

Weekly Notice

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6th Grade Play

Thursday, April 29 at 1:20 pm and Friday, April 30 at 6:00 pm

Grade 6 proudly presents *The Silver Thread*, a stage adaptation of George MacDonald's chapter book, *The Princess and the Goblin*. See a beautiful fairy tale brought to life with vivid characters representing a variety of human archetypes that find their way by following the *Silver Thread*. Donations accepted.

High School Open House

Saturday, May 1, 9 to 11:00 am

Stop by our High School, 146 School Street in Keene, anytime between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. View student work, tour the building, meet teachers, and pick up enrollment and scholarship information. Bring a friend!

Lisa Mahar

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.

Spring Concert Next Tuesday, May 5

Come one, come all to the MWS Spring Concert! The Upper Grades Band and Orchestra have each been working hard on some challenging music over the past few months, and are excited to share this work with the school community. **The concert will begin at 6:30pm; students in grades 6-8 should arrive at 5:45 pm** to allow for time to tune and to warm up. Parents of students in those grades: look for a letter coming home later this week with further logistical details. *Viva la musica!*

Nell Wiener and Bruce Elliot

Head Lice

There are confirmed cases of head lice in the elementary school.

Elementary May Day Celebration

We may have doubted Spring's arrival during March but April is putting our fears to rest. We do know that Spring will not properly arrive until we have awakened the growing forces by dancing on the earth – in unison!

We plan to celebrate our elementary May Day on **Friday, May 7**. Our festival will start at 10:40 a.m. on the playground, when all the classes will parade up to Robin Hood Park. Dancing will begin at 11:00 a.m. Parents are warmly invited to come join us for the festivities. All classes will dance around the May Pole or share other folk dances, and we'll all take hands at the end to sing and dance "Halantow."

Please remember that this is a festive occasion, a dress-up day for the children, and they should dress to help them dance lightly and joyfully! (Individual teachers may suggest particular colors or dress for specific purposes.) After the dancing all the children should stay with their class teachers before picnics begin. Your class teacher will give you information on lunch and afternoon activities. It may become very hot in the sun for the hour or more that we are out there, so please equip yourselves and your children with a hat, and/or sun-block. Remember that the black flies come out. You might also need some bug balm. If it works for your schedule, you are welcome to take your child home for the afternoon. Please remember to have them shake their teachers' hands goodbye.

PLACE: Robin Hood Park; TIME: 11:00 a.m.; DATE: Friday, May 7

RAIN INFORMATION: If the weather is bad on Friday, Grades 5-8 will dance inside, in the Assembly Room. Parents are invited at 10:50 a.m. and we will begin at 11:00 a.m. The younger grades (1-4) will dance around a May Pole on our school playground on Monday, May 10th at 11:00 a.m. Parents can call into the office if the weather is questionable.

Monica Marshall for the Faculty

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.

Morning Glory; Michelle's children will play indoors and out. Walks in the woods will be enjoyed by all!

Appleblossom: Marie's children will enjoy a games circle this week. They will hear the folktale *The Gift of the Golden Crow*. They will also start a very special craft project this week.

Sunflower: Lynn's children will hear the story of *Mr. and Mrs. Bird Build a Nest* and then enjoy the story as a puppet play later in the week. The circle will have a fisherman theme and the new spring menu starts this week: homemade pizza on Wednesday.

First Grade: Mrs. Myers' students will finish up a numbers block this week by looking at something *odd*: not all numbers have partners; some have to stand alone!

Second Grade: Mrs. Henry's students will wrap up a language arts block with stories of the saints. They will travel to Kroka this week to make up for a snow-day cancellation. They welcomed former classmate Angus Sewell-McCann for the day on Monday.

Third Grade: Mr. Price invites any and all to stop into third grade to see the students' dioramas showing many types of human shelters. The class is hearing Hebrew stories and writing compositions.

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Zakrzewski is pleased to report that the play, presented just before vacation, was enjoyed by all. The class is finishing up a block on Norse myths. Stop by the glass display case on the first floor to see the beeswax gods and goddesses created by the fourth graders.

