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LAKE CHAMPLAIN WALDORF SCHOOL

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Class Plays at the Grade School

In the last few weeks, the grade school has been transformed into a medieval town in the midst of a drought, a fairy bower in an ancient Greek forest, a chocolate factory, the world that the Frost Giants call home, and the grounds of a castle lost in time.

Class plays are considered one of the arts in a Waldorf school, and are carefully chosen to reflect the pedagogical and developmental needs of each class. Unlike in most traditional plays where a director would cast roles based on who would perform the best, a Waldorf teacher takes a different approach. Students in a Waldorf school receive roles that offer opportunities for growth.



Mr. Foster works with the eighth grade on *Willy Wonka*.

In describing the thought and care that goes into selecting each role, Meredith Markow shared with parents: "Sometimes when we cast a play we shine a spotlight on a quality that the child exudes and we want to acknowledge, and sometimes we want to shine the light on the vision of what we expect them to be growing toward. And sometimes it's just because the fit is just too perfect to deny."

Below are photos of the first, fourth, sixth and seventh graders. The eighth grade will be performing *Willy Wonka* on May 20 and 21. There will be two shows each day: one during school and one in the evening. All are welcome.

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First Grade: Briar Rose



Much to the delight of their gathered family and friends, the First Grade performed a sweet rendition of "Briar Rose"- a tale in which a cursed princess is put to sleep for one hundred years. The story unfolded as the entire class spoke together in verse. Each child had a role, from the tenacious prince who finally wakens Princess Rose to the prickly briar patch outside the castle. An uplifting song and dance ended the clever and imaginative presentation.--Justine Viets

Fourth Grade: Iduna and the Golden Apples

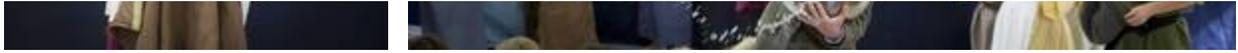


The Norse Gods are mighty and mortal-- to maintain their strength and postpone their physical demise, they eat daily of Iduna's magical apples. The Norse Gods courageously and continuously strive for greatness, just as the fourth grade class does.--Heather Bauman

Sixth Grade: Maddie the Bold and the Evil Beans



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(Thanks to Kathy Pintair at Ambient Photography for these images of the sixth grade play.)

Seventh Grade: A Midummers Night's Dream



(Thanks to Mashobane Moruthane for sharing his photos.)

The Senior Class Trip

The senior class is wrapping up its two week adventure in the southwest. After canoeing down the San Juan River, the students hiked into and then back out of Canyon de Chelly (if you look really closely in the second picture you may be able to see the kids). Their travels then brought them to the Navajo Nation in Arizona where they completed a service project for Milton Bluehouse, the former president of the Navajo Nation. The 12th graders stayed with Milton's sister and worked on rebuilding the family's *hogan*, a traditional Navajo structure.



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Welcome Exchange Students



We extend a warm welcome to our new exchange students. Pictured from left to right are: 11th grade student **Dominik Eisl** from Germany, and 10th graders **Beni Balog**, from Budapest, Hungary and **S raphin Methez** from Colmar, France. Dominik has been staying with **Eli Barlow** and his family and has extended his visit to stay with **Ross Wheeler** and his family. Beni is visiting LCWHS for three weeks and is living with the family of **Christina and Gianna Kiehl**. S raphin is living with the family of **Tobias Fredner-Matesi**. Tobias will attend school in France in the fall.

Congratulations to the following high school students:

Congratulations to **Nancy Lewis** who has been accepted to **Colby-Sawyer**, New London, NH, **Guilford College**, Greensboro, NC, **McDaniel College**, Westminster, MD, **Roanoke College**, Salem, VA and **Seton Hall**, S. Orange, NJ! Guilford College and McDaniel College are both featured in *40 College that Change Lives*.

