

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Summer is clearly the time of year for growth to occur in abundance. My garden vegetables have grown huge, our campus has grown a brand new and beautiful building, and the children have come back to school bigger and more beautiful than ever. Sunshine, goldenrod, and warm breezy days have accompanied us on the fabulous journey to a new school year. After a noisy summer on campus, without children and with machinery, the robust statures, rosy cheeks, sparkling eyes, and vibrant voices of the students are welcome gifts.

All of the hard work and preparations for starting school could not have been done without the tremendous help and support of so many parents and friends of Ashwood. Each building on campus looks so beautiful! Our brown building, housing the first and second grades, is freshly painted with gorgeous lazuring from the painting angels. On the day of the Early Childhood tea last week, the sights and smells emanating from Rosewood were more welcoming than ever. And of course, our new building couldn't be a more beautiful sight. Vision Builders, led by Gregg Haining, worked tirelessly all summer long, nights, weekends, during the six weeks of rain, without fail. Gregg and his crew have gone above and beyond in every aspect of this project, taking an interest in the well-being of Ashwood that far exceeds the scope of any contract or agreed upon expectations. Not many architects come and cut trees down themselves to move a building project forward, but Eric Beckstrom was here, making endless decisions on every detail that makes the building look and feel so pleasing. Doug Mott and his building committee worked through all of the communication to see this project through. Mark Ferrero, our Facilities Director, has shown remarkable dedication and persistence, carefully and cheerfully meeting request after request, with a smile on his face, and a willingness to get everything done yesterday. We have Liz Ferrero to thank for all of the beautiful flowers gracing our campus planters. There has been help moving, sorting, sewing, cleaning, advising, figuring, and so on. Thank you to each and every one of you. Your efforts create what this school is all about. They warm and brighten each classroom, each office, and each smiling face on campus. Thank you!

– Jody Spanglet

LATE PICK-UPS

It is always stressful when parents are late in picking up their children. In the past children have come to the office to wait for their parents. This was difficult for the children, parents, and Ashwood staff alike, since the office is quite busy with all sorts of business going on, particularly at the end of the school day, and isn't adequately staffed to receive children. In response to these difficulties we have created a new arrangement that we believe will be far better for the students and will allow the teachers to get to their various after school duties. Pick up time is 3:15 p.m. and parents will still have until 3:30 to arrive before they are considered late. Then, at 3:30, any remaining students will be brought up to extended care at Rosewood and will be with Jean Moss until their parents come. There will be an automatic \$10 fee for this service, which will be billed on a monthly basis. We still need parents to call the school office to let our staff know that they are going to be late and will be needing this service. That way we won't worry about you and we can let the children know what is going on and when their parents are expected to arrive.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS

We did It (almost)!

Over a year and half ago we started the Capital Campaign to raise the funds needed to make our dream of a new school a reality. And now, September 14, 2009, we opened the doors to our first, permanent grade-school building. It was so exciting to walk into the new, beautiful building on Monday morning!

We are working very hard to reach our goal of \$750,000, and although we are not there yet, we are determined to finish the job! Now that school has started, the Capital Campaign will once again go into full swing. Everyone will be solicited, hopefully before the end of 2009. If you have not yet been asked to contribute to this project, please start thinking of how you can help. Someone from the Capital Campaign cabinet or a board member will be in touch with you soon.

Thank you to everyone who has already given to the campaign. Without your support, our children would not be sitting at desks, in their new classrooms, absorbing the complete beauty of a Waldorf education.

– Kim Cobourn, Capital Campaign Co-Chair

NO PEANUTS, PLEASE!

Due to an allergy, we ask that you observe a **No Peanut Zone** for the Rosewood Early Childhood building. This includes all three classrooms at all times during the school year. Thank you, kindly!

– Toki Oshima, Early Childhood Chair

THE ASHWOOD LEAFLET

The *Ashwood Leaflet* has replaced the *Wednesday Weekly* and will now be published every other Wednesday. The deadline for newsletter submissions is now Monday at 9 a.m. the week of publication.

In our effort to “go green” and to save valuable human resources, the newsletter will be e-mailed to each family in the school. If you prefer to pick up a paper copy of the newsletter please notify us by sending an e-mail to newsletter@ashwoodwaldorf.org or calling 236-8021. Paper copies will be in the “Newsletter” hanging bin in the main office.

BUSINESS OFFICE NOTES

The Business Office will be open each day during school hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m., and Thursday from 8:30 a.m. - noon. I will be available in my office to answer questions or meet with you immediately after 8:30 a.m. drop-off and right before 3:15 p.m. pick-up time. At other times during the day I am often available, but as I am sometimes in meetings, please make an appointment with me to be sure I’m here when you stop by.

– Jana Herbener, Business Office Manager

New Family Orientation

Friday, Sept. 18th
8:30 - 11 a.m.

- ▶ Welcome Packet
- ▶ Handbook Review
- ▶ Q&A
- ▶ Refreshments
- ▶ Meet the Faculty

Buttercup Room
Rosewood Early Childhood Center

GRAND OPENING

*Join us as we celebrate this milestone in
Ashwood’s history!*

Friday, October 16th
8:45 a.m.

Music • Ribbon Cutting
Refreshments • Wish Loom

Call the office for more information.

MICHAELMAS COMETH

Mark your calendars for the annual Michaelmas Harvest Festival & Open House on Saturday, October 3rd from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Crafts, music, food, and fun!

FÉLICITATIONS MADAME

Madame Nazzaro gave birth to a beautiful baby boy on September 9th. Henry joins big brothers, Lauren (4th grade) and Harland (2nd grade). Congratulations Madame, Caleb, Lauren, and Harland. Welcome, Henry!