Fifth Grade: Miss Marshall reports that the natural conditions are especially appropriate for the new block: a study of botany. Observations will focus on the flowering plants. The students are preparing for an American Festival to be presented to families and friends and consisting of stories songs, and poems.

Sixth Grade: Mr. McGuigan and his students were so busy preparing for their production of *The Silver Thread* this week that they were not able to join us for our assembly on Monday.

Seventh Grade: Mrs. Motter's students

finished up an exciting photography block with Mr. van Riel just before vacation. They will take up an in-depth study of Algebra for the next several weeks.

Eighth Grade: Ms. Morse's students are in an American History block studying the Industrial Revolution. On Friday they will hike to the top of Mount Monadnock. Class member Siena Powers also announced a tool and seed gathering project to support the Rimbi Zimbabwe Farm project being undertaken by alumnus Silas Beardslee (MWS 2002).



Drink That Coffee!

Beginning this week, coffee purchased in May at Brewbakers will make Monadnock Waldorf School more affordable for more families! Brewbakers owner James Callaway, father of Annie ('05) and Michael ('08), has generously offered to donate 10 cents for every cup of coffee sold at his café on 97 Main Street to MWS. Thank you James!

Please tell your friends about this wonderful support shown to our school by a local business owner. Treat yourself and them to an extra cup of coffee!

For more information about any MWS fundraising initiative, please call or write me, Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader rruckmann@monadnockwaldorfschool.org 603-357-4442, Ext. 105, 603-903-0596 (home).

Parent Council Yard Sale

Saturday, May 15
8:00 am to 2:00 pm
Nursery-Kindergarten
424 Old Walpole Road, Keene
Proceeds benefit music programs.
Rain Date: Saturday, May 22

Calendar of Events

April 27
Nursery-Kindergarten Open House
9 to 11 am

April 28
Morning Tour, 8:15 am

April 29
Nursery-Kindergarten Open House
9 to 11 am

May 1
Nursery-Kindergarten Open House
9 to 11 am

May 1
High School Open House,
10 am to Noon

May 7
Elementary May Day, 11:00 am

May 15
Yard Sale
At Nursery-Kindergarten
(Raindate: May 22)

MWS Ultimate Frisbee Team

The inaugural season of MWS Ultimate Frisbee starts this week! The team is open to any and all 6th, 7th and 8th graders who are excited to learn more about one of the world's fastest-growing sports. We will practice catching and throwing several different kinds of throws, as well as working on some offensive and defensive strategy. And, of course, we'll spend plenty of time playing!

Practices will begin this Wednesday, April 28, and continue through May 19 (additionally, a game against the Hartsbrook Waldorf School in Hadley, MA, is in the works). Students will leave from school after dismissal to walk to Carpenter Park together, and practice will go until 4:45. **Students should bring a snack, a water bottle, a white AND a dark t-shirt, a good pair of running shoes or soccer-type cleats to practice, and dress appropriately for the weather.** Permission slips are available in the main office, and should be returned to Ms. Wiener's mailbox. Please contact Ms. Wiener with questions at 352-7079.

Hope to see you out on the field!

Ms. Wiener and Mr. Schoen

Parent Council Supports Annual Fund with a Challenge Grant!

Many thanks to MWS's Parent Council for offering our community a wonderful \$3,000 incentive. For every dollar donated to the Annual Fund, the Parent Council will add a half dollar for a potential additional \$9,000 in gifts! Every donation to the Annual Fund makes our school and Waldorf education more affordable for more families.

Gifts of any amount are greatly appreciated. Simply drop them off with Suzanne Ruse, MWS Office Manager, or me in the Development Office, or mail them with a check made out to MWS (and write Annual Fund in the memo line).

Thank you for all your support!

Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader
357.4442, ext. 105 or 903.0596 (home)

Reminder to Sign Your Tuition Agreement for 2010-2011

The next step of the re-enrollment process is to schedule a time for you to sign your tuition agreement for next year, if you haven't already done so. It takes a few moments and we can do it at drop-off or pick-up times if that works for you. It is best to let me know ahead of time when you will be stopping by. If you haven't submitted your re-enrollment form (orange form enclosed in re-enrollment packet) and deposit, please get that to me right away. Just so that you are not confused, the re-enrollment forms and the tuition agreements are two separate things. If you have any questions, just call me.

