

UPCOMING EVENTS	
August 2-6	International Waldorf Conference in Wilton, NH
August 20-September 2	Faculty Work Days
September 2	Visiting Day 4-5pm
September 2	All School Pot Luck Picnic, 5-7PM
<b>Happy, Wonderful Summer to all!</b>	

**AS WE REFLECT ON LAST YEAR, THE FACULTY IS SO GRATEFUL FOR:**

- The Faculty lunches provided by classroom parents monthly. It was such a treat!
- The flower, laundry, fruit and vegetables fairies. This support is most appreciated by the EC classrooms.
- The swing set donated by Erin Hooper-Haas.
- The cubby room which was the fruit of many people's volunteer labor.
- The PA, whose efforts and support are invaluable.
- The Board of Trustees, whose volunteer efforts reflect the highest level of commitment to Tidewater's future.

*Happy trails to you,  
until we meet again.  
Some trails are happy ones,  
Others are blue.  
It's the way you ride the trail that counts,  
Here's to a happy one for you.  
-Dale Evans*

***I want to write about the departing families from the middle school class who have been with Tidewater from the beginning. Due to high emotion I was not able to stand at the podium at the closing ceremonies and thank these families for all they have done for Tidewater, so I will remedy that now.***



**Fall of 1999**

In this photo are the First Grade and Kindergarten from our first year including Nyita Hooper Haas and Alexandra Adinolfi. Out sick that day were Davis Keating and Zachary Adinolfi; Liam Keating was just a baby.

***I remember working shoulder-to-shoulder with Tom Keating, Ashley Kehrig, Erin Hooper-Haas, Larry Haas, and Wendy Walter in the early days. Many hours of their volunteer time made our opening in September of 1999 possible. Their children were in my first mixed-age kindergarten class and I have been so happy to see them grow and develop. The following year Les Haskell and Laurel McEwen came and their son entered the new Nursery. We had high hopes of these children graduating eighth grade in Tidewater's future. It was not to be, but they are strong, wonderful children and will do well in their future settings. It was wonderful to see them perform and make speeches at the Closing Ceremony.***

***So, farewell to you all, best wishes and know that you remain in my memory with joy, warmth and gratitude! --Karen Traversy***

*Be well, do good work, and keep in touch. -Garrison Keillor*

### **DEPARTING FAMILIES HOPE FOR CONTINUED INVOLVEMENT WITH TW**

All Tidewater families departing the school this June were invited to the South Berwick home of Amy Miller and John Klossner (parents of Sea Star Benjamin) on June 12 for brunch and discussion. While the children enjoyed the beautiful back yard and the hot tub, about a dozen parents talked about ways to stay in touch with each other and to maintain their children's connection with Tidewater and with Waldorf education. There seemed to be consensus that alumni would very much like to be kept informed and invited, as they were this past year, to join in a number of the festivals and other school events. Many seemed interested in exploring possibilities such as ongoing handwork or music groups, after-school or Saturday programs, and summer day camp. Several people expressed interest in seeing the Winter Festival revived. There was some discussion about forming an alumni association and, as a first step, an online discussion group will be set up by TW's development committee. For more information, please contact Mary Dissette [m.dissette@comcast.net](mailto:m.dissette@comcast.net).

### **FACULTY FAREWELL**

We sadly announce the resignation of our German teacher and Admissions Coordinator, Christa Franke. Christa has taken a position at another school and we wish her all the best. We will miss her and her children and thank her for all her efforts on behalf of Tidewater.

--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

### **EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN:**

The Faculty is very happy to announce that Martha Coombs is the teacher for the new Sandpiper Nursery class starting this fall. It will begin with 6 children in the former first grade room.

Your know Martha as our administrator and games teacher. Her tenure as administrator is coming to an end but she will continue to teach games in the afternoon as well as shepherd this new Nursery class. Martha has a Masters in Early childhood Special Ed from UNH. She has worked in preschools and kindergartens in addition to her experience with school age children. We have every confidence in her abilities as a teacher, her integrity and her devotion to Tidewater.

--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

### **NEW SANDPIPER NURSERY**

The Beach pea Nursery is full with 12, 3 & 4 year olds. Tidewater's faculty is pleased to announce we are enrolling for a newly designed Nursery class.

Truer to the Nursery definition, the Sandpiper Nursery will have children ages 2.5-3.6 for the coming school year. Furthermore, it will start with only six children with one teacher. Housed in the former

First Grade room, this intimate space will allow for close supervision and ready access to the bathroom for diapering and toilet "learning".

