



# WHATCOM HILLS Waldorf Weekly

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## Conditional Use Permit Update--

We have received approval for the Conditional Use Permit, with some conditions, that we sought regarding the preschool property. We will be working now to meet those conditions and, unfortunately, this will delay the opening of the preschools. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this process--be it labor on the building and grounds, donations, showing up for the hearing, or for being part of the Board and College as decisions were made. Special thanks to Chad Schulhauser of Millennium Engineering who piloted our way through the process and hearing, to Jed Clark of Arbour North who drew up our plans and advised us, and to Ron Cubellis who stayed in contact with the parties involved, kept the updates coming, and never let the process down on our end.

Carla

## Work Party Thanks!!

Many thanks to all who participated in the recent Saturday work party! It is amazing how many things can be done in one day! Work was done indoors and outdoors and the school certainly looks better.

Please plan to attend the work party September 19. There are some unfinished projects that need attention before Michaelmas. Hopefully we'll have one of those sunny fall days to enjoy. If you are new to the school, please plan to attend. It is a great way to meet community members. I'm looking for someone to head up this work party. I will give you a list of work that needs to be done--I just need someone to procure the materials and give directions on that Saturday. Please let me know if you are interested ASAP.

Thanks,  
Carla

September 4, 2009

## After-Care Registration!

Don't forget to pre-register for aftercare to get the discounted rate! Pre-registration is available through the first week of school in the office, see Geneva. Unused pre-registered hours can roll-over into next month if you don't use them in September. Drop-in will still be available but pre-registration will help us get a good idea of how many children we can expect in aftercare. Thanks! -- Ms. Meredith and Ms. Holly

## Enrollment Paperwork

Welcome Back! We are excited for school to start. Please make sure you have submitted all of your paperwork, enrollment contract, and if necessary emergency contact information and immunization forms. This paperwork must be submitted by the first day of school or your child will not be able to attend class. If you need copies they are available in the office.

## Newsletter Changes

To save printing and paper costs The Waldorf Weekly Newsletter will be distributed via e-mail and will also be available at our school website ([www.whws.org](http://www.whws.org)) Paper copies will be available in the office. Please make sure we have your correct email address in our database. If you are not online and would like to request a regular paper copy in your parent mailbox please let Geneva know.

## BEGINING OF YEAR PICNIC/POTLUCK

Please mark your calendars for Friday September 11, 2009 Potluck/Picnic to start at 5:00 PM at Lake Padden. **Please note time change!!!**

## Flu

As you may know, flu can be easily spread from person to person. Therefore, we are taking steps to reduce the spread of flu at WHWS. We want to keep the school open to students and functioning in a normal manner during this flu season; we need your help to do this.

We are working closely with the health department to monitor flu conditions and make decisions about the best steps to take concerning our school. We will keep you updated with new information as it becomes available.

If the flu becomes more severe, we may take additional steps to prevent the spread such as:

- Dismissing students from school for at least 7 days if they become sick.

Here are a few things you can do to help.

- Teach your children to wash their hands often with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand rub. You can set a good example by doing this yourself.
- Teach your children not to share personal items like drinks, food or unwashed utensils, and to cover their coughs and sneezes with tissues. Covering up their coughs or sneezes using the elbow, arm or sleeve instead of the hand when a tissue is unavailable.
- Know the signs and symptoms of the flu. Symptoms of the flu include fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit, 37.8 degrees Celsius or greater), cough, sore throat, a runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, and feeling very tired. Some people may also vomit or have diarrhea.
- Keep sick children at home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have fever or do not have signs of fever, without using fever-reducing drugs. Keeping children with a fever at home will reduce the number of people who may get infected.
- Do not send children to school if they are sick. Any children who are determined to be sick while at school will be sent home.

For more information, visit [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO for the most current information about the flu. We will notify you of any additional changes to our school's strategy to prevent the spread of flu.

## Parent's Circle With Preschool Teacher Mary Corcoran Starting September 25th

This Circle will provide an opportunity for parents to come together over a cup of tea to share an artistic activity or study/discussion group. The study will focus on parenting topics and child development. Our first "block" will be artistic. We will make a little pumpkin or nut person for your nature table or ? An example is on Geneva's desk in the office. We will meet on Friday mornings from 8:45-10:45. Childcare will be provided in Rosebud Preschool by Betsy Bettencourt. There is a limit of 8 children. The fee is \$6.00 per hour, per child. There will be a \$10.00 supply fee but if you have lots of craft supplies you can bring your own. Call Mary for the list. Please call Geneva in the office to register. Hope to see you soon!