Thank you,
Jo-Anne Yardley
Business Office

Nature's Green Grocer and Orchard Hill Breadworks Designate April as MWS Month

Nature's Green Grocer in Peterborough and Orchard Hill Breadworks owner Noah Elbers are helping our appetites and our students! Noah will donate 50 cents to Monadnock Waldorf School for each loaf of his bread purchased during April at Nature's Green Grocer in Peterborough! MWS is April's Non-Profit Organization of the Month at the full-service natural grocer and café. For every \$1 of goods purchased through the market's customer-based Rewards Program, a percentage goes back to MWS. If not yet a member of the program, it is easy to be included when you make your purchase. I joined last week and returned home with great groceries, and good thoughts of my snack at the café and donation to MWS!

For more information about any MWS fundraising initiative, please call or write me: Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader, ruckmann@monadnockwaldorf-school.org, 603-357-4442, Ext. 105.

Free Tickets to Keene Chamber Orchestra Concert

Keene Chamber Orchestra Music Director Eric Stumacher will conduct the Annual Family Concert for Mother's Day of the Keene Chamber Orchestra at the Keene Colonial Theatre on Sunday, May 9, 2010, at 4 PM.

This concert is Concert III of KCO's 2009-10 Keene Colonial Theatre series. The program will feature the mighty and powerful Brahms Concerto for Violin and Cello, with KCO concertmaster Ian MacKay and KCO cellist Jacob MacKay as soloists. Also featured will be Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, complete with bells and faux cannon fire, and the world premier of "Joyful" by famed Nelson contradance musician Gordon Peery, for KCO and Keene Elementary Strings, Amanda Schwersky Director.

To reserve your free tickets, please call Suzanne in the Main Office (357-4442) and ask to have your name and number of tickets added to the list. You may pick up your tickets at the box office on the afternoon of the performance.

We are grateful to the Keene Chamber Orchestra for offering this gift to the families of MWS.

Lisa Mahar

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 Community kitchen work date is Sunday, May 16, between 9:00am and 11:30am. Please let Miss Marshall know if you like to join the crew.

Monica Marshall, 357-3285

Burritos Have Returned!

The Seventh Grade is 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 MWS Alumna Tells Why She Gives to the Annual Fund

Lilianna Susskind is part of a true MWS family. Lilianna was graduated from Monadnock Waldorf School in 2006 and is now a senior at High Mowing School. Her mother, Monica Marshall, is a veteran MWS class teacher and currently leads the fifth grade. Her father, Ken Susskind, has assisted MWS for many years as a volunteer. Lilianna took a few minutes from her studies recently to explain why, as a young donor, she already participates in the MWS Annual Fund.

Why do you give to the Annual Fund?

I give because I am conscious that this donation allows other students to attend MWS. I am proud of my education and know that I am helping others have the great experience I've had.

As a young donor, what advice do you have for alumni in remembering their alma maters?

I am happy to know I can help a cause I believe in. The amount you give is not important; the thought behind it is. Even a small amount makes a statement about your appreciation for your school experiences.

For more information about the Annual Fund or other fundraising initiatives, please call or write Rüdiger Ruckmann, Development Leader, rruckman@monadnockwaldorfschool.org, 603-357-4442, Ext. 105 or 603-903-0596 (home).

Kiwanis Club of Keene's Community Service Event

Kool Wheels is scheduled for this Saturday, May 1st at the Recreation Center in Keene from 10 – noon. They will be giving away free bike helmets, as well as lots of healthy goodies, children can bring their bikes to the maintenance station, and so much more. *For more information, www.KeeneKiwanis.org.*

Hillside Springs Farm Visits

Mr. Price's third grade class came to our farm in Westmoreland both last spring and this fall with enthusiasm and curiosity! They found garter snakes in the rock-piles, form drawings created by pollen and water in the horses' trough, and praying mantises in the garden.