Congratulations to the following students who have been accepted to **Vermont Governor's Institute of the Arts**: **Sofia Dallas-Severance** and **Maeve McCurdy** and **Joji Roth**. Congratulations also to **Brendan Fontanez** who has been accepted to **Champlain College's Young Writers' Conference**.

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LCWS Faculty and Staff Volunteer at Waldorf Schools Around the World

*We have some world travellers among our faculty and staff who have recently devoted their vacations to volunteering at Waldorf schools in Peru, India and Guatemala. This piece was written by **Rebekah Hopkinson** who spent April break in India.*

Aarambh Waldorf School of Delhi

Before the children arrive, Namita Porwal fills a bowl with marigold petals and places it on the floor in the center of the room. She then kneels down at the entrance to the front door, as she does each day, to paint a rangoli, a colorful design drawn with bright colors to welcome in the gods. "India is full of form drawings," she tells me, smiling.

When the children arrive they follow Namita's quiet lead and begin working next to her, digging up the overgrown flower beds. The children pull out grass and big rocks, scraps of broken pottery, old beads, and a plastic bottle from the earth, exclaiming about the Khazana, or treasures, they find.

Aarambh first started several years ago with community outreach and parent education around the Waldorf teaching philosophy. In July of 2013 Namita welcomed a handful of children into her home-based kindergarten. This month, with a recent total of nine children, the Aarambh Waldorf School moved into their new school, a beautiful building in the Vasant Kunj neighborhood of New Delhi. The new Aarambh Waldorf School building has a rooftop terrace and a big yard, freshly painted white walls ready for lazure, three rooms for classrooms, and an outbuilding designated for community workshops. **It is fitting that Aarambh means "beginning," for this school is on the brink of a tremendous journey.**

The day is full of activities that have the hallmark of a Waldorf school - a snack of fresh fruit cut by the children, circle time with songs, dances and poems in both English and Hindi, free play, an activity of stringing beads of various sizes and shapes, and a healing story, told in Hindi that captivated even the most squirrely five year old. At the end of the day Namita takes each child in her arms, including her daughter Shivanshi, and gives them a big kiss on the cheek.

Over lunch at Namita's home, I meet Ameeta Shetty Kapur, another teacher working with Aarambh. I ask what the school needs most at this point and they do not hesitate to answer. They have faith that funds can be raised, there are many local craftspeople to supply classes with materials, but what are harder to come by are trained Waldorf teachers. Namita says, "We are a new initiative and need mentors to guide us with their rich experience."

This year the Lake Champlain Waldorf School will turn 30 years old. During my visit with Aarambh I think often of LCWS's humble beginnings in the rented basement of a church with only a handful of kids and a few dedicated parents. The similarity between that history and what I see at Aarambh is striking. This only makes me more excited to see what the Aarambh Waldorf School will be in 30 years. It is just a seed school now but housed in that seed is a world of possibility for a blooming flower.



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India, please send your good wishes to <https://facebook.com/AarambhDelhiWaldorf> and visit <http://aarambhwaldorf.wordpress.com/> for more information.

-Rebekah Hopkinson, Class Teacher, First Grade



The entrance to Aarambh Waldorf School of Delhi where Rebekah volunteered last month.



Every day a rangoli is painted on the floor to welcome the gods.

Do you have any old or unused shoes? Please, bring them to school.

On Friday, May 30 the 7th grade will be participating in a shoe drive organized as a fundraiser by [Youth Catalytics](http://YouthCatalytics.org) of Charlotte, VT. This is a project in which shoes are collected from donors, and then through the support of a secondary organization called Funds2org.com the shoes are sent to developing nations around the world. There, to support the development of micro-businesses the shoes are repaired, cleaned and made ready for purchase at prices affordable to those who would not otherwise own shoes. Shoes that are not repairable are recycled in this country and much landfill waste is avoided.

