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LAKE CHAMPLAIN WALDORF SCHOOL

OUR VOICE | October 4, 2013

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Ninth Grade Geology Trip

On Sunday, September 22nd the 9th grade class gathered in the high school parking lot. We carefully packed our gear while an appointed group went to a prearranged location on campus to gather some wild, Charlotte clay. Our group then set off south, stopping to visit a small cave before setting up our tents near Mount Equinox.

As we sat around the campfire that night, we shaped our clay as we discussed the significance of the planetary equinox, and listened to stories the class had written about the creation of various landforms. Before going to bed we tucked our clay creations into glowing coals and woke the next morning to see our work emerge from the ashes.

We panned for gold at Camp Plymouth but only came away with lustrous flakes and no nuggets! From the top of Mt. Ascutney we envisioned glaciers stretching across New England, and the next day, in the Ossipee

Mountains, we shifted perspectives to imagine the workings of magma and lava.

Several students tested their climbing skills on the pink granite of the Madison Boulder before we turned north into the White Mountains. There we hiked Mt. Willard to look back and see the glacially carved valley. Before leaving Crawford Notch, we hiked to Arethusa Falls and Frankenstein Cliffs.

On our last night we opened the geodes that the class received as gifts from the 10th grade. In returning to civilization on Friday afternoon, we stopped first for a warm welcome at Orchard Valley Waldorf School where we visited with the second grade and said goodbye to several in our party. Once again back to LCWHS, the class did a wonderful job cleaning the gear so that it is ready for the next group! Kudos to chaperone Tom Hyde and chaperone/sponsor Laura Slesar, and many kudos to the 9th grade campers! *Pamela Sonn*



PARENT WORKSHOP:

Learning that Grows with the Learner:

An Introduction to Waldorf Education

Tuesday, October 8, 7:00 pm

What makes Waldorf education unique? What is the philosophy behind it? Bring your questions to the conversation as we talk about Waldorf education and anthroposophy. A workshop for Waldorf parents, experienced and new—and all who would like to know more. Turtle Lane campus.

RSVP to [Pam Graham](#) (802) 985-2827.

Fourth Grade Pioneer Days at New Village Farm

The weekly fourth grade New Village Farm curriculum switched this week from Native American skills (fire-building, woods walking, scraping and preparing a buckskin) to settler skills.

Following the footsteps of the European settlers, students are chopping wood, harvesting from the gardens, grinding grain, knot tying (making doors for the chicken houses), basket making, repairing the outdoor oven, and preparing for a Farm Overnight in two weeks time. The fourth graders will sleep in the barn they helped to frame as third graders.



We wish send such gratitude to the New Village Farm for this educational experience, One could hear many children say that they wished that they were pioneers.





Call for Actors and Halloween Volunteers: Forest of Magic and Mystery

We need troupes of volunteers to help make this magical Halloween event happen. If you are interested in a fun, creative volunteer opportunity, or just love Halloween, this is the event for you! We especially need help in these areas: actors, costume organizer, fire-tenders, pumpkin gatherers, treasure czar (making and gathering little home-made treasures), and emcee/announcer folks. Contact [Abigail Diehl-Noble](#) for more information and to volunteer.





raise the roof!
Party

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**COME Kick-off "The Time Is Now"
Capital Campaign**

as we Celebrate Generosity and Build on Success

RAISE THE ROOF PARTY
*Saturday, October 12th, at 7:30 pm
at the future home of our high school*

7:30: enjoy wine reception, mingle with friends and meet fabulous new ones
8:15: Campaign Rally
8:30: Dance Party with DJ extraordinaire Acroy Cofiño

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Saturday, October 12 | 7:30pm
at the future new HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS
122 Bostwick Road, Shelburne

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we all work
together for our mutual
potential • dancing motion where
by the participant pushes both hands up in
the air • phrase used to express a desire to get a party
started • an ergonomic way of expressing mass awesomeness by
pushing up the air, meaning it can't even touch you because your
cause of celebration is immeasurable.

FREE EVENT • ADULTS ONLY
ALL WELCOME • CASUAL

Come have a ball!
RSVP to [Lisa Espenshade](#).