The children hauled sap, weeded beans, sowed cover crop by the old fashioned method of flinging and shouting encouragement to the seed, rolled up irrigation, dug carrots, shoveled horse manure, and groomed and led the horses. They also tried on horse collars and helped harness the team before watching Belgian horses Molly and Moon plow. Then we hitched the whole class of third-graders, Mr. Price, and student teacher Mr. Legg to the plow to see how much horsepower they could muster!

This spring we anticipate more visits from MWS classes, including three days with the ninth grade. We have plenty of rocks, weeds, manure, and work for all (and a hope that we are fanning the fires of enthusiasm and support for farming and local agriculture!).

*Kim Peavey and Frank Hunter,
Parents of MWS Fourth Grader*

Fifty-Two Weeks

"This book is a workbook. It is designed not to be read but to be drawn and by being drawn, to provide an experience of the cycle of the year."

A new, beautifully illustrated guide to working with artistic exercises designed to follow the weekly verses in the Calendar of the Soul by Rudolf Steiner has just been published. Laura Summer offers a workbook style approach to helping guide anyone interested in exploring creative expression through the visual arts. There are simple, clear directions alongside a sample illustration to bring a color experience to the 52 verses.

Since 1996, Laura Summer has run Bright Wing Studio, an independent painting studio in Harlemlville, NY where she teaches adults and children. Her approach to color is influenced by Beppe Assenza, Rudolf Steiner and by Goethe's color theory.

See the sample in the elementary school store. Copies are available.

Janet Gordon

Halantow May Day Song

Chorus:

*Halantow, jolly rumble-o,
We were up, long before the day-o!
To welcome in the summer,
To welcome in the May-o.*

*Summer is a comin' and the
Winter's gone away-o!
What became of all the Spaniards
That made so great a boast-o?
They shall eat the feathery goose,
And we shall eat the roast-o!*

-Chorus-

*Robin Hood and Little John
Have both gone to the fair-o,
And we shall to the jolly green
wood*

To hunt the buck and hare-o!

-Chorus-

*Take no shame to wear the horn.
It was the crest 'ere you were*

born,

*Your father's father
wore it,*

Your father wore it, too-o!

-Chorus-

*God bless ye Mary and Joseph,
And all ye might and power-o,
Peace be to New England,
And peace by day and night-o!*

-Chorus-

Grandparents & Special Friends

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

*Rüdiger Ruckmann
Development Leader*

*rruckmann@monadnockwaldorfschool.org,
603-357-4442, Ext. 105*

Bulletin Board

Hammer Dulcimer for sale: handmade by "Dusty Strings", apprentice style with 2 sets of hammers, 2 legs (long/short), leather case. Little use. \$500. Please call Lori Bartashevich at 603-355-8846. 4-27-10

Apartment for rent: 2-Bedroom Apartment in owner occupied home available in June, within walking distance to MWS. Charming first floor, two-bedroom apartment with wood floors, tin ceilings includes living room, dining room, pantry, washer/dryer hook-up, large storage area, a garage bay, porches and large yard with garden space. Rent: \$1100/month plus utilities. Call Bonnie Kraft for more information: 357-3281. 4-27-10

CSA member shares available from Hillside Springs Farm and Garden. Full and half shares are available for the 2010 Community Supported Agriculture season from Hillside Springs Farm in Westmoreland. Farmers Frank Hunter and Kim Peavey (parents of Gwen, grade four) grow over fifty types of vegetables, herbs, berries, and cutting flowers, using only sustainable and biodynamic methods, with no pesticides, herbicides, or chemical fertilizers. (Biodynamics is the method of agriculture developed by Rudolf Steiner.) The farm is hand and horse-powered by the farmers and our teams of Percheron and Belgian horses. CSA members sign up at the beginning of the season, and pick up freshly harvested and washed vegetables weekly at the farm in Westmoreland (only a few miles from Stan's Discount Groceries!) from early June until late November. We offer a long distribution season (22 weeks), member you-pick strawberries and raspberries, beans, and flowers, as well as apples and freshly pressed cider in the fall. A heated greenhouse provides early tomatoes (over 20 heirloom varieties), sweet peppers, and eggplant, as well as extending the salad greens seasons well into autumn. Full share members pick up vegetables every week. Half share members pick up every other week. Please call Frank or Kim for more information at 399-7288, or see our website at www.hillsidespringsfarm.com. 4-27-10