More in the upcoming weeks about this project and Youth Catalytics. For now, however **we ask that you survey your old or unused shoes and place in trash bags what you might be glad to discard. More of an impact is made if the shoes you donate are gently used, but they may be in any condition as long as they are in pairs.** We will happily receive them at the Turtle Lane Campus on Friday, May 30 from 8:00am through 2:30pm. There will also be a drop-off point at the Charlotte campus from 8:00 to 10:00 am. Thank you in advance! ---The Seventh Grade

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Reminder: Seed Sale Next Week

The sixth grade will be selling sixteen varieties of seeds on May 13th, 14th, 15th, and 16th in the Front Foyer of the Grade School and the Kindergarten Buildings. This project is part of the students' business math block, and they will donate all profits to a charity. Thanks for supporting their efforts.



The Spring Benefit is just one week away!

The musicians are ready, chef Michael is preparing a fantastic feast, the huge auction will knock your socks off (which we really don't want to be wearing anymore anyway), the Coach Barn will be beautiful, and whether the weather is balmy or stormy, it will be One Glorious Evening. **Now all we need is to know who is coming! Please [go online to make your reservation](#), or bring your reservation card to the grade school, or drop it in the mail ASAP.**



Rustic Roots is catering the Gala on May 17th.

The auction is live today and bidding is now open! There will be auction catalogs available in each school building. The [online auction](#) is a great way to see every item, begin bidding, and put in your absentee bids if needed. But the paper catalog is really nice for leisurely perusing. New this year, look for several "fund a need" items...where you "win" something for the school, like new irons for handwork, costume clothing racks, or a science lab table. Thank you again to everyone who has donated items, or helped put together this fantastic auction.

Family Concert Next Thursday

Spring Benefit is just one week away, and the celebration begins with Family Concert NEXT THURSDAY! Our families can expect to hear one of the most beautiful musical performances yet crafted by **Steve Olson**, tapping into the reverent and acoustically brilliant design of Saint Michael's Chapel. Here are a few tips to prepare for what is sure to be an astounding evening:



1. The concert begins at 5 p.m, SHARP, so please plan ahead. **Traffic on route 15 is very heavy at that time of day, so give yourself plenty of time to arrive and park.** Doors open at 4:30 p.m.
2. Please plan on parking at the General Commuter or Founders lots; individuals requiring closer parking due to physical limitations may park at the Hoehl Welcome Center Visitor Parking. [Click here](#) to view an interactive map of Saint Michael's campus.
3. While the event is free, please consider a donation. We will not be accepting donations at the event, but would be thrilled to receive donations via our [online event site](#), or in the Development Office, c/o Kristin DeBellis.

For questions, please contact [Kristin DeBellis](#) in the Development Office at 985-2827, ext 14 (shared).

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Auction Art on Display this Week

Thanks to **Mike Doran**, the art that has been donated to the auction is now on display in the grade school foyer.

Come by and take a look at these stunning pieces and then bid when the auction goes live today!

If you have any questions, please contact [Sharon Richards](#) in the Development Office.



We love Grandparents!

Norm Riggs, grandfather to **Lucie and Hannah Webster**, and "Pops" to everyone else, visited Lucie's fifth grade class this week to show the students some of his extensive butterfly collection.

"Pops" has been studying and collecting butterflies for over 60 years and explained that butterflies are one of the most fragile creatures on the planet, so tracking them is one of the fastest ways to see how environmental changes are impacting the plant and animal world. He also talked about how important knowledge of plant life is to the study of butterflies because these beautiful insects are not flexible in their food source.

The 5th grade has been studying the life cycle of the butterfly and the class is preparing for a visit to the Montreal Botanical Garden's Insectarium after the Pentathlon.

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Grandparents are such an important part of our school community and **next Friday is Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day**, the day when loved ones are our honored guests for the morning. The day offers a combination of classroom visits, student presentations and time to explore the school. If you have a friend or family member who would like to attend, please let [Lisa Espenshade](#) know their names and the grades they would like to visit. "Pops" will



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122 Bostwick Road looks different every day



The daily changes at the new campus for the high school are exciting to witness. We still need to raise funds to complete the construction, and we are striving for 100% parent participation in the capital campaign. **100% of the faculty and staff have already contributed.** Please show your support, and [give today](#).



