

FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is with great pleasure that I announce that Ashwood Waldorf School has hired Elizabeth Lunt to be a new Early Childhood and Parent/Child teacher. Beth will join Toki and will, in all likelihood, teach a three-day mixed-aged class Monday through Wednesday and two Parent/Child classes, one on Thursdays and one on Fridays. The exact arrangement will become clearer as the enrollment in the Early Childhood Center comes to fruition over the summer. What is certain, however, is that we will have two full-time lead teachers in the Early Childhood Program next year. We look forward, eagerly, to the strength and renewal that this will bring to our program.

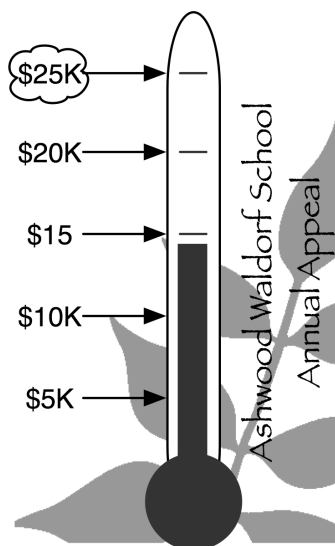
Beth comes to us with many years of teaching experience and training. Currently, she is teaching at the Tidewater School in Eliot, one of four Waldorf schools in Maine. Her service over the past several years at the Tidewater School includes, in addition to being a lead kindergarten teacher, Parent/Child class teacher, handwork teacher, Faculty Chair, Early Childhood Chair, and membership on the Outreach Committee. Beth has taught at many other schools over the years from Hawaii to Arizona and all the way back to Maine, where she ran her own Waldorf home program near Blue Hill.

Beth interviewed with our entire Faculty and taught in Toki's class. Toki then visited Beth at the Tidewater School in order to see her in her own classroom environment. Toki described her visit with respect for the classroom work, her relationship with her students, and the love that everyone displayed towards Beth in the community. This noteworthy admiration echoes the numerable letters of recommendation that Beth submitted with her application. Beth will join us for the May Faire, so please extend her your warmest welcome. She also is looking for housing, beginning this summer, so please let me know if you hear of any possible rental situations. We are pleased to welcome another fine teacher to Ashwood Waldorf School!

– Jody Spanglet



ANNUAL APPEAL



Let's keep the temperature rising!

CAMPUS BEAUTIFICATION DAY

Just a reminder that tomorrow, Thursday, April 29th, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., is Campus Beautification Day!

We still need parent volunteers. If you can join us for a few hours of hard work followed by an all-school picnic, contact Mark Ferrero at 236-8021 or mferrero@ashwoodwaldorf.org.

Tools (wheelbarrows, rakes, hand clippers, loppers, and buck saws) are also needed. Please label tools with your family's name so we can return them to you and bring them to the "big rock" in the lower loop of the driveway. Children and parents can bring their own work gloves. Donations of flowers will be gratefully accepted. Plants can be left by the kiosk in front of the office.



MUCH ADO IN THE 7TH AND 8TH GRADES

Over the past couple of weeks the seventh and eighth grade classes have begun to work on our play, "Much Ado About Nothing." Several weeks ago we were told to start to read our scripts and prepare for a specific part, if we had one in mind, for the auditions. Recently we had the auditions, which were done in groups of three or four and reading a certain part of our script, pages 3-5 to be exact. Each person read as one of the characters, and Mr. Eichenlaub and Mr. Clough read the extra parts, during snack recess. It was very exciting and a little bit scary to have to audition; we never have had to before really. On Friday, March 26th, we received our parts, using up an entire math class to do so as well as talk about it. However, due to some casting problems (some people weren't there) a couple of last auditions took place, sorting out the main characters. However, by Tuesday, March 30th, all the parts were sorted out, and now we have to start learning our lines before the start of the play block! After April break we all need to be "off book" so that we will be able to start performing it, which will be very exciting and I can't wait!

– Emma B., Eighth Grade Student

CINQUE

Cinque was born in 1811 in Mani, a village in what is now called Sierra Leone, on the gold coast of Africa. He was trained as a prince, learning things like strength and leadership while also getting an education.

At age 28, Cinque was out hunting with several other villagers and they all got captured by slave traders. They didn't fight because the slave traders had guns. The villagers knew if they fought they would get shot. Cinque and the others were brought to a warehouse where they were inspected and put on a ship to Cuba. The journey to Cuba was a hard two months cramped in the bottom of a ship, shackled with very little food and water.

