

# Weekly Update



Prairie Hill Waldorf School ■ Pewaukee, Wisconsin

May 22, 2009

## WHAT'S GOING ON...

### May 2009

- 23 - Spring Work Day 9:00 a.m.
- 25 - No School - Memorial Day
- 27 - Healthy Parent Involvement  
7:00 p.m. talk - see article
- 28 - Last day of TLC, Aftercare,  
Wonder Garden & Kinder.
- 29 - Last day of Grade School -  
no Aftercare.  
1:30 p.m. Classroom  
clean-up and move  
3:00 p.m. Dismissal &  
Ice Cream Social
- 30 - Graduation - 7:00 p.m.

### June 2009

- 2 - Summer Playgroup Starts
- 2 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Board Committees Meet  
at 6:00 p.m.
- 13 - Grade 1 Rummage Sale  
Fundraiser
- 15 - Summer Garden Starts
- 19-20 - Grade 3 Rummage Sale  
Fundraiser
- 23 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 25 - Parent Pick-up of Student  
Reports (Optional)  
9:00 a.m. - Noon
- 26 - Student Reports Mailed
- 25-27 - Clothing Exchange  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

### August 2009

- 1 - Monches Fairie Festival  
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 19-21 - Faculty Work Week
- 24 - New Parent Orientation  
7:00 p.m. (Adults Only)
- 25 - Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- 27 - First Day of School for  
Grades 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

## PARENT CORNER

### Carrying our Mission into the Summer

Over the summer, please continue to practice, and help your children practice, our goals of working together:

#### **Prairie Hill Code of Compassion**

**T**rust that problems can be worked out.

**R**espect others and welcome their differences

**U**se kind words and listen to them.

**T**reat people fairly and encourage them to make the right choices.

**H**elp others and stand up for them.

Thank you for making a difference in our community.

### Last Day of School - 3:00 p.m. Dismissal & Ice Cream Social

The excitement builds as we approach the final day of school. Early Childhood's last day is May 28th, Grades end on May 29th with a 3:00 p.m. dismissal and no care programs - so please be prompt in picking up. Then come join your friends for a refreshing Ice Cream Social in the courtyard. Delicious Culver's custard for \$1 per scoop will be served as a Class of 2010 fundraiser toward their class trip.

### Welcome New Grade 1 Teacher, Lindsey Kurszewski

Prairie Hill is pleased to announce that Lindsey Kurszewski has accepted the Grade 1 class teacher position for the 2009-10 school year. Lindsey's journey into Waldorf education began when she entered the 2nd grade as a student at Prairie Hill, with class teacher Thomas Roemer, and graduated from 8th grade. Ms. Kurszewski comes with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Wisconsin and taught for a semester at the Tamarack Waldorf School in Milwaukee. Her brother Jacob, and sister, Lauren also graduated from Prairie Hill. Her parents have shared their many talents with Prairie Hill over all those years. Welcome back Lindsey!

### Healthy Parent Involvement & Parental Confidence Evening

Please join us for one last parent evening on Wednesday, May 27th at 7:30pm in Mrs. Kilmer's Grade 5 classroom. Peter DeBoer will be facilitating with one of our middle school teachers to address the topic of middle school attrition. Peter will be using his experience as a PHWS parent, Steiner College graduate and Sacramento, California Waldorf teacher of 10 years to lead a discussion on how to create a healthy balance of parental involvement in a Waldorf school and confidence in your child's education through the middle school years. We encourage all interested parents to attend.

### **Sub Lunch on Last Day of School**

Remember, Soup/Pizza Days are over, and Grade 7 will serve sub lunches on the last day of grade school for all who ordered. If you forgot, orders will be accepted thru 3:00 p.m. Tuesday (May 26<sup>th</sup>). Thank you Grade 7 for making our last lunch at school a festive one.

### **Capitol Improvement and Visioning Committee**

You may be feeling the electrifying energy carried by the Capitol Improvement and Visioning Committee as the group shares ideas around building a new kindergarten facility and library space. Each meeting and each conversation generates more enthusiasm. The goal is to hold the space open for all to have a voice before anything "concrete" is designed. As time goes on, plans will be made for everyone in the community to engage in the conversation. Please join us at the next meeting on Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at the Panera Bread on Capitol in Pewaukee. Please see Jessica for more detail.

### **School Calendar for 2009-10**

The school year calendar will be confirmed during June Faculty Work Week. Please note the first day of school for the Grades is Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The Early Childhood will hold their open houses for class children and parents on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, with their first day of class on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. An "Important Dates" card will accompany the Student Report mailing in June, containing vacation and parent-teacher conference dates. The fully approved calendar will be mailed with the Back-to-School packets in early August.

