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Farm to Feast = Farm to Table = Fun-Raiser = Fun to Funds!

By Cyndi Yoxall, Development
Coordinator

Tickets are selling fast—buy them while you can! We are expecting another sold-out, fantastic, farm-to-table dinner and auction that you won't want to miss!

Get your tickets now online at www.farmtofeast.org or in the Main Office; \$75 each, space is limited. Remember, funds raised from this event not only support our Tuition Assistance fund, but the entire budget as a whole.



Unable to attend? You can still do your part by making a donation, offering auction items, spreading the word, and lending a hand. You can also donate to our Angel Tickets Fund by adding a bit extra to your ticket cost. Angel Tickets encourage faculty attendance—by donating a bit more than the ticket price, we can continue to ensure faculty are able to attend this community event! We invite all of you to get involved and spread the word to friends and family—this fundraiser is a fun celebration for all of us!

And for those attending, plan for childcare and dust off those dancing shoes! We will feature live music throughout the afternoon by David Luning and Ghost and Gale, followed by dancing to Arann Harris and The Farm Band. We hope you will stay well into the evening—we plan to boogie until at least 10:30pm.

AUCTION

Auction Fever is here—get ready for creative and fun online and silent auctions! We are thrilled to offer a variety of items—invigorating, unique, and practical. Some items to look forward to include Disneyland tickets, Giants tickets, Monterey Bay Aquarium getaway package, Farmhouse Inn & Spa getaways, dinners in San Francisco, paintings, jewelry, private dinners & classes...there's something for everyone! Our online auction will run May 13—June 8 at www.biddingforgood.com.

Fabulous buy-in parties will also return to the silent auction this year. Stay tuned for party themes (yes, the Al Fresco Dining Experience at GrowKitchen, the Guys' Night Out Poker Palooza, Ladies' Night Out Bunco Party, and Nuno Felting with Tracy will be offered again.) We will also have those extraordinary Class Baskets—put together and offered by each class. Themes for these baskets will soon be ready to share.

Please join us! Together we can maintain the vitality and diversity of the school, and continue to strengthen our commitment to *Education, Community, and Sustainability*.

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Important Dates:

Annual May Faire Celebration

Friday, May 3, 12:45—5:30pm,
SWSF campus

Oceans Awareness Celebration & Green Flea Market!

Sunday, 5/5, 9am—3pm, SWSF Track

7th Grade Girls MSSSL Champions, for the 2nd year in a row!

By Coach Jefferson Buller

In a high tension and high energy final game against the Presentation School, our 7th grade girls won the MSSSL league championships, capping our undefeated 2013 season with our 11th win in a row.

The crowd was very engaged and enthusiastic, and the energy in the gym was amazing. Both teams approached the final game with vigor and heart, fighting hard for every possession and point. The Mustangs came out of the gate with our usual rapid-fire passing offense, and successfully penetrated the Patriots' formidable zone defense to go into the half with a 7 point lead. The third quarter was where the game really got tough, as Presentation came in fired up and scored consistently to reduce our lead to only 3. Starting the fourth, we shifted our offensive strategy to focus on pushing passes to the middle, while pressing and isolating the ball on defense, and it paid off, allowing us to finish with a hard-fought win, 24-19.

The individual performances in this final game were great examples of how every player filled a key role throughout the season, and came together to be an extremely potent team. This season, our top scorers were Jazmin Basmajian at hard-driving point guard and Isabelle Dean at post, who often combined for an unstoppable pair on the fast break. Defensive standouts included fleet-footed Caroline Kamin and Dharma Westphal, posts Lily Buller and Ginny Wooldridge with big blocks and rebounds under the hoop, and passionate power forward Mariah Lanphar. Nora Miller-Fitzpatrick

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The Seventh Grade Presents, *The Lark*

"One life is all we have and we live it as we believe in living it. But to sacrifice what you are and to live without belief, that is a fate more terrible than dying." - Joan of Arc

On Thursday,
May 2nd, Class
Seven offers the
entire community
an evening
performance of *The
Lark*, by esteemed
playwright Jean Anouilh.



Class Seven is very excited to offer this play and we encourage you to come enjoy this portrayal of Joan's ascent from peasant girl to leader of the French army. This play does contain mature content and is open to children in the fourth grade and up. The performance will begin at 6:30pm and will last approximately 80 minutes. Hope to see you there!

By Cody Smout,
Class Seven Teacher

Hearing Screening TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

Summerfield encourages all students in the early grades to have their hearing checked regularly. We have therefore set up the morning hours (9am to noon) of Tuesday, May 21st, for an audiologist to come to our campus to particularly test all kindergarteners going on to first grade, any new students, and those students whose parents or teachers have concerns about their hearing. These individual screenings, which take about ten minutes, will be performed by Marina Mulvey, M.A. Audiologist, of Millennium Hearing Services Inc., of Santa Rosa, for a \$14 charge. Results will be given to the school and parents. A letter which details the procedure and includes a registration form will be given to the parents of prospective first graders and to the parents of students for whom teachers recommend testing. You, yourself, may also choose for your child to be tested. Come into the main office and pick up a registration form and return it to your class teacher, with the fee attached, by May 16th. We sincerely hope that you take advantage of this convenient health-evaluation opportunity for your child. Especially in the lower grades, the teachers find current and accurate information regarding their students' hearing to be invaluable, and it is required of all children going into the first grade. It is also fine to have your child examined privately, by a specialist of your choice, but we ask that you, then, please, provide the office with a copy of the report for the student's school file.