The first 3 years of life are a wonder-filled time when the child's greatest desire is to experience the world through his or her own efforts. The morning will consist of play in which the teacher will guide the children towards harmony in social relations, preparation of a delicious, simple snack, work with music and language development through songs, finger games, rhymes, and small puppet shows, outside walks and playtime, and self-care skills development.

Because young children thrive best in an atmosphere of security and familiarity, the teacher works consciously with daily, weekly, and seasonal rhythms. By engaging the young child's active will, the program encourages creativity, imagination, dexterity, coordination, concentration, and the integration of the senses, laying the foundation for academic achievement. This is true of all Waldorf early childhood programs.

Toys provided in the Early Childhood programs are simple: wooden toys, shells, stones, logs, branches, colored fabrics, sheep's wool, and cloth dolls. With these simple toys, imaginative play is nurtured and transforms into creative, independent thought in later stages of learning.

Sandpiper will run Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30-noon. Yearly tuition is \$4200.

As you read above Martha Coombs is the teacher. Currently we have 5 children ages 2.5 to 3.1, and need one more to inaugurate this class. **If you are interested please call the office or email Karen Traversy: [ktraversy@tidewaterschool.org](mailto:ktraversy@tidewaterschool.org).** I am happy to talk with you about this program.  
--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

### **EC 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. Early Childhood Assistant: 15-20hrs, entry position, some experience with young children required, college credits in EC recommended;
2. 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;
3. Snug Harbor Assistant: 9 hrs, entry position, some experience with young children required; college credits in EC recommended.

--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

### **WORLD LANGUAGE POSITIONS OPEN**

Tidewater has openings for both a Spanish and German teacher. The ideal candidate would have classroom experience with the early grades and be fluent in German or Spanish. We use a cultural, immersion approach and the candidate would need to be open to learning about the Waldorf philosophy. The weekly schedule is Mon & Tues from 11- 12:30 OR Wed & Thurs at same time plus an hour for planning time. Starting pay is \$15 for BA and goes up with experience and education. There are no benefits.

Teachers with skills in other languages are also welcome to apply. Send a resume, cover letter and three letters of recommendation to Karen Traversy: [ktraversy@tidewaterschool.org](mailto:ktraversy@tidewaterschool.org).

--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

## **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 the form is posted on our website under Community.

--Karen Traversy for the Staffing Committee

## **OFFICE HOURS**

The office at Tidewater will be open this summer from 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Mon - Thurs.

## **FROM THE OFFICE MANGER**

### *Mandatory Forms*

In the August issue of Currents you will find information about the first day of school as well as the forms that need to be here before you start school. Please call the school or e-mail me at [kwiese@tidewaterschool.org](mailto:kwiese@tidewaterschool.org) if you have any questions this summer.

### *Aftercare Enrollments*

In the near future I will be sending out Enrollment Forms for our Aftercare Programs. These programs are provided as a service to parents and are dependent on adequate numbers of enrollees to be financially feasible. Please consider your needs for the coming year, complete the forms and send them into the office so we can plan staffing and other needs for Snug Harbor and Waldorf Neighborhood.

--Karen Wiese, Office Manager

## **NEWS FROM THE SEACOAST WALDORF ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

What a year we've had! When we started the past school year, we noted that Tidewater School was going through its own nine year change and we hoped that the school could form its identity over the course of the school year. The board has worked on improving the leadership and governance of the school. We worked closely with the faculty with a goal of ensuring the long-term sustainability of Tidewater School. We have reviewed and improved systems to ensure efficiency within the school. This continues to be a work in progress.

### *New Identity*

In our effort to form the identity of Tidewater School, the board and faculty made the decision that Tidewater would have classes through Grade 3 for the 2008-09 school year. We continue to hold the vision that Tidewater School will serve students through Grade 8, but that growth must happen at a responsible pace. Rather than moving full-steam-ahead toward Grade 8 and trying to increase enrollment in the upper grades, we have decided to restructure the school in order to build from the ground up. We intend to grow our early childhood program in order to have a larger base of students leading into our grade school. While we welcome students transferring to Tidewater from another school, the best way to increase enrollment is to draw from our own successful early childhood program. In three years, we intend to have about 25-30 students ready to enter first grade. From that group, we'll have a very solid first grade class.