When they arrived in Cuba, Cinque was still very strong physically and mentally. To prove this he refused to open his mouth while he was being inspected. He was sold to Don Jose Ruiz, a Spanish man, and forced to board the Amistad, the ship he would take to Haiti to work on a sugar plantation.

Aboard the Amistad, Cinque wanted to escape very badly. While looking around he spotted a loose nail in the side of the ship and worked for hours to pull it out. Eventually, he got it out and picked the lock on his and several others' chains. At night while most of the people were asleep, Cinque and several others armed themselves with weapons they had found in the ship and started a battle that they won. They demanded that the remaining sailors take them back to Africa but the sailors tried to trick them and still take them to Haiti. The ship ended up in neither place; it ended up in New York.

At this time it was not legal to bring more slaves from Africa into America and it caused quite a kerfuffle about who these slaves belonged to. The slaves couldn't speak English so Don Jose Ruiz told the court they had been born into slavery, which would make them legal to own. But then they found someone who spoke Mani and he translated Cinque's story. By this time, the story had gotten huge and it was published that the president was going to intervene on Don Jose Ruiz's side because he had been elected by slave owners. Cinque told his story to the court and he finished with the only three English words he knew, "Give us free." His testimony, with help from John Quincy Adams, a former president who argued for the slaves for eight and a half hours at the age of 73, helped the Africans gain their freedom.

Cinque returned to Mani to find his wife and children were gone. Later on in life he got remarried and had a new family. Before he died he was baptized as Joseph Cinque. His heroic actions made him a legend that American history will never forget.

– Emma C., Seventh Grade Student

SUNFLOWER STONE SOUP

On a rainy morning the Sunflower class had just settled down to lunch. We were sitting at our three tables, each teacher lit a candle, and we all recited a blessing for our meal together. Then we settled down to soup, for it was Stone Soup day. As is our custom, everyone was quiet as one child per table poured the tea, and the soup was served along with corn tortilla chips, hard boiled eggs and love. All of a sudden, a beautiful sound came drifting in – the sound of children’s voices. It was the middle school chorus, practicing in the Buttercup Room. I asked one of the six year olds to open the door for us, and we had a wonderful treat, dining on soup while being serenaded to a song by Thomas Morley, “Now is the Month of Maying.”

– Toki Oshima, Early Childhood Teacher

VIVA LA MUSICA

Come gather ‘round me, singers, for the May Faire! All grade students and faculty are preparing a famous Old English madrigal, “Now is the Month of Maying,” to sing at the Maypole. If you are a passionate singer and would like to chime in, come see me in the studio (green building) and pick up a sheet of music. You can also drop me a note at mbraun@ashwoodwaldorf.org. We’d love to have some good parent singers join the four harmony parts. Men are particularly encouraged (not because we don’t appreciate the ladies’ voices, but because the men need extra encouragement).

– Michael Braun, Music Teacher



PARENT COMMUNITY COUNCIL (PCC) CORNER

THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP AT MAY FAIRE

- Donate 30 minutes of your time at the PCC Store
- Bake a cake for the Cake Walk
- Bake a loaf of bread
- Give a dozen eggs from your chickens or ducks
- Donate tempera paint
- Donate an extra large roll of paper
- Make a pizza

If you can do one or two of the above, please email Kristen Eckmann at eckyobject3@mac.com or call 299-4015.

MOTHER'S DAY CAKE WALK AT MAY FAIRE

Do you love cake? Then the first May Faire Mother's Day Cake Walk is for you! Win a cake by dancing around the circle of colors to live music and when the music stops, the color you are standing on will tell you what cake you have won. The PCC will have a beautiful display of cakes to win...all shapes, sizes and flavors. Purchase Mother's Day Cake Walk tickets at the PCC store at May Faire for a chance to take one of these beautiful cakes home (and eat it, too)! Will it be a cheese cake? The teapot cake? Traditional chocolate? Can't wait to find out; can you? To donate a cake, please call Kristen Eckmann 299-4015 or email: eckyobject3@mac.com. Tickets will be on sale at May Faire at the PCC Store for \$20.

