

# In the Community



Prairie Hill  
Waldorf School

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### Fire Hawks Bring Home Trophy

Cheers to the PHWS 7/8 grade boys Fire Hawk Basketball Team led by their coach **Rob Beres** for their steadfast spirit, which led them to a Consolation Championship during the Warrior Classic at St. Paul's in Oconomowoc.

The annual tournament took place the weekend of **January 14, 2012**. Though the competition was challenging, the boys remained confident and played as a true team, displaying hard work and good sportsmanship to overcome many challenges.

The team's 2<sup>nd</sup> place over all finish earned them a trophy which will be on showcase for viewing near the front office this coming week. Thanks to all the "fans" that provided transportation for the players, came to watch the games, and cheered the team on with loving support.

### Open House, Saturday, January 28 from 9 - Noon

Find out why, for your child, music, dance, theater, writing, literature legends and myths are not simply subjects to be read about, ingested and tested.

They are experienced. This is a great opportunity for you to gain a deeper understanding of how Waldorf curriculum addresses your child's developmental stages in each grade. RSVP [enrollment@phws.org](mailto:enrollment@phws.org) if you wish to participate in the Early Childhood Sampler as space is limited.

### Bring Your Talent - March 10

On **March 10** we will unveil one amazing Talent Show - with your participation! Please start thinking and practicing what you would like to showcase that night. Watch the Update for audition dates/times. We have a lot of talent in this school and it's time we put it on the stage. This fun raiser is being sponsored by the Grade 6/7, who is raising funds for their Grade 8 class trip. This show will take the place of the Family Fun Night.

Join us for the

All School Meeting

Wednesday,

February 1, 2012

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

in the gym

Adults Only ~ One member from each family strongly encouraged to attend



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"The beauty of the Waldorf School is that it is designed entirely to keep children intact until they are ready to move out in the world as whole individuals"  
- Joseph Chilton Pearce

## Calendar of Events

### January 2012

- 27 Grade 4 class play 7 p.m.
- 28 Open House 9 a.m.

### February 2012

- 1 All School meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 2 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.  
Open to all
- 3 Grade 3 class play 7 p.m.
- 8 Felting Workshop 8:45 a.m.
- 8 Fund Development meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 8 Buildings and Grounds meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 9 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.  
Open to all
- 9 Reading in the Waldorf School 6:30 p.m.
- 16 Steiner Study Group 9 a.m.  
Open to all
- 16 Marketing meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Special Friends Day 8:30 a.m.  
- 12:15 p.m. early dismissal
- 17 Grade 5 class play 7 p.m.
- 17 Box Tops Deadline
- 20 - 24 February Break - No School
- 27 Finance meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Board meeting 6:30 p.m.

### Wet Felting Workshop February 8

Have you seen the felted soap bars, mobiles or hearts on display at the School Store? Have you wondered how it is done? Join the fun on **Wednesday, February 8 at 8:45 a.m.** in the Handwork room, there will be a workshop on how to make your own. Bring your own supplies, a list will be provided when you RSVP. Please contact **Janice Zimmermann**, [latravia2968@att.net](mailto:latravia2968@att.net) to reserve your spot or for more information.

Prairie Hill Waldorf School awakens the capacity for dynamic thinking, creativity and compassion, inspiring children to contribute their unique gifts to the world

### Fond Farewell to Mr. Eagon

It is with sadness that we inform you **Mark Eagon** will not be returning as the cello teacher at Prairie Hill in February. The subbing position he took at another school has turned into an opening for him through the end of the year. This opportunity will allow him to spend more time at home with his family. Mark shared with us the following:

"I have loved my years at Prairie Hill and will miss you, the students and teachers and parents terribly. I would like to find a day when I can come and say goodbye to everyone in person and express my gratitude for the opportunity to work with your amazing children and be a part of the fabric of Prairie Hill."

We will all miss **Mr. Eagon** very much, and wish him well in his new endeavor!

**Ms. Hahn** will continue to hold the strings instruments together as an orchestra class for the remainder of the year. We are grateful for her willingness to continue this opportunity for the students. **Andi Nelson**, Academic Chair, on behalf of the Grades Faculty

### What's on Board?



The Board of Trustees express their gratitude for the time and energy that **Samara and Scott Noll** are putting into this year's Annual Appeal/ Please remember to make your tax deductible donation or pledge soon. Thank you.

**Will still need a Spring Auction Coordinator.** Are you interested or do you know someone who is right for the role? Contact any Fund Development Committee member or Board member for more information.

