

## How We Celebrated Earth Day

*Mother Earth is a common expression for the planet Earth in a number of countries and regions, which reflects the interdependence that exists among human beings, other living species and the planet. For instance, Bolivians call Mother Earth Pachamama and Nicaraguans refer to her as Tonantzin. The proclamation of 22 April as International Mother Earth Day is an acknowledgement that the Earth and its ecosystems provide its in-*

*habitants with life and sustenance. It also recognizes a collective responsibility, as called for in the 1992 Rio Declaration, to promote harmony with nature and the Earth to achieve a just balance among the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations of humanity.*

*From United Nations site*

On Friday April 20, students of grades 1-8 celebrated Earth day by beautifying and caring for WSB

grounds. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades planted beautiful flowers in planters; 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades worked on the gardens and added new soil to them; 5<sup>th</sup> grade conditioned the worm bins; 6<sup>th</sup> grade pulled invasive species out; 7<sup>th</sup> assisted with the playground mulch and 8<sup>th</sup> grade picked up litter from the woods and school grounds, and rearranged large natural objects for students' use.



Left: First and second grade students planted flower pots on the plaza. Right: Third grade students planted their playground garden with Mrs. Steil.

## Library News

Thank you to Kathy Macmillan and JX (1<sup>st</sup>) for their gift of several new picture books for the collection. Especially welcome are two copies of *The Unruly Queen*, in which a new nanny turns the tables on a disobedient and willful child; *Duck! Rabbit!*, which plays on the role different perspectives play in seeing a picture; and Suzanne Slade's *The Great Divide*, a beautifully illus-

trated book of poetic animal division problems—really, much more interesting than that sounds!

Thank you also to Jackson Bennett (4<sup>th</sup>) for his gift of several books, including *Al Capone Shines My Shoes*, another tale from Alcatraz Prison, where the warden's twelve-year-old son feels he has a special

connection with the prison's most famous inmate.

Donating a book to the library is a great way to help everyone in the school and celebrate a special occasion. Take a look at the Waldorf School wish list on Amazon to see titles we'd like to add to our collection. And happy reading!

Charlotte Snyder

## Earth Day at WSB



Left: Fourth grade students weeding and planting their garden with Ms. Maxwell.

Below, left: Sixth graders working in the woods.

Below, right: Eighth grade students cleaning up the playground.



## The Weekly

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