CALL FOR MAY FAIRE ARTISTS AND CRAFTERS

The vendors section at May Faire has room for one more vendor. We would love to add a potter to the group. Or, we're open to suggestions! Join the company of Finns and Flowers, Bella Luna Toys, Capestries, Mosey Handmade, Orange Iron Fabrications, Black Dinah Chocolatiers, Anne Wooster Metcalfe, Kindred/Long Winter Farm, and Barefoot Books. As a vendor, you have your own booth. You could also add a few items to the group tent, along with Kristen Eckmann, Kim Sampson, Liz and Mark Ferrero, Joanie Dean, Tamora Goltz, and Hope Spinnery. For more information, please contact Kate Chandler at orangeironfabrications@gmail.com or call 273-3267.

NEXT PCC MEETING

Wednesday, May 12th, 8:30-10:30 a.m.

All are invited to attend this meeting in the Buttercup Room to review the activities of the last year and begin looking ahead to 2010-2011. Incoming PCC Representatives for next year are especially encouraged to attend!

Please contact Jen DeJoy, PCC Steering Committee member, at dejoys@gwi.net for additional PCC information.

2010 MAY FAIRE & OPEN HOUSE

Come one, come all, new and old friends alike! Ashwood Waldorf School will host its annual May Faire & Open House from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 8th, on Ashwood's campus. Open to the public and free of charge, this festival welcomes spring with a day full of festivities. This annual event includes an Open House, music, Maypole dancing, activities for children up through eighth grade, a puppet show, games, vendors, the PCC store, and lots of great food!

Along with the Rosewood Early Childhood Center, all Ashwood classrooms will be displaying students' work and will be open for viewing from 11 -11:45 a.m. Eighth Grade projects will be on display from 11 a.m.–12 p.m. in the eighth grade classroom.

Food and refreshments will be available all day. Children and adults can make willow flower crowns to wear, and other crafts. A puppet show entitled "Masha and the Bear" will be performed for the youngest visitors. Ashwood's Parent Community Council will host a marketplace including goods from Ashwood crafters, Waldorf art and craft supplies, and ticket sales for the new Cake Walk. Also new to the Faire this year will be an array of vendors with beautiful wares for sale. Ashwood and the PCC will receive a percentage of their proceeds.

The highlight of the day will be the Maypole and Morris dancing with accompanying live music performed by students and faculty.

Lively music, delicious food, games, and lots of family fun -- this event is sure to delight visitors of all ages! Guests are encouraged to bike or carpool to the event as parking is limited.

– *Community Life Committee: Michael Braun, Lesley Finlayson, Jana Herbener, Amy Watson, and Donna Wenckus*

ENROLLMENT & OUTREACH NEWS

WALK THROUGH THE GRADES

Wednesday, May 12th, 8:15 – 10:30 a.m.

Last tour of the year! This is a wonderful opportunity for adults to experience Waldorf education first-hand by seeing Ashwood Waldorf School's grade school students and faculty in action. Both current parents and new folks are invited to this tour, which includes an overview of the curriculum and a question and answer session with school director Jody Spanglet. Space is limited; please call the office at 236-8021 or email enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org to register.

BAKERS, WE LOVE YOU!

Our thanks go to Liz Ferrero and her mother, Marilyn Zweiner, for providing muffins for April's Walk Through the Grades!

A baker is needed to provide a snack of muffins or a quick bread for our next tour, May 12th. Please contact Jana Herbener in the enrollment office if you can help!

CENTER FOR MAINE CONTEMPORARY ART STUDENT EXHIBIT

Opening Reception: Saturday, May 1st, 3-5 p.m.

Each spring, the Center for Maine Contemporary Art (CMCA) presents work from seven local public and private schools, including works from kindergarten through high school. Once again Ashwood will participate in this show that will run from May 1st– 9th. All are invited to the May 1st Opening Reception to view the artwork and enjoy free pizza and refreshments. Located at 162 Russell Avenue in Rockport, the gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Admission is free.

"WALDORF EDUCATION IN MAINE" BOOTH MOFGA Common Ground Country Fair

September 24th, 25th, and 26th

We need **volunteers** to staff the booth at this annual fair in Unity! Please see Enrollment and Marketing Director Jana Herbener in the office or email enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org.

Please contact Enrollment & Marketing Director Jana Herbener at (207) 236-8021 or enrollment@ashwoodwaldorf.org for more info.

