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LAKE CHAMPLAIN WALDORF SCHOOL

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Kindergarteners at work and play! Some moments from our early childhood classes for you to enjoy.



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Boys and Girls Basketball Teams Continue to Roll!

The boys and girls basketball teams returned to the court from the holiday break, picking up where they left off. During the past week both teams have played the Vikings of Mountainside Christian Academy back-to-back: once on the slippery floor of the Schroon Lake gym and then back home in the comfy surroundings of Memorial Auditorium.

The girls team has grown in size and proficiency under coach Scott Walter. At Schroon Lake they were up against a team that tightly pressed on defense, grabbed the ball at every

opportunity, and shot very well. The game was marred by a less-than-ideal playing surface, and there were several tumbles with injuries resulting. However, the Wildcats demonstrated defensive tenacity and the game was close. The hometown parents were impressed by the harmonic Waldorf cheering gallery (i.e. the LCWS boys team). We lost this game 16-13, but took away several lessons. The tables were turned on Tuesday at Memorial Auditorium. Our squad took an early lead, pressed on defense and showed a better shot selection. This one was a nailbiter. With one minute to go, we were down by four points. Walter called a couple of strategic timeouts that led to points and turnovers, and with 35 seconds to go, the score was tied at 26. As the clock wound down Clara Slesar snagged three key rebounds and dropped in one for the winning basket. "It was satisfying," she said afterwards. Great job by all!

Building on last year's experience, the boys team has turned into a juggernaut. Last year the Vikings were victorious, but this year was a different story. Our maturing team of seniors and sophomores has developed into the best Waldorf team in recent memory. There have been terrific Waldorf players in the past, but no group has played so well together as a team. The ball movement is at a whole new level with no-look and backdoor passes, cutting forwards, and timely three-point shooting from the Scanlon brothers. Oliver Creech and Christopher Krag sail through the air for rebounds and put-backs. The Powell brothers cover the backcourt and force multiple turnovers. Overall, the team has simply put on a dominating show this year. Even after they reined in their shooting, the final score this week was 64-28. Our game tonight against an excellent Trinity squad should test the mettle of this most excellent Wildcat team.

-- Tom Powell, *Our Voice* reporter-at-large



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Physics Block: Sound and Light

The sixth grade is in the midst of their first study of physics. We began exploring sound by training ourselves to really listen and observe. For example, we listened to an object in air, water and earth. We also realized that sound moves when speaking back and forth to each other through a 160 ft hose.



Physics bookwork by candlelight. You could hear a pin drop in the room and when they spoke they automatically whispered.

This past week we studied light. It took six adults and 3.5 hours to totally darken the classroom so that no light penetrated. In our daily homework assignments we observe the light coming into the darkness (dawn) and the darkness coming into the light (dusk). One of the most remarkable experiments is to see how light projected from a light source, in a completely darkened room, can not be seen until you clap erasers over the light and the particles reflect it to the human eye.

Just one of the many wonders of Waldorf Education.-- *Katherine Verman*

College Acceptances

Congratulations to **Oliver Creech** on his acceptance to *Guilford College in Greensboro, NC and to **Amanda Debellis** on her acceptance to the University of New Hampshire. **Vincent Gauthier** has been accepted to both Allegheny College in Meadville, PA* and College of Wooster in Wooster, OH*. Finally, congratulations to **Marissa Guidry** on her acceptances the University of Mary Washington, Fredericksburg, VA and to Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, FL.*

*One of the forty schools featured in the well-respected college guide 40 Colleges that Change Lives.

NEW LCWS Community Event Coming Soon: We are talking food, friends, fun and fundraising

Like to host (or attend!) dinners, parties, barbeques, teas, picnics, game nights?

We're launching a wonderful fundraiser (inspired by a successful annual event from the Burlington Unitarian Universalist Church). The concept is that LCWS community members host a social gathering and we bid on "seats" to attend!



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The gatherings can be anything from "tea & poetry" "soup & board games" to "localvore dinner extravaganza." The host sets the theme, date and time, and the number of people who can attend. And then the fun part begins...folks can bid on seats at the gatherings, and are able to outbid each other, all in the good fun of raising money for our school. Bidding will take place over a 2 week period in February, but the actual social event can take place ANY time through the year, at the host's convenience.



photo: Wit + Delight

We are excited about this new event series, as it has the potential to really bring all of us at LCWS together in a variety of ways which will speak to all interests in our community. We would like to launch with 10 gatherings.

Would you be interested in hosting one of these gatherings? If so, or if you'd just like to talk about some ideas for gatherings, please contact [Sharon Richards](#) or use this [host form](#).

Focus on Philanthropy



We are deeply grateful for so many in the community who made generous year-end gifts to *The Time is Now* capital campaign and to the Annual Fund. We reached our year-end goal of 100 gifts. In particular, thank you to our wonderful faculty and staff; 100% have supported. Thank you!

To date, our community has raised \$1.95 million toward the overall Capital Campaign goal of \$2.35 million. With your generosity, we are in the last leg of our efforts to raise the funding to transform the Turtle Lane and High School campuses, creating a true legacy for current and future students and the faculty who teach them every day.

At the start of the school year, "The Four Pillars" of our school - parents, grandparents, alumni parents and the Board of Trustees - challenged us by committing \$200,000 to the campaign when we raise the last \$300,000. We have raised \$100K toward that \$300K goal!!

