

Weekly Update

Prairie Hill Waldorf School ■ Pewaukee, Wisconsin

May 28, 2010

WHAT'S GOING ON...

May 2010

- 31 - No school - Memorial Day

June 2010

- 3 - Last day of Kindergarten & Wonder Garden, TLC, Aftercare
4 - Last day of grade school 3:15 dismissal- No Aftercare
5 - Graduation 7 p.m.
9 - Board meeting 5 p.m.
9 - Board committees 6 p.m.
15 - Finance committee 6:30 p.m.
22 - Board meeting 6:30 p.m.
29 - Student reports and main lesson books available for pick-up
30 - Student Reports mailed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Special Lunch Day for Friday, June 4

To kick off our summer vacation, the class of 2012 will be offering a grilled lunch on the last day of grade school, during the students' regular lunch time. For \$4.50, each student will have their choice of entree (hamburger, veggie burger, or brat), pretzels, and carrots w/dip. Order forms have been placed in your mailbox, or you can get one outside the grade 6 classroom. Payments and lunch reservations need to be placed by June 3! Proceeds will go towards the Class of 2012's Grade 8 trip. If you have any questions please contact **Nancy Husanu** at 262-894-3029. There will be the traditional Ice Cream Social after school at 3:15 p.m. in the courtyard.

Just to be clear, Friday, June 4 is a full day of Grade School, dismissing at the regular 3:15 time, followed by the Ice Cream Social. The optional lunch will be served during the regular Grade School lunch time. There is no After Care.

Summer Phone Hours for PHWS

Please note our Summer Phone Hours are 9am - 1:00pm Monday through Thursday. If you need to contact us or visit our offices outside of these hours, please call ahead to arrange a time.

Summer Fun at Prairie Hill

Prairie Hill is offering three opportunities this summer. Take a moment to plan and incorporate these special events into your busy summer. Feel free to invite friends and family to take advantage too. We need to share our treasures!

Summer Playgroup – for children ages 18 months through 4 years and their parents. Tuesdays, June 8 - 29 and August 3 - 24. Cost \$79 per session (\$69 if registration is received by May 20). Please see article below for details.

Summer Garden - a Waldorf early childhood program – for children ages 3 ½ - 8. June 7-11, June 14-18, August 16-20, and August 23-27. Join us for one or all the weeks! A registration form will be placed in your mailbox. If you have any questions, contact **Meg Link**.

Option 1: Morning session 8:30am to 12:30pm Cost \$99, and \$25 supply fee

Option 2: All day session 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost \$169 and \$25 supply fee

Both options include free play, garden work, games, crafts and a healthy snack.

Summer Fiddle Camp – for children ages 8-14 with at least one year of strings education

July 26-30, 9-4. Cost \$220. A registration form is attached to the Weekly Update. If you have any questions, please contact **Kaitlin Hahn**.

Thank You!

Thanks to **Mary Beth Berns** for organizing and bringing to our attention the Delafield Art Walk last Saturday. A BIG thank you to **Chet Celenza** for running the drum circle and providing all the drums for the crowd. **Joe Hartz**, **Sarah Braker** and **Aris Husanu** led the drumming crowd with great enthusiasm. We had a great time and look forward to next year.

Dress code reminder

The faculty and administration are requesting more parental diligence in having children dress according to the school's dress code. As the weather warms, it is easy to have the standards relax as well, but over the course of the week, I have fielded many concerns. The consequences have ranged from younger children desiring to emulate scanty dressing to having potential families touring shocked by the dress of children, and left wondering if we walk our talk. This is not an only an upper grades issue. Teachers have found themselves in an awkward position when trying to enforce the code with students who say their parents do not care about their dress. We do not believe this true and know that our mutual goals are modesty and respect. Pages 17 and 18 of the Parent Handbook outline the specifics. I do not desire to stretch our manpower by having non-compliant students return home, and I am hopeful this can be avoided with your renewed diligence. Thank you for your partnership in ending the year well in this realm. Sincerely, **Karen Hartz**

Donations to the Hebron House

Cleaning out your closets for Spring? Have items you could pass on to those in need? **Lisa Dedinsky** will be visiting the Hebron House (homeless shelter) in Waukesha before the end of the school year. If anyone has items they would like to donate - from toiletries, to dry goods, to clothing, etc. - please bring them by Wednesday, June 2 and deposit in bins outside the Grade 3 classroom. Call **Lisa** at 262-646-5216 if you have questions about appropriate items.

Library News

The Library is now closed until next September. Please return all library materials. Remember, report cards can only be sent when all materials have been returned.

Thank you to **Matt Follett** for an incredible donation of new books! We have loads of new titles to support the curriculum and to read for fun. Look for lots of great new things in the coming school year and thank Matt when you see him in the hall.

Next week we will have a used book sale. Please bring your used books that are in good condition to the hallway Tuesday morning. Books will be for sale until Thursday after school. Please help by taking any leftover books to donate to your local library. There is no one to take our leftovers away this time, so for the sale to be successful we really need your help.

Enjoy reading this summer. A summer reading list will come to you in July (I hope). In the meantime, your family might enjoy one of the teacher top ten titles. Remember children's reading levels improve when they practice over the summer. If your child doesn't enjoy books try magazines. Look at one of the dozens of terrific magazines available to children at your local library (Pewaukee has a great selection). Then check them out at the library or give a subscription to your child. Dads, you set an example for your children.

