



The Waldorf School of Princeton: Celebrating 25 Years!

School Calendar

JANUARY

1/10	Sat	Early Childhood Sample Class 9:00-11:00 am
1/12	Mon	Crossing Bridge between Early Childhood and Grade School 7:30 pm
1/12	Mon	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
1/13	Tues	Parent Council Meeting on Finances Community Room 7:30 pm
1/19	Mon	Martin Luther King Day NO SCHOOL
1/24	Sat	Open House 10:00 am-12:00 pm
1/26	Mon	Board Meeting 7:00 pm
1/29	Thu	Grade 3 Class Play for Community 6:00 pm
1/29	Thu	Pizza Orders Due
1/31	Sat	Grade School Assembly Princeton High School - all welcome 9:30 am

Parent Council Meeting on Finances

There is a Parent Council meeting on Tuesday, January 13th at 7:30 pm in the Community Room which is open to the entire school body. Members of the Board are coming to talk about the school's finances and tuition setting so we strongly encourage all interested parents to attend and bring their questions and concerns.

Crossing the Bridge Between Early Childhood and the Grade School

All Early Childhood parents are encouraged to join us as we explore the first seven-year phase of child development with particular emphasis on the transformative qualities that take place between a child's 6th and 7th birthday. During this magnificent and magical time, he is preparing to "cross the bridge" between his foundation years and his more formal academic journey in the elementary school. In addition, we will share a picture of the transition to first grade, the first grade curriculum, and an overview of the elementary school years. The evening will conclude with a time for questions and answers.

Join us Monday evening, January 12th at 7:30 pm in the first grade classroom.

Enrichment Workshops

Sign up now to secure spots in the following Enrichment Workshops:

- Circus for grades 1 and 2 – fits right in before Friday 3:00 dismissal!
- Acting Workshops – for new and old
- Morris Dancing – back by popular demand!

Also, the Community Singing Group just can't stop singing! Join them as the group continues on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month. Outsiders, alumni and friends are all welcome!

Accreditation News

Hurray! The AWSNA Accreditation Review Committee commended our school on the preparation of our recent Self-Study and is recommending that we be granted another seven year term of accreditation status. We will host a re-visit for one day next October to review our response and action plan. Thank you to the faculty, board, staff, and parents for your time spent with the Accreditation Team this fall.

After-School Teacher Change

The new year brings a change of staff in the After School Program. Mr. D'Amelio writes:

With the end of the semester upon us, I feel it is currently a natural time for me to end my employment at the Waldorf School of Princeton. At this time in my life, I feel it is prudent to seek out a more long-term career more closely pertaining to one of my areas of study.

However, I have definitely experienced a great deal of personal growth and self-realization during my few short months at the school. I will not soon forget the ever-helpful and caring staff, and I will take many fond memories of the children with me...

Again, many thanks for this opportunity, and I hope to see the Waldorf community around town.

*All the best and Happy Holidays,
Nick D'Amelio*

Chrissy Benson will take over after school. Ms. Benson brings her experience in assisting in grades 1 and 2, her strong connection with children, and her enthusiasm for Waldorf education with her to this new position.

With Much Gratitude

The faculty, assistants, administration, and staff would like to thank the parent body of our school for their kind and generous holiday gifts!

Many thanks from the cast of the Shepherds Play to all who provided tasty treats during the play!

About the Willow

- The Willow is published every Wednesday during the school year.
- Submissions are welcome from school parents, especially for Trading Post items. All submissions are subject to approval and may be edited for length or content.
- The Willow does not accept paid advertising or announcements promoting for-profit businesses.
- All submissions should be typed in plain text and sent via email. The text can either be in the body of the email or in a Word document.

Please send all submissions and any inquiries regarding The Willow to: willow@princetonwaldorf.org

2009 Deadlines for the Willow

January 14th issue: Submit items no later than Thursday, January 8th

January 21st issue: Calendar only

January 28th issue: Submit items no later than Thursday, January 22nd

News from the Windy Hill Store

Happy New Year! We hope everyone had a peaceful holiday. Please stop by and visit us. We still have beautiful items left over from holiday shopping.

NEW FOR KIDS...SMART WOOL UNDERWOOLENS!

These are GREAT and very cozy for your children. They are as easy to care for as your Smart Wool socks! We are doing them as a special order. Please stop by if you would like to place an order.

We just got new Smart Wool hats in.
Stop in and see our selection!

In Memory...

Dr. Nagaraj Moka, grandfather of Lakumi Moka Dias (3rd grade) and Leel Moka Dias (Nursery) crossed over into the spiritual world on December 29, 2008. He lived in San Diego and was ailing from Parkinson's Disease.

No-Drive Zones on Campus

Please do not drive across the front lawn of our school. Our septic field lies beneath the front lawn, and the weight of a vehicle could damage the tank or system in a manner that we might not find out immediately, but would cause disastrous and messy complications. Also, it bears noting that the new front walkways are pedestrian walks, and therefore not of reinforced concrete -- cracks could result from vehicular usage.

Open House

January 24, 10 am—noon

PIZZA DAY IS WEDNESDAY!

Fundraiser for the 2008-2009 Third Grade Farm Trip

The 3rd Grade is pleased to announce that you can once again order pizza to be delivered to your child in the classroom EVERY WEDNESDAY when the grade school is in session from September 17th through June 10th. The pizza is offered to Grade School students only. The proceeds are for the Third Grade week at the Hawthorne Valley Farm in the spring!

1st Half: 9/17, 9/24, 10/1, 10/8, 10/15, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12, 11/19, 12/3, 12/10, 12/17,
1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28 (17 weeks)

2nd Half: 2/4, 2/11, 2/25, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, 5/20, 5/27, 6/3, 6/10
(17 weeks)

Please turn orders in to the Front Office no later than **Thursday, January 29th**.
Orders should include the bottom portion of this form **and** a check made payable to
“Waldorf School of Princeton” (with “Pizza” written in the memo field).

(Information or Questions: email or call Karleen Aghevli at 609-430-1341)

Child's Name _____ **Grade** _____

Parent's Name _____ **Phone** _____

Total Paid \$ _____ **by Cash or Check #** _____

_____ **Half year** (17 weeks)

_____ 1 slice @ \$2.00 = \$34.00 _____

_____ 2 slices @ \$2.00 = \$68.00 _____

_____ Salad @ \$1.50 = \$25.50 _____ (lettuce, cucumber, carrot, O&V)

_____ Spritzer @ \$1.00 = \$17.00 _____ Regular _____ Low Sugar _____

TOTAL _____