Wanted: Inexpensive used car. Call Martin Hanft at 313-9466. 4-27-10

Hello Friends! Do you need wood chopped or stacked? Do you need your lawn mowed? A hole dug? A house painted? A roof fixed? A dog walked? A house looked after? Errands run? I have experience in carpentry, roofing, driving, and general labor, have a valid license, and tend to think of myself as trustworthy and reliable. My name is Silas Beardslee and I am a 2002 graduate of MWS and a 2006 graduate of High Mowing School. I'm 22 years old and have been working hard in the last months raising money to support a project that I am leading in Zimbabwe. I am excited and confident about this rural farming project and to me, that proves its importance. I need to balance my time between laying the project groundwork and raising the money to undertake it. Helping you get jobs done around the house helps me have the flexibility I need to respond to speaking engagements and presentation opportunities. Please contact me any time to see what's possible. Thanks! e-mail: SSBeardslee@gmail.com, Phone: 603 - 630-4520. Check out my project's website at www.BalanceforZimbabwe.org. 4-27-10

Help Wanted: I am looking for direct support staff to assist me during the summer (June 11- August 15). I will be running a respite program for adults with developmental disabilities. Two possibilities are available: Support staff to help with activities, hours varied. Live in support: work exchange for room and board, large sunny room, wireless internet, hours would be flexible and allow for other employment. Payment would depend on how many hours worked beyond work exchange agreement. The qualities that I am looking for are: patience, interest in people with differences, flexibility and tact. This would be a perfect summer job for a college student and excellent experience for anyone interested in the human services, applicants must be over 18. If you are interested please give me a call or e mail, Susie Steele 355-0199 or susiejanesteele@gmail.com. 4-27-10

Interested in sewing insulated Roman shades to warm up some drafty windows? I have 2 ¼ yards of quilted fab-

ric, enough for two average-size windows or one whopper. Typically sells for about \$25 a yard. For details call Carol Driscoll at 352-8721. 4-27-10

Baby Equipment Needed! We are looking for a used jogging stroller, wooden high chair and car seat. Happy to pay a reasonable price for these! Contact Katie Schwerin at 357-4710. 4-27-10

Rooms for rent: \$350 - \$450 per month, in a large beautiful home in Keene. Great location near Robin Hood Park; short walk to downtown. House currently has 3 adults and 3 children who live here part-time. Backyard garden and chicken-coop, off-street parking, bike-storage. Shared kitchens, dining rooms, and living space. All utilities included. Contact Nathan (603) 357-2647 nlyczak@gmail.com. 4-27-10

Does anyone want some blue iris plants? Miss Marshall has many plants in her garden just looking for a good home. Please let her know if you'd like some. 4-13-10

Boots galore! BRO: excellent-condition LL Bean girls' lavender/navy hiking boots, size 3; LL Bean lavender rain boots, size 3; Ariat brand low, lace-up leather riding boot girls' size 2; new Mont-trail hiking boots women's size 9 ½. Free: two tall pairs (one leather, one rubber) girls'/women's riding boots, euro size 37. Please call Carol Renzelman at 835-6939. 04-13-10

One Colonial Theater ticket left (good seat!) for resale: Neil Berg's 100 Years of Broadway, on Friday, April 30, 8:00 p.m. BRO; contact Carol Renzelman at 835-6939. 04-13-10

Baby items needed for Nigerian family
An Antioch student's wife and baby girl have just been granted their visas to come from Nigeria and he will get to see his baby for the first time! We would love to help this family settle here for the next year by helping them with items for a six month old baby girl. Please help by supplying your gently used baby clothes (**size 9 months**), and baby items or furniture for an apartment (chairs, tables, lamps). Please drop clothes off at the N/K in Willow's cubby or I can pick them up at the Elementary School at the playground on Tuesdays. Call Heather Morrison at 357-9613 for any questions. 4-27-10

Looking to rent a small RV or camper beginning in early May for 3-4 weeks. We will use it for guest accommodations, no driving. *Please call Jean Correia at 847—3049. Thank you. 4-13-10*

