

In the Community



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Holiday Assembly Dec 22, 1:25 p.m.

Our grade school classes will treat us to songs of the season and you're invited. There will be a community sing along. Please join us in the gym. Afterwards, the students will return to their classroom for a short time before the regular 2:10 p.m. dismissal. Care Programs will end at the regular 5:30 time.



Shepherd's Play Cancelled

The Shepherds Play will not take place this year, there will not be performances at Prairie Hill or at Tamarack Waldorf School. Look forward to seeing its return in the future. We understand since the dates have been publicized, we need you to help pass this information to those who were planning to attend.

Prairie Hill Over the Holidays

Please take all clothing home for the holidays, at dismissal on **Thursday, December 22**. (For MTW families, your last day will be **December 21**.) Care Programs will end at **5:30 p.m.**

Prairie Hill will be closed over break and there will be no one here to help get clothing left behind.

Have a wonderful time with family and friends and we'll see you back on **Thursday, January 5** (Care Programs resume).

Last Minute Shopping

Pick up those special items before the holiday from the School Store.

Spend \$15 or more on **Tuesday, December 20** and be entered into a drawing to win a True Defense basket (3 True Defense Kids and True Defense Adult).

Check out these fantastic discounts:

- 25% off Katie Kruse dolls
- 15% off all wooden vehicles and puzzles
- 15% off hand-dyed play silks
- 20% off True Botanica and Weleda when you buy three or more

This Week's Link

Waldorf Education in Public Schools

The Harvard Education Publishing Group from the Harvard Graduate School of Education is currently running a great article by **Laura Pappano** about Waldorf pedagogy and incorporating these methods into public schools. Read an excerpt at <http://www.hepg.org/hel/article/515>



What can I leave behind - a life that is marked by always trying to do things the right way, building a foundation in others, something that lives beyond me, helps people, and more important, causes them, in turn to want to help other people. Finish Strong and you help not just yourself; you help others - Tim Tebow

Calendar of Events

December 2011

- 20 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 22 2:10 dismissal
- 22 **Holiday Assembly** 1:25 p.m.
- 22 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.
Open to all
- 23 - 31 **NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK**

January 2012

- 1- 4 **NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK**
- 5 **SCHOOL RESUMES**
- 5 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.
Open to all
- 9 Parent Council Meeting 8:45 a.m.
- 12 **Marketing Meeting 6:30 p.m.**
- 12 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.
Open to all
- 14 Family Fun Night returns
- 17 Finance Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Fund Development Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 18 Buildings & Grounds Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Emergency Closing Information

Our Inclement Weather Closings will be announced through WISN Channel 4 and WTMJ radio, 620 AM. Our aim is to have a determination about inclement weather school closings made by 6:30 a.m., with public announcements as early as possible. Parents are welcome to pick up their child early when conditions make travel from their particular area hazardous.

Should the school decide to close before the end of the school day, we will announce through the above sources. If After Care Programs close early due to weather, you will be personally called to pick up your child.

Please be aware when large storms are approaching and listen to the above sources for closing information. After this information is announced by 6:30, a message will be placed on the School's voice mail. Please contact the school at this time if you have any questions about our snow closing procedures.

Sally Sommer



WHAT'S ON BOARD?



The Board of Trustees would like to announce that due to a last minute decision, the Board of Trustees are not able to provide the "10 minute community time" in the beginning of our meeting at the **December 20, 2011** Board of Trustees meeting. "The community is welcome to attend the meeting from **7 - 8:30 p.m.** The "community time" will continue again at the January 2012 meeting. Thank you for your understanding. **The Board of Trustees**

Playgroup Fun Spilling Over

Winter Playgroups are proving to be popular in warming up the season. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays are now full. We have opened a Monday class to accommodate the additional registrations we've received.

Join us for 11 weeks of adventure, song, crafts, and a very special time with your child. Contact the office 262-646-7497 or email news@phws.org for more information or to register. Sally Sommer on behalf of Playgroup



Ski Club Postponed till December 22

Due to the rain this past week, Ski Club has been postponed until Thursday, **December 22**, weather permitting. Otherwise, the Club will start on Thursday, **January 5** when school resumes. Remember you can still ski/snowboard during the break at a reduced rate using your Student ID Card; rates are good Sunday-Friday non-holidays. Contact Alpine Valley at (262) 642-7374 or www.alpinevalleyresort.com

True Botanica for Cold Relief

The Lungroot™ product is a breakthrough formula supporting the ear, nose, throat, lungs and immune system. It contains the world-famous pelargonium plant extract, which has been shown in six clinical trials to relieve symptoms of colds and hasten feeling well again.

