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Our 29th Annual Spring Benefit at the Coach Barn at Shelburne Farms was outstanding! A little pizzazz, a lot of tradition, and a team of dedicated volunteers combined as perfect elements to create our beloved event. We were surrounded by glorious music, amazing food, the best company one could ask for, and the most generous auction in our school's history. We humbly express our gratitude to the many hands who made sure that each detail of the event received special, heartfelt attention.

A hearty *Bravo!* to **Steve Olson, Victor Gould, Gareth Olson, student musicians, soloists and adult chorus**. The central focus of our musicians' gift to our community makes this Gala event uniquely spirited and rich.

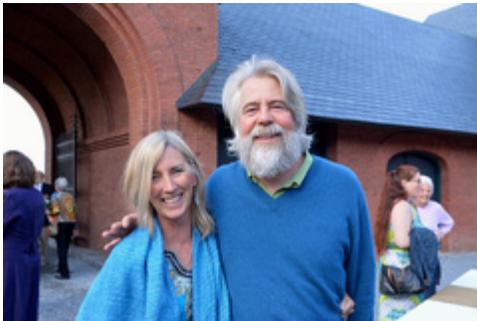
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As I write this note of gratitude, my heart skips a beat as I watch the late night auction totals tip past last year's record-breaking amount! I am speechless, and truly blessed to be among you in this community.

"Thank You" seems so insignificant, yet so meaningful.

~Karen Nolin Govett
for the LCWS Spring Benefit Committee



Thanks to Dana Govett '16 and Trina Webster for the photos that so beautifully capture the evening.

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A Song for Joshua...

My daughter, **Magnolia Snow Francis**, was a classmate of **Joshua Moore's** in **Sueanne's** kindergarten class. When Joshua went into the hospital this past October I was asked to sub for Sueanne. One of the only songs I could think of to sing and hum while in the classroom during those tender days was "[We Are Children](#)" which was written by my mother, Alice Damon, when I was a little girl.

After Joshua's death I sang it again at the service that was held at our school, but this time I was singing it for Joshua and I could feel that it was really my mother's gift to him. After all, she is a grandmother and even though she's in spirit she's still very much a grandmother....maybe even more so.

The next time I sang it was for Joshua's parents, **Christina and Jason Moore**, at the candlelight vigil that Sueanne held for them every week. It was then that I realized that I was meant to give it to Joshua and his family as an offering from my mother and me.



Melinda and Magnolia

The song "We Are Children" is now being offered to the extended LCWS community, and all of the proceeds will go to the Joshua Moore Scholarship Fund, making it possible for children to attend our amazing school who otherwise would be unable to.

I just love thinking that Joshua and Grandma Alice are together in the heavenly realms, laughing and giggling at the thought that they are supporting each other and fulfilling their earthly dreams without even being here! Bravo Joshua & Alice. When you listen to it, in honor of all those who have passed before us, please do your very best to follow the words, embrace their true meaning and let your heart wings open wide.

With many blessings and so much love we make this offering to you and yours.

Melinda Kinzie

To contribute to the Joshua Moore Scholarship Fund and download the song, please visit:

<http://melindakinzie.bandcamp.com/track/we-are-children>

You're invited...



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LAKE CHAMPLAIN WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2014

The Faculty, Staff, Board of Trustees and Class of 2014
of the Lake Champlain Waldorf School request the honor of your presence at the
HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY
on Saturday June 7 at 10:00 am, at the Charlotte Campus
Reception Immediately Following Ceremony
735 Ferry Road, Charlotte, Vermont
802.425.6195

Willy Wonka



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The eighth graders did a fantastic job portraying the "chocolate learning" that unfolds throughout *Willy Wonka* while the fourth graders were enthusiastic "baby Oompah Loompahs." Thanks to Trina Webster for sharing these photos from the last performance. For more images, please [visit the school's Facebook page](#).

Eighth Grade Graduation



Ambient Photography gets the credit for this fabulous picture of Mr. Foster and the kids!

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All are welcome to celebrate with the eighth graders and their families at the graduation ceremony on Thursday, June 5th at 4:30pm at the high school campus.



What happens when you have a mandolin, a fiddle and a student with his camera?

Hint: **Oliver** has the answer! Check your email on Monday for a very special video starring a group of high school kids who can't wait to move to the new campus. You'll be amazed at what took place when they got together after lunch and passed around a small blackboard and some chalk...