For sale: John Deere 314 Riding Mower and Snowblower (with chains) 39" mowing deck, 46" snowblower. In very good running condition - we upgraded to a larger machine; \$1600 or best reasonable offer. *Jane & Gary Shapiro at 352-0440. 4-13-10*

For sale - 1999 Volvo Cross Country Station wagon. All wheel drive. 150,000 miles. Very clean. Body in great shape. Runs well. New catalytic converter last fall. All maintenance records available. Priced according to Kelly Blue Book at \$4750. *Jane & Gary Shapiro at 352-0440. 4-13-10*

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. 4-13-10*

Sophia's Hearth Family Center is looking for substitute teachers for its newly initiated childcare program. We are now caring for a group of babies as young as six months of age as well as a group of toddlers. *Please contact Paula Sousa at 357-3755, paula@sophiashearth.org to explore substituting with us and helping us care for the children during teachers' vacations, study time, and illness. 4-13-10*

Sophia's Hearth Family Center is looking for summer housing for our professional students who will be in residence in Keene from July 4 through the 23rd. Students come for five day courses, two week courses, or for a three day course during these weeks and are seeking housing. Perhaps you will be away vacationing and would offer your house for house sitting, or could offer one room for one or two students. Students appreciate kitchen privileges for their dinner and breakfast; some would hope to bring a child and possibly a caregiver with them. This is a wonderful opportunity to support the training of future Waldorf early childhood teachers throughout North America, local childcare teachers, and to get to know a very special group of highly dedicated

professionals. *Please contact Bonnie at 357-3755, bonnie@sophiashearth.org if you would like to explore this further. Students anticipate paying a modest cost per night for their housing. 4-13-10*

Would you and your family be interested in hosting a French guest (or two) in your home for 12 days in July as part of a choral music exchange? This will be great opportunity to practice speaking French (or creative cross cultural communication) with someone in your home and learn about the French culture, as well as a chance to hear some wonderful singing. We are in need of some additional volunteer housing to help us host this group who will be in the area from July 15 to July 27th. We have a full itinerary including a joint concert in Keene, hosted by Animaterra, on Saturday July 17th and another concert at St. Gaudens on July 25th. However, we are looking for a few additional hosts to help us accommodate these wonderful French singers. We are setting up group transportation from Keene for our activities, as we hope to house several people in our town. As a host you would provide a comfortable place to sleep, warm hospitality, a daily breakfast and some additional meals with your family. Most of the visit is scheduled with activities for the two choruses, but there are a few family days that are designated for family time and visiting with the hosts. *Please call or email me if you are interested or have questions: Thank you, Bonnie Kraft (former MWS parent; my daughter is Hilary Tandy, MWS graduate-Class of 2004, KHS grad 2008, presently a sophomore at Vassar College), Home Phone: 357-3281, Address: 23 Douglass Street, Keene, NH, email: bonkraft@myfairpoint.net . 4-13-10*

Hog Island Will Reopen This Year on a Limited Basis Through Project Puffin. A space is reserved in the June 20-25 Field Ornithology course for an educator from the Monadnock region and a place in the Coastal Bird studies for teens, also June 20-25 for a female student aged 14-17. There is the ability to offer a scholarship for one of the teen adventure trips, conducted by Wildwood, a Mass. Audubon Camp in Rindge, NH. These trips offer hiking, biking, etc. throughout New England at various times this summer. This is also for ages 14-17, either gender. *More information is available at www.wildwoodcamp.org and*

www.projectpuffin.org. If you know anyone interested in attending one of these sessions, please contact me at 532-5833 or dbsull@worldpath.net. 4-13-10

Beautiful, 2 bedroom, 2nd floor apartment, walking distance to MWS and downtown with sunny porch and pellet stove. Washer, dryer, snow and trash removal included, heat/utilities extra. \$900/month. Available June. *Call Art Heller or Sarah Ellsworth at 357-1193. 4-5-10*

