



The Willow

April 1, 2009

The Waldorf School of Princeton: Celebrating 25 Years!

School Calendar

APRIL

4/2	Thu	Parent Meeting for Ms. Shor's Nursery class	7:00pm
4/2	Thu	Reading Group - "Educating the Will"	8:30-9:30am
4/6-4/10		Spring Break	NO SCHOOL
4/13	Mon	Faculty In-Service	NO SCHOOL
4/14	Tue	Parent Council Meeting	7:30pm
4/15	Wed	School Store Open Drop off Donations for School Store Rummage Sale	8:30am-1:00pm
4/15	Wed	Wednesdays at Waldorf - General Questions	8:15-9:00am
4/15	Wed	Wednesday Morning Tennis	8:30-9:45am
4/17	Fri	Deadline for submitting Tuition Assistance Award appeal letters	
4/18	Sat	Silver Anniversary Auction	6:00-10:30pm
4/20-26		National Screen-Free/TV Turn-off Week	
4/20	Mon	In-School Assembly for all Grade School Students	8:45-9:15am
4/22	Wed	Wednesdays at Waldorf - Work Exchange	8:15-9:00am
4/23	Thu	Third Grade Trip to Howell Farm	9:00am-1:00pm
4/25	Sat	Foundation Studies Open House	9:30am-11:30pm
4/25	Sat	Spring Work Day for Mrs. Atkinson and Mrs. Cirianni-Jones' Kindergarten	9:00-11:30am
4/27	Mon	Board Meeting	7:00pm
4/29	Wed	Second Grade Play (The Story of Saint Patrick)	6:00pm
4/29	Wed	Third Grade Parent Meeting	7:00-8:30pm
4/30	Thu	Fifth Grade Parent Meeting	7:00pm

Calling All Vendors for Mayfair

This year's Mayfair on May 9 will include vendors. If you or someone you know would like to participate, please pick up a vendor application downstairs in the Golden House, or send an email to Marla Hanan at mhanan@princetonwaldorf.org. The vendor application is due on April 17.

Anyone for Tennis?

8:30ish to 9:45am, weather permitting
Down on the tennis courts

Wednesday morning tennis with Mr. Sheen open to all parents. Come learn, have fun and play. Meet other aspiring tennis players in a friendly environment.

Enrichment Workshops

Morris Dancing Team - Were you a member of Morris Dancing last year, but can't attend Wednesdays to dance this year? Mr. Watson is offering a Sunday session to include past members for May Day. Sign up now!

Woodworking – This workshop has been so popular that we have asked craftsman Jonathon Shor to allow more students to participate. There is still room to en-

Windy Hill Store

Attention! The Windy Hill Store would like to hold it's first RUMMAGE SALE at May Fair this year!

Here's how it works: It's up to you to make it happen! Everyone wins... Spring cleaning of toys that your children no longer play with can be donated and recycled to the school store for our sale. Nothing is too big or too small.

If you would like a tax/donation write-off, please drop off your items at the school store any Wednesday. If not, just leave your donation in the school store marked "May Fair Rummage Sale." This is a great way to recycle old toys and rain gear while helping to raise money for our school!

Tuition Assistance Award Letters Will Be Mailed by April 3rd

Tuition Assistance Award letters will be mailed on Friday, April 3rd to parents who have completed their application files. Most application files have been completed, but if you applied for assistance and do not receive a letter, it means that your application file is incomplete. You can either refer to the letter that you received recently regarding missing documents, or contact our registrar Solveig Pearson at ext. 114 to determine what materials are needed to complete your file. Once your file is completed, your award will promptly be sent to you.

Please note that Friday, April 17 is the deadline for submitting tuition assistance award appeal letters. Please remember that after this date the tuition deposit is non-refundable.

Nancy Lemmo

Trading Post

Free Rent for time spent plus stipend

Our son, Larry, 41, has Aspergers. He plays the piano and guitar and drives his own car. He has taken college courses and done well. He has a kind heart. He lives in a three bedroom, three bathroom condo overlooking Lake Carnegie. In the past he has lived with a couple and their baby, but he prefers no baby. He is busy during the day, but would like companionship in the evening and help if an emergency arises.

Your space will be upstairs with furnished bedroom, full bathroom, very large walk-in closet, and small living room downstairs to be shared with Larry. Two days off a week. For more information, please contact Sandra Davidson (609) 932-3520

Free Cat to Good Home

We recently discovered that our daughter is very allergic to cats. We do not have the time to do all that would be required to allergy-proof our home with him, so we are forced to find him a new home. He is a seven-year old male cat and, what we believe is a partial Siberian breed, (long, gray-haired.) He weighs 17 pounds and lives indoors. He is neutered but not declawed. Please contact Jessica Alfaro at the front desk if you know of a good home!



