

# MLWS News from the Parent Council

October 19, 2016

## Hello MLWS Families...

The leaves are turning, the air is crisp and we are immersed in the abundance of the harvest season. Parent Council is pleased to share this newsletter, which includes a Parent Council update, highlights activities of classes and provides information about upcoming events in the MLWS community. Plus a special guide: "Faculty Nourishment Demystified"!

## PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Parent Council continues to work on the projects that the college and the parents identified as most important for this year: The Enchanted Walk, a Welcome Committee for new families, a Parent Council presence at MLWS public events, Faculty Nourishment, Food Drives at Music Shares and this newsletter. Our next meeting will be **Wednesday, November 9, 5:00-6:00pm** (just before the Lantern Walk). Please plan to attend or consider offering your time to support our endeavors!

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**Wednesday, October 19, 1:30-2:30pm (and every Wednesday 'til Winter Faire):** Parent Craft Group! Join Rosana Workman, our talented Kindergarten teacher, and make craft items for the Winter Faire.

**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.

**Sunday, October 30, 6:45pm:** The Enchanted Walk! Families with children in the Kindergarten through Second Grade are invited to participate in this magical Halloween-time event. We are also seeking volunteers to donate time and/or supplies. Please email Dana at [dana\\_rudikoff@yahoo.com](mailto:dana_rudikoff@yahoo.com) to help.

## A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM:

**From Mr. Evans:** The 2nd Grade has been learning about the saints. Studying the saints allows us to explore the highest virtues inherent within each of us. Next week, the second graders have their first sculpture class. In sculpture we will work with beeswax, creating archetypal forms in nature.

**From Mr. Lundin:** The 8th Grade has opened the year with the Reformation through biography. The longstanding authority of the Catholic Church, the guiding connection to God for so many, fell in the face of revolt. Martin Luther, Henry VIII and Elizabeth I each contributed to our first of four main lessons characterizing revolution.

## BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR...

- Hard copies of the 2016/17 Parent Directory will be sent home with our children next week, so be sure to check their backpacks!
- An email explaining each class's responsibilities for the Winter Faire will be sent out soon. Be sure to read it carefully when you receive it!

## SAVE THE DATE...

**Sunday, November 6: Annual Clothing Sale**

Please set aside your hand-me-downs to donate

**Monday, November 7, 6pm: Third Grade Play**

"From Genesis to Noah" -- All are welcome!

**Wednesday, November 9: Lantern Walk**

A seasonal event for K through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**Thursday, November 10: Parent/Teacher Conferences**

Meetings with "Specials" teachers will be available

**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

**Sunday, December 4: Advent Spiral**

4:30pm: K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade    6:00pm: 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

## ***Faculty Nourishment Demystified***

Every Thursday, after a full school day, our dedicated faculty and administration gather for a meeting that lasts several hours, to discuss a myriad of issues that impact upon our school. Faculty Nourishment was created to provide a satisfying meal for faculty and administration during these evening meetings.

This is our opportunity, as members of the Waldorf community, to show our teachers and administration how grateful we are for their hard work and dedication to our children. Our faculty and administration appreciate and look forward to having such a meal provided at the end of such a long day, so it is very important that we work as a team to ensure that a well-deserved meal is waiting for them each Thursday afternoon.

Phyllis Evans is the coordinator of Faculty Nourishment. Toward the end of each month, she will send out a reminder to the Parent Representative for the class who will be responsible for providing meals during the following month. The Parent Representative will then send an email to their class asking people to sign up to provide a meal, or a portion of a meal, for each Thursday during that month. If you need to reach Phyllis, you can contact her directly via email at [pbaj4@yahoo.com](mailto:pbaj4@yahoo.com).

**For the 2016/17 school year, this is the schedule of which class provides meals during which month:**

- September: Eighth
- October: Seventh
- November: Sixth
- December/January: Fifth
- February: Fourth
- March: Third
- April: Second
- May: First

**Meal details:** The following are the items that we aim to offer each week:

- i. Salad
- ii. Bread & cheese
- iii. Main dish (Soup, stew, etc.) (Pizza is an acceptable option!)
- iv. Dessert (optional)

It is ideal if three or four families work together, each providing a dish for the overall meal.

**Logistics:**

- Please prepare enough to feed approximately 17 people.
- There are no dietary restrictions, and meat dishes are welcome, but it is suggested to include one vegetarian option per meal.
- It's not a problem if the dish you bring will need to be reheated.
- Please bring your dish to third floor faculty kitchen by 4:30pm on Thursday.
- If you bring your food earlier in the day, please clearly label it as "faculty nourishment."
- Your serving dishes can be picked up the next day from third floor faculty kitchen.
- Dessert and coffee are appreciated, but should not replace a nourishing dish.
- It is not necessary to provide plates, bowls or utensils.