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### Calendar of Events

- Dec. 9 Wed. 5th Grade to Old Salem 10:30am-5:00pm
- Dec. 11 Fri. Winter Music Concert at United Church of Chapel Hill 6:30-9:00pm
- Dec. 12 Sat. Spiral of Light 4:45pm (see pg. 2 for schedule)
- Dec. 14 Mon. St. Lucia Day  
High School Girls & Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Clover Garden - 4:30pm girls, 6:00pm boys
- Dec. 17 Thurs. Nursery Potluck 10:00am  
Kindergarten Potluck 11:00am  
4th Grade Strings Recital in Eurythmy Room 2:15pm  
H.S. Boys Basketball at Pace Academy 4:00pm
- Dec. 18 Fri. Shepherds Play Assembly in the Brown Wing at 9:00am and again at 10:30am  
HALF DAY 12:00 NOON DISMISSAL  
NO AFTERCARE/NAP
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1 HOLIDAY BREAK NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 4 Mon. BACK TO SCHOOL  
High School Boys Basketball at HOME vs. Camelot 4:30pm  
Morning Garden Parent Evening 7:00pm
- Jan. 5 Tues. Middle School Basketball Girls & Boys B @ Trinity 4:30pm & 5:45pm
- Jan. 6 Wed. Alumni Night in the Brown Wing 7:00pm

### EWS Winter Concert

Friday, December 11, 2009  
6:30 pm at the United Church of Chapel Hill  
Come and enjoy the following:

- 5/6 Chorus
- 7/8 Chorus
- HS Chorus
- Recorder Ensemble
- 5th Grade Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Full Orchestra
- Band
- Jazz Ensemble



### The Shepherd's Play

There will be two performances in the Brown Wing on Friday, Dec. 18th at 9:00 am & 10:30am. Please join us!

### St. Nicholas

On Friday, Dec. 4, the children in Nursery, Kindergarten, and Grades 1 – 3 prepared with joy for the anticipated visit of St. Nicholas. Cookies were baked and left on a plate for him along with a carrot and some hay for his horse. All the slippers were spruced up and neatly placed nearby. The children were hoping to find a sweet treat waiting for them upon arrival to school on Monday morning. They were not disappointed!

### Early Enrollment

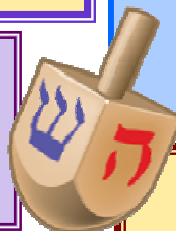
Do you have a child who is ready to enter EWS next year? If so, we are ready to accept applications for early enrollment. Early enrollment involves completing the application, the family interview and the child's class visit (except in the case of Nursery children). By completing early enrollment, we can efficiently finalize the accurate enrollment agreement and you will know that there is a place for your child at our school. Please contact Mary Leonhardi to get enrollment forms, ask questions, schedule a tour, etc.—Mary Leonhardi, Admissions Director, x14

### Save The Date!

January 6, 2010 – Alumni Panel Discussion in the Brown Wing from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity to see and hear how Waldorf education has made a difference in the lives of our graduates. More information to come!



**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, December 11th by 3:00 p.m.**

# Announcements



## Spiral of Light

The days grow noticeably shorter and the frosty winter nights approach their longest, we all begin to yearn for the light that so recently illuminated our lives. To symbolize this yearning, on Saturday, Dec. 12, the Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 3 participate in a Spiral of Light. In the High School Richards Room, a spiral path is laid out of boughs of evergreens. Moss and crystals are placed on the greenery and stars of gold card shine inside the path. A single candle in the center of the spiral lights the room.

The evening begins by entering the High School and quietly gathering with your child's class in the Emerson Room. When ready, the parents will be led to the Richards Room. Soft music sets the mood that brings the parents into the room to sit and watch their children walk the spiral path. The class teacher and students will quietly enter the room and sit on benches around the spiral. One at a time, the children walk the spiral. As each child approaches the entrance of the spiral, they receive a white candle in a shiny red apple, which they carry inward along the path. They light their own candle from the center candle and then turn outward. On the journey back they place their light on a gold star. Gradually, the whole spiral is aglow with lights. During this time the teacher will tell a seasonal story. The music softly continues as the children quietly leave the room. Finally, the apples and candles are gathered and brought outside to the children before they depart. We thank you for holding this soul mood as you make your way home and end your day.

<b>Gathering time</b> (in the High School Emerson Room)	<b>Start time</b> (in the Richards Room)
4:45PM – Ms. Patricia	5:00PM
5:15PM – Ms. Robin	5:30PM
5:45PM – Ms. Ameli	6:00PM
6:15PM – Grade One	6:30PM
6:45PM – Grade Two	7:00PM
7:15PM – Grade Three	7:30PM

Please arrive on time for the gathering in the High School Emerson Room. The festival is carefully prepared and the door will not be opened once the festival begins. Thank you.—Patricia Cornell



## Holiday Faire Thank You

Many, many thanks to all the volunteer efforts from parents, teachers, friends and students that made this year's Holiday Faire such a success! Despite the dreary weather, (or perhaps because of it) people turned out in droves, the classrooms were full of children making beautiful, beautiful things, the Brown Wing was humming with conversation and laughter over hot lunches and incredibly tasty homemade desserts. None of this would have been possible without the efforts of many, many individuals, far too many to thank except through this letter! So please consider yourselves thanked, many times over. Warmly, The Holiday Faire Committee

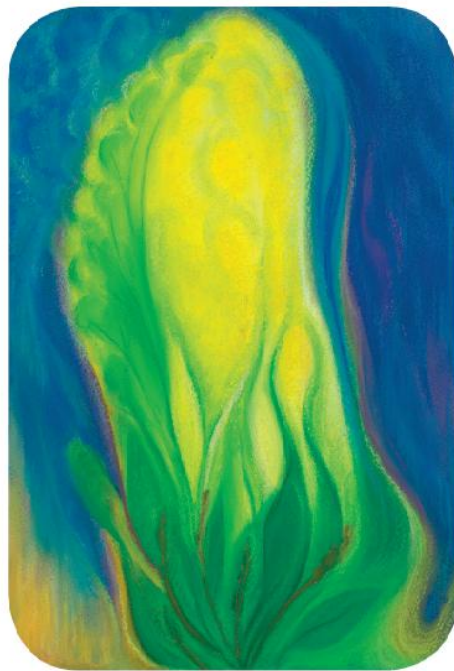


## **EWS In The News!**

Did you see the two articles about Emerson's 25th Anniversary in the Chapel Hill Herald? [www.heraldsun.com/pages/full\\_story/push?article-THANKFUL+FOR+GROWTH%20&id=4996410-THANKFUL+FOR+GROWTH&instance=main\\_article](http://www.heraldsun.com/pages/full_story/push?article-THANKFUL+FOR+GROWTH%20&id=4996410-THANKFUL+FOR+GROWTH&instance=main_article)

**THIS WEEK ONLY!!!!**  
**Tee Shirts for sale at pick-up!**

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***Tee Shirts: \$10***  
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***Plant Dyes***

***Made by TS Designs, a small,  
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manufacturer in Burlington.***