WELCOME NEW CHILDREN

Three-Day Early Childhood

Abbie	Piper
Aidan	Poppy
Asa	Sadie
Gabriel	Scarlet
Jacob	Sofia
Liam	

Five-Day Early Childhood

Oliver
Thomas

Welcome to Ashwood Waldorf School.
Have a wonderful year!

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FACULTY?

The Parent Community Council (PCC) Welcome Committee has created a beautiful, color faculty directory. If you are interested in having a copy of your own, please call or e-mail Enrollment & Marketing Director Maria Northcott at 236-8021 ext. 105 or enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Now that we have our nice new building, we have repurposed some of the other buildings on campus. Jody Spanglet's office is now in the old conference room in the red cabin attached to the main office. The Conference Room is now located in the old seventh grade classroom (red building behind main office). The Study is the room to the left in this same building and will be used for student support. Another space for student support is The Annex, which is the old clay studio. The Forming Arts studio is now in the green building on the left. On the right in the green building is the Specialty Teachers' Office. The Faculty Room is located downstairs in the new grade school building. Mark Ferrero, our Facilities Manager, has moved into the old director's space in the main office.

GRADE SCHOOL MICHAELMAS HIKE

Friday, October 2nd
**Dismissal is at 3:15 p.m. from
Camden Hills State Park
Headquarters.**

*All parents,
younger siblings &
grandparents welcome!*

Map and more information in next newsletter.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Terra Diddle Players are seeking costume pieces for our fall production of "The Brave Little Parrot." We are in need of ALL BLACK: tops, leggings, stretchy bottoms, leotards, and tights. Our actors are ages 9-12 years old, both boys and girls. Please contact Kathryn Oliver at 763-4038 or kathryn@kathrynoliver.com.

On Wednesday, September 23rd from 6-7:30 p.m., Rockport Public Library will be holding an Art at the Library event. Come and make a tiny book (Artist Trading Card sized), made from one regular size of 8.5"x11" paper with your own story/illustrations. Artist trading cards (ATCs) are miniature works of art that can be traded or given away, modeled after baseball cards, and originally initiated by a Swiss artist in 1997. Call the library with questions at 236-3642 and ask for Ashwood parent, Iris Eichenlaub. The Rockport Public Library is located at One Limerock Street in Rockport.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Rent: Charming, somewhat quirky, spacious and sunny one-bedroom apartment. Newly refinished wood floors, wainscoting, large arched south-facing windows, overlooking St. George River and village park with four resident eagles. Waldorf, artist, and pet friendly building. \$650 per month. Contact Sharon Larkin at slarkin93@yahoo.com, or 542-3416.

For Rent: First floor commercial/residential space in same building. Ideal as a live-in workspace for artist or craftsperson. Gallery or shop potential. Other artists in building. Contact Sharon Larkin at slarkin93@yahoo.com, or 542-3416.

Administrative Staff

Jody Spanglet – Director – ext. 103

Mark Ferrero – Facilities Manager – ext. 102

Jana Herbener – Business Office Manager – ext. 109

Lauren Lynch – Administrative Assistant – ext. 101

Maria Northcott – Enrollment & Marketing Director – ext. 105

E-mail Contacts

Board of Trustees: boardoftrustees@ashwoodwaldorf.org

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School Office hours are 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. (8 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. on Thursdays)

Thank you to Toki Oshima for artwork used in *The Ashwood Leaflet* and Parent Handbooks.

We encourage your contributions to this school newsletter. Please give submissions, paper or e-mail, to the Administrative Asst. in the office or e-mail newsletter@ashwoodwaldorf.org. Deadline for submissions to *The Ashwood Leaflet* is **Monday** at 9 a.m. the week of publication.

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
13	14 	15	16	17 6 pm – 3 rd grade parent evening 6 pm – Middle school parent evening	18 8 am-3:30 pm – 4 th grade field trip 8:30-11 am – New Family Orientation 3:30-5 pm – 5 th grade parent meeting	19
20	21	22	23 8:30-10:30 am – Parent Community Council (PCC) meeting	24 6 pm – 1 st grade parent evening	25 Common 8:30-10 am Capital Campaign meeting	26 Ground
27 Fair	28	29 6 pm – 2 nd grade parent evening	30	1	2 11 am -3:15 pm – Grade School Michaelmas Hike	3 11 am-3 pm – Michaelmas Harvest Festival & Open House
4	5	6	7	8 5:30-7 pm – Early Childhood (EC) parent evening	9	10 

We encourage you to post this calendar in a visible place in your home. Thank you!

COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY FAIR 2009

“Waldorf Education in Maine”

As you may already know, we’re going to have a “Waldorf Education In Maine” booth at the MOFGA Common Ground Community Fair September 25, 26, and 27, 2009.

WE’RE ALMOST THERE! Please see the list below of shifts that still need to be filled.

We ask that each volunteer provide their own pass to the fair for the day that they work. Please fill out the form below, detach it, and present it to Maria Northcott if you are interested. You can also email Maria with all of the information in the form: enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org.

Name: _____

Shift(s) you can cover: _____

Cell phone number: _____

Email address: _____

SHIFTS THAT STILL NEED COVERAGE:

Saturday, Sept. 26 th	2 pm - 4 pm
Sunday, Sept. 27 th	9 am - 12 pm
Sunday, Sept. 27 th	12 pm - 1 pm
Sunday, Sept. 27 th	2 pm - 5 pm

Please return this form to Enrollment & Marketing Director Maria Northcott in the office **as soon as possible!**

Thank you very much for your support! We will be in touch with a volunteer info packet before the event. Please email enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org if you have any questions.