Enclosing the old porch to make space for classrooms and the student lounge.



Walking in through the front door. The worker is where the kitchen will be located.



The white part of the ceiling was outside. It will now become part of the student lounge.



A HUGE science lab in the making.

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TUITION PAYMENTS: Please do not delay

Please remember to get all tuition payments current to avoid to avoid late fees and finance charges. Tardy tuition payments cost the school time and money! Please attend to this immediately. If you need to have a statement emailed to you, please email tborden@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org Thank you. ---Terri Borden

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.

Nearly every Friday for the last five years, come rain or shine, wood smoke has curled up out of the mouth of our dragon oven. Many parent volunteers have helped to make this day possible and **the last two years Baker Mike Sweeney has been on hand to help my kindergarten bakers cook their bread outdoors.** The children love to contribute a little bit of their bread to create a special thank you bread for Baker Mike and he has become a fond friend of our kindergarten. We love you Baker Mike! Thank you for all you do! --JoAnne Dennee



Loved the Free Press article! What an amazing accomplishment for this community! Such and great space and opportunity for our current high school students and the many more to come.--Howie Verman

Community News



Turtle Lane Camp Open House

Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m.-12 noon

Are you still looking for a creative, hands-on, imaginative camp for your 3-8 year old? Turtle Lane Camp is an arts and

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nature camp on the beautiful, wooded campus of the Lake Champlain Waldorf School in Shelburne. Get a taste of summer at our Camp Open House this Saturday as we build fairy houses, enjoy healthy snacks, and have time to play in the woods. RSVP to adiehnoble@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org

Classifieds

Piano Lessons Offered. I am a high school upperclassman and LCWS alumnus who is offering beginner to intermediate piano lessons for students ages 6 and up. I have played piano for 13 years and currently play in a Vermont folk band, called The Irregulars. I can teach a wide range of styles and repertoire including classical, pop and folk, as well as technique and theory. I live in Shelburne Village and offer lessons at my house on weekday afternoons. I follow the school year calendar and have a range of lesson options. Call soon as lessons are booking for the 2014/2015 school year. Please contact me at danacecelia@gmail.com or call (802)989-6910 for more information. Thank you, Dana Hartshorn

Child's rocking chair and table with two chairs looking for a new home. The rocking chair is wood with a neutral plaid seat, the table and chair set are natural and white wood. Table height about 20", chair seat height about 12". I will give them to you in exchange for your promise of a donation of your choice to LCWS. I can deliver them to school, or maybe bring to your home. Andrea Kerin akerin@gmavt.net

Seeking summer rental. We are a Monadnock Waldorf School family, looking for a house in the greater Burlington area to house sit or rent during the first two weeks in August. If you have a house/apartment or know of someone who may be interested please contact Isabelle at (603)209-1393.

Apartment for rent. Very sweet 1 bdr apt for rent in Shelburne village. Wood floors, open space, private and serene setting. Feels like living in a tree house. \$850 /mo. includes utilities, except heat (propane). Available in July. Please call Margaret or Jay 489-5696, or email margaretcoan@mac.com

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

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Upcoming Events At A Glance

May is a very full month at LCWS. There are class plays, class trips, parent evenings, sports events, and field trips taking place weekly. For a more detailed look at class-specific activities, please visit our [online calendar](#).

May 13: High School Observation Morning, 8:30-10:30am

May 13: Grade School May Day, Turtle Lane Campus, 10:45-12:15

May 15: Spring Benefit Family Concert, St. Michael's College Chapel, Colchester

May 16: Grandparents' and Special Friends' Day, Turtle Lane Campus

May 17: Spring Benefit Gala, Coach Barn at Shelburne Farms

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May 22 and 23: Pentathlon, The Field House

June 4: Last Day of School, K-12 (end of the year picnic at Shelburne Beach is in the works)

June 5: 8th grade graduation

June 7: 12th grade commencement

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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