



# Ashwood Waldorf School

## Wednesday Weekly

### January 16, 2008



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### FROM THE DIRECTOR

#### All-School Meeting

I hope to see you all at the All-School Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Carver Hill Gallery in Rockport. We will be discussing the results of the recent parent survey about developing Ashwood's campus and building permanent classrooms for the Grade School. Currently, the Grade School is housed in four buildings, two of which are trailers (the green and white buildings), and one of which is a trailer sitting on a foundation and made more attractive with real wood siding and lovely windows. The fourth building is the red cabin that sits behind the office and was remodeled this past summer. In September 2009 we will need at least one new classroom in order to accommodate, for the first time in Ashwood's history, eight separate concurrent classes. The extent of this project, its scope, size, and style, are all still to be determined.

It's not too late to share your views by filling out your parent survey and bringing it to the office right away. Following is a short biography of John Bird, the consultant Ashwood has hired to facilitate the All-School Meeting and conduct a feasibility study to help clarify goals, expectations, and steps to a successful building process.

Please join us in this exciting turning point in our school's history.

**John A. Bird**  
**Educators' Collaborative, LLC**  
**Spruce Head, Maine**

John Bird is a leadership and management consultant to non-profit organizations across the country. His clients have included over 250 independent schools, including Merriconeag and The Bay School, and other organizations located in 40 states and four foreign nations or territories. John's services have included searches for heads of independent schools, strategic planning projects, board retreats on governance issues, consultations with schools considering mergers or other strategic alliances, conflict resolution, and planning studies for capital campaigns.

Before beginning his consulting career in 1989, John spent 29 years in independent education, five years in full-time teaching, five years as a senior administrator and teacher, and 19 years as a head of school. John has also served as a trustee and board chair of several non-profit boards in the fields of education, health care, the environment, the arts, and religion.

John grew up in Rockland, Maine, and received his B.A. degree from Bowdoin College. He also has an M.A. from George Washington University. John and his wife of 47 years, Mary Alice, now live in Spruce Head, Maine. The Birds have three grown children and six grandchildren.

– Jody Spanglet

Ashwood Waldorf School will be closed  
Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of  
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

### ASHWOOD GREETINGS

We are pleased to welcome Cortland Fischer and his parents, Christine Baker and Kelly Fischer, to Ashwood. Cortland joined the fourth grade this week.

The Darling family has returned to Ashwood: Cailin (sixth grade), Bailey (fourth grade), and Aidan (first grade). We welcome the children and their parents, Maureen and Gordon, back after their recent adventure!

### SAVE THE DATE

March 15<sup>th</sup>- Early Childhood Open House & Easter Celebration, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Egg hunt and crafts. More information to come!

### BAKER NEEDED

Can you bake one dozen muffins or one loaf of banana bread? We need delicious snacks for our next Walk Through the Grades, Wednesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>. If you'd like to bake for this event please call Maria Northcott in the office 236-8021 ext. 105.

## PCC UPCOMING EVENTS AND PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:15-4:15 p.m. - Hot Chocolate, Cookies, and Marshmallows Social

Parents from 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grades will provide cookies and Grade 7/8 will provide marshmallows. Louise Ricker will provide hot chocolate and Betsy Morrell will provide a fire grill!

Saturday, Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> - Contradance and Potluck

This event has been postponed; a new date will be announced shortly. Anyone interested in helping make this a complete success should contact Meikle Hall at 763-4414 or mekham@aol.com.

Wednesday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 p.m. - Next PCC Meeting (This is Louise Ricker's birthday, but don't tell her we told!)

Monday, Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> (morning) - Eurythmy Group Performance at the Camden Opera House  
Coordinator: Michele Beckstrom

Saturday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> - Early Childhood Open House & Easter Celebration

Committee members: Kim Sampson, Sarah Baldwin, and Maria Northcott

Volunteers are needed and truly appreciated! Please contact the listed individuals if you can help.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Simplicity Parenting: Why Less is More for Children** - a public talk to be given by Kim John Payne on Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m. in the Community Hall at Merriconeag Waldorf School, 57 Desert Road, Freeport.

**Don't forget the "Awakening Mother Earth" play** meeting on Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-1 p.m. in the Conference Room. Contact Kathryn Oliver at 763-4038 or [kathryn@kathrynoiver.com](mailto:kathryn@kathrynoiver.com) for more information.

**Puppet Show by Toki** at the Rockland Library on Wednesday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> during their regular story time from 10:30 – 11 a.m. Invite your friends to join in circle activities and hear Toki tell the story of "The House on the Hill" about friendly animals who join together to build a home. Call the office for more information.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday	January 16 <sup>th</sup>	"An Introduction to First Grade" - Grade 1 Classroom	6:30-8 p.m.
Friday	January 18 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly - <b>Third Grade (revised)</b>	8:45 a.m.
Monday	January 21 <sup>st</sup>	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - <b>No School</b>	
Wednesday	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	All-School Meeting - Carver Hill Gallery	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Friday	January 25 <sup>th</sup>	Assembly - Fourth Grade PCC Social	8:45 a.m. 3:15 - 4:15 p.m.
Monday	January 28 <sup>th</sup>	Creative Circle - Rosewood	8:30 a.m.
		First Grade Parent Evening	6:30-8 p.m.
Tuesday	January 29 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Grade Parent Evening	6:30-8:30 p.m.
Wednesday	January 30 <sup>th</sup>	Third Grade Parent Evening (rescheduled)	6-8 p.m.
		Board Meeting (Conference Room)	7 p.m.
Friday	February 1 <sup>st</sup>	Assembly - Fifth Grade	8:45 a.m.

Visit our website calendar for more information: <http://www.ashwoodwaldorf.org/calendar.php>

Thank you to Toki Oshima for artwork used in the *Wednesday Weekly* and Parent Handbooks.

We encourage your contributions to this school newsletter. Please give submissions, paper or email, to the Administrative Asst. in the office or email [newsletter@ashwoodwaldorf.org](mailto:newsletter@ashwoodwaldorf.org). Deadline for submissions to the *Wednesday Weekly* is **Monday** at noon.

### ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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