SPRING RAFFLE DEBUTS AT MAY FAIRE

I am pleased to announce that Ashwood Waldorf School will be holding a Spring Raffle! This event will feature a range of great items you can win while supporting high quality Waldorf education here in Maine. The Spring Raffle will kick-off at the May Faire Saturday, May 8th, with the drawing to be held at our End-of-Year Assembly on June 11th. Detailed information on how to buy and sell tickets as well as a list of prizes will be coming soon.

– Mark Ferrero, Spring Raffle Coordinator

MAY FAIRE NEEDS

Is there a willow tree in your yard? Willow branches will be needed to create those beautiful flower willow crowns. Please contact Miss Toki in the Early Childhood Center, or call the office at 236-8021, if you have some to offer!

Parking Volunteers! Could you help direct cars for parking on the morning of the Faire? Contact Jana in the Enrollment Office at 236-8021 ext. 105 for more information.



CLASSIFIED ADS

House sitter wanted. Looking for caring person to watch over Lincolnville country home, three dwarf goats, 20 chickens, two dogs and two cats at various times over summer vacation. Beautiful views, hot tub, and sauna. Free eggs. Please call Emily at 214-5122.

Dance into Summer: a one-week ballet & modern dance intensive for ages 11-17, all levels, at the Belfast Dance Studio. The session will run from 9-11:30 a.m. on June 28th - July 2nd. Cost: Prepay by June 21st, \$80; payment after June 21st, \$96. Call 338-5380 for more info and to register or see Lisa Newcomb.

Woodland Ways, wilderness survival summer camp, located in Harlemlville, NY. Run by Michael Pewtherer, a Waldorf graduate and teacher, along with a staff of Waldorf grads and current students on the property of Hawthorne Valley School. The camp combines a love of nature and passion for responsible living through wilderness survival techniques like fishing with hand and spear, shelter building, friction fires, camouflage, and many other skills. Separate courses are offered for ages 7-16 and day and overnight programs are available. For program dates, prices, and other information go to www.woodlandways.com. For a brochure call 845-486-7092 or stop by the Ashwood office.

Crimp-type bottle caps needed. I'm collecting bottle caps (crimp-type only) for a crafter friend. Please remove these non-screw caps carefully from all sides to avoid denting them. Bottle caps can be placed in the "Bottle Cap Basket" inside the Green Building. - Michael Braun, Music Teacher

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Jody Spanglet – Director – ext. 103

Susan Curry – Business Office Manager – ext. 109

Mark Ferrero – Facilities Manager – ext. 102

Jana Herbener – Enrollment & Marketing Director –
ext. 105

Lauren Lynch – Administrative Assistant – ext. 101

E-MAIL CONTACTS

Board of Trustees: boardoftrustees@ashwoodwaldorf.org;

Alumni Committee: alumni@ashwoodwaldorf.org;

Parent Community Council: pcc@ashwoodwaldorf.org.



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 bi-weekly 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

April/May 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 	26	27	28	29 9:30 a.m. 5 th Grade Play 10:30-12:30 Campus Beautification Day	30 8:45 a.m. Friday Assembly - 5 th Grade Play (in 5 th Grade Classroom) Middle School Trail Maintenance - Camden Hills State Park	1
2	3	4 8:45-3:15 4 th Grade Trip to Maine Wildlife Park Rain Date for Middle School Trail Maintenance	5	6 Rain Date for Campus Beautification 6-8:30 p.m. 8 th Grade Presentations at Rockport Elementary School	7 8:45 a.m. Friday Assembly - Music Program	8 11 am-2 pm May Faire & Open House
9	10 9 a.m. <i>Ashwood Leaflet</i> Submissions Deadline 6 p.m. 6 th Grade Parent Evening	11 7-9 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting	12 <i>Ashwood Leaflet</i> Published 8:15-10:30 a.m. Walk Through the Grades 8:30-10:30 a.m. PCC Meeting	13 5:30-7 p.m. Sunflower Parent Evening	14 8:45 a.m. Friday Assembly - 7 th Grade 3:30-5 p.m. 5 th Grade Parent Meeting	15
16	17 4 th Grade Trip to Ft. Knox and Penobscot Narrows Bridge 6:30-8 p.m. 3 rd Grade Parent Evening	18	19 6 p.m. 1 st Grade Parent Evening 6:30-8 p.m. 7 th Grade Parent Evening	20 5 th Grade Overnight Trip to Olympiad at The Bay School in Blue Hill, ME	21 8:45 a.m. Friday Assembly - 1 st Grade 5 th Grade Returns 6:30 p.m. 4 th Grade Parent Evening	22 

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