

Calendar of Events

Sept. 16 Wed. High School Soccer Game at Home 4:00 p.m.
7th Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 17 Thurs. 1st Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 18 Fri. Half Day In-Service 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL
High School Soccer Game at Camelot

Sept. 21 Mon. All School Photo Day 8:30-12:00

Sept. 22 Tues. All School Photo Day 8:30-12:00
9th Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 23 Wed. *Fostering Responsibility Through Chores* a talk by
Connie Helms in the Brown Wing 7:30 p.m.

Sept. 24 Thurs. 3rd Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.

Sept. 25 Fri. PO Potluck/Picnic 6:00 p.m.

Sept. 26 Sat. Full Board Meeting 8:30 a.m.
Puppet Show in the Brown Wing 10:00 a.m.

Sept. 29 Tues. Michaelmas
10th Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.

Calendar Updates!

Here are 4 updates that should please parents for the web calendar:

- Sept. 18th, noon dismissal -- after school will be available
- October 9th, noon dismissal --after school will be available
- November 6th, noon dismissal -- after school will be available
- February 12th, noon dismissal -- after school will be available

Thanks! Let me know if you have any questions.— *Shannon O'Connor*

Upcoming Presentation by Connie Helms

Fostering Responsibility through Chores

Wednesday, September 23rd, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
in the Brown Wing

Chores are not only necessary for order and cleanliness; they also promote a sense of responsibility in children and teens AND they support healthy neurodevelopment. Through a fun review of our own childhood memories of smells, textures, and other impressions we associate with chores, this talk will help parents and teachers gain a greater respect for the tasks we need to teach our children that they will carry as memories. Please come with a few “chores” memories to share!

Calling All Elf, Gnome and Creature Crafters

EWS Parent and Friends Handwork Group meets Wednesday mornings 8:30-10:30 a.m. in the Handwork room. Come join us if you would like to learn new crafts and support the school through the craft sale. We are currently felting elves! For more information call Carol Kubik at 309-9947 or just show up.

—*Carol Kubik*

High School Email Google Groups

If you are a high school parent and have not been getting the Aerie or some of the sports updates via email please contact me at emerson-ian@emersonwaldorf.org with your email address and I will add you to the EWS high school parents google group. If you are a high school student involved in high school sports and have an email address please email me to be added to the EWS high school athletics google group. Thank you.—*Kelley Wiley*

Parking Lot Etiquette

Please realize, even when you think you will only stop for a moment to drop off your child that if you are not actually pulling into a parking spot that you are causing traffic to back up for those parents who need to leave. So please pull into a parking spot when dropping off your child in one of our parking lots. – *Kelley Wiley*

The deadline for the Gnome News is Friday, September 18th by 3:00 p.m. The deadline for the October Emersonian is Wednesday, September 30th by 3:00 p.m.

Main Office: 967-1858

Mon-Fri 8:00am—4:00pm

High School Office: 932-1195

Early Childhood Office: 967-3362

Announcements

Michaelmas Celebration

The seasonal festival of Michaelmas will be celebrated at Waldorf schools around the world at the end of September. Our celebration will take place on September 29 for grades 1-12. Parents and friends are invited to join our students and teachers in honoring St. Michael. Grades 1-8, please wear red shirts, grades 9-12 will wear white. Visitors are encouraged to wear red as well! Specific times and details will appear in next week's Gnome News. Please respectfully observe our policy of no photography or videotaping of this event.



Michaelmas in Early Childhood

For many centuries people have celebrated the festival of Michaelmas. As the meteoric iron falls on to the earth at the end of summer and the golden glow of the sun is reflected on the leaves and the fruit, we too hold a very special celebration in our Early Childhood program at the Emerson Waldorf School.

On Friday the 25th of September the Kindergarten children, watched by the young Nursery children, will receive a pictorial presentation of the gifts that the Earth and the Heaven give to human beings.

