



Week of October 10 2011



# Children's Garden Autumn Garden Festival

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

## What's Going On...

Wednesday, October 12  
 Children's Garden Autumn  
 Festival

Saturday, October 15  
 Sophomores and Juniors take  
 the PSAT in Upper School  
 Humanities Room  
 9:345 a.m.

Thursday, October 20  
 Senior Play  
 Multipurpose Room, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, October 21  
 Harvest Festival  
 Grades 1-5, 3:30-5:30

Friday and Saturday,  
 October 21 and 22  
 Senior Play  
 Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 28  
 School Spirit Day  
 Halloween Parade, Grades 1-5  
 Creative Hair Day, Grades 6-8  
 (please note grade corrections)

Monday, October 31  
 School Closed for AIMS  
 Teacher Conference

Visit the WSB  
 Farmstand  
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Our Children's Garden Autumn Garden Festival is celebrated every year in early autumn. This year's festival will be on Wednesday, October 12. There are many festivals to mark the seasonal turning points (solstices and equinoxes). These festivals bring images that are part of the universal human experience, such as various harvest festivals in the autumn. Our Autumn Garden Festival marks the end of the growing season and the celebration of the bounty of the harvest. This is the time of year when human beings must find strength and courage to enter the months of cold and darkness, bearing within themselves the light and warmth that were in the outer world of nature in summertime. The Archangel Michael, who defended the good, is a picture of this strength and courage for the children. When the children enter the Autumn Garden, they experience the beauty and wonder of nature that is displayed throughout with flowers, cornstalks, gourds, pumpkins, tree branches, etc. The children are escorted by the Autumn Fairy through the Garden where they meet Michael and Mother Earth. Each child receives a cape, a crown, an apple, and a bulb to plant.

In the Waldorf nursery and kindergarten, the seasonal festivals form the framework of the curriculum. The children are nourished by the images and mood of the festival activities and by the earnestness with which the adults work to find expression for the relationship between the human being and the changing forces of nature.

For the Autumn Garden Festival, parents are needed to take on the roles of Michael and Mother Earth. Let your teacher know if you would like to help in this way. There will be a sign up sheet outside the Willow and Butterfly classrooms to sign up for the roles of Michael and Mother Earth. If any parents have flowers, potted plants, corn stalks, pumpkins and gourds, etc. to share for the Festival display, please bring them in the day before the Festival, Tuesday, October 11. Label items you want returned. The teachers will send home details as the date approaches.

### Room and Time

Butterfly Nursery: 8:30 a.m. – meet in Butterfly Nursery

Willow Kindergarten: 9:30 a.m. – meet in Willow Kindergarten

Transitional Nursery and Parent & Child Classes: 10:30 a.m. – meet in Violet Room

Please RSVP to your child's teacher.

WSB welcomes Crystal Cheng as she joins the seventh grade!