



Week of November 21, 2011



## What's Going On...

Wednesday, November 23  
 Thanksgiving Assembly  
 Multipurpose Room, 10:45 a.m.

Thursday and Friday,  
 November 24 and 25  
 All Schools Closed for  
 Thanksgiving Break

Tuesday and Wednesday,  
 November 29 and 30  
 Winter Garden

Tuesday, November 29  
 Winter Garden open to  
 community  
 Eurythmy Room, 2:40-3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 29  
 Fundraising Networking at  
 Alonso's, 5:30-7:00

Friday, December 2  
 Senior Fundraiser  
 Spaghetti Supper  
 Multipurpose Room,  
 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 3  
 Holiday Fair  
 Snow Date:

Sunday, December 4

Thursday, December 8  
 Festival of Light  
 Multipurpose Room, 7:00 p.m.

## The Winter Garden

As we approach the Winter Solstice, the darkest time of the year, many traditions celebrate with festivals that bring light into darkness. Lighting the Advent candles, the Chanukah candles, the Christmas tree and the Kwanzaa candles all remind us of a miracle of light-be it a lamp that stayed lit for eight days, the return of the sun, the birth of the Christmas child, or the principles for creating true community. At Waldorf Schools worldwide, we celebrate this time of year by walking the spiral pathway in the Winter Garden.

To symbolize the darkness of the winter days, the Winter Garden is lit by only one candle at the center of a spiral of green boughs. After hearing a seasonal story, each child walks the spiral to its center carrying an unlit candle. In the center an Eighth Grade Angel helps each child light his or her candle. Then the child retraces the path, placing the candle along the spiral, amid the boughs. Hidden amongst the greenery are treasures, such as crystals, stones, stars, or seashells; as the candlelight grows even stronger, these treasures begin to sparkle in the darkness.

The walk into the center of the spiral towards the single light and out of the

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## Thanksgiving Assembly is Wednesday

We will celebrate Thanksgiving together with an assembly with students from the entire community from CG-12<sup>th</sup> Grade. Students in Grades 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> are required to wear Orchestra/Concert Dress. This consists of a white

collared shirt or blouse (**no t-shirts**) and black pants (not jeans), or a skirt for girls. Students in CG-4<sup>th</sup> will wear Assembly Dress, which consists of a collared shirt and dress pants for boys; girls should wear a dressy blouse and dress

pants or a skirt, or a dress. Students from grades 1-12 will be sharing in the assembly.

We look forward to sharing this joyful holiday with everyone!

Kim Weisheit,  
 Co-Chair, Festivals

## Greens Needed for the Winter Garden

The Winter Garden will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, November 29 and 30, after the Thanksgiving break. We need greenery to construct the garden. If you have evergreens, ivy, or other shrubs, we

will appreciate it if you can bring in some cuttings. It takes a great deal of greenery to make our spiral walk!

Please drop off greens in the lobby of either the Tamarind Building or

Yellowwood Building by **3:30 p.m. on Monday, November 28, 2010.** Thank you for helping to make the Winter Garden beautiful again this year.

The Full Faculty

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## Upper School Snapshots

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Spaghetti Supper** on **Friday, December 2, 5:00-7:00 p.m.** Instead of having to worry about fixing dinner—especially if you are staying at school to help with set-up for the Holiday Fair—come enjoy a fun and delicious meal. The money raised will go towards the senior trip.

Last week, Upper School students enjoyed two very interesting experiences. On Wednesday, November 16, eleventh and twelfth graders visited the Walters Art Museum to see the exhibit, "Lost and Found: The Secrets of Archimedes." This fascinating exhibit touched on points applicable both to the 12<sup>th</sup> grade main lesson on Calculus and

the 11<sup>th</sup> grade Philosophy of Science class.

Also, on November 16, a representative from Amnesty International spoke before the entire Upper School about his experience, having been falsely convicted, imprisoned and then being the first death row inmate in this country to be exonerated through DNA evidence.

## The Winter Garden (continued)

spiral, increasing the light's strength, mirrors the journey we make into ourselves at this time of the year. We look inward to find the light in our own hearts and bring it out into the world to share. As the children walk with dignity to the light in the center, there is revealed in each one a deep humanity and uprightness. By helping to bring light to the Garden, each child's

motivation to be active and bring light to the world is inwardly strengthened. The mood of the Winter Garden is one of wonder, peace, and joy. The Winter Garden will take place on Tuesday November 29 and Wednesday, November 30, for all students during the school day.

We warmly invite families, friends,

and community members to experience the wonder, peace, and joy in the Winter Garden. It will be open to the public on Tuesday, November 29 from 2:40–3:30 p.m.

Please come to the Eurythmy Room on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Tamarind Building. All are welcome.

The Festivals Committee

**Thanks to all the parents who donated muffins, tea, and other snacks for Pajama Day. We appreciate your support. The next Spirit Day is Friday, December 16: Dress-up Day. Students in grades 1-12 can sport their finest on the last day before the Holiday break.**