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Calendar of Events

- Dec. 17 Thurs. Nursery Potluck 10:00am
Kindergarten Potluck 11:00am
4th Grade Strings Recital in Eurythmy Room
2:15pm
H.S. Boys Basketball vs. Pace Academy 5:30pm
- 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 EARLY CHILDHOOD CLASSES
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. H. S. Boys Basketball at East Wake 5:30pm
Alumni Night in the Brown Wing 7:00pm
- Jan. 7 Thurs. 1st Grade Parent Evening 7:00pm
- Jan. 8 Fri. H.S. Boys Basketball at Pace Academy 4:00pm
- Jan. 9 Sat. 2nd Grade Parent Morning 9:30am

A Holiday Gift to our School

Community: A Christmas Carol

Dr. Mark Eisen, our local Anthroposophical doctor and one of the founders of Emerson Waldorf School, has a holiday gift for our school community. He would like to give a copy of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol to any student, parent, teacher or staff member who does not have a copy. Many of you have seen various modern versions of this classic tale, but the story in its original version is much more meaningful, and has important messages for all of us, whatever our faith, in this holiday season. Dr. Mark has read this story every year for the past 20 years, and hopes to share it with our community. Please stop by his office at 900 Martin Luther King Blvd (historic Airport Rd), Suite A, to pick up your free gift. Thank you, Dr. Mark!



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!

EWS License Plates Have Arrived!

Pick one up in the office--free if you promise to put it on your car! - Alice Armstrong

The deadline for the Emersonian is
Wednesday, December 30th by 3:00 p.m.

**HAVE A HAPPY
AND SAFE HOLIDAY
VACATION!
SEE YOU ON
JANUARY 4th!**



**ALL SCHOOL OFFICES
CLOSED FOR THE
HOLIDAY VACATION.**



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!

Announcements



Social Inclusion Happenings

The Student Action Committee (SAC) is a group of students from grades eight through twelve who have been meeting weekly this year to learn about Social Inclusion - how to help younger students with social tensions and conflicts. This is an enthusiastic group of students under the guidance of faculty member Whitney MacDonald. In November, they spent 5-6 hours in training with Kim Payne and Leslie Diaz, our social inclusion consultants. And last weekend, they spent their Saturday morning working with Mr. MacDonald and SICG (Social Inclusion Coordinating Group) members deepening their skills through role plays and skits. Each of the SAC members has been assigned to be a "buddy" to one of the grades between 1st and 7th and will be regularly visiting their classes and participating in social inclusion interventions as needed.

Lectures by Kim John Payne, originator of Social Inclusion, are insightful, practical, entertaining and above all, helpful! There are still CDs available for purchase through December 18th in the Main Office. Topics available are: Simplicity Parenting (\$20), Social Inclusion and the New Rites of Passage (\$15), Tweens & Teens: Understanding the Issues (\$15), The Compassionate Response Meditation (\$15), The Soul of Discipline (\$15), The Many Faces of Bullying (\$15), The Socially Resilient Child (\$15). Consider giving for a holiday gift "Simplicity Parenting" to friends or family with young children. All of these CD's are related to social inclusion, but the ones most specific to the work of the Social Inclusion Coordinating Group (SICG) are "Social Inclusion and the New Rites of Passage," "The Many Faces of Bullying," and "The Compassionate Response Meditation." Questions? Contact Merideth Tomlinson at MeridethT711@gmail.com.

Inclement Weather Closings

A decision to close school due to inclement weather or other emergency conditions will be made by 6:00 a.m. The message on the school's message system will indicate if school is closed (967-1858). The school will follow closing or delayed opening decisions from any of the following school districts: Orange County, Durham County, or Chapel Hill/Carrboro. If Emerson Waldorf School must close for any other reason, information concerning the school's status will be on radio stations 1360 AM, 91.5 FM and television channels 5 and 11 (note: WRAL's website lists Emerson Waldorf School closing information at www.wral.com/weather/closings/). It is the parent's responsibility to be informed of the opening status of school—there will be no parent phone trees to notify of morning closures or delayed openings. The school's message line and website are generally the most reliable sources for information on school closings. In the event of school closure, Nursery through High School is closed. (See your new Parent Handbook for more information.) - Kelley Wiley, Administrative Specialist



Dust of Snow

by Robert Frost (1923)

The way a crow
Shook down on me
The dust of snow
From a hemlock tree

Has given my heart
A change of mood
And saved some part
Of a day I had rued.

Good Tidings and Cheer from EWS!