### **Summer Office Hours**

The administration will be working as efficiently as possible this summer as we find ways to conserve our Prairie Hill budget in this economy. Phone hours will be 9 a.m. to noon, Monday-Thursday. All messages will be picked up. You can also call and schedule an appointment. June brings Faculty Work Week and a month of wrapping up the year, compiling and mailing student reports, continuing tours and enrollment, hiring and orientation work. In July we already face toward the new school year and begin preparations behind the scenes that need to be in place. August goes quickly with Back-to-School materials, master schedules, classroom supplies arriving and finishing touches on classrooms and hallways. Our Summer Garden program and Playgroups will wind their way through these months. Happy Summer!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Board Meeting Date Change**

Please note the May Board meeting has been re-scheduled to Tuesday, June 2 at 7:00p.m.

### **Annual Appeal Update**

As we take home fond memories of the year, we look to all our parents, grandparents, alumni, friends and supporters in gratitude for continuing to make our Waldorf School a special place to be. Where there is work to be done, there is also the opportunity for fellowship and learning from each other along the way. We thank you for the gifts of yourself that make us all rich in spirit. We also thank you for your contributions of time and dollars, raising the level of excellence in the programs of Prairie Hill.

Our Annual Appeal total to date is **\$76,714.00**. Contributions continue to be welcome as we reach toward our goal of \$92,000 by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Wishing you a very special summer!

## **CLASSROOM SPOTLIGHT**

### **Grade 7 Poetry Reading**

You Are Invited to a Grade 7 Poetry Reading on Tuesday, May 26 at 2:00 p.m. in our classroom. We are offering refreshments in gratitude for the support of the community for our fundraising efforts toward our Grade 8 trip - the apple and orange/grapefruit sales, coffee/tea sales, the Variety Show, May Faire lunch and various other bake sales throughout the year. We look forward to sharing the results of our creative writing efforts this year. Please RSVP your intention to attend so we can set up chairs. Thank you, The Grade 7

## REMINDERS

### Spring Work Day

Please join us next Saturday, May 23, for the Spring Workday! There are two shifts from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Any and all help is appreciated so if you can't stay for the entire shift consider lending a hand in the completion of one of the tasks.

### Lost & Found is Overflowing

Please check for any items that may belong to you. After June 1st items will be donated.

### School Store Opens a Treasure Chest of Savings

For our very last week of school, store will offer a 20% off as a Thank You. Using the magic words, "I read it in the Update," will continue to grant you an additional 5%, bringing your new total savings to 25% off, in gratitude for faithfully reading the Update. Enjoy! (\*a few exceptions, noted on signs in School Store)

### Business Directory Submissions - Keep Them Coming

Submissions for our PH Exchange Parent/Alumni Business, Services & Talents Directory can be sent to [news@phws.org](mailto:news@phws.org) for June 1st publication. Submit your business name, phone, website, email, your name, and a short description of your business in 60 words or less. It is our hope this directory will assist families in finding the quality resources they need, and in turn improve the economic life of those connected to our community.

### Attention All May Faire Cakewalk winners!

The Bull family is seeking the return of a glass Tiffany platter. Because it was a wedding gift, this platter has extra special significance. The platter had a carrot cake, with a honeycomb motif on the underside of the glass and the "Bull" name was written on a piece of masking tape on the bottom of the platter. Please bring platter to school office or contact Lisa Bull at 941-320-7113 if you've seen it.

## IN THE COMMUNITY BEYOND PRAIRIE HILL

### AWSNA Summer Conference

If you haven't already done so, register now to attend AWSNA's Summer Conference! Parents, Board members, administrative staff, teachers...All are welcome.

The focus of this year's conference is on social renewal and the social mission of Waldorf Education. The whole Waldorf community provides the substance of this one and so we need you there! Conference highlights include: Virginia Sease addressing deeper aspects of destiny and karma in working with the community of children, teachers, parents, and friends as we develop Waldorf schools as new centers for social renewal, as places of personal growth and transformation, and as places for community and cultural change.

Daily round table discussions will explore emerging issues in our schools and in Waldorf Education related to the theme of the keynote presentations. Plus, you'll get to choose from a wide variety of workshops. You can register on-line at [WhyWaldorfWorks](http://WhyWaldorfWorks.com).

### Walk/Run for Autism

We are holding a Family Walk/Run & Bake Sale at Fowler Park in Oconomowoc June 14th. We're asking for the school districts to help get the word out about our event. Our event is open to everyone and our goal is to increase autism awareness while raising funds to be used as grants to individuals in WI with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please post our flyers, add to your websites, community calendars, send home with kids. If you need additional flyers please email me quantity and mailing address. We're asking for your support to our cause and to those in your community with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Please route this email onto others you may think would be interested. Thank-you for your time and consideration for such support. Kind Regards, Nicole Crawford [www.bridgethegapwi.org](http://www.bridgethegapwi.org) Bridge the Gap, Inc. for Autism

### UPDATE DEADLINE AND DETAILS

SUBMIT ITEMS TO OFFICE MANAGER, JESSICA FAGA, AT [NEWS@PRAIRIEHILLWALDORF.ORG](mailto:NEWS@PRAIRIEHILLWALDORF.ORG). PLEASE SEND SUBMISSIONS TO THE WEEKLY UPDATE VIA EMAIL. SUBMISSIONS ARE IDEALLY LESS THAN 100 WORDS IN LENGTH.