Focus on Philanthropy

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." Maya Angelou



This week's question: How do we compare with other Waldorf schools?

We are just like everyone else ... only more so.

Last year we participated in an informal survey of K-12 Waldorf schools, which looked at annual giving, sources of funds and staffing. My conclusion is that LCWS is just like everyone else ... only more so. An old business partner of mine used to say that certain comparisons were "apples to bricks" by which he meant that you couldn't really look at the things you were being asked to group and draw any useful conclusions. To some extent comparing LCWS to schools in other parts of the country risks an apples to bricks comparison. But here is what I see in the just like everyone else category:

- Philanthropy is alive and well in Waldorf schools across the country
- Their work is shepherded by professional development staffs with various backgrounds
- Most schools get most of their money through annual unrestricted giving but also rely on auctions, events and grants
- And, in the only "more so" category: based on enrollment size and local demographics, our school works out of a smaller population and economy but has comparable fundraising goals!

Against these reflections, I begin to really recognize the scope of what our Capital Campaign and Annual Giving Campaign say about the generosity of spirit, passion and commitment of so many parents, grandparents, friends and faculty members in our community. From the simply breathtaking gifts of foundations and individuals who are able, to gifts based on accumulating automatic payroll deductions: OUR COMMUNITY GIVES! I count it a privilege to be among you. Thank you.

Josh Simonds, LCWS Board President

If you would like to get involved, or have questions please [Lisa Espenshade](#), Development Director

Our deepest condolences go out to Manon Roberge and her family for the recent loss of her father.

A Joyous Michaelmas!

Our community celebrated Michaelmas on a beautiful, sunny, fall day last Saturday. Work parties cleared out invasive species, carrying branches and brush to a big bonfire where potatoes were roasted. Teachers and students offered four plays in the spirit of Michaelmas. We were serenaded by the beautiful singing of our teachers and ended the day with an abundant and delicious potluck. Thank you to our teachers for their incredible offering and to the volunteers who worked together to make this an unforgettable and joyous event!

Work Parties





Games and Activities





Music and Plays



The photos below were taken by our dear friends at [Ambient Photography](#).







Community News

The Foundations Studies in Arts and Anthroposophy course began last weekend, but is open for another month to newcomers. The course meets every other Sunday, from 3:30-7:30 pm, and includes a potluck meal, study, and arts. The course lasts one or two years, depending on interest and enrollment. Cost is \$1,950/year. Generous scholarship is available from the Center for Anthroposophy, which sponsors the course. No one is turned away for lack of funds. For more information please contact Heather Bauman HLbauman@hotmail.com or Abigail Diehl-Noble ADiehlNoble@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org or the Center for Anthroposophy.

Share the Oneness Blessing: Join us in JoAnne's kindergarten to share the Oneness Blessing or Deeksha. Experience unconditional love, peace, quieting of the mind, and heal relationships. Wednesdays at 4:00 pm. Bring a friend! All are welcome! Contact JoAnne for more information jdennee@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

Update on flood damage at Waldorf Schools in Boulder, CO from AWSNA

Shining Mountain Waldorf School's High School building underwent renovations this summer, which unfortunately experienced damage to their new flooring. Shepherd Valley's Early Childhood basement flooded, but they are up and operating and almost dry. Tara reports damage to costumes and their building annex, and their landscaping has been destroyed. They are accepting donations toward restoration of their grounds. If you would like more information contact: office@tarahighschool.org. Boulder Waldorf Kindergarten, the hardest hit, will take some time to rebuild. They have relocated to a local synagogue and are accepting donations of Waldorf early childhood items: play cloths, silks, wool, dolls, crayons, paint brushes, puppets, wooden toys, play animals. Contact suzanne@junipertreepuppets.com if you can offer any help.

Classifieds

Needed: A sitter/mothers helper for my 10 & 8 yr. old boys that can drive and has their own transportation. Cooking experience helpful. No permanent schedule but I can guarantee a certain amount of hours. Needed after school and some weekends early in the morning. Renee: 518-726-0423, Dame1014@aol.com.

Looking for a clean, full-size box spring in good condition. Rebekah: rhopkinson@lakechamplainwaldorfschool.org.

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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