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January 2016 Newsletter

Update from the School Director

Happy New Year to CWS families and friends near and far. We have welcomed 2016 on a high note, following a very successful Annual Giving Campaign. I am personally grateful to all of our families and friends for recognizing the value that CWS brings to our children and community, and doing what you can to support the school through gifts of time, talent, and treasure. The campus is vibrant thanks to record-high enrollment, great attendance at our class meetings and Parent Council meetings, and regular use of our facility by community groups such as the Linn Benton Beekeepers Association. At the **All School Meeting on 1/27**, we will be celebrating the highlights of 2015 and describing the steps we are currently taking towards achieving our full potential as a Waldorf School in the mid-Willamette Valley. All enrolled parents are encouraged to attend the meeting, and I will be sure to capture the main ideas of the meeting in the next newsletter. Thanks for continuing to read about CWS. We all support a great school that prepares well-balanced, lifelong learners for the challenges of today and tomorrow.

Sincerely, Peter Zaremba

“Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.”

- Aristotle



Winterscape, Grade 5

2015 Annual Giving Campaign Sets New School Record!

It is with tremendous gratitude that we announce the results of the 2015 Annual Giving Campaign at CWS. Through the generosity of Barbara Schilling and Richard Carr, our families, and extended community, **we raised \$89,174 dollars in the last two months of 2015.** Increased, sustained annual giving allows for improvements to our faculty and staff salaries, programs, facilities, and overall financial health. Truly, this school thrives when we come together in support of our students. Thank you, friends and family near and far, for your contributions to the 2015 Annual Campaign!

Thank you CWS!!!



Raia Davis-Bruner, 7th grader, helped her grandparents organize a clothing drive in Nicaragua

Dear Students, Teachers and Waldorf School Families,

Brian and I wanted to thank you so much for the donations of clothes and shoes that you collected for the families of Comarca de La Laguna de Apoyo in Nicaragua. You collected over 600 pounds of clothes! Raia and her family brought down about 300 pounds this trip, and we'll bring the rest on subsequent trips. More than 50 families came to the clinic for the event. We sold the clothes for about 20 cents for each piece raising more than \$300. The money will all go to support our local health clinic and will pay our medical assistant's salary for more than a month. In the mean time many of the children of the community got "new to them" nice clothes that were much appreciated. You all have provided much needed clothing to hundreds of kids. Thank you all, you have made a big difference in a small community more than 3,500 miles from your home.

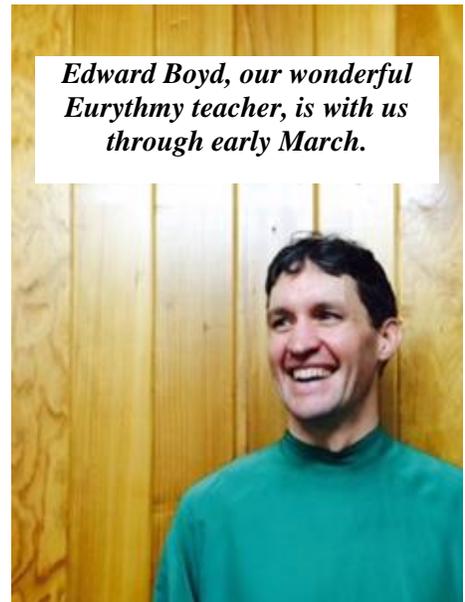
Un abrazo fuerte, Nancy and Brian Davis

Open House and Alumni Panel February 27th @ CWS, 10 am – 12 pm

Please plan on attending the 2016 Open House event. See how the Waldorf curriculum supports the healthy development of children throughout their first 14 years, then ask questions of our alumni panel about their experiences at CWS and beyond.

Touring CWS

If you would like to schedule a tour of our beautiful school, please call the school and ask for Maggie or reply to the e-mail you received.



Edward Boyd, our wonderful Eurythmy teacher, is with us through early March.

**A Reflection on 5 Years of Growth,
by Board Treasurer David Bernell**
After serving on the CWS Board for the past five years, I'll be stepping down. It's been a great journey, and I'm very pleased with the current strength of our school. We have made great strides and undergone significant change. Over the past few years, we raised hundreds of thousands of dollars in