All the children are dressed in a golden cloak and then will go into the yard to plant a flower bulb under the guidance of the Angel of Light (Michael) and afterwards they turn, with the help of their teacher, to “mother Earth” to receive an apple. When all the children have taken their turn, we sing and then go in for a delicious snack. At the end of the morning the children see a puppet show—presented by their teachers. The story chosen is a wonderful tale of courage of the will and the goodness of the human soul.

The festival is for the children only, we hope that the parents are with us in thought. — *Ms. Ameli*

First High School Soccer Game!

The High School Soccer Gnomes had their first game Friday afternoon against the Clover Hill Grizzlies. Our coed team which consists of some very experienced players as well as some students that haven't played much soccer did a fantastic job, and were enthusiastically cheered on by a great parent, teacher, administrator and student contingent. The game ended in a 0-0 tie. It should be mentioned that goalie Evan Jonson successfully stopped a penalty kick! Please come out and support our team; it is really, really fun!! Check the online sports calendar for games and locations.



Wanted—Old, Damaged Books

We are seeking old children's books that have been loved nearly to death. Lots of sweet pictures to be used in some upcoming crafting! Specifically searching for old Waldorf favorites - Else Beskow's books and such. Any condition accepted - thank you! To donate contact Carol Kubik or Alyson Ramesh (967-7166).—*Alyson Ramesh*

Jars For the Holiday!

The third grade class is collecting clean baby food jars (with lids) for a new Holiday Fair project. Please drop off any clean jars with lids in a box outside the 3rd grade room. Thank you! - *Mr. Wiley*

Library Books

Please take a moment to go through your house and see if you have any books from EWS that need to be returned. They could be from the adult book library in the office or books from the children's classrooms. If you do find them please bring them into the lower school office. Thank you. —*Dee Anne Lamb*

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Tardy Policy: Did You Know?

To support the rhythmic life of each student, on-time arrival to school is imperative. To begin the school day as a unified whole is a committed effort that profoundly affects the habit life of the class and the individual student. This effort will help the students establish good habits, a rhythmic relationship to time, and a strong will that can serve them in their educational journey.

The school day begins promptly at:

- 8:10 in grades nine through 12
- 8:15 in grades six through eight
- 8:30 in grades one through five

Each student who arrives late to school will first need to visit the appropriate office. The student must have a late pass to enter the classroom. If a student arrives later than the time specified, he or she will wait outside the classroom so as not to disrupt the flow of the lesson and allow the group to begin the day together, which includes the morning verse. To maintain the integrity of the lesson, the teacher will welcome the tardy student or students as a group into the classroom within a ten-minute period from when school begins. In grades one through eight, a student who arrives late needs to be accompanied by a parent to the classroom.

Upon the first tardy of a given semester (August through December or January through June), parents will be contacted by the teacher. Upon the third tardy of a given semester, the school administrator will send a written notice to the parents. Upon the fifth tardy of a given semester, a conference will be scheduled among the parents, class teacher or high school academic advisor, college chair, and the administrator to dialogue about an alternative approach so as to ensure punctuality is maintained. (Please note that a student in grades six through 12 will attend such meeting with the group.) Upon the seventh tardy of a given semester, the parents, class teacher or high school academic advisor, college chair, and the administrator will convene to understand if this school experience meets the family's needs. Further tardies can impact the student's enrollment at the Emerson Waldorf School. The College of Teachers, the pedagogical section of the school, will consider if the student's educational needs are being met and assess the family's commitment to the school's mission to make a final determination about the student's enrollment at EWS.

EWS Community Garden

Do you wish that you had a vegetable garden, but you've got too much shade or feel overwhelmed by the thought of starting and caring for a garden all by yourself? If so, then the EWS community vegetable garden is the place for you. Come out and share in the conversation and the laughs (and later share in the harvest) at our school's farm. Cooler fall weather is great for planting and growing all sorts of cold hearty veggies here in NC. This week's EWS community garden schedule is:

- Thurs., 9/17, 12:30-3:30: Weed strawberries, tomatoes and other fruiting crops.
- Sat., 9/19, 8:30-10:30: Clear out space for radishes, parsnips, carrots and beets. Weed root crops planted on 9/11 if time.
- Mon., 9/21, 8:30-10:30: Finish clearing out bed for root crops that we started on Saturday and/or plant more root crops. Weed roots that have sprouted and are ready.
- Thurs., 9/24, 12:30-3:30: Clear out space for more kale and some spinach.
- Sat., 9/26, 8:30-10:30: Weed strawberries, tomatoes and other fruiting crops.
- Mon., 9/28, 8:30-10:30: Clear out space for more root crops (garlic to be planted beginning of Oct). Weed roots that have sprouted and are ready.