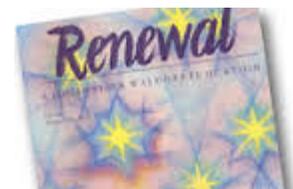


Last Day of School Beach Party

The tradition continues! On the last day of school, students, parents and friends are invited to the Shelburne Town Beach for an annual end-of-the-year celebration. The school has reserved the beach and grounds from 3:30-6:00pm and families are welcome to bring snacks, dinner and games to this casual, fun-filled gathering.

Renewal Magazine

The spring edition of the Renewal Magazine is here! The Association of Waldorf Schools of North America (AWSNA) publishes this journal biannually. It is full of articles addressing Waldorf education and parenting issues. This edition has some really interesting articles in it--subjects such as the Waldorf foreign language program, physics



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in eighth grade, girls' and boys' movement and healthy development, parenting, wifi, and a few book reviews! LCWS offers copies of this magazine to our school families and they are available in the foyers of all three buildings. Enjoy!

Shout-Outs

We are experimenting with a new section of the newsletter where readers can express gratitude toward other community members. If you'd like to submit a Shout-Out, please email: newsletter@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

Kudos to **all the Spring Benefit organizers!** After having a wonderful night out last night, I was reflecting this morning on all the student oriented logistics that have made the past week doable for families. Transportation to Saint Michael's College and snacks both Wednesday and Thursday nights were so appreciated by our household and I know many others. Burritos and the after-concert farm scene made the students feel like they got an evening out too. Stellar. Thank you all for those details which I know are just one little part of the huge endeavor which is the benefit.

With great appreciation,
Emily Laird

Classifieds

East Charlotte House For Sale. We are selling our dear little house at 1212 Prindle Road. It's in a gorgeous corner of Prindle Corners - 15 minutes to LCWS, and 12 to Hinesburg. Three bedroom, 2 bath with such a lovely yard of just under 2 acres. (It's such a sweet place for a family; it inspired Sparkle's "Martin & Sylvia" stories!) It hits the market next week on Thursday -- so if you're interested, call us, and we can give you the details. Lisabeth Sewell McCann: lsewellmccann@gmail.com or 802-540-5545.

School Sheep Care needed. June 8 through June 29 at the Turtle Lane Campus: Tess (3) and Baby (10+) need at least one daily visit with love (yours), grain and hay (provided), and fresh water (nearby). If you are interested in this sweetly rewarding volunteer sheep-care opportunity, please call Lisa McCullough at 985-2531.

Cello: Want to Borrow. Would you breathe easier knowing that your smallish cello would be enjoying a fun-filled summer vacation with a curious, humble, and careful parent who would like a taste of learning to play it? If so, please call Lisa McCullough at 985-2531

House for Sale. Parent of graduating 12th grader is downsizing and selling her gorgeous Burlington home. If you or anyone you know is house hunting, don't miss this one. Classic and creative best describe this wonderful home in the hill section! Set on a beautiful, fenced city lot in the perfect location to downtown Burlington, this home has tons of character and artistic touches, filled with light and heart. 4 bedrooms, including a master suite with lake and mountain views, renovated bathrooms with clawfoot tubs plus full stand up shower and washer/drier. Two fireplaces, (one wood, one gas) hardwood floors, formal dining room, remodeled kitchen with a sun-filled breakfast nook, 2 offices and a cozy den/office off kitchen, full mudroom, full basement and attic, newer energy efficient boiler, backyard deck with summer awning, and side covered porch, plus a 2-car garage. Lilacs and roses in the summer and plenty of room for full gardens. So many updates and renovations have been completed to this home since ownership! Easy access to Rt. 7, bus lines, and an easy walk into downtown Burlington. 15-20 minute drive to school. [View listing.](#)

Buy CAbi Clothing and benefit LCWS. Purchase this season's great looks! Stop by 4946 Spear St. Shelburne, Saturday May 31, 4 pm, or make a private appointment. These are quality women's clothes with an amazing fit and style. I am donating 20% of purchases to the school, so treat yourself and the school! To RSVP or set up an appt: mcomey@me.com, 802-355-1905. For CAbi information visit www.melendycomey@cabionline.com Melendy Comey,

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Ultra High Men's Bog boots for sale. Barely worn! Size 9. Great outdoor boots, warm, very durable with cut out handles to pull on. \$60.00 Please call Suzanne 425-4989.

Thanks for the many ways that you support the Lake Champlain Waldorf School.

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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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