Encourage their reading (especially your sons) by reading for pleasure when they are around. This doesn't mean you have to read WAR AND PEACE, ten minutes with "Sports Illustrated", the newspaper, or anything that is not for business or to fix something counts!

Girl Scouts

This year has been quite the journey for our new PHWS brownie troop. The girls were so excited about Girl Scouts and we were happy to help them along the way. We were both honored and awed by the girls and the response from the parents. With this said we would like to be able to hand over with loving care the troop to other willing parents. We will be there to guide and support but we feel we will no longer be able to commit the time and attention needed to move the troop forward. Please consider giving your time to this wonderful cause. We really would like to see it continue. Feel free to ask us any and all questions you have.

Jeanne Ring and Nancy Husanu

Cub Scouts at Prairie Hill

Boys in grades 1-5 and their families are invited to attend an informational night on Thursday, June 10, 2010 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Boys will enjoy a fun activity led by older Boy Scouts while parents have an opportunity to learn more about the Cub Scout program. This is an informational meeting only. Please call **Alyssa Tsagong** for questions. See you there!

School Store Bargains Expand

More items have been added to the Clearance Table-stock up for summer birthday parties (or your special stash of cool stuff), also Fairy Finery has taken its last markdown of the season. The small Yarn Balls are buy 4 & get 1 FREE. Check both the Clearance Table and Store selves for the last week of school bargains. Happy shopping and happy summer!

Summer Chat and Craft with Prairie Hill Artists!

Join us for crafting workshops this summer in preparation for our November Yuletide Faire. *Items created at these workshops will be donated to the parent craft room for sale at our festival.* Beginners welcome! We have 4 resident artists who have set time aside to volunteer and teach during the summer. Get a head start on your Yuletide crafts! To register for a workshop, stay informed of future offerings or ask questions, please contact **Mary Frances Linzer** at (262) 968-2110 or at mmlinzer@wi.rr.com.

Artists: We welcome more workshops in the fall. If you are willing to teach a chat and craft session, please contact **Mary Frances**.

Thursday, June 10 with KATHLEEN KAMSLER, doll-maker, fiber artist, and quilter will present a class making **wool felted dolls**. This workshop will cover the basics in creating needle felted wool dolls like those used by our early childhood teachers in puppet plays. Class will meet at **10:00 a.m.** in the handwork room at Prairie Hill. Childcare is not provided. If you would like to

bring your child, please be conscientious. All children must remain with parents and are not permitted to play in other areas of the school. Register by **June 7**. This workshop is free!

Wednesday, June 23 with ABBY ENGSTRAND, water color artist & PH mom will host a day of **fabric dyeing!** Come to spray, dip and paint clothing, silks and other blank (white) items. Bring your own or we have a few donated items. **Abby** is hosting this workshop at her home in Oconomowoc. We will meet at 10:30. Register by **June 21**. Date may change due to weather, so please let us know if you are interested so we can keep you "in the loop."

Saturday, July 31 with DAWN IMES Our multi-talented Prairie Hill Handwork teacher will lead a day of **Waldorf Doll making**. Please register for this workshop by **July 10** so that all materials may be ordered. There may be a cost of \$5-\$10 per doll, depending on the number of participants. Do not let the cost deter you from participating. Other details will be finalized through the summer. Please let Mary Frances know if you would like to attend but would need child care. There will be a follow-up date for this workshop to complete the clothing for the dolls.

Friday, August 6 with RAMSEY SCHLISSEL. Ramsey welcomes everyone to her farm in Waukesha for a day of **glass fusing**. Participants can create jewelry, ornaments, window catchers, trivets, etc. Please bring glass cutters and safety glasses. Children are welcome to come and play- there is a pond for swimming, so let us know if your child requires supervision/child care. \$5 material fee. Register by August 3

New Article on the Impact of our Culture on Children's Learning

Please read the interesting article attached to the newsletter regarding modern culture and the impact it has on children's ability to learn and grow.

Thanks for all the Box Tops

We are receiving lots of Box Tops for Education. Thanks so much!!! Please remember there is an expiration date on these coupons, so keep collecting them and the Sentry receipts (which expire in 6 months) and we'll see them and you when it's back-to-school time. Also enjoy trips to the Lemon Grass Asian Bistro over the summer and save those receipts.

Early Childhood Kitchen in need of freezer and refrigerator

If you have a chest freezer or refrigerator in good working condition, please contact the school. We need to replace two that are not working.

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IN THE COMMUNITY BEYOND

PRAIRIE HILL

LifeWays Openings

There are openings for childcare this summer at LifeWays Child Development Center in Hartland! LifeWays offers Waldorf-based, mixed-age, family-style care for children 3 months to 12 years, featuring consistent, professional caregivers, daily arts and music, life skills curriculum, daily outdoor play, organic gardening, and a natural foods menu (snacks and lunch provided). For more information, please call 262-369-0044.

Oconomowoc Arts Center hosts fiddle music

Our strings teacher, **Kaitlin Hahn** and her band, Atlantic Wave, will be performing with the group, Nova Scotia Traditions, at the Oconomowoc Arts Center on Weds, June 23 at 7 pm. Nova Scotia Traditions includes some very dear and talented friends: Troy MacGillivray (fiddle/piano), Andrea Beaton (fiddle/step dancing), Kimberley Fraser (fiddle/piano), and Nuala Kennedy (flute/whistles/vocals). Tickets are adults \$18, students \$8. It's sure to be a lively and fun show. For a description of the show:

<http://www.footlights.com/milwaukee/events/event/view-event/nova-scotia-traditions-and-atlantic-wave.html>