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LAKE CHAMPLAIN WALDORF SCHOOL

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Morning Forest Spiral Walk



This year the traditional Advent Spiral, held at dusk with families in the first, second and third grades, had to be canceled due to very cold weather. Class Teachers and Felicia Far gathered to quickly forge an alternative for later in the week: a morning forest spiral walk. The sixth grade students provided the choir, and the forest provided shadows and quiet to shelter the event. It was an especially magical spiral!

Parent Profile: Amy Hoeltge



Who are the members of your family?

My family members are my husband Evan, our kindergarten

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**What do you do for love or for fun?**

I love making people feel good about themselves. I love to give them hugs, knit them hats, and feed them yummy food. For fun, I create, cook, draw, read, drink coffee, and daydream. I also greatly enjoy Cortland apples.

What is your favorite thing to do with your daughter?

I think maybe my favorite thing is sitting quietly together in the forest behind Shelburne Farms and listening to the trees live their lives. It's especially nice in early May, when they've just gotten their new leaves, the air is still a bit crisp, and the breezes are gentle and delicious. I have been sitting quietly in forests with her

since she was a baby. I love watching her take it all in.

What is your work?

I am a Chemistry professor at Norwich University

What does a really good day at work look like?

For me, a really good day at work involves two things:

- (1) witnessing the light dawn for a student in the classroom or the lab
- (2) getting to the soup pot during lunch before someone has strained all of the solids into their cup, leaving nothing behind but broth.

What is your connection to the school?

At the end of this school year, we will have enjoyed five warm and magical years with LCWS -- two years in Star Garden and three years in kindergarten with the lovely Karen White. Our precious girl will move on to the grade school next year. I am honored to be a part of this community and am so pleased to donate my time and energy any chance I get.

What is your favorite thing about living in Vermont?

I have lived in many places but none have resonated with me like Vermont. I enjoy the slower pace, the community vibe, friendly folks, fresh food, the green everything, and not worrying if I forget to shave my legs

Anything else you want to share?

Well, I am a Pisces with Cancer Rising :-).

Young Writers Project

The Young Writers Project featured 8th grader Avery McLean in a special series of poems from young writers statewide. From their website:

This piece was one from the selection of outstanding poetry performed at the Burlington Book Festival's Millennial Writers on Stage reading. Avery says her inspiration for it comes from "realizing that logic is a feeling."

Read and hear Avery's uplifting poem, [Shimmering Tails Up...](#)



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It's a Boy!

Our warmest welcome to baby boy Brendan Michael Moore. Born on January 4. 8lbs. 10oz. Parents Christina and Jason and baby are healthy and well. Please hold them in your thoughts. Love to all, Sueanne

Condolences

Our condolences to Chris and Laura Slesar and Clara and Julian, on the passing of Chris's mother Dorothy Schlosser. She loved visiting our school every chance she got since she moved up here in 2011.

Invite Friends and Family to Visit Our School!



Early Childhood and Grade School Observation Morning

The Observation Morning on the Shelburne campus is scheduled for next Wednesday, January 15, 8:30 - 10am. Please invite any interested friends to visit kindergarten and grade classrooms in session, followed by a question and answer period. If you or an interested friend would like to attend, you still must RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) 985-2827 ext. 12.

NEW DATE! Wednesday, January 15 High School Panel & Open House

Due to the broken pipe in the high school, we had to postpone our High School Panel & Open House. It will take place on Wednesday, January 15, from 7 – 9pm. Learn about the academic and social life at the high school and hear from a panel of students and alumni. Charlotte campus. RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) 985-2827 ext. 12.

Drop Her

High School Observation Morning

Next Thursday, January 16 (morning after the rescheduled High School Open House) 8:30 - 10am is our monthly High School Observation Morning. The ninth grade will be retuning from their winter camping trip and their block is Modern History with Steve Crimy. The tenth grade block is chemistry focused on Acids, Bases and Salts with Danielle Drogalis. The eleventh grade block is physics – Electricity and Magnetism with Kate Crowe. The twelfth grade will be rehearsing their final LCWS class play! Please come visit the high school and invite your interested friends. RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) 985-2827 ext. 12.

Winter Open House

On Saturday, January 25, from 10am - 12pm we are hosting our Winter Family Open House. I encourage every parent in the school to reach out and invite a friend or two. By far, the most common way that people find their way to our school is through you! Children are welcome to attend and get to experience a bit of the magic of our school environment. There will be tours throughout the morning (with our high school students and teachers) and an Introduction to Waldorf education presentation for prospective adults at 11am. Please spread the word! RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) 985-2827 ext.

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High School Student Life

Ever wonder what high school students are doing, besides algebra, sculpture, Renaissance history, orchestra, biology, oil painting, and all the other classes that make up the core curriculum? Here's a list of current active clubs that happen throughout the year:

Hip Hop/Swing Dance
Social Events Committee
"Jam Club" (Music Jamming)
Dissection Club
Yearbook
Digital Photography
PI Club (math)
Newspaper
Environmental Club
Debate Club
Whistling Club
Cooking
Advanced Math Test Prep/SAT II and Calculus AP
Drama Club
Men's a capella
Women's a capella



Join the Spring Benefit Community Chorus: all Dvorak concert!