### *Farewell to Founding Families*

While this change is good for the long-term success of Tidewater School, it required us to say farewell to a large number of our beloved students and families. The last of our founding families have now departed from Tidewater School. Tom Keating and Ashley Kehrig, Wendy Walter, Larry and Erin Hooper-Haas have been with Tidewater School since the beginning, and their children are now moving on to the next phase of their education. These families have contributed so much to Tidewater School over the years. From banging nails to shoveling snow, to financial donations, to taking on leadership roles in the school, they have made countless contributions toward the success of Tidewater School. The most important thing that they have contributed is their spirit. All of us in the Tidewater

community talk about the spirit of the school and the beautiful community that this school represents. That spirit was created by the founding families, and they are the ones who have nurtured that spirit over the years. These families in particular embody that Tidewater spirit and carry that selfless attitude in how they live their lives. We thank them for the foundation they built at our school. We'll miss them and we'll miss their children, but they will always be a part of Tidewater School.

#### *Leadership Council*

The board and faculty have formed a Leadership Council to conduct the day-to-day operations of the school. The Leadership Council includes Karen Traversy, Beth Lunt, Karen Wiese and Mary Stevens. The Leadership Council will meet regularly to handle administrative and financial matters for the school. A Parent Association representative will also meet regularly with the Leadership Council. Karen Wiese has been promoted from Administrative Assistant to Office Manager. She will handle all matters concerning the building and operation of the school. Issues pertaining to your child's experience in the classroom should be discussed with your child's teacher and then taken to the Leadership Council if necessary. The Leadership Council will provide regular updates in Currents to advise the community of the work being done.

#### *Board Membership*

The board is saying good-bye to some of our members. Elaine Beauchesne served as the Parent Association representative on the board and has stepped down. Dennis Drennan has served as a faculty representative on the board and he has completed that assignment. Martha Coombs has also finished her term on the board of trustees. Thank you Martha, Dennis and Elaine for your contributions to the board and to the school.

Jenny Torok has been elected by the Parent Association to serve as the PA representative to the board. Jenny is an educator with a background in special education, and years of experience in public and private schools. Jenny and her husband, Aaron, have a son, Otto, in second grade and a daughter, Ava, who will be in the early childhood program.

Greg Poitras has been elected to serve as a trustee for a two-year term. Greg is an attorney who works as US General Counsel for Irving Oil and has formerly served on the board of directors of the Ronald McDonald House in Portland, Maine. He brings a wealth of experience that will help us in our on-going efforts to improve the governance of the school. Greg and his wife, Kathy, are the parents of first-grader, Lily, and kindergartener, Jack.

Continuing in their capacity as trustee are: Doug Pinciario, Mary Dissette, James Petersen, Lucretia Pascarelli, Beth Lunt (Faculty Chair) and Mary Stevens.

We are accepting nominations for new board members. It is preferable that a candidate has worked on a committee at the school for at least one year. Specialized experience and expertise in the areas of finance/accounting or construction/building/architecture would be particularly useful. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact me at [mtgstevens@comcast.net](mailto:mtgstevens@comcast.net).

#### *Ms Martha*

Martha Combs deserves a special "Thank you" for all she's done for Tidewater School over the years. Martha began her role as administrator at a time of difficulty at Tidewater. With her leadership and organization, we have been able to make many great improvements in our school. Martha's selfless dedication to Tidewater has been exemplary. She is generous and as hard a worker as you'll find anywhere. Martha stepped in to teach Grade 4/5 this year and did a truly remarkable job in that role. Her departure as administrator is not a total loss for Tidewater because we are fortunate to keep her with us as a faculty member. Thank you, Martha for your dedication and hard work over the past four years!

#### *Thank you, Parents*

Finally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the parent body for your trust and support during this past year. The board and faculty had some tough decisions to make this year. The parent

body was so wonderful through the whole process. You shared with us your ideas, concerns and questions. You listened to the information we shared and the reasons for the decisions. Most importantly, you trusted us to make decisions to secure the long-term sustainability of Tidewater School. It truly felt that we were all working together for the good of the school, and for the good of the children who will be at Tidewater School in the years to come. Thank you for all your efforts in volunteering for our school and the many ways you contribute to the success of Tidewater School.

Have a wonderful summer. We're looking forward to another great year.

*Sincerely, Mary Gibbons Stevens, Board Chair*

### **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.

### **CLASSIFIED ADS**

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

- Britax Roundabout carseat \$75.00
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- pack and play crib \$40.00
- Old fashioned childs desk w/ chair \$75.00
- Baby Bjorn potty seat \$20.00

**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, PlayYard XT (8 panels); sling-style baby carrier, red animal print Floppy Seat (like new). Brand new clothing: Rugged Bear rain jacket (violet, 6x); Email me for complete list and asking prices. Mary at [.dissette@comcast.net](mailto:.dissette@comcast.net) or call 978-462-1420.

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