Human Values & the Lives of Children

www.commercialfreechildhood.org

Wheelock College, Boston- April 8-10, 2010

The values children learn in the marketplace - excessive consumption, impulsive buying, unthinking brand loyalty - are antithetical to healthy development, independent thinking, spirituality, community, and democracy. What happens to childhood -- and society when market values trump human values? How can we make a difference? What role can parents, educators, public health professionals, faith communities, and policymakers play in stopping the proliferation of market values, and in nurturing positive values, in a commercialized world? Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood is a national coalition of health care professionals, educators, advocacy groups, parents, and individuals who care about children. CCFC is the only national organization devoted to limiting the impact of commercial culture on children. CCFC's staff and Steering Committee are activists, authors, and leading experts on the impact of media and marketing on children. **CCFC's mission** is to reclaim childhood from corporate marketers. A marketing-driven media culture sells children on behaviors and values driven by the need to promote profit rather than the public good. The commercialization of childhood is the link between many of the most serious problems facing children, and society, today. Childhood obesity, eating disorders, youth violence, sexualization, family stress, underage alcohol and tobacco use, rampant materialism, and the erosion of children's creative play, are all exacerbated by advertising and marketing. When children adopt the values that dominate commercial culture—dependence on the things we buy for life satisfaction, a "me first" attitude, conformity, impulse buying, and unthinking brand loyalty—the health of democracy and sustainability of our planet are threatened. CCFC works for the rights of children to grow up—and the freedom for parents to raise them—without being undermined by commercial interests.

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.

Got Farmers? A Community Discussion of the present and future of farming in the Monadnock Region

Join us on **April 14th, 2010, 6-8pm at the Monadnock Waldorf School** for an interactive gathering of farm seekers, farmers, other farmland owners and ag service providers. We will share what we've learned from 43 completed interviews of Monadnock community members of each of these groups then facilitate a community discussion based on the questions they raised, such as: What kinds of connections can bridge the gaps between these individuals and increase the quantity and quality of ag and ag-potential land farmed in the Monadnock Region? Might the county farmland become even more than a dairy? What happens when the "key farmer" operating his or her own farm and leased parcels approaches retirement age? Is the next generation of farmers here and ready now or will they need to be attracted to our area? What kinds of diversified operations can grow and thrive here?

This event is sponsored by Land For Good, the Cheshire County Conservation District, the Monadnock Conservancy, and Moosewood Ecological. *Please join us for food and a great discussion at Monadnock Waldorf School, 98 South Lincoln Street in Keene.*

Do you want to help fight hunger and poverty? Please join the Keene Crop Walk on April 18, 2010.

Together we will raise awareness and funds for international relief and development, as well as local hunger-fighting efforts. This is an interfaith community event. *More information can be found at cropwalk.org or by calling Jen Kiernan 352-0853 or emailing codykids@yahoo.com*

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.cgcv.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, Krok 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 eleonor@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 25, 2010

Pick-up date: Thursday, April 1, 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: Onion cracked pepper & parm.	\$4.75	
	Hot cross buns—package of 4	\$5.25	
	Wheat-Free: Six seed & grain	\$4.75	
	Cookie: Super nutty chocolate chip	\$1.50	
	Hermit	\$1.50	
		TOTAL \$	_____

*Please turn order in to the Main Office
at the elementary school.
Please make checks payable to
MWS Class of 2010.*