Mothers & Sons: A forum for mothers of sons to discuss the unique joys and challenges of mothering boys, and an opportunity for women to explore our role in the development of our son. Okay mothers of sons, I have heard your collective voice, let's make this happen! I also heard that finding the time to come together is a challenge too, so let's address that first. Friday or Saturday afternoons work best for my schedule, but I am open to suggestions. You can email me, dawnekmorgan@gmail.com and suggest a time on Friday or Saturday that works best for you, or leave the days and time in an envelope that I will leave in the main office at the elementary school. I have yet to determine the location for the group, but I am sure once we commit to come together this will sort itself out. This group is for all mothers of sons—small, tall, and in-between, grown up, and not, to discuss the issues unique to raising sons. *Dawne Morgan. 4-5-10*

Two graduates of Monadnock Waldorf School, and current college students are going to paint houses this summer, willing to paint interiors and exteriors. We both have experience. We are available May 7 to June 20. *Contact Elias Schoen at ejscho09@stlawu.edu. 4-5-10*

I am a Monadnock Waldorf School graduate, and a current collegiate swimmer. **I am looking for a bench press** with bar and weight as well as dumbbells, 25 lbs. and up. *If you have some equipment that you would like to get rid of, please contact Peter Schoen or email Elias at ejscho09@stlawu.edu. 4-5-10*

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

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*

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*

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*

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*

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 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

The Color Shop and More is now offering free delivery of anything in our store to the area.

If you are in need of some art supplies and are without transportation, or if you have a child in one of the local schools and would like something delivered on their birthday or for a special occasion, give us a call or send us an email; we'd be happy to help. *603-654-6207 or info@colorshopandmore.com*

High Mowing Play: Pirates of Penzance at High Mowing

On April 29, 30 and May 1, High Mowing School will present Gilbert and Sullivan's most popular light opera, *The Pirates of Penzance*, a comic tale first performed in 1879. Three MWS alumni are involved in the play: Lilianna Susskind plays Edith, while Gus Meissner and Sam Bernstein play Pirates and Police. Frederic, the main character in the play, is due to be released from his apprenticeship to pirates at age 21. To his dismay, it is discovered that he was born on February 29th; a leap year! The pirates claim he must remain with them for another 63 years to honorably complete his contract. This is further complicated by his love for the Major-General's daughter, Mabel. The resolution of this conflict is played out in typical Gilbert and Sullivan style, with zany lyrics and memorable melodies. We invite you to join us for the play! Call Heather Carver at 603 654-2391 ext. 135 for more information. General admission tickets are \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors and students. "Captain's Choice" tickets of \$35—for the April 30 performance only—include valet parking, premium seating and intermission café.

Saturday, May 1, 2010 - 10 am - 5 pm - Enjoy a Spring Work Day

Please join us at MorningSun for a community work day where we will plaster with earthen clay the walls of the meditation hall and do some sprucing up outside around the hall. bring your lunch and snacks will be provided. Looking forward to seeing you, Best wishes, Fern and Michael Ciborski, parents of Laurian Ciborski in Apple Blossom, 603-357-2011, 776 Gilsum Mine Road, Alstead, NH 03602.

Sunday May 2, 2010, 10 am - 4 pm- A One-Day retreat at MorningSun Mindfulness Community

This will be a day to refresh ourselves, enjoy time for sitting and walking meditations, listen to teachings and share in discussions. There will be a vegetarian lunch provided (donations are appreciated). All are welcome. 603-357-2011, 776 Gilsum Mine Road, Alstead, NH 03602.

Gorgeous women, all shapes and sizes are invited to a clothing swap on Sunday, May 2 at 2:00 p.m.

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.

Animaterra Women's Chorus Presents: Shine On

Friday, May 7 at 7:30 pm at a new location: Union Congregational Church, 33 Concord Street, Peterborough
Saturday, May 8 at 7:30 pm at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 69 Washington Street, Keene
\$10 donation requested/ \$6 students and seniors. Please bring non-perishable food items for local food pantries.

Kiwanis Gator Golf Family Mini-Golf—Dental Awareness & Children's Health Day

Arnone's Family Fun Center, Route 32, Swanzey, NH
Saturday, May 8, 2010 from 10:00 am to Noon
\$3.00 per play—www.KeeneKiwanis.org

KCO Music Director Eric Stumacher will conduct the Annual Family Concert for Mother's Day of the Keene Chamber Orchestra at the Keene Colonial Theatre on Sunday, May 9, 2010, at 4 PM.