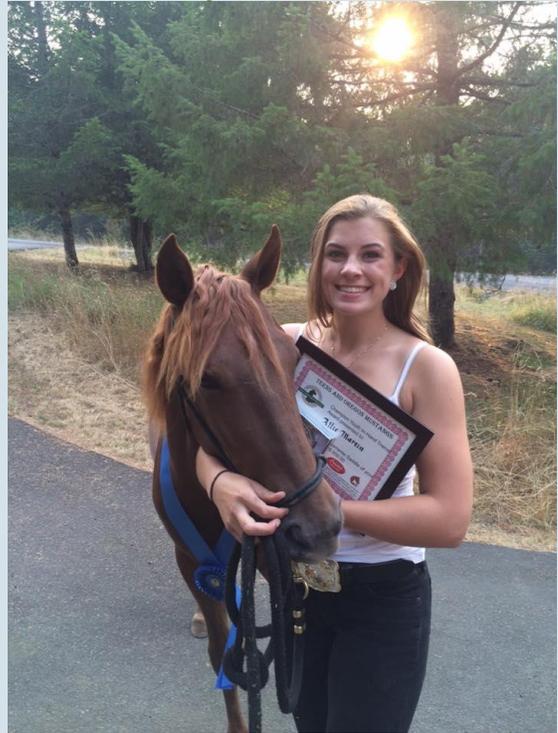
a capital campaign; purchased the property from the Corvallis School District; installed the new SAGE building for the middle school classes; and hired two School Directors, a Facilities Director and several teachers. Now, for the first time in years, there are no momentous changes occurring or great challenges to face, and this in itself is amazing. The Corvallis Waldorf School is in a good place. We are now consolidating our gains to further strengthen the foundation we've built. We're building on this with better governance, strong and stable finances, and the ongoing effort to build a sense of community for all. Most importantly, it is the people who work at our school – the teachers, Peter Zaremba and the staff – who make this school so great. They are something special. It's been my honor and pleasure to work closely with them these past several years. Or to put it another way, my kids love school. There is no greater compliment I can offer them than this.

- David Bernell, CWS Board Treasurer



Archers take aim during CWS Archery Club

Where are they now?



Allie Martin, Class of 2013

Allie graduated from CWS in 2013 with Mr. Highfield's class after attending the school for 8 1/2 years. She is currently a junior at Crescent Valley HS where she participates in volleyball and OHSET (Oregon High School Equestrian Team). She is also an active 4H member. She spends the majority of her leisure time riding and training her three quarter horses. Last summer, she and her adopted yearling mustang, Nelly, won the champion title at the Teens and Oregon Mustangs Challenge. She drives oversized horse rigs all over creation and isn't afraid of a little manure. She aspires to become a large animal veterinarian. Besides her passion for horses, she loves outdoor activities, music and being with her family. Allie says: "Waldorf taught me to accept everyone, no matter what they look like on the inside or out. Waldorf taught me kindness." Best of luck Allie!



6th Grade Geometry Work

Coming Soon...

Last year, CWS parent Bill Brock hand-crafted a beautiful hope chest to raffle off as a fundraiser for the school. This year with the help of several others he has created something even more remarkable... a Sam Maloof style rocking chair! See the raffle flyer below, stop by the office for an early preview, and come to the All School Meeting on January 27th for the official unveiling. Raffle tickets are available for purchase now through CWS parents or the front office. Good luck, and thank you for your support!

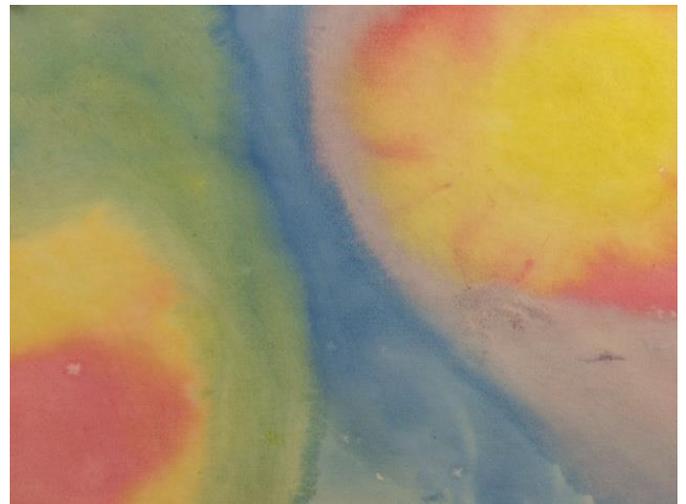


5th Grade Botany Study

Welcome to CWS!

The following are a few families that have recently joined CWS. Please give them a warm welcome!

- Dylan (Grade 1) and Rebecca (Grade 4) and mother Jennifer Smits
- Ben (Grade 3) and parents Elisabeth and Len Cerny
- Wren (Grade 4) with parents Britten Clark-Huyck & John Huyck
- Miranda (Grade 4) with parents Katie & Michael Winder



2nd Grade Watercolor

Upcoming Events:

- 1/27 – All School Meeting @ CWS, 5:30-7:30 pm
- 2/27 – Open House @ CWS, 10am-12pm
- 3/16 – Spring Assembly @ CWS, 11:15 am
- 4/21 – Grandparents/Special Friends Day

Rocking Chair Raffle



\$10 FOR EACH TICKET
ONLY 999 TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD



The chair is a Sam Maloof style rocking chair handmade by Bill Brock with an estimated value of \$5,000

Drawing on April 21, 2016 at Corvallis Waldorf School

You need not be present to win—Raffle proceeds benefit CWS tuition adjustment program

SEE THE CHAIR DISPLAYED AND PURCHASE TICKETS AT THESE CORVALLIS LOCATIONS:

Sibling Revelry
(February)

Grass Roots Bookstore
(March)

The Toy Factory
(April)

Tickets can also be purchased at Corvallis Waldorf School or from any Waldorf parent or staff member.

- Chair is made of walnut with wenge accents
- Wood and generous assistance donated by Ed and Donna Kreusser
- Additional assistance provided by Dennis King, Travis Wagar, Che Anderson, and Maggie Brock

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