

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Thurs, May 8	Waldorf Welcome 8:30-11:00am
Fri, May 9	12:30 Early Dismissal
Sat, May 10	May Faire/Open House 9:00am – 2:00pm
Wed, May 14	Early Childhood Information Session
Wed, May 14	Parent Association Meeting 5:30 <i>Child care & dinner provided</i>
Fri, May 16	4/5 th Grade Olympics at the Bay School
St, May 17	May Faire Rain Date
Mon, Tues May 19 & 20	NO SCHOOL Parent Conferences
Wed, May 21	Class Photos
Thurs, May 22	Waldorf Welcome 8:30-11:00am
Mon, May 26	NO SCHOOL Memorial Day
Tues-Fri, May 27-30	4/5 th Grade Camping Trip to Franconia Notch State Park
Wed, June 4	Grades Beach Day
Thurs, June 5	Early Childhood Water Day 11:00-12:00 / Last Day
Fri, June 6	Last Day of School for Grades / Graduating Ceremonies and Strawberry Social
Fri, June 6	Barn Dance 5:00-8:00 pm



Good Earth Gala was a Night to Remember!

What an amazing celebration of our Good Earth. Over 175 Tidewater parents, friends, family, alumnae, and even some new faces came together to support our school and the Piscataqua Sustainability Initiative and to have a wonderful night out.

Vanginanga enchanted everyone with their colorful, traditional Rwandan dress and dramatic

music and dance, Julie Dunfey delighted our palates with a delicious feast, and auctioneer Joe Shanley helped us to surpass our goal and raise \$22,000.00!

Many, many thanks to everyone who donated time, auction items, creativity, humor, computer skills, childcare, support....and spare forks! We also received overwhelming support from the seacoast community. Please remember to patronize the businesses who supported the event.

We extend our most sincere thank you to the following businesses and sponsors for their generous support of The Good Earth Gala: Piscataqua Sustainability Initiative; Portsmouth Community Radio; Green Advantage Insulation; Julie Reed Dunfey; Joe Shanley of Shanley Auctioneers; Infinite Imaging; Andree Van Oss Graphic Design; Vincent Nsengiyumva & Vanginanga Troupe; Mary Pappas & The Jarvis Center; Waste Management; Shaw's Supermarkets; Hannaford Bros.; Market Basket; Blue Egg Baking Co. Jenny and Aaron Torok; Ben Carlson; Terra Cotta Pasta Co.; Edible Arrangements; Fiddlehead Farms Marketplace; Seaport Fish Co.; Carpe Diem; The Meat House; Beach Pea Baking Co; When Pigs Fly; Ceres Bakery; Flatbread Co.; Black Bean Cafe; Portsmouth Candle Co.; Ambrosia Gardens; Ceres Street Wine Merchants; Cupcake Queen Alison Maroun; Web Design Dave Tufts; DFV Winery; Liberty Graphics; Nest Egg Designs; Sustain Dane; Portsmouth Health Food Co.; Papa Wheelies; and Bob's Bicycle.

The Good Earth Gala Committee

COMING SOON! MAY FAIRE & OPEN HOUSE SATURDAY MAY 10TH

Festivities start at 9:00 am with a tour of the school, followed by a musical performance by all grades at 9:30. The grades will do the traditional May Pole dance at 10:00. Games, crafts, puppet shows, food, cake walk, pony rides and more continue till 2:00 pm.

OPEN HOUSE KICKS OFF THE MAY FAIRE

Come early with friends and family to attend the open house. This is a wonderful opportunity to share our special school with friends outside our community. A tour of the school will be held at 9 am followed by student musical performances at 9:30. Visit the early childhood classrooms and view students' main lesson books in the grades' classrooms. Teachers will be available to meet new faces and answer questions. Christa Franke, admissions coordinator, will be giving tours beginning at 9:00, 11:00 and 1:00. Meet at the front entrance of the school for the start of these tours.

Enrollment Contract

Reminder:
Enrollment forms and
tuition
assistance applications

Due May 1st

Remember to...

- Indicate payment method
- Sign the back

VOLUNTEER FOR THE MAY FAIRE

One of our most joyous of school festivals is our spring May Faire. This is a parent organized event. Please sign up to help make this another memorable experience for our children. Do you enjoy baking? Please sign up to bake a cake for the cake walk on the front door.

CALLING ALL VENDORS!