Calling all experienced singers! Please join director Steve Olson and accompanist Victor Gould on Wednesday nights as a member of the Spring Benefit Community Chorus! We will be presenting an all Dvorak program, and the chorus will be performing selections from the beautiful Dvorak Mass at the Benefit concert on Thursday and Saturday, May 15 and 17, 2014. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30, beginning on Wednesday, 1/22 and running through until the performances in May – we hope to see you there! -- *Steve Olson*

Tuition Adjustment

It is that time of year when school families apply for tuition adjustment for the next school year. I sent out an email to all current parents with detailed instructions from the Tuition Adjustment Committee. Please read through the material sent and let me know if you did not receive it. Remember that the deadline for applying for tuition adjustment is February 1. --
Pam Graham

Interesting Articles & Resources

[Why Waldorf Students Create Their Own Textbooks](#) -- Video from the Waldorf School of Philadelphia

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[Common Core and Your Child](#) -- Compelling blog post from Spring Garden Waldorf School

[The Kids Don't Play Anymore](#) -- From the Globe and Mail out of Canada

Renewal Magazine

The latest edition of the Renewal Magazine was available right before the holiday vacation. This publication is full of articles addressing Waldorf education and parenting issues. This issue has some interesting articles on media and computer use, conflict resolution, and current brain and educational research that tells Waldorf "You Have Got It Right!" If you haven't picked up a copy, please do.

Community News

United We Ski is a documentary that examines the importance of small ski areas, skiing and New England life. The film looks at the rise and decline of the region's small ski areas and tells the story of three surviving areas in Vermont that rely on community support, volunteerism, and yankee ingenuity to provide affordable skiing to local kids and families. [Watch the trailer](#). The screening will be followed by a Q&A with one of the filmmakers, Tyler Wilkinson-Ray. Local showing at the Common House, Ten Stones. Suggested donation-\$5-10. For Information contact Carol Talley, (802) 425-5295.

Young Tradition Vermont is sponsoring a touring group of young performers in England and Scotland in April 2014. The first part of the Celtic Winter Gathering concert on January 18th will be a debut of these young players, singers and dancers. Fiddle tunes, original and shape note songs, and contra dances by 18 young folks between 13 and 18 years of age, from Vermont, Massachusetts and Quebec. Pete Sutherland is music director for the touring group. Time: 7pm. [Tickets: Flynn Box Office](#) (802) 863-5966.

SATURDAY EVENING PERFORMANCE (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm)

Come and be dazzled by both the traditional and innovative dances of Scotland and Ireland presented by local dancers as well as those from surrounding states and provinces.

\$6 Children, \$12 Adults
FlynnTix: (802)86-Flynn - (802)863-5966

Brought to you by Celtic Arts Alliance and the St. Andrews Highland Dancers

Questions? Email
celtic.heather@gmail.com



Classifieds

Children's Beds -- We have a few wonderful children's beds left over from the rummage sale, if you are interested, please contact Sharon in the Development Office and make an offer! Contact Sharon Richards for more information: srichards@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

Do you need babysitting, odd jobs done or help with errands? I'm available for babysitting or other odd jobs, some weekday afternoons/evenings and weekends. Have transportation. Nancy Lewis, LCWS 12th grade student, (802)825-1948.



Small, magical Morning Garden program has a few spaces left for winter/spring term. Children roam our fairy forest and are nurtured in a simple, loving and joyful home-environment. For ages 2-5. Terri's Morning Garden also has a few

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openings in the afternoon program (Mon., Tues., Wednesday. until 4 p.m.)--perfect for children needing a small after-care situation. Carpooling from the Waldorf school possible. Plus—don't miss February Vacation Camp and summer Fairy & Gnome Camp. Finally—I am a studio artist, busy showing lots of work in the last year. Check out my greeting cards for sale at the Shelburne Supermarket (and look for the gnomes and fairies)! For more information call (802)343-0471 or email terispirit2002@yahoo.com. – Terri Severson

Seeking weekend child care for our 7 y.o. son (in the 1st grade at Waldorf). We would like someone who has Saturday late afternoon/evening availability 1-2x/month. We live in Charlotte and would prefer to have someone old enough to drive to and from our home. Our boy is fun, easy going, and adventurous! Please inquire with Emma at emmaburrous@gmail.com or (802) 238-9649.

One bedroom basement apartment, located in the Ten Stones Community, available February 1st. 88 acres, community garden, trails, great biking and awesome neighbors! 600 Square feet, open kitchen, eating and living room, good sized bedroom, 3/4 bath. Heat, electric, wifi, and use of laundry included. Rent \$950. Mary Spicer

Wonderful horse looking for a new home. Copper is a 14-year-old, 15.3 hand Quarter Horse gelding, calm temperament, excellent ground manners, good natured. Loves to trail ride and enjoys jumping on occasion. Can be leased or given to a good home. Information: isabellelw@gmavt.net, (802) 363-3018. -- Isabelle

Parent's Helper Desired: We work full-time and could use some help with daily tasks including kitchen clean-up, tidying up, laundry folding, sweeping, and vacuuming, estimate 1-2 hours per day, Monday through Thursday. Ideal for an LCWS high school student with their own form of transportation. Email epinel@uvm.edu.

The Week Ahead and Beyond...

TO SEE THE SCHOOL CALENDAR [click here](#).

There are four, layered calendars (All School, College Guidance, Middle and High School Sports), which you can turn on or off. Click on the drop-down arrow next to the "Agenda" tab.

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