

UPCOMING EVENTS	
Thurs, June 5	Grades Beach Day
Thurs, June 5	Early Childhood Water Day 11:00-12:00 / Last Day
Thurs, June 5	PA Meeting 8:45 Beach Pea classroom
Fri, June 6	Last Day of School for Grades, ½ day / Graduating Ceremonies and Strawberry Social beginning at 10:00am
Fri, June 6	Barn Dance 5:00-8:00 pm
Happy, Wonderful Summer to all!	

WELCOME TO NEW BABIES

Congratulations to Jennifer Winkler and Thomas Williamson. Phoebe Amelia was born April 30 and weighed 8lbs 20.5 ounces. Phoebe's older brother Asher attends the Light House Program. Jennifer writes: Our baby girl surprised us by arriving 5 days early! It was a very quick labor and delivery—we got to the hospital at 2:00 PM and she arrived at 4:04!



Congratulations to Tricia Toms and Chris Malley! Finnian Thomas Malley was born Tuesday, May 6th. Finnian has a sister, Samantha, in the Periwinkle Kindergarten.



FIRST GRADE POSITION IS FILLED FOR 2008-9

Dear Tidewater Community:

The faculty is very pleased to announce our decision to hire Diana Carlson as the first grade teacher for 2008-2009.

As most of you know, Diana has stepped into the second grade position for the second half of this year, and we have all been impressed with the qualities she has brought to the classroom.

We highly recommend her for this position, and feel full confidence in her abilities and strengths.
Sincerely,
The Tidewater Faculty

GOODBYES

We say a fond farewell to some faculty members who are leaving us for other life experiences: Tracey Hanley, Middle School teacher, Dennis Drennan, 3rd Grade teacher, Christy Hensley, Snug Harbor Aftercare teacher and Beach pea Assistant, Claudia Arcia, Spanish teacher, Kris Bowden, Sea Star Assistant and Heather Barcelona, Business Manager, (leaving in July). We are sad to see them leave, will miss them and wish them all the best in their new endeavors.

POSITIONS OPEN

We have the following positions we will be soliciting resumes for over the summer. Interested applicants should send a resume, cover letter indicating position interested in, and 3 letters of recommendation.

1. Lead Nursery Teacher: 3/5 time, qualifications required are Waldorf training and/or experience, BA or college credits in EC required;
2. Early Childhood Assistant: 15-20hrs, entry position, some experience with young children required, college credits in EC recommended;
3. Snug Harbor Aftercare Lead Teacher: 20-25 hrs, qualifications required are college credits in early childhood, experience in early childhood, willingness to learn Waldorf approach;
4. Snug Harbor Assistant: 9hrs, entry position, some experience with young children required; college credits in EC recommended.

PUPPET SHOW IN PORTSMOUTH

Our Kindergarten teacher, Ms Beth Lunt will perform a puppet show with Tidewater parent volunteers at the Portsmouth Yoga and Arts Center, 95 Brewery Lane #9 on Tuesday, June 17th. This event is scheduled for members of the Seacoast Mothers Association, a network of mothers with children under the age of five and with a membership of 600 families. Meaghan Cullinane and Kate Paterson are two Beach Pea Nursery families who have worked hard to organize this event.

PA ELECTION

Thanks so much to all 18 nominees for the Parent Association officer election for your consideration in joining the PA. Of the eight nominees for co-chair, Kate Paterson is the only one to accept the nomination, making her Jennifer Himmer's co-chair next fall.

Of the 11 nominees for PA treasurer, Lenaye Hudock is the only one to accept the nomination for this post, thus she will serve as next year's PA treasurer. Jenny Torok, who was on the Development Committee this year, has accepted the nomination for the PA's representative on the Board of Trustees.

Thank you to Joni Chagnon for her position as Mentor Committee chair next year. Thanks to Amanda Johnson for taking over the Family Fun Calendar for 2008-2009.

All parents are invited to attend the next PA meeting June 5 at 8:45 a.m. in the Beach Pea room. On the agenda for that meeting will be: a discussion on the Family Fun Calendar for the summer; the 2008/2009 PA meeting schedule; a discussion on the Handy Parent guide for next year; and sign ups for the Market Square Day parking lot fundraiser.

WEAR YOUR DANCIN' SHOES TO THE BARN DANCE

This year's **COMMUNITY BARN DANCE** is scheduled for June 6 from 5 to 8 p.m. The potluck dinner is from 5 to 6 p.m., and the dancing from 6-8 p.m. If the weather permits, we will be having the dance at the school, with the potluck picnic on the grass by the ball court and dancing on the basketball court thereafter. If the weather is not fair, the Barn Dance will be at the Eliot Grange hall. We will announce the location at the Strawberry Social mid-day. Parents are asked to please **bring the following items for the Potluck dinner:**

Beach Pea Nursery-- Paper plates, cups, plastic cutlery, napkins

Periwinkle-- Salads, crudités, lighter dishes

Seastar-- Main dishes

1st and 2nd grades-- Salads, crudités, lighter dishes

3rd/4th/5th grades-- Main dishes

6/7th grade s-- Fresh fruit

Thank you and we will see you on the dance floor!