We will be presenting next year's tuition and enrollment information at the upcoming All School Meeting on **Wednesday, February 1, 2012.** We hope to see you there. The Board of Trustees



### Reading in the Waldorf School

**Is it true that Waldorf students are not taught to read until second grade?**

No! Learning to read is an entire process with many contributory facets, and Waldorf Education undertakes reading instruction in almost the opposite way that it is introduced in most schools across the nation.

Indeed, the foundation for reading instruction is laid already in the kindergarten.

### Find Out More!

Come to our presentation

**Thursday February 9, 2012  
6:30 PM**

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### Dr. Mark Kamsler: Nurturing and Nourishing

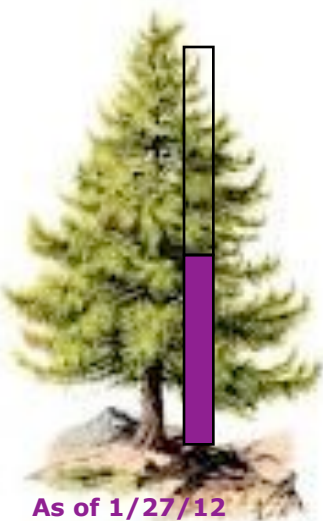
**Saturday, February 18 and Sunday, February 19** Prairie Hill presents this day and a half hands-on course that will teach you to care for your family at home with natural home health care techniques.

**Dr. Kamsler** has been a practicing pediatrician for over 15 years.

Please see the attached flier for further details, contact information and cost.



## SPOTLIGHT ON ANNUAL APPEAL



\$50,000

\$40,000

\$30,000

\$25,000

\$20,000

\$10,000

As of 1/27/12

## ANNUAL APPEAL PARTICIPATION (as of 1/27/12)

### CLASS PERCENT

Playgroup	4%
Juniper Tree Kindergarten	32%
Linden Tree Kindergarten	38%
Willow Tree Kindergarten	29%
Grade 1/2	48%
Grade 3	39%
Grade 4	44%
Grade 5	56%
Grade 6/7	39%
Grade 8	43%
(the class total includes the teacher & assistants which are also reflected in the staff/faculty percent)	
Staff/Faculty	44%
Board	88%
Prairie Hill Families	37%

(Prairie Hill families include all current families enrolled in kindergarten.)

**Thank you to all who have given!**

### Dynamic career opportunity!

We are seeking an experienced Administrator for our AWSNA-accredited, 25 year-old school serving 150 students and their parents from toddler to Grade 8. Prairie Hill Waldorf School is located on 13 lovely acres of gardens, fields, wetlands, and woods in the heart of Waukesha County in an area known as "Lake Country," just west of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Working within the school's Collaborative Mandate System, the Administrator develops and holds the health of relationships among all constituencies within the school – Faculty, Board, Parents, Administration, and Students. The Administrator is a principal representative of the school, works in partnership with the Academic Chair, works out of Anthroposophy and servant leadership, sets the tone for confidence and respect in the school, and keeps a "pulse" on the entire school community.

The Administrator is accountable for the overall financial and administrative well-being of the school and is responsible for overseeing the management of the school's finances, human resources, fund development, enrollment, marketing and public relations, physical plant and facilities management, and legal and regulatory compliance.

### Full position description posted at:

<http://prairiehillwaldorf.org/documents/PrairieHillWaldorfSchool-AdministratorPositionDescriptionDec2011.pdf>

*We gratefully appreciate your help in getting the word out!*

Regards, **Lisa Bull**, Chair of Administrator Search Committee (call **Lisa** at (941) 320-7113)



### Rosemary and Eucalyptus Heals

Great for the winter season challenges and all year round! Supports the immune system, helps your breathing and mucous clearing, improves the circulation and overall energizes the body. Relaxes, soothes and helps to clear a congested head. Made with generous amounts of pure rosemary oil (very clean super critical fluid extraction and steam distillation) with high standardized levels of carnosolic acid, cineol, camphor and diterpene phenols. Rhythmically prepared with trace amounts of potentiated Jasper lifts up the whole person in body, soul and spirit. Handmade with the rhythms of the day in mind, this oil also includes organic and bio-dynamic base oils. Use in the tub, shower, or for steam inhalations.

