



Week of October 31 2011



Waldorf Education Is in the News

What's Going On...

Thursday, November 3
 Fall Speaker Series,
 "The Young Child"
 Tamarind Building Music Room,
 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 4
 Faculty In-service Day
 All Schools Closed

Sunday, November 6
 Daylight Savings Ends

Friday, November 11
 Middle School Movie Night
 Multipurpose Room,
 3:30-6:00 p.m.

Friday, November 11
 Lantern Walks
 Children's Garden: 5:00 p.m.
 Elementary: 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 15
 Parents' Association Meeting
 Music Room, 7:00 p.m.



**Don't forget
 to visit the
 Farmstand on
 Wednesday!**

The Sunday *New York Times* (10/23/11) featured a compelling article on Waldorf education, followed by an editorial in the *Washington Post* on 10/24/11, that we are proud to share with you. The article examines the Waldorf curriculum and validates the focus on literacy, numeracy, and critical thinking in lieu of technology. The limited or appropriate use of technology, particularly in Waldorf schools across the country, has been an area of debate in the education forum for quite some time. The attached *New York Times* article details why Waldorf has become the school of choice for technology and computer experts in the Silicon Valley area despite our limited use of technology to educate our students. The *Washington Post* editorial reviews "Waldorf School vs. Electronic Classroom: the New Parental Debate." We invite you to review the articles via the links below.

http://www.nytimes.com/2011/10/23/technology/at-waldorf-school-in-silicon-valley-technology-can-wait.html?_r=2&hp

http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/on-parenting/post/waldorf-school-vs-electronic-classroom-the-new-parental-debate/2011/10/24/gIQAQumlCM_blog.html

United Nations World Food Day as it was observed at WSB

On October 16, UN World Food Day was celebrated nationally and internationally. WSB joined the celebration as a UNESCO-associated school through different grades.

Grades 1-4 gathered in the morning to celebrate the existence of bees and to acknowledge their hard work. Students learned interesting facts about bees; visited the WSB beehive, and gathered in a circle to eat fruit that had been grown thanks to the pollinating

work of bees.

Did you know?

- Bees have 5 eyes.

- Bees need to visit 2 million flowers to make 1 pound of

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WSB Observes UN World Food Day (continued)

honey.

- One third of the world food supply is dependent on bees.
- 2 teaspoons of honey provide enough energy for a bee to travel the distance around the globe.

Middle school students tried to cook rice using a solar cooker, experiencing the situation of communities around the world that rely on the sun as a sustainable

source of energy.



Upper school students were visited by Ms. Christina Stafford from the Center for Food Safety, Environmental and Public Health Organization based in Washington, D.C. Ms. Stafford discussed the

environmental, economic, and social impacts of choosing organic food. The talk generated a lively debate among students during the session.

Would you like to join the celebration?

UNICEF collects funds for famine relief in Somalia. Online donations are accepted. Please visit United States Funds for UNICEF: <https://secure.unicefusa.org/site/Donation>

Left: WSB's own beehive



Phoebe Reichel and Monu Kunkel, 8th grade students, using the WSB solar rice cooker.



Students sampling fruit.



Right: WSB solar cooker