MAY FAIRE THANKS

Tidewater School extends it heartfelt appreciation to:

The May Faire 08 Committee

The Early Childhood Faculty

Families of the Tidewater School

Faculty & Staff of the Tidewater School

Daddy's Junky Music - Portsmouth

The Musicians - Jack Huddock, Dave Tufts, Kris Bowden,

Aaron Torok, John Chagnon

And to: Dana Moore, Ramona Connoly, Alice Traversy, Corinne Houghton, Dal Holtrop, Richard

Downhausin, Lyman Hill Farm, Monica Mangan, Karen Wiese

And to these fine food establishments:

Jezebel's Baking Co.

Coco Loco's

Tasty Thai

The Portsmouth Brewery

Cedar's Meditteranian Foods

Through the Grapevine

Muddy River Smokehouse

Fiddlehead Farms Market

Bob's Clam Hut

Hannaford Supermarket

Associated Buyers Natural Food Co.

Dunkin' Donuts

Please patronize these business and give thanks for their contributions to the school.

EXIT INTERVIEWS FOR DEPARTING FAMILIES

The Faculty and Board of Tidewater is interested in hearing from departing families. We want your feedback on how things went for you and your child, what your concerns are and how we can improve. We are happy to meet with parents face to face or get your written comments. We sent out an email in April and will again send out a form inviting your participation. Monday, June 9 in the morning and Friday, June

13 in the afternoon is available for 30 minute meetings. Please call or email Karen Wiese to reserve a time.

MIDDLE SCHOOL TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Dear Tidewater Community,

Last month the middle school students took the trip we have been working so hard to earn money for. So, if you were wondering where we went, we were lying on the beach in sunny Vieques, Puerto Rico. Actually, we did not do very much lying around at all. We were really quite busy, mostly with snorkeling and splashing around at many different beaches (and in the pool). We also took a walk in the rainforest and got very, very wet.

We stayed in a villa that Erin Hooper Haas owns and was kind enough to let us stay in for free. It was beautiful! There were lots of palm trees and banana plants and many other kinds of plants that were scattered all over the yard and the small path leading right down to the beach.

We got the chance to see Vieques's famous bioluminescent bay on one of the last days of our trip. The Bio Bay is amazing because when you move or swim in it, it glows. It was really, really extraordinary and definitely one of the highlights of our trip (among other things).

Our trip was really special and something we will always remember. Thanks to the Tidewater community for all your help and support. We could not have gone without you.

Sophia Urquhart

MARKET SQUARE DAY IS SATURDAY, JUNE 14TH FROM 9AM TO 5PM.

The final volunteer opportunity is upon us. This is Tidewater School's easiest fundraiser. The Pinciario Family graciously allows us to park cars at their Portsmouth Lot behind the Sheraton to raise money during Children's Day and Market Square Day. We can raise around \$1,000.00 with only eight 1.5 hour shifts!!!!

In the interest of fairness and simplicity the following times slots need to be filled by the respective classes. Class parents have been asked to disseminate the below information to their parents and to let Jennifer Himmer know the names of the parents who will be working, no later than June 5th.

Beach Pea 8:30am to 10:00am 2 Volunteers

Periwinkle 10:00am to 11:30am 2 Volunteers

Sea Star 11:30am to 1:00pm 2 Volunteers

Grade 1 1:00pm to 2:30pm 1 Volunteer

Grade 2 1:00pm to 2:30pm 1 Volunteer

SEARCH FOR A NEW STORE KEEPER

Beachcomber School Store is seeking an organized individual to order, price, organize the store, and keep a good stock of assorted toys and craft items for next year. Contact Kris Bowden if interested, at 207.361.4074 or via email at luna7777@aol.com.

GOOD SEARCH

What if Tidewater School earned a penny every time you searched the Internet? Or how about if a percentage of every purchase you made online went to support our cause? Well, now it can!

GoodSearch.com is a new Yahoo-powered search engine that donates half its advertising revenue, about a penny per search, to the charities its users designate. Use it just as you would any search engine, get quality search results from Yahoo, and watch the donations add up!

GoodShop.com is a new online shopping mall which donates up to 37 percent of each purchase to your favorite cause! Hundreds of great stores including Amazon, Target, Gap, Best Buy, ebay, Macy's and Barnes & Noble have teamed up with GoodShop and every time you place an order, you'll be supporting your favorite cause. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and be sure to enter Tidewater School as the charity you want to support. And, be sure to spread the word!

SCHOOL POP REWARDS

Thank you to families and friends who have signed on to the School Pop program. When you shop on line at hundreds of Schoolpop/One Cause merchants, you not only save money and time shopping for all of your summer needs, but Tidewater will receive up to a 22.5% contribution on every purchase. So make it a rewarding summer by shopping through www.schoolpop.com or www.onecause.com.