(Cat shown smaller than actual size)

A U C T I O N N E W S

Kids with a babysitter? Check.
Auction list in hand? Check.

You've lint-brushed your clothes and shined your shoes? Check. Now where are those cufflinks?

Because tonight is Auction Night.

You've read the list, thought long and hard about that vacation home on Nantucket, or those horseback riding lessons....

You arrive.

You check your coat, look around for friends. There they are — that fun couple you know from your child's class, but only see in passing. Or that teacher a few grades up you always want to talk to. Or the old friends you've arranged to meet here.

Stake out your seats, get a drink and some of the Martin's gorgeous food, and now start the rounds.

So, what will it be? The seasonal dolls from A Child's Dream? A lasagna dinner for 10 from Lucy's? The coveted Kessler/Heberlein family guided hike up Bald Pate Mountain in search of Goldie the Gnome? Or do you have your eye on something larger, like a vacation in Jackson Hole? Go ahead...

Help the Auction Committee create a complete vacation package by donating your extra frequent flyer miles for these Get-Aways! Please contact Diane at development@princetonwaldorf.org or 609-466-1970 X121.

The auction is the primary fundraiser for our school, and the great thing about it is, you will be able to purchase items at a discount while also making a contribution to the school. All of the auction items have a starting bid below the retail value of the item. Many of these items are things you would purchase for your family anyway, so why not get a discount and feel good because you are giving to the school!

Look for a complete listing of donation items attached electronically to Willow after spring break!

Proxy Bidding

For those who cannot attend the auction, there is the possibility for proxy bidding. Please contact Diane (contact info above) to be connected to a proxy bidder and to receive instructions on how to get your bids in.

Great Get-Aways!

A week in Nantucket in a home that sleeps 12, courtesy of the Turk/Meisner family.

Two nights at Xano Resort Hotel in Scottsdale, AZ.

A week in a beachfront condo in Akumal, Mexico on the Yucatan Peninsula, courtesy of alumni parent, Nancy Hokenson.

Vacation package in Jackson Hole, WY

A week in a home in Manuel Antonio, Costa Rica (Pacific side) courtesy of alumni parent, Terry Fasano.

Waldorf Summer Camp

Three 2-Week Sessions

June 29 - August 7



Sparking imagination, wonder, and exploration

For For 4 – 10 year old campers:

Water play, crafts, tie-dye, drawing, singing, painting, storytelling, nature walks, gardening, bread baking, puppet show, woodworking, clay, cooperative games

Waldorf Summer Camp provides old-fashioned, healthy activities. Days are filled with singing, play, handcrafts, art and nature walks, and yet there is still plenty of time for the children to explore, to create, to dream amidst our 20 acres of fields, forests, stream and gardens in our much-loved camp. We end each two-week session with a festival day full of fun, games and laughter. Nourish your children's inherent connection to nature and enliven their sense of wonder.

Camp Hours: 8:30 am—1:00 pm

Afternoon Option: 1:00 pm—3:30 pm

The afternoon extended care program includes age-appropriate activities such as painting, story time, cooking, gardening, clay and more.

“My child came back more interested in everything.”

- Princeton Teacher and camp parent



Ages 4 - 10:

Session 1: June 29 — July 10

Session 2: July 13 — July 24

Session 3: July 27— August 7

Specialty Camps

For 10-16 year old campers:

Acting Camp, ages 10-12 / 13-16

Naturalist Camp, ages 11-13

Tennis Camp, ages 9-14

For questions and to request a brochure, please contact Deirdre Sciarretta at 609-466-1970 x631

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The Waldorf School of Princeton, part of an independent educational movement of 1000 Rudolf Steiner schools worldwide, is dedicated to recognizing the unique spirit of each child. Through a rich curriculum integrating the academic, the artistic and the practical, the Waldorf School of Princeton guides children to foster self-knowledge and to meet the world by awakening within them warmth of heart, clarity of thought, and strength of purpose.

The Waldorf School of Princeton opened its doors in 1983 and is part of a long tradition of child-centered education. The first Waldorf School was founded by Dr. Steiner, an Austrian-born philosopher and educator, in Stuttgart, Germany in 1919 for the children of the workers of the Waldorf-Astoria factory. Waldorf education is as revolutionary now as it was 90 years ago. Its multi-sensory approach and innovative curriculum embodies characteristics that modern educators emulate in reforming American education. Waldorf education strives to produce students who grow into creative, motivated, self-confident adults who are able to find purpose and direction in their lives.