This concert is Concert III of KCO's 2009-10 Keene Colonial Theatre series. The program will feature the might and powerful Brahms Concerto for Violin and Cello, with KCO concertmaster Ian MacKay and KCO cellist Jacob MacKay as soloists. Also featured will be Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture, complete with bells and faux cannon fire, and the world premier of "Joyful" by famed Nelson contradance musician Gordon Peery, for KCO and Keene Elementary Strings, Amanda Schwesky Director. Says Eric Stumacher: "This will be a thrilling concert for audience members of all ages. We urge everyone to get your tickets early, so you don't miss out." The Keene Chamber Orchestra, in its nineteenth season, continues to gain fame as "one of New Hampshire's cultural treasures" and "one of the best ticket values in town." KCO concerts continue to inspire such accolades as "The best orchestra experience we have ever had!", and KCO concerts are renowned for welcoming quiet audience members of all ages. As always children are admitted for free as guests of KCO if accompanied by an adult. The Keene Chamber Orchestra is comprised of professional and talented student musicians of all ages, from the Greater Keene, Monadnock, and New England regions. *For more information about the Keene Chamber Orchestra, and for advance ticket purchase, visit www.KeeneChamberOrchestra.org. You can also purchase tickets at www.thecolonial.org. The public is also cordially invited to join the Keene Chamber Orchestra Facebook Group.*

Kroka Expeditions

Kroka Expeditions is Waldorf-Inspired Earth Living Skills School in Marlow, NH, committed to awakening in young people a connection to nature and the spirit within, and a capacity for conscious living and compassionate service. Kroka's summer camps offer the unique combination of wilderness adventure, community living, farming and practice of traditional and indigenous skills. Our family of exceptional international staff invite students ages 9 - 18 for one and two-week sessions of fun-filled adventure. *For more information, please see our website <http://kroka.org/>, email summer@kroka.org, or call 603-835-9087.*

**Center for Anthroposophy Waldorf Teacher Education & Renewal
Renewal Courses 2010—June 27-July 2 and July 4-9 in Wilton, NH**

For more information, please contact the Center for Anthroposophy, PO Box 545, Wilton, NH 03086, 603-654-2566, info@centerforanthroposophy.org, www.centerforanthroposophy.org.

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, 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 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, April 29, 2010

Pick-up date: Thursday, May 6, 2010

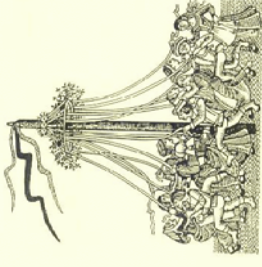


| <u>Quantity</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Price</u> | <u>Total Price</u> |
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| | Small FRENCH | \$4.25 | |
| | Loaf Pan FRENCH | \$4.75 | |
| | Sesame Batard FRENCH | \$4.25 | |
| | 4 SEED SUNNY FLAX | \$4.50 | |
| | Large COUNTRY ROUND | \$4.75 | |
| | 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.*

May 2010



| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat | |
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| | | | | | | 1 Grade 3 Parent Meeting, 9 - 11 am Nursery-Kindergarten Open House, 9-11 am | |
| 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| | | Spring Concert 6:30 pm | Parent Council Meeting 6:45 pm | Parent Child Group Begins, 9 to 11:30 am May 6-June 10 | Elementary May Day Parent Child Group Begins, 9 to 11:30 am May 7-June 11 | | |
| 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | |
| | | | Open Main Lesson 8:15 am 3rd Grade to Kroka | | Nursery-Kindergarten May Day 5th Grade Olympics | Yard Sale Fiddle Workshop? | |
| 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | |
| | | 2nd Grade to Kroka 3rd Grade Farm Trip | 5th Grade to Cape Cod | Grandparents Day | 1st Grade Play | | |
| 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | |
| Grade 5 American Festival 2 pm | | | Board Meeting 7th Grade Trip to Quebec 8th Grade Trip to Maine | 1st Grade Play 5th Grade Parent Evening, 7 pm | | | |
| 30 | 31 | NO SCHOOL | | | | | |