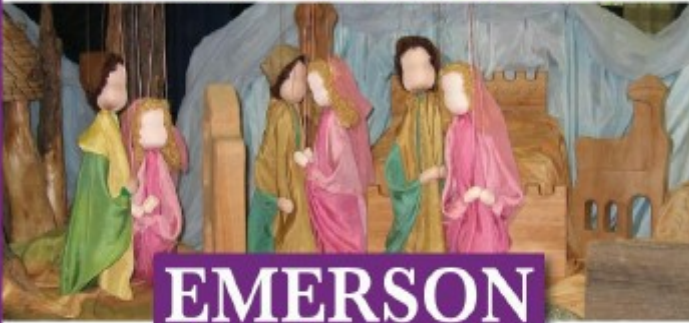
Come get a little bit of a work out and enjoy the companionship of fellow gardeners. Take this opportunity to spend

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**EMERSON
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Suggested donation \$5 per person
Shows at the Brown Room

Sat. Sept 26, 10am *The Princess and the Flaming Castle*

Sat. Nov. 14, 10am *The Lantern*

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some time outdoors in the beautiful fall weather. No prior experience necessary. There's always something to do in the garden and plenty of guidance. The entrance to the farm is just around the big curve, the next driveway on the left after Spence's farm. See you there!

Many, many thanks to everyone who has contributed cardboard to our cause. The 4th grade class has taken on laying down cardboard and wood chipping trails in the garden as their fall project. They are doing a great job and have appreciated all your cardboard contributions. Please keep the cardboard coming. Leave it by the green dumpster on the driveway behind the lower school or by the grey shed at the farm. Your contributions make a huge difference!

If you have any questions about the garden or would like to get more involved, please call Mary Beth Mueller 929-9791 or Mary Leonhardi 967-1858 ext 14.



Social Inclusion Enters Year Two

"The healthy social life is found when in the mirror of each human soul the whole community finds its reflection, and when in the community the virtue of each one is living..." -Rudolf Steiner – The Social Motto.

Last year Emerson Waldorf School embarked upon a process of developing policies and procedures to advance the social health of our school under the guidance of Kim John Payne (www.thechildtoday.com; www.simplicityparenting.com). During that year, a group of 8th-11th grade students, The SAC (Social Action Committee), came together to learn about social inclusion and to begin fostering relationships with their "buddy grades" in the lower grades. They also created a "Code of Compassion" for the school, which will serve as a guideline for our community in creating an environment of mutual respect, safety and inclusion. At the same time, a group of faculty and parents came together (SICG – the Social Inclusion Coordinator's Group) and met throughout the year, with the goal of working with the SAC, the faculty and the parents in raising awareness of issues around bullying and exclusion and beginning development of social inclusion policies and procedures. This year, the SAC and the SICG will further their training to include social inclusion interventions strategies, and continue to work toward drafting a social inclusion pilot policy. Kim Payne will return in early November to facilitate this training as well as additional training to work through any social tensions that may arise in the adult community. Mark your calendar for his public lecture on Wednesday, November 4th !! Also, plans are afoot to organize study groups among parents, and those among faculty, with the possibility of interactive study between the two groups! The SICG currently includes Whitney MacDonald (SICG Coordinator), Nancy Balasubramanian (high school coordinator), Benjamin Trueblood, Ingaborg Boesch, Merideth Tomlinson (parent coordinator), Kelly Mace (parent coordinator), Catherine Belitsky, Elena Schertz, Lauren Mills Nyland, and Candor Plaza. Feel free to direct any questions or ideas to any of these SICG members.