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### Bal-A-Vis-X Training

All the class teachers along with **Mrs. Schroeder, Mrs. Imes and Ms. Vermillion** are going through training in Bal-A-Vis-X. Bal-A-Vis-X is a series of Balance/Auditory/Vision Exercises. These exercises are deeply rooted in rhythm and require full-body coordination along with focused attention.

The program uses sand-filled bags, racquetballs, and balance boards. In the classroom, the class teachers will use the bags and balls gradually as a group. It is a program that benefits all students. The individual exercises vary from one hand tossing and catching to both hands, bouncing four racquetballs in rhythmic sequence. Partner exercises vary as well, working with the bags and balls. If you have any other questions, please contact your class teacher.



## Out and About

### Doll-making Workshop with Dawn Imes

Join in the fun in creating your very own "heavy baby" on **Friday, February 17 from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.** at Milwaukee Lifeways Center. See the attached flier for cost and more information.

### Lifeways Early Childhood Training

Are you interested in a natural and holistic approach to childcare? The Lifeways Child Care and Human Development training is a comprehensive training for parents, caregivers, preschool teachers, parent educators, and anyone who works or lives with young children.

The dates for this program are **Sunday, February 12-19, Sunday, May 6-13, Sunday, July 29, Saturday, August 4 and a TBD weekend in October.** Please see attached flier for more details. For more information and enrollment go to [www.lifewaysnorthamerica.org](http://www.lifewaysnorthamerica.org), [www.lifewayismilwaukee.com](http://www.lifewayismilwaukee.com) or contact Mary O'Connell at (414) 218-8558



### Workshop for Women: What is the Essence of a Full Women?

Join us in a circle as we explore together through ritual, myth, movement, meditation and art the essence of a full woman. Explore through the myth of Vasalisa the wise, the rich and myriad threads that weave a journey for a full woman. Deeply connect with your threads through movement and meditation. Interweave your threads into the collective tapestry of women through artistic expression. **Saturday January 28, 2012 from 9 am to 2 pm** at Rome Around Acre Farm in Sullivan, WI.

Limited to 10 participants. Register early! You won't want to miss this experience. RSVP to **Lori** at [truenaturellc@gmail.com](mailto:truenaturellc@gmail.com) by **January 18, 2012**. Exchange is \$125. Facilitators: **Donna Abler, Pam Harsch, Lori Gamroth and Tom Kotlarek** Thanks, **Pam Harsch**

### Exploring Spirit Retreat Peruvian Andes: May 3-12, 2012 (Registration deadline February 3)

Experience the mystical beauty and profound spiritual energies of the Peruvian Andes while integrating adventure and travel with yoga, connection to spirit, and self-care. Let your spirit soar – inside & out! This magical trip will be guided by a local Quechuan guide, **Juan del Cielo**, offering an off-the-beaten-path into a powerful culture and land.

We will visit Machu Picchu, the historic Incan city of Cusco, Sacsayhuaman: a gateway to the stars, sacred astronomy and the shamanic relation to the Akashic Records; Killarumilloq with its sacred temple of the rainbow and rock carvings, Pisac with the ancient Incas palaces, Ollantaytambo to visit Grandfather Wisdom Keeper and participate in a Shaman ceremony and more! Details at <http://ayurvedawellness.org/peru-retreat-details> or contact **Jamie Durner** at (262)389-5835 for more information.

### Conscious Care Healing Experience

Presented by Conscious Transition Fellowship. Join **Rev. Ryan J. Peterson** and **Betty Vollbrecht** to shed energy blocks from the past and embrace a new vibration for the future. The group healing is a way for you to clear the energetic chords, consciousness, and karmic imprints that are no longer welcome in your life. By opening the gateways of your subconscious mind you will be able to "choose" to live in a higher vibration.

Bring a friend and join us in this powerful and uniting experience! The experience lasts about 2 hours. We are living in a time of great change, and it is our honor to facilitate a positive change in your vibration and consciousness!

- Date: Tuesday, January 31
- Energy Exchange: \$10
- Time: 7-9 p.m.
- Please RSVP at [Meetup.com/Conscious-Transition-Fellowship/events](http://Meetup.com/Conscious-Transition-Fellowship/events) or let **Joelle Peterson** you will be coming (262-347-4464, 262-206-8421 cell)

We offer individual healing sessions, group sessions, experiential programs, practitioner training and meditation gatherings. Our healing space is located at 5050 N Port Washington Road, Glendale, WI.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:NEWS@PHWS.ORG) OR CALL **MICHELLE LAWRENCE** AT (262) 646-7497.