Over 39% of current parents have given to the campaign so far. With \$200K to go to complete the campaign, if you haven't yet made your contribution, please consider making your gift today. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact [Lisa Espenshade](#) in the Development Office or [Trina Webster](#) and [Maureen Wheeler](#), parents and Co-Chairs of the Capital Campaign. With YOUR help we will reach the goal of transforming our campuses!

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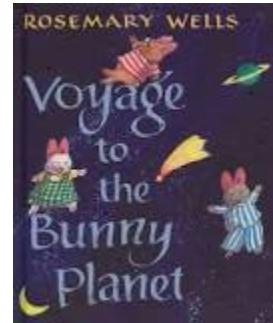


Bring families and friends to our Winter Open House next weekend! If you know anyone who is exploring independent schools, invite them to come meet faculty from our Parent & Child, Early Childhood, Grade School, and High School. There will be a presentation on Waldorf Education at 11am. High school students and faculty will give tours of the campus and be available to answer questions. RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) (802) 985-2827 ext. 12.

In My Book

The first in a monthly series reviewing favorite children's books
By Abigail Diehl-Noble

Rabbits have a certain caché in children's literature. From Peter to the bunny in *Goodnight Moon*, these small, furry mammals seem to beg to be child substitutes: innocent yet mischievous, and very, very cute.



Rosemary Well's brilliant collection of stories, *Voyage to the Bunny Planet*, offers rabbits of a different kind. Don't think of Peter's great escapades in the garden, but of a slightly awkward rabbit shuffling unwittingly into difficulties. Each book in this series masterfully sketches out in a few pages of watercolor and text just how bad a child's bad day can be: not eating enough breakfast, getting sick at school, hiding from rough cousins.

And this is where Wells' genius becomes clear. Happily, these bunny children get to re-live their bad days as they "should have been," with the help of a rabbit godmother. The shift into fantasy re-take is marked when the language moves from ordinary speech into lilting rhyme: "Far beyond the moon and stars/Twenty light years south of Mars/Spins the gentle bunny planet/And the Bunny Queen is Janet."

The days that should have been are so good that, well, I get choked up reading about them. My children love the books as much as I do, but watch me closely, ready to whack me at the first sign of excess feeling. In spite of this domestic tension, we always finish the books under the spell of warmth and coziness that Wells casts. The best part is that at the end of each tale, as the bunny leaves dreamland, he or she looks up to see the real bunny planet in the night sky. "It was always there!" they say.

Rosemary Wells, life-long artist (she illustrated most of her own books) and writer, knows that we all

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have a place inside to which we can escape when the going gets rough. I love sharing that wisdom with my children through this series, now bound together in one great book.

Viking Press; Ages 4-Adult

Help wanted: School seeking e-commerce & e-ticketing programmer

Our school holds events and sales throughout the year, and we are looking to simplify and reduce the cost of online merchandising. If you have experience with WordPress and the expertise to help us create an online interface for our ticketing events and product sales, we would love to talk to you. Contact [Kristin DeBellis](#) in the Development Office at 985-2827 x14.

SAVE THE DATE!

"Simplicity Parenting" Workshop Series

Join the **slow parenting movement** and learn ways to simplify and slow down your home environment, create predictable rhythms, simplify your child's weekly schedule, build relationships with your child and discover the benefit of filtering out the adult world.

On February 13th at 7pm Anne Shapiro will offer a free introductory workshop open to all. The series will continue on Feb 20, March 6, 13, 20 and each of these sessions will cost \$20.

Anne Shapiro is a Waldorf teacher with 20 years of teaching experience, a mother of three grown children, and a trained facilitator in Simplicity Parenting. She loves the work of helping parents create the family life they want for themselves and their children.

Tuition Adjustment

Reminder! If you have not received the Tuition Adjustment Committee email with the application instructions, please inquire at financialaid@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org. **Application deadline is February 1.**

Community News

Oneness Awakening course for children offered Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the Verman home in Charlotte. It will take place from 9:00 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Moriah Helms and Jill Wolcott will be the trainers leading the course. Questions about the course should be referred to [Moriah](#) and [Jill](#). Questions about the location and specific details, to [Katherine Verman](#).

YOGA-DANCE classes with Joan White-Hansen are being held Monday and Friday afternoons at the Waldorf High School on Ferry Road in Charlotte from 3:30 - 4:30 through February. Open to high school students and adults. Classes

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Classifieds

Magical Beginnings: Enrolling now for part-time openings! The Magical Beginnings morning program provides care for children ages 6 weeks through 18 months. Our program is inspired by the principles of Waldorf early childhood education, and the infant and toddler care philosophy of Emmi Pikler and Magda Gerber. This program emphasizes nurturing care, while supporting infants as active participants in their daily routine. Magical Beginnings is an outdoor focused program with significant time spent outdoors giving young children the chance to connect to and explore the natural world around them. <http://magicforestearlychildhood.com/>

My name is Alma, I graduated from the Monadnock Waldorf School in 2004. After taking time off, I'm returning to finish my degree at UVM. **I'm looking for a room, home share or house sitting opportunity** now until May. Can help with chores, tutoring, cooking, or running errands in exchange for a room or reduced rent. alma.arteaga@gmail.com, 603-738-9378.

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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