BUSINESS OFFICE REMINDER

For those who have opted to make a one time payment for tuition next year, the due date is July 1st. If you are making monthly school payments or two yearly payments, we need to have your Facts Tuition Aid forms in the office by June 13th for the July payment.

BORROW CLOTHES

Do you have some clothes that you do not quite recognize?? They may belong to one of the EC classes. Your child may have been worn them home after home when their cubby bag was empty. We thank you for returning them.

CLASS PICTURES

If you have ordered pictures, Cathy Brown will be here on Monday to deliver your photos. If you missed placing an order, you may go on line to view your child's portrait at www.expressions4ever.com. and order directly on line. A class picture is free with any order. Portraits will be available ON-LINE for reorders after portraits are delivered.

SUMMER VISITOR HOURS

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

WISH LIST

- gently used snow pants, mittens, pants for our borrow box in EC
- someone to repair the wood raise beds on the fenced in playground
- someone to eliminate the hill on the of dirt on the playground, PLEASE!
- Water fairies for the garden beds this summer.
- Gently used refrigerator for the kitchen.

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.

NORTHEAST LIFEWAYS HAS PROGRAMS FOR PARENTS AND OTHERS SEEKING TO CREATE A FAMILY CULTURE BASED ON PRINCIPLES OF WALDORF EDUCATION

This July, Merriconeag Waldorf School in Freeport, Maine will provide the venue for a new session of LifeWays Early Childhood and Human Development Training. LifeWays provides training for parents and others who care for young children in the art of creating a nourishing home environment for all ages. The program is inclusive of the principles and practices we seek to advance in Waldorf education. Any parents or caregivers interested in pursuing an in-depth education for creating a family culture and home life supportive of healthy child development is encouraged to join us this summer for two weeks of classes. Certificate training for childcare providers is available, but those seeking an enrichment experience rather than a certification are welcome for the two weeks in July. Classes are weekdays July 14-24, 2008. For more information contact: Susan Silverio 763-4652 / silverio@tidewater.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Thanks to Christine Young, Tricia Toms, Ms Karen and Dal Holtrop for seed packets and plants for the early childhood garden beds.
- From all the EC faculty--A final HUGE **THANK YOU** to all the flower and laundry fairies, and the donations of fruit and vegetables!
- Thank you Beach Pea families for the delicious lunch prepared for the faculty

SUMMER CAMPS

The New Hampshire Farm Museum presents *Rural Arts & Adventures*: Weekly Summer Programs for children ages 8-11 please stop by the Tidewater office for registration forms and more details

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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CLASSIFIED ADS

GENTLY USED ITEMS FOR SALE please call (207)384-2136

- Britax Roundabout carseat \$75.00
- Swedish Emmaljunga Pram and Stroller \$50.00
- Wooden cradle w/ cradle bedding (pink gingham) \$50.00
- Oilily crib bedding \$25.00
- pack and play crib \$40.00
- Old fashioned childs desk w/ chair \$75.00
- Baby Bjorn potty seat \$20.00

WANTED: OLD SHEETS, BATH TOWELS AND PAPER TOWELS

***I'm collecting items for the animals at the SPCA. Please donate your items in the plastic containers in front of the office.

Thank you so much for your contributions !!!!!!! Nyita H H

ITEMS FOR SALE: Clearing out lots of baby & toddler gear in very good-to-excellent condition, including a white crib, Peg Perego highchair, Zooper Buddy stroller, white train table/puppet stage, deluxe safety gates for top & bottom of stairway; PlayYard XT (8 panels); sling-style baby carrier, red animal print Floppy Seat (like new). Brand new clothing: Rugged Bear rain jacket (violet, 6x); B&W saddle shoes (12-1/2).. Email me for complete list and asking prices. Mary at m.dissette@comcast.net or call 978-462-1420.

BEAD INVENTORY FOR SALE UP TO 65% BELOW COST

SERIOUS BEADERS ONLY CONTACT DIAN SACCO AT greywing@gwi.net FOR COMPLETE LIST OF ITEMS

Club Z! Tutoring, In Your Home, One-on-One, All Subjects, K-Adult, Fits Your Schedule, No long-term contracts, We tutor in the summer too!, stephensmith@clubztutoring.com, 207-363-4744, 603-433-0101

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 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 advances 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.

Wooden Canoe Restoration and Construction

Is there an old wooden canoe kicking around in you 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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Handyman Services Interior and Exterior Painting, light carpentry, miscellaneous household repair if needed. Many years experienced and insured. Call Joe Mazzari 207-439-3511

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

Tidewater is Greening!!

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.



Ad Rates and Currents Deadlines

\$2 for individual, nonprofit, and community ads, \$10 Full page ad or commercial ad

To pay for ads please attach either the ad, or a note stating your name and a description of the ad and month for which you are paying, so that you may be properly credited.

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!