

MLWS News from the Parent Council

March 22, 2017

Hello MLWS Families...

According to the calendar, Spring has arrived, though you would not know it to step outside. This time of year offers myriad opportunities to emerge from Winter's dormancy into the enlivening energy of Spring. Please read on to learn what is unfolding within our school community.

PARENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Parent Council continues to work on the projects that the College and parents identified as priorities: a Welcome Committee for new families, Parent Council presence at public events, Faculty Nourishment, Food Drives at Music Shares and this newsletter. Our next Parent Council meeting will be **Wednesday, April 5, 5:30-6:30pm**. Please join us and offer your time to support one of our projects. We are stronger when we work together!

UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00-7:30pm: Creating Prosperity

This thought-provoking workshop with Joanne Leffeld will include discussions about paying for private school and college and about investing in uncertain times. Sponsored by Parent Council. Pre-register (\$15/person, \$25/couple) or pay at the door (\$20/person, \$30/couple).

Tuesday, April 4, 5-6pm: Eurythmy for Parents and Faculty
Lisa Meisinger will teach eurythmy to interested adults in the MLWS Community Room. A \$5 donation is requested.

Wednesday, April 5, 6:30pm: Sex Education and The Spirit
A talk with Lisa Romero about Understanding Gender and Sexuality through spiritual insight in the light of Waldorf Education in the MLWS Community Room, \$10 at the door.

Friday, April 7: Parent/Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL!
Meetings with "Specials" teachers will also be available.

Saturday, April 22, 6-10pm: Spring Swing Fundraiser

Join us for an evening of fun! Buffet Dinner, Contradance with live music and caller, Silent Auction. Ages 21+. Proceeds to benefit MLWS and Family of New Paltz.

Tuesday, April 25, 6:30pm: A Walk Through The Grades
The Pedagogy of Storytelling in a Waldorf Classroom. Stay tuned for more details!

Monday, May 1: Community Mayday Celebration

There will be a new format this year, and we will share the details with the community as soon as they are available!

Tuesday, May 16: All School Meeting

Please mark your calendars and save the date!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN REMINDER

It's that time of year again... Please consider giving to this year's Annual Giving Campaign. Even if you're only able to give a small amount, it's so important to our school that we get 100% participation. Like most private schools, Mountain Laurel relies on donations, in addition to tuition, to meet annual budgetary needs. (And those classes that reach 100% participation will receive a pizza, sushi or ice cream party for their teacher and students.) All donations are gratefully appreciated, from the most modest to the very generous! Every little bit helps.

In the spirit of community and love for our school, please consider giving! You can go to mountainlaurel.org and click on 'DONATE' or you can hand-deliver or mail your contribution to the school.

A PEEK INTO THE CLASSROOM

From Mr. Neel: The Third Grade had a wonderful trip to Hawthorne Valley Farm. They milked cows, slopped hogs, and ate really good food! The children journaled about their experiences, and those compositions became the writing for their workbooks. At the farm they saw how, by the sweat of our brow, and from thorns and thistles, the food in our pantries comes from really hard work. It's a lot easier to appreciate something if you've done the work yourself, and that's a great lesson!

From Mr. Aram: The Sixth Grade concluded their study of Roman history with a Theater Arts block. The students brought to life "ROMA / AMOR, A Roman Comedy," written by long time educator Eugene Schwartz. They also had the opportunity to play a large role in designing their own costumes. We are deeply grateful to the wonderful parents who helped with rehearsals, props, stage set, costumes, and driving, without whom none of this would be possible.



CLASSIFIED LISTINGS

The Second Grade would appreciate these donations:

- Previously-sculpted beeswax for class projects
- Bricks for playground use

Community Ambassador Program with SUNY New Paltz

Calling all MLWS families interested in growing relationships between international students at SUNY New Paltz and our local community! Participating families will be partnered with an international student who shares some of your interests. Then it's up to you to invite your student along for a home cooked meal, a local activity, etc. Please contact Mischa Cohn if interested: mischac@hotmail.com

ISO Assistant/Caretaker, 7-8 hours/wk, for Waldorf family

Seeking help with various household tasks, due to health issues. Duties to include cooking, light cleaning, shopping, computer work, childcare, more. Must have knowledge of healthy lifestyle and cooking, and take initiative and work independently. Contact Lisa at sunsnake@optonline.net or text 845-430-4633 if interested or with any questions. Thank you! (Please feel free to share this ad with others.)

FOR SALE:

- BMW, silver, 50,000 miles \$22K
- Passat VW double bike rack \$100
- Two drawer dresser/natural wood \$50
- Light wood free standing cutting board \$25
- White vanity with mirror \$75

Contact Kiki at elanstudio.kiki@gmail.com or 845-332-7257.

Hearth to Hearth Bread Club CSA - slow fermented, brick-oven baked, fresh bread from our hearth to yours. Sign up for weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly pickup/delivery in Saugerties, Kingston, or New Paltz. Join the club! www.hearthtohearthbreadclub.com. Any questions, email baker@hearthtohearthbreadclub.com

Home Inspections: emfs, dirty electricity, radio frequency
Concerned about children's cell phone or lap top use?
Get protection from new electric meters. Get emf readings on prospective new homes. Learn about router signals. Create an emf free sleeping environment. Teach children about safe wireless use. Decrease overall field exposure. Measure offices, cars, dorms. Learn about useful resources. Public talks available.

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Welcome Wellness MLWS parents Liz Duncan-Gilmour and Callie Hershey invite you to experience Ondamed® PEMF therapy. Liz and Callie founded Welcome Wellness after our children achieved remission from neurological Lyme Disease with the help of Ondamed® therapy. We are delighted to introduce MLWS parents and teacher Tim Curtis Verderosa and Nancy Hoose as our trained and certified Ondamed® Practitioners. Our team has all benefitted from Ondamed® therapy's help managing the stress that accompanies caring for loved ones with chronic illness and boosting our immune systems. A one-hour session costs \$75. MLWS families will receive 1 free session with purchase of 10. We are located at 5 Academy St., just steps away from Mountain Laurel. Visit: <https://www.facebook.com/WelcomeWellnessOndamed/> or call (845) 288-3088 for more information.

Guitar and mandolin lessons with Mr. Steve Bernstein at his home in Gardiner, NY. Children, teens and adults are all welcome. Please call: 845 255 0822 or drop a note in his mailbox (2nd floor) at school.

Traditional landscape paintings in oil – Tim Smith

Offering private tuition for adults and 8th grade students in classical oil painting method. To organize a session around your or your child's specific schedule and needs, contact Tim at <https://www.timsmithpaintings.com/>

Permaculture designs and landscapes created, installed and maintained by Andrew Faust and Adriana Magaña, suited to your vision and the ecology of your site. We use our 20+ years of experience and a great crew to bring you these services: Real Estate Assessment, Land Selection, Natural Building, Native Landscapes, Permaculture forest gardens, Biodynamic Orchard and Tree work, Organic Vegetable Gardens, Ponds and Solving water problems of all sorts. Contact us at 917-584-4588 or visit us at: <http://www.permaculturenewyork.com/design-consultation>

Open Path BodyWork with Anton Sinatra LMT

Intuitive sessions with attention and care for both the physical and etheric body. Deep tissue, Shiatsu, Cranio Sacral and more. 914-466-5012(text is best)
10% discount for MLWS Families

Yoga -- Private, group and public classes
Wedding officiant
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