

Spring Festival in the Children's Garden: Wednesday, April 27

Spring, the most welcome of seasons, rushes towards us--then it takes a tender pause--and dashes forward again with renewed vigor. Just when the spell of winter seems hard to shake off, crocuses awaken to greet the sun. As days grow longer and the breeze softens, we patiently wait and hope. The ground softens, the ditches gurgle with rains, and buds swell on the twig. New life erupts from the earth, helped (children will tell you) by gnomes, worms, and ants. Stories of Father Sun, Sister Rain, Brother Wind and Mother Earth are just right for the Children's Garden. These archetypal representations of nature forces sustain a child's sense of wonder and inquiry, creating an understanding of the seasons that will flourish and develop with the child. Wonder is the seed of wisdom.

We will celebrate the season by

creating a Spring Festival, much the same way we fashioned the Autumn Festival. ***The day of the festival is Wednesday, April 27th.*** After hearing a story from their teacher, children take turns receiving a crown from a Spring Fairy, a seed from Mother Earth, light and warmth from Father Sun, water from Sister Rain, and nourishing breezes from Brother Wind. It is a quiet event, a chance for reflection and reverence amidst the ebullience of the season. The times each class will attend are listed below. All parents are welcome for the whole morning or just for the festival time. All classes will need four parents to play the characters in the Spring Festival: Mother Earth, Father Sun, Sister Rain and Brother Wind. Please look for the sign up sheet on the front office door.

As with the Autumn Festival, we

hope to present the Spring Festival outside in the woods. The festival will be inside in case of heavy rain. We seek a parent or parents to assist in set-up beginning at 7:30am (moving and arranging plants, for example) on the day of the festival. Please contact your child's teacher if you wish to volunteer. Please consider loaning or donating potted or cut flowers. Bring them in on Tuesday, April 26th. If you have any flowering tree branches you could trim & force to bloom, we would welcome these, too.

Please no photos or video recording during the festival.

- Butterfly Nursery & Parent/Child: 8:30 a.m.
- Willow Kindergarten: 9:15 a.m.

Please R.S.V.P. to your child's teacher

2010-2011 Annual Fund

The Annual Fund is our community fundraising effort. Our goal is \$90,000, and your donation—of any amount—can help us reach it. Your gift is an investment in Waldorf education for all students and in Waldorf education in Baltimore for years to come.

As second grade parent Tia Thompson's grandmother used to say, "Give generously to what you believe in. Give generously of your time, your love, your gifts—give to what you believe in!"

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