

### Calendar of Events

- 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.
- Sept. 30 Wed. 11th Grade Parent Evening 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 8th Grade Trip to Manteo
- Oct. 1 Thurs. Photo Day  
HS Varsity X-Country at Home 4:15 p.m.
- Oct. 2 Fri. Photo Day  
HS Coffee House 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 Sun. HS Futures Committee Parent Forum  
2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 6 Tues. Windows Into Emerson Tour 8:00 a.m.  
Middle School X-Cntry Meet at Home 3:30 p.m.  
8th Grade Parent Evening w/ HS 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 7 Wed. Photo Day  
*Understanding Learning Challenges* talk by  
Connie Helms in the Brown Wing 7:30 p.m.

### Michaelmas is Next Tuesday!

Even though it is still warm outside, summer is slowly fading and autumn fast approaching. We celebrate this demonstration of "strong will" conquering, or taming, dragons both real and imagined as the days grow shorter. Please join us at the Hinoki Theater and then the athletic field on Tuesday, September 29, at 1:20p.m. to observe and participate in this festival that speaks to the inner strength in all of us to face our own dragons. A reminder to parents, visitors, and friends: please wear RED to this event and please remember our policy of no photography. Thank you!



### Upcoming Presentation by Connie Helms

*Fostering Responsibility through Chores*  
Wednesday, Sept. 23rd, 7:30-9:00 p.m.  
in the Brown Wing

### Light & Love Photography—All School Photos

Dear Emerson Waldorf School and Families,  
What an honor to be providing the school photos this year! I have been photographing professionally and artistically for 20 years and am the mother of five children here at the Waldorf school.

We will be taking class pictures as well as individual portraits next week, October 1 and 2, and the following week, October 7, 8 and 9.

Parents will be notified ahead of time as to their children's day, as each class schedules its time slot.

Information packets will be handed out for each child, with ordering and payment information.

I want to provide fresh, bright and loving pictures; thank you for this wonderful opportunity to serve the families and our school. —*Corey Alicks*

### Fall Break Camp - October 12-16, 2009

With the first hints of fall in the air, it's already time to sign up for Fall Break Camp! Camp is available from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. daily during our EWS Fall Break. The cost is \$200/week (\$40/day) and the charge will be added to your next TADS invoice. Pre-registration is required. Registration forms are available in the Main Office and at [emersonwaldorf.org](http://emersonwaldorf.org). Thanks, and Happy Autumn!

- *Shannon O'Connor, 259-5252*

**REMINDER** - There will be NO pizza next Wednesday, September 30th while the 8th grade are on class trip.

**Main Office: 967-1858**  
Mon-Fri 8:00am—4:00pm

**High School Office: 932-1195**

**Early Childhood Office: 967-3362**

The deadline for the Gnome News is Friday, September 25th by 3:00 p.m. The deadline for the October Emersonian is Wednesday, September 30th by 3:00 p.m.

# Announcements *Fall*

## An Invitation to Participate in Board Meetings

The EWS Board of Directors invites you to address concerns and share celebrations directly with the Board of Directors during the “open mic” period at the beginning of each of its four meetings throughout the school year.

The first meeting is Saturday, September 26. Gathering begins at 8:00 am in the Richards Room of the high school followed by the official start of the meeting at 8:15 am. Community members are welcome to speak during “open mic” for the first 15 minutes and to stay through the presentation of the consent agenda. Community members will then be asked to depart so that the Board can continue its meeting in executive session.

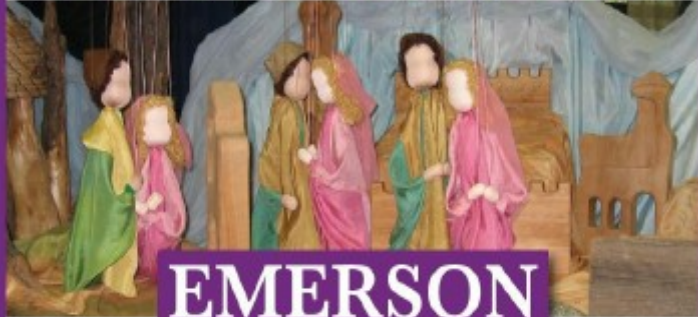
Primarily focused on financial and legal oversight, planning, and development, the work of the Board is complex but also exciting as it concentrates on the future existence—the sustainability—of the school. Board members, as the National Association of Independent Schools describe them, have “a profound understanding of the school’s character and identity, champion it as it is now, and visualize what it can be in the future.”