Have a booth at this year's May Faire to showcase your wares and/or business. This year's fair is May 10th from 10-2 with a rain date of the 17th. Booth spaces (bring your own tables etc.) are \$5 for Current Tidewater Families and \$10 for the Non-TW-General Public. Have you started a new venture or have a current business and want to get your name out there...Massage? Handy-work? Consulting? Alternative Healing? Gardening? Do you make/sell any products that would compliment the faire? Pottery? Handwork? Woodworking? Paintings? Music CD's? Candies? Plants? Please get back to me ASAP, spaces are limited

and registration is on a first come, first served basis. Looking forward to hearing from you! Jess Moore mooremail@gwi.net



Want to have some fun?

Come one, come all, the sign up sheet is posted in the office for those of you that would like to assist the Parent Association in raising some easy money, as well as have a lot of laughs.

We will be parking cars THIS SUNDAY for Children's Day. Thanks to Doug and Anne Pinciario for again donating their parking lot in downtown Portsmouth.

The two dates for parking cars are: Children's Day, 05/04/08 12 pm - 4 pm and Market Square Day, 06/14/08, 9am - 5pm. This fundraiser will help our school in many ways. We need a handful of volunteers on SUNDAY because the hours are shorter for this event.

On Market Square Day, we will need twice the number so as to keep the lot full as attendees come and go throughout this day-long event, Market Square Day.

Thank you so much for helping us out. The sign up sheet is posted in the office. To volunteer this weekend, please call Jennifer Himmer 439-5258 or Anne Murray Mozingo 363-0448.

Fourth and Fifth Grade to participate in the Fifth Grade Olympics



"...inquire of Zeus of the flashing thunderbolt, if he has any message to give concerning men whose spirits are seeking to attain great excellence and a breathing-space from toils."

—excerpt from the Eighth Olympic Ode, by Pindar (c. 522-420 BC),

Since the beginning of this school year the children in the fourth and fifth grades began their physical training for the 5th Grade Pentathlon, held every May in Waldorf Schools around the world. Using the Olympeace model by Jamien McMillian of the Spacial Dynamics Institute, children will come together from the Maine Waldorf Schools and some visiting schools from New Hampshire and Montreal.

This year's event will be hosted by the Bay School in Blue Hill, Maine. Other schools participating include: Merriconeag, Ashwood, Bay School, White Mountain Waldorf schools as well as a school from Montreal, Canada. In all there will be 80 athletes participating in five events and

perhaps a relay or "marathon" event, weather permitting. These events include discus, javelin, sprint, ring wrestling and long jump.

You may have seen our children training during morning drop off or pick up times. All of the children are working hard to master, first, the form of each event and then to increase their speed, distance or strength. The fifth grade curriculum in Waldorf Schools discovers many ancient civilizations, including Greece. This curriculum is largely delivered through the telling of Greek Myths. The Olympic Games brings forth an element of "grace and beauty" which was highly regarded during that time.

During the upcoming Olympiad the children will be judged by the distance they throw, the speed they run and the victor in the wrestling ring. Equally important and the primary focus of the training is the form of each event and the "Grace and Beauty" demonstrated by the athletes. Each event will have both a winner of the physical event and a winner of "Grace and Beauty." All participants receive a medal of participation.

Although it is a long drive, I encourage anyone interested in making this trip for this spectacular event. Judges are always welcomed from far and near, as long as they are not also parents of a participant. Opening ceremonies begin at 8:45 a.m. and closing ceremonies are scheduled for 1:00 p.m.

~Martha Coombs, Fourth/Fifth Grade

TARDINES This is a friendly reminder that school starts at 8:30 AM and we expect both early childhood and elementary children to be on time. Please make every possible effort to arrive at 8:15 so children can play before school starts.

SUNSCREEN

Please apply sunscreen to your child in the morning before school. If needed, we will reapply at recess time. Thanks.

THIRD GRADE 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

Parents of third graders are selling raffle tickets to pay for the third grade farm trips this year. The goal is to sell \$2,000 in \$5 tickets, three for \$10 or six for \$20. It is our goal for the winner of the raffle to receive \$1,000. The raffle was scheduled for March 29 and has been postponed because ticket sales have been slower than expected. Please buy your tickets today from a third grade parent or at the office from Karen Wiese.



PARENT ASSOCIATION ELECTION PROCESS BEGINS MAY 1

There will be a nomination box placed in the front office on May 1, marking the beginning of Tidewater School's Parent Association election for the school year 2008-2009.