Modern European research has also shown that this extract helps the ability to expel mucous. Available in both a lemon and a menthol flavor, Lungroot™ is a must have for the winter season. Pair it with the Elderberry Thyme Syrup for comprehensive support of the entire respiratory tract to help with temporary coughs, congestion and mucous expectoration. Want to learn more? Go to www.truebotanica.com

Homework Help

If any children need extra homework help, **Mrs. Nelson** will be in her office Tuesdays after school and Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays during lunch recess. **Mrs. Nelson** will be in her office, the learning support room. Just drop in as needed! **Amy Schroeder**

New Baby in the Community

Congratulations to **Jason and Desiree Mies** on the birth of their son, **Finley Isaac Mies** on **Thursday, December 8 at 8:08 am**. Finley weighed 6 lbs, 9 oz and is 19 inches long. He has a wonderful older sister, **Kayla Berg**, in our Grade 1&2 class. Our best wishes to the whole family for healthy and happy days ahead.



SPOTLIGHT ON ANNUAL APPEAL

"I AM OF THE OPINION THAT MY LIFE BELONGS TO THE WHOLE COMMUNITY, AND AS LONG AS I LIVE, IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO DO FOR IT WHATEVER I CAN. I WANT TO BE THOROUGHLY USED UP WHEN I DIE, FOR THE HARDER I WORK THE MORE I LIVE."

~ GEORGE BERNARD SHAW

That is one of our favorite quotes and the backbone to why we are honored to chair this year's Annual Appeal.

It is so important to realize and truly understand that a united group of people, who are committed to their community, create an energy that initiates momentum, a powerful force, that can influence the entire environment. When we genuinely give from our hearts for the simple sake of honoring something that was asked of us, we put love & commitment back into our community. That commitment creates optimism, positive thinking, progress and the sense that we ALL make a difference.

Mother Teresa once said, "We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop." This is true for our school community as well. Maybe when we look at one drop isolated from the rest, it appears small and insignificant, however, when combined with other droplets, there becomes something as grand as the ocean~something that can only be what it is because of the willingness to contribute and know that every drop in the ocean truly does matter.

This year's Annual Appeal is off to a great start! Thank you to all who have contributed! Remember, if you contribute before the end of this year, it's a tax deduction. If you want to wait and roll it into next year, please keep in mind the ideal deadline is the end of February.

We look forward to the Spring when we plant our Annual Appeal Giving Tree to recognize 100% participation from our parent body, faculty & staff. We can already feel the dirt in our hands as we dig into the Earth in celebration of our united community! ~**Samara & Scott Noll**



In Motion: Children's Therapeutic Movement Class

Donna Abler is offering two therapeutic movement groups beginning **January 17, 2012**. One group is for four to six year olds and the other group is for first through fourth graders. Space is limited to 6 children per group, so call early! The group is at her office, Center for Well Being, during the winter season, which is just 15 minutes from Prairie Hill. To learn more about Donna go to www.donnaabler.com or call her at (262) 370-2757.

Steiner Madonna Healing Prints Presentation

Tuesday, December 20, 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. at the Center for Well Being, join us in stillness and reflection to strengthen your inner energy and light as we welcome in the winter season; the season in which the sun's light is the lowest and weakest. The address is N47W28270 Lynndale Road Pewaukee, WI 53072. Donations are optional. For more information contact Donna Abler at (262) 370-2757.

Pewaukee High School Open House 8th Grade Orientation

On **Thursday, January 5, 2012, from 5:30 -6:15 p.m.**, Pewaukee High School will hold it's annual program for next year's freshman in the high school auditorium. Following the orientation, students and parents will be invited to tour the building and meet the staff. The high school is located at 510 Lake Street in Pewaukee. For questions, please contact **Sandi Grulke** at (262) 695-5013.

Update Deadline and Details

PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS VIA EMAIL BY WEDNESDAY OF EACH WEEK FOR IT TO APPEAR IN FRIDAY'S WEEKLY UPDATE. SEND TO **MICHELLE LAWRENCE**, AT MICHELLEL@PHWS.ORG. IF YOU HAVE A CHANGE IN YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, HAVE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE RECEIPT OF THIS E-LETTER, OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO UNSUBSCRIBE, PLEASE CONTACT NEWS@PHWS.ORG OR CALL **MICHELLE LAWRENCE** AT (262) 646-7497.



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