



Week of March 26, 2012



## What's Going On...

Monday, March 26 and  
Wednesday, March 28  
Waldorf Open Chess  
Tournament  
Tamarind Building Gallery  
3:30-4:45 p.m.

Friday, March 30  
School Spirit Day  
Screening of *Queen of the Sun*  
7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 3  
Board of Trustees and  
Leadership Team meeting with  
parents  
Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 5  
Second Eurythmy Assembly  
Upper School and Grades 1, 2,  
3, and 8  
Multipurpose Room, 1:45 p.m.

Friday, April 6 (Good Friday)  
and Monday, April 9  
All Schools Closed

Friday, April 13  
In-service Day  
Upper School Closed

Saturday, April 14  
Giant Garage Sale to benefit  
12th grade trip  
Tamarind Building, 9:00-2:00  
p.m.



## From the Desk of the Director of Administration

The members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Leadership Team will host a meeting with Waldorf families and friends on Tuesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m. to present and discuss the future of the Waldorf School of Baltimore. Our goal is to address your questions about the recent decision to initiate a hiatus of the Upper School and to share its impact and the vision for the future of our school. The meeting will be held in the Multipurpose Room in the Yellowwood Building. Please plan to join us for an informative presentation.

## 40th Anniversary Annual Fund

Anniversary Fun fact ...  
In 1989-1999, our Annual  
Fund goal was \$40,000.  
Look how far we have  
come with a 40<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary goal of  
\$140,000! You can help  
us reach it—and help us  
aim even higher for the

future as we celebrate 40  
years of Waldorf  
education in Baltimore.

**Please make your gift  
today to the 2011-2012  
Annual Fund.**

You may contribute with  
a check, payable to

Waldorf School of  
Baltimore.

On-line donations—with  
options to spread out  
your donation over  
multiple payments—are  
welcomed at

[www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org](http://www.waldorfschoolofbaltimore.org)

## Bee Events at WSB in March and April

What are the bees telling  
us? Find out this spring  
at the Waldorf School of  
Baltimore by attending  
these community events:

- **Friday, March 30, 7:30 p.m.:** A free screening of the 2010 film "Queen of the Sun" takes us on a journey through the catastrophic disappearance of bees and the mysterious world of the beehive; this ultimately uplifting film weaves a dramatic

story of the struggles of  
beekeepers, scientists,  
and philosophers from  
around the world,  
including Michael  
Pollan, Gunther Hauk,  
and Vandana Shiva.  
Location: Waldorf  
Lower School /  
Tamarind Building.

- **Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21:** Dynamic presentations by Gunther Hauk, renowned biodynamic beekeeper and former

Waldorf teacher.

- ◇ Friday April 20: free lecture, 7:30 p.m.
- ◇ Saturday April 21:
  - ⇒ Workshop with Gunther Hauk, 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$48 adults/ \$38 students (pre-register or pay at the door)
  - ⇒ Mini Bee Festival, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Talk in person with Mr. Hauk and shop with bee-related

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## Library News

Many thanks to the Parker family for their donation in honor of Luke's (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Jillian's (6<sup>th</sup>) birthdays. At Luke's request, we are purchasing *Fantastic Feats and Failures* in honor of his eighth birthday. Jillian has many interests, and we are investigating several areas to honor her eleventh birthday. We appreciate this gift that is helping the library to grow in such a personal way.

We also thank Riley McNeill (3rd) and her family for their generous

gift of two books in honor of Riley's birthday. Her grandparents gave us Brian Selznick's *Wonderstruck* (he is the author and illustrator behind *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* and the movie *Hugo*), and Riley's mom gave *My Grand Plan to Fix Everything* by Uma Krishnaswami, in which a very Americanized girl moves to a small town in India and meets unexpected pleasures.

If you would like to honor your child's birthday or other special

event, take a look at the Waldorf School of Baltimore wish list on Amazon or ask me for an idea—or you can leave it up to us to choose for you. A donation of \$15-\$20 will purchase a lovely hardcover book for the library with a gift plate in the front.

Thanks to everyone for your help in making sure your children return their books, and keep reading (to your children and yourself)!

Charlotte Snyder

## News from AWSNA

Once again, AWSNA is proud to officially endorse **Screen-Free Week (April 30-May 6)**. This is the annual celebration where children, families, schools, and communities turn off screens and turn on life. Nationally, children spend far too much time with screens: an astonishing average of 32 hours a week for preschoolers and even more for older children. We all know that excessive screen time is harmful for

children - it's linked to poor school performance, childhood obesity, attention problems, and the erosion of creative play.

Screen-Free Week (formerly TV-Turnoff) is a wonderful way to help children lead healthier, happier lives by reducing dependence on entertainment screen media, including television, video games, computers, and hand-held devices. By encour-

aging children and families to unplug, Screen-Free Week provides time for them to play, connect with nature, read, daydream, create, explore, and spend more time with family and friends.

Join with us in working to have a completely free-of-screens week to emphasize the importance of this effort.

## April Bee Events at WSB (continued)

vendors; free and open to the public.

Location: April events held at the Waldorf Upper School / Yellowwood Community Center;

For information and to register, call 410-367-6808

Join us to learn about the problems and solutions in renewing a culture in balance with nature.