Governance in a Waldorf school is jointly provided by the College, the Administration, and the Board. Each governing body has its area of concentration but works in harmony with the others to manifest the mission of the school. All our work centers on the children as we “encourage and promote independent thinking and social responsibility, as well as academic and artistic excellence.” (excerpt from the EWS mission statement.)

We hope you will take this opportunity to participate in “open mic” and get to know the Board members and their work. The officers and members of the 2009-2010 EWS Board of Directors are Leigh Matthews (President), Patricia Cornell (Vice-President), Mark Hulbert (Treasurer), Charlie Viles (Secretary), Mary Deutsch and Robin Verhoeven (Parent Reps), Joanne Andruscavage, Ingeborg Boesch, Karla Boyce-Awai, Georg Buehler, Erin Hoeg, Dee Anne Lamb, Carol Mahaffey, Richard Schmalbeck and Mike Senkpiel.



**NOTHING SPARKS A CHILD'S  
IMAGINATION LIKE A  
PUPPET SHOW**



**EMERSON  
WALDORF SCHOOL**

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*

EmersonWaldorf.org  
6211 New Jericho Rd., Chapel Hill, NC 27516 919.967.1858

# Announcements Continued

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## **Social Inclusion Gathering Invitation**

As part of this 3-year process of focusing on Social Inclusion, we will be offering a three-session study group. One of these sessions will be for the parents to join together with the faculty. This process of the adult community coming together to work on social issues is an integral part of fostering our school community.

- The first session will meet on Monday, October 26 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- The second session will meet on Monday, November 16 from 7:00-8:30 p.m.
- The third session is TBA

More details will be in the October Emersonian. If you can't wait that long to find out more, please contact Lauren Nyland at 968-7721 or [mills.lauren@gmail.com](mailto:mills.lauren@gmail.com).



## **Fighting Gnomes High School Soccer Game**

The Fighting Gnomes notched their first victory of the season with a 3-1 win over Durham's Camelot Academy!! It was a fun and well-played game; our less experienced players are improving by leaps and bounds, and our more experienced players are helping pull everything together on the field. The first two goals were scored by 10th grader Bennett Williams, and the third by 9th grader Jon Deutsch. ALL of our players continue to demonstrate excellent sportsmanship on (and off) the field. Many, many thanks to the parents and fans that traveled to east Durham for this game!



## **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*

## **Parent Organization (P.O.) Cookout/ Meeting this Friday at the Shelter**

Bring a side dish and we'll bring the burgers/veggie burgers to kick-off the first PO meeting of the year! We'll start cooking around 5:30 p.m., we'll eat around 6:00 p.m. and begin our meeting at 6:30 p.m.. Childcare will be provided during the meeting portion of the event. We'll work on our plans for the year and have some fun as well, so don't miss this one or you may get volunteered for something. All EWS parents are members of the P.O., our meetings can serve to strengthen our community and focus our efforts. See everyone Friday night at the Community Shelter! - *Will Hicks*, P.O. President





**Emerson Waldorf School  
Fall Break Camp  
October 12-16, 2009**



Ever notice there is a certain magic in the air when the seasons turn? Come join Shannon O'Connor during our Fall Break for a week of arts and crafts, nature games, stories, music and general fun!

Camp is available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.



Student(s) Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent(s) address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (name and number):

\_\_\_\_\_

Days needed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost is \$200/week (\$40/day).  
Charge will be added to your next TADS invoice.**



Please contact me with any questions, thank you! - Shannon O'Connor 259-5252