All officer posts - chair, co-chair, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer and PA representative on the Board of Trustees - are open. And all parents are encouraged to nominate themselves or others during the two-week nomination period.

At the May 14th meeting, nominations will be closed and PA Chair Anne Murray Mozingo will appoint a representative to contact all nominees to see if they are willing to serve. Ballots will be made and the election is slated for the last meeting of this school year, June 4th.

The Parent Association is the official third leg of the stool that manages a Waldorf School, joining the faculty and Board of Trustees. It is very important to have interested individuals step up to the plate and keep this organization going strong.

All parents of Tidewater children are qualified to participate in this election by nominating and attending the final meeting to vote June 4. Anyone with questions should contact Jennifer Himmer 207-439-5258 or Anne Murray Mozingo at 207-363-0448.

LAST DAY FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD

The all school calendar lists Thursday, June 5 as the last day for our EC classes. Water Day is the culminating event for EC and all children are invited to come. There are a number of Beach pea and Periwinkle children whose last day will be Wednesday because they are 3-dayers. The 4 day Periwinkles and all Sea Stars last day is June 6. All EC families please plan to attend Water Day from 11-12. More information will be coming about water day. We need several volunteers to help set up and supervise. If you can volunteer please speak to your child teacher

WALDORF WELCOMES

Invite your family and friends to tour the school and observe in the elementary grades classrooms. This is also a great opportunity for EC parents to tour the grades classes while they are in session. This is an hour long tour of 3 classrooms and then a half an hour question and answer period with a grades teacher. It is held every two weeks from 8:30-10:55 am. NO CHILDREN PLEASE

May 8,22

Please sign up with Karen Wiese or Christa Franke cfranke@tidewaterschool.org 207-439-7911

FIRST GRADE READINESS

As many of you know, all rising first grade children are giving a Waldorf first grade ready assessment. Miss Karen and Ms Beth have started these assessments and parents in the Sea Star classroom can expect to be contacted. We are doing these assessments in the afternoons on Mondays and Fridays. This is not an achievement test, it is a developmental screening.

AKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thanks to Amanda Johnson for making backpacks.
- To the Periwinkle Parents for the delicious faculty lunch-we are so appreciative!

- To the flower and laundry fairies and fruit/veggie donations.
- Thanks to Dal Holtrop for the beautiful placemats and napkins

A CLOSE ESCAPE

Reminder to all EC parents: Please remember to shut the gate behind you when picking up your children at noon. Last week we had one 'escapee' during pick-up. Fortunately he was caught before he made it to the parking lot.

GARDENING ON MONDAY AFTERNOONS

It's spring and that means its time to get out in the gardens! Whether you are a gardening guru, or a newcomer, please join other Tidewater families to get your hands into the dirt. There are several ideas and projects we will discuss on our first day. We will generally meet on Mondays from 3:15 – 4:30 for the rest of the school year, with Friday afternoons as a make up day in case of rain. Our schedule is as follows:

Friday May 2, 10:30 – 12:00

Monday May 5, 3:15 – 4:30

Monday May 12, 3:15 – 4:30

Tuesday May 20, Potential field trip to the Strawberry Banke children's garden

Monday June 2, 3:15 – 4:30

Children of all ages are encouraged to join. In order to make the afternoon run smoothly, we will need additional parents to help out. This could be gardening, building, donating tools or plants, helping with childcare for the littlest ones or bringing snacks for kids to share (mine are always starved after school). The focus will be on improving some of the existing areas around the school. In addition, there will be a short activity specifically for children each day. We might make some bug suckers, look at some soil under a microscope to see what is alive, plant some seeds to take home, tell a story about spring.

Please email or call me if you and/or your children are interested so I can get an idea of who will be coming to get dirty with me!

-Alison Magill (2nd grade parent), alimagill@gmail.com, 603 867-9818

WISH LIST

- Gently used refrigerator for the kitchen.

Summer Camps

Silver Lining Circus Camp in Temple, NH: Juggling! Unicycles! Clowning! a day-camp for children & youth ages 5-18 Offering several 1-week sessions in July. Plus a 2 week touring camp for experienced teens. www.circuslearning.com or call 603-654-5875

Kroka Expeditions

A Non-profit Earth Living Skills School in Marlow, NH To learn more please visit www.kroka.org or call us at 603-835-9087.