The Waldorf Summer Camp is developed with this same intention. The program is inspired by the beauty and wonder of nature. Staff include teachers and graduates from the Waldorf School and artists from the local community. We are certified by the New Jersey Board of Health. The Waldorf Summer Camp welcomes children of all cultural, racial, social and religious backgrounds.

For more information, call 609-466-1970 x631 www.princetonwaldorf.org



Registration Form

Please use one form per child

Child's Full Name: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ Grade in Sept. 2009: _____

Email: _____

Cost: \$475 per session on or before May 1 (\$490 after May 1).

Afternoon Option: \$220 per session.

Session 1: June 29-July 10

4-5 year olds

6-7 year olds

8-10 year olds

Afternoon Option,
1:00-3:30 pm

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Please include a \$100 non-refundable deposit per session per child with completed application. Camp spaces are limited and groups fill quickly. Enroll before May to secure your place and receive the most favorable pricing. Upon receipt, we will mail your complete registration packet. If you would like your child to be placed in a group with a friend, please fill in friend's name. Both families must request this placement, and we will do our best to honor this request:



Morris Dancing Team

Prior years' dancers welcome

Sunday, April 19
1:00-3:00 *practice*

Friday, May 1
5:30 am - 3:00 pm

Renew the spirit of a traditional folkdance of 15th century England. Children grade 3 and older are invited to join the Stony Brook Morris Dancing Team and perform traditional stick dances at the “crack” of dawn on Friday, May 1st to ring in the month of May at various off-campus venues. Dancers will also perform at our school Mayfair on May 9th.

Cost: \$75 for hours of dancing
Location: Good weather – front lawn. Poor weather – 2nd grade classroom
Prereq: Participation in prior Morris Dancing Team
Performance Attire: Black trousers (black jeans are acceptable) and white **collared** shirt
Bring May 1st: Lunch
Provide: Transportation

Jamie Watson can be hard to recognize without his accordion. Committed to the traditional Morris dance, Jamie knows how to make learning fun. As a long-time Waldorf supporter, Jamie has provided musical accompaniment to many May Fair celebrations.

With over 1,000 schools worldwide, The Waldorf School of Princeton is part of an international education movement. The wisdom and timeless lessons of ancient civilizations are a key component of the Waldorf curriculum. Highlights of our international studies include:

- The human experience of ancient civilizations such as India, Babylonia, Egypt and Greece
- Lives of both famous and common people during the Roman Empire and the Renaissance
- Native-speaking World Language teachers inspire students to embrace a *culture* as well as a language.
- Chinese and French is taught to all grade school students
- World studies include Africa, South America, Europe and Asia
- Music, art and movement from historical eras and geographical regions provide a full cultural experience

To Register:

Contact Jessica Alfaro at (609) 466-1970 x110 or
<mailto:frontdesk@princetonwaldorf.org>

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Woodworking



Grades 2-5 3:15-4:30

Come learn basic skills and techniques necessary to create simple woodworking projects using hand tools. Children will be shown how to use a variety of woodworking tools effectively and safely. Over the course of 9 weeks, children will create their own toolbox as a starting point to the many projects they can pursue once they gain the confidence and knowledge from taking this workshop. For the more skilled older students in the class, a second project will be completed.

Due to the personal attention needed for work of this nature, students will be split into two small groups with either instructor.

Dates: Thursdays
Mar 26 – May 28 (excluding Apr 9)
Cost: \$150 for 9 sessions includes materials
Location: 4th grade classroom
Bring: Child's work gloves and light snack

Sean Cirianni-Jones is a self-employed building contractor who has been in the trade for 25 years. Though his specialty is masonry, Sean is skilled in many areas of carpentry. He is an artist in finding solutions to the most puzzling predicaments.

Jonathon Shor is a craftsman who works with wood and stone. The unique chair in the school foyer and the blue front desk are examples of his fine, creative work.

The Waldorf School of Princeton has been a leader in developing fine and practical arts programs and integrating them into every student's classroom experience. When children work purposefully with their hands, they naturally strengthen their willpower, their thinking and their connection with others in the world. Waldorf students deepen their learning perspective with the following arts:

- Fine Arts – drawing, painting
- Music – singing, recorder, strings, ensemble
- Dramatic arts – acting, set design, choreography
- Movement arts – eurythmy (develops spatial awareness and coordination)
- Sculptural arts – clay and wax sculpting
- Fiber arts - Knitting, crochet, embroidery, felting, sewing
- Gardening – planting, maintaining, harvesting
- Practical Arts – measuring, planning, building
- Wood working – sawing, sanding, carving

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