

MLWS News from the Parent Council

September 19, 2016

Hello MLWS Families...

Welcome to the start of the 2016-17 school year! We hope things are off to a smooth start in your household. This year, Parent Council will be publishing a biweekly newsletter, which will include a Parent Council update, highlight some of the activities of the various classes in the school and provide information about upcoming events in the MLWS community.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Parent Council held our first meeting of the year on September 14. We identified several priority projects to focus on this year including: The Enchanted Walk, a Welcome Committee for new families, a Parent Council presence at MLWS public events to support new enrollment, Faculty Nourishment, Food Drives at Music Shares to support Family of New Paltz, and this bi-weekly newsletter to keep parents informed. Please consider attending the October meeting or offering your time to one of these projects.

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM:

From Mrs. Workman: The Kindergarten has been busy preparing for Michaelmas, dying silks and making capes to wear when we attend the play. And some of the children who will move up to the First Grade next year have started finger-weaving hats, and it is very special for them and us.

From Mr. Neel: The Third Grade has heard the first seven days of Genesis, which is a slow build to a very long story. Now that humans are on the scene, let the trouble begin! As part of our building block, we are hoping to build a play structure in the lower play yard and are seeking donations of any type of lumber, so long as it is not pressure treated.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, September 30, 12:00pm (Please arrive by 11:50am): The second grade will perform the Michaelmas Play in the MLWS school yard, followed by the Games of Courage at Hasbrouck Park field at 12:30pm. Don't forget to dress in the Michaelmas colors: Red, purple and gold!

Wednesday, October 5, 5:00-6:00pm: The next monthly Parent Council meeting in the MLWS Community Room. Thanks to all who came to our first meeting. We hope to see you at the next meeting, so please put it on your calendar!

Thursday, October 27, 7:30pm: "Technology, Artificial Intelligence, and Waldorf Education", a presentation and conversation with Gary Lamb about the developments in technology, artificial intelligence, and game universes and potential effects in home and school settings. This event is sponsored by the MLWS Executive Committee.

Ongoing: Sunflower Garden Parent/Infant/Child Play Group is enrolling for the Fall 2016 8-week session, which meets on Fridays, 9:15-11:15am. Please see the school's website for more details.

SAVE THE DATE...

Sunday, October 30: Enchanted Walk
A Halloween-time event for K through 2nd grade

Early November: Annual Clothing Sale
Please set aside your hand-me-downs to donate

Wednesday, November 9: Lantern Walk
A seasonal event for K through 2nd grade

Thursday, November 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences

Saturday, November 19: MLWS Open House
Who do you know who might like to attend?

Tuesday, November 22: Thanksgiving Work Share
A sampling of the work of the students, Grades 1-8