Warmly,  
Mary Corcoran 733-4886

## Picnic Table Wanted

The Preschool would love to have a picnic table in the yard for picnics. Please call Adrienne 756-5013 or Mary 733-4886 if you can help.  
Thank you!

## Missing Music Stands

Two years ago the school purchased 10 folding music stands. These are silver "wire" stands that fold down very compactly. The top (lyre) separates from the bottom or base of the stand. As of sometime last year only one and a half stands remained at the school. If you have one of these stands in your home or know of the whereabouts of any of these stands, please contact Beth Beyers at 752-5776 or [littleminstrels@juno.com](mailto:littleminstrels@juno.com). If you have one and would like to purchase it, they cost about \$10.

## Newsletter Deadline

Please make note that the newsletter deadline is TUESDAY at 9:00 AM. Any questions can be directed to Geneva in the office. **First Newsletter of the school year will be emailed to you Thursday, September 17th.**

**First Day of School  
September 9th, 2009**

**Handwork Circle –**

Who's interested in gathering for handwork, tea and chat Friday mornings after drop-off? If there's enough interest I'm happy to host the second week of school and we can rotate after that. If you're up for it email [meredith@whws.org](mailto:meredith@whws.org) or call 647-1123. – Meredith

**Festivals / Educational  
Opportunities**

**Tutoring**

Experienced Waldorf teacher available for tutoring! If your 5th, 6th, 7th, or 8th grader needs extra help call me. I am very familiar with the Waldorf curriculum and can collaborate with your child's teacher to ensure success in the classroom. Meredith 647-1123

**Parent/child playgroup**

The fall session of the parent/child playgroup will take place on Fridays from 9-11AM. September 18-November 20. Cost for the 10 week session is \$225. Classes are held in the preschool house, upstairs in the Sweet Peas classroom. Children ages 19 months to 3 years old and their parents are welcome. Classes include play time, circle, snack, story and outside time. Class size is limited and registration is on a first come basis. Please contact Adrienne Doucette for more information or to register. [adriennedoucette@comcast.net](mailto:adriennedoucette@comcast.net) 201-0360.

**Mother/baby group**

This class is for mothers and infants ages 6 weeks to 19 months old. Six week sessions are held on Thursdays from 9-10:30AM. in the preschool house. Cost is \$120. In this class parents will observe their baby play and interact with others, learn songs and games to play with their baby, and connect with other parents. There will also be time for discussion relating to parenting issues and Waldorf education. Contact Adrienne Doucette for more information or to register. [adriennedoucette@comcast.net](mailto:adriennedoucette@comcast.net) 201-0360.

**Bulletin Board / Personals**

**For Rent**

Viola and violin available for rent for the school year. Very lovely viola, full-size 16.5" (length of the body--quite large), \$35/mo. and full-size violin, \$15/mo. Clarinet, trombone and flute also available for \$15/mo. each. 752-5776

**Housing Wanted!!!**

Hi! We are a new Waldorf family coming from Hawaii and looking for a 6-month rental near the school. Please let us know if you have any leads! Thank you! Mahina (Lavender Kindergarten), Kanoa, Dave, and Jenny (808) 294-4824 or [jmd@hawaii.edu](mailto:jmd@hawaii.edu)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ◆ *Saturday, September 5*, Band Party, Alia Hall 10:00 AM-1:00 PM
- ◆ *Tuesday, September 8*, Preschool Open House 10:00-11:00 AM
- ◆ *Wednesday, September 9th*, **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!**
- ◆ *Friday, September 11th*, Beginning of Year Picnic/Pot luck, 5:00 PM, Lake Padden
- ◆ *Monday, September 14th*, Board Meeting 3:30-5:30 PM
- ◆ *Tuesday, September 15th*, Parent Council Meeting, 5:30-6:30 PM
- ◆ *Tuesday, September 15th*, Back to School Night, 7:00 PM, Alia Hall
- ◆ *Wednesday, September 16th-Friday Septmeber 18th*, Grade 8 Field Trip to Mazama
- ◆ *Friday, September 18th*, WHWS Art Show with Kuros Zahedi at Cordata Community Food Co-op
- ◆ *Saturday, September 19th*, Work Party, 9:00 AM
- ◆ *Friday, September 25th*, Parent's Circle, 8:45-10:45 AM. Childcare Provided.