Apogee Adventures of Brunswick, Maine is offering a limited number of scholarships to students ages 11-17 for summer outdoor adventure trips. Trips take place in New England, Canada, Montana, the Pacific Coast and Washington State. Activities include bicycle touring, hiking, rafting, sea kayaking and community service. To learn more about this exciting opportunity, go to, www.apogeeadventures.com, or call us, 207-725-7025. (First come, first served.)

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Does the idea of "conscious parenting" grab you?

Then come blog with me! Join the conversation at:

<http://seacoastparentsconnect.com/drupal/blog/laboroflove>

We are all in need of support, compassion and camaraderie. Join me and my fellow bloggers at [Seacoastparentsconnect.com](http://seacoastparentsconnect.com) and learn more about what is going on in our community, vent about something that irks you and get advice from other parents. My blog, Labor of Love, covers single parenting and conscious parenting and a whole lot in between! Check us out and join us in the conversation! Thanks, Anne Murray Mozingo

Traditional Rug Hooking Instruction Lessons

Remember your aunt that used to hook beautiful heirlooms for your family? Still have her frame and cutter but don't know what to do with it? Or perhaps you just love the look of a handmade rug or mat and have always wanted to learn the art of rug hooking...not to be confused with Latch Hooking...Rug hooking is a craft that originated in Maine in the 1800's and has advanced to a beautiful art. Lessons offered in South Berwick, every other Wednesday evening, from 7pm-9pm, by a Certified Instructor and Fiber Artist of more than 20 years. Call 603-428-7235 or email risinghawk@conknet.com for details.

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Is there an old wooden canoe kicking around in your barn? It's kind of shabby, but was your grandfathers and you just can't bear the thought of letting all those fishing memories slip away? Then restore it! Azland Traditions restores wooden canoes to beautiful, heirloom and best of all usable quality. Or, want to start the wooden canoe tradition in your family? B-Y-O Wooden Canoe Lessons or have one made for you and start your own Wooden Canoe traditions to pass on for generations. www.azlandtraditions.com

Lyman Hill Farm

Horse camp week!

A day of horse camp includes:

The morning begins with orientation, groom and tack up horses, then riding lessons. After lunch there will be barn chores, feed, water, etc. The day will end with horse activities: learn breeds, colors, anatomy, etc.

Call or email to Schedule your party, lesson or 2008 camp week!

207-384-4174

57 Bennett Lot Rd

South Berwick, ME 03908

www.lymanhillfarm.com

Horses: I have an Icelandic gelding and no place near Eliot to keep him. Do you have an open acre (or so) a barn or a shed and would love to see horses grazing, or go for a ride? I can do all the work and you just enjoy. Contact Monica Mangan 207-439-1583 or email: Granmngn@aol.com

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REIKI: Now is the time to melt away stress and balance your mind, body and spirit. Call Anne Murray Mozingo at Equilibrium, Finding Balance with Reiki 207-363-0448 and schedule yourself an appointment right away. Sliding scale offered.

ORGANIC MEAT: Are you interested in buying your meat on a monthly basis from an amazingly hard working couple of organic farmers? Bob and Kathy Perol at Diversity Farm take such loving care of their grass fed, organic animals; the meat can't help but be good for us. Your choice of a variety of cuts of beef, turkey, chicken, lamb, pork and eggs, with cheese coming soon! Please call Anne Murray Mozingo at 207-363-0448 or email: annemurraymosingo@maine.rr.com for information on joining this buying club. Thank you for your interest.

ARBONNE INTERNATIONAL

Christa Franke and her mom, Irene, are teaming up to try to help bring in some extra funds for the school. Irene sells Arbonne products and will donate 15% of her proceeds to Tidewater that are purchased through her. If you are interested in learning more or just want to view a catalog then please see Christa Franke in the office. Christa will have some catalogues on her desk and she will place a Tidewater order on the 15th of every month. To see the Arbonne website go to www.arbonne.com

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Please contact Christa Heitmann Franke

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The Currents will be available by email and on line. In our continuing efforts to reduce, reuse, recycle we will no longer be printing and or mailing this monthly newsletter. We note many other schools, both public and private using this strategy as well.

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Deadline for Currents is as follows: 28th of each month for the issue on the 1st or the 13th of each month for the issue on the 15th

Please email your ad or other submissions to kwiese@tidewaterschool.org Thank-you!