~Leslie Young, Lower School Secretary, 575-7194, ext. 101

May Faire: Celebrating Spring & Community

By Andrea Jolicoeur and Leslie Young for the May Faire Committee

REMEMBER TO BRING FLOWERS ON THE MORNING OF MAY 3RD!

Ah, spring! And what better place to celebrate than here on our beautiful campus, bursting with flowers and bees, birds and frogs, insects and baby farm animals.

On Friday, May 3, we will do just that. It is one of those special days when our whole community comes together—students from preschool to high school, parents, staff, friends and family gather to celebrate the season of renewal and rebirth. We have made it through the winter and are now ready to re-unite with each other out-of-doors, under sunny skies! Experience fiddles and flutes, blossomed-heads, flying ribbons, a regal May Queen and her consort (Jack-o-the-Green), baby animals, games of skill, delicious food—loads of FUN for all!

The activities start during school hours after lunch, with students adorning their head garlands with flowers. Dressed in whites and pastels, we will then all gather around the Maypole, presided over by the Queen and Jack. The seniors and their first grade buddies will begin the May Pole dancing, followed by each grade in turn until around 2:45. After that the children go back to their classrooms and are gathered up by parents at 3pm as usual. Then, let the festivities begin! The May Pole will be open for anyone in the

community to dance, and activities and offerings will commence. Costs for children's unlimited activities will be \$10 for one child, \$15 for two siblings, and \$20 for three. Eighth and Eleventh grade students will be offering a taco salad meal, beverage, and strawberry shortcake for sale. First through tenth grades are organizing to host simple carnival games/activities from 3 to 5pm. The twelfth grade will fundraise by selling their handmade soaps, and our Farm will be offering biodynamic veggie starts.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Please wear white or pastel clothing and bring blankets for seating, utensils and plates for eating, and hats and sunscreen for protection. Luckily, we anticipate that our sports fields will be dry enough to park on—much easier event accommodations at this time of year.

Hot lunch (taco salad) will be served as usual to students during school lunch time, and the event meal (also taco salad) will be a separate cost at the Faire.

We will need **VOLUMINOUS** donations of flowers and greenery for the head-garlands and general Faire decorations—please plan ahead and drop these off on the



(Friday) morning of the event. Decorating, clean-up and parking assistance, as well as the filling of various May Faire roles (pocket ladies, tractor ride helpers, ticket-sellers) are being sought, so **PLEASE** volunteer by signing up on the main office door as well as for your own classes activity or offering.

Thank you so very much... and do come with your bells on!

HELP MAKE FARM TO FEAST FABULOUS!

The Development Office is working away on Farm to Feast as busy as the bees around campus. The event is promising to be as wonderful as last year, but we still need your help. Like all those bees, it takes many of us to produce something so sweet and golden!

There are needs in the areas of design and decorations, set-up, day of event help, students' art gallery and of course clean-up. We are happy to have you assist in areas that interest and excite you, so let us know if you have certain talent or desire.

So gather some friends to make it fun, and, even if you plan on attending the event, please join the team! Please contact volunteer@farmtofeast.org to offer a hand.



Notes From the Windy Farmyard

By Farmer Dan

It is a curious world. All day while planning out the spring planting schedule, of exactly when students should sow certain seeds and then plant out the little shoots, and imagining rows of towering field corn, beds full of golden pumpkins, hills swollen with potatoes and rows of fragrant onions, I cannot help but think of my sister's early morning phone call to let me know that *yes*, on April 14th, in the Minnesota hinterlands, they were getting yet another eight inches of fresh snow. Her dining room table was covered with soil blocks and she was itching to get all the flourishing plants out into their beds. Yes, Sonoma County IS quite lovely.

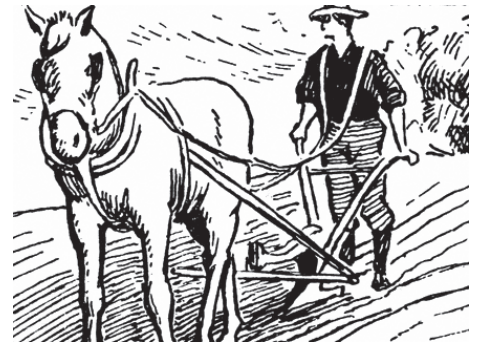


Just before Spring Break, the hearty second graders had helped empty the huge racks of firewood next to the farm kitchen, stacking it in a new wood-rack raised up off the ground and away from the building to keep the rats from nesting underneath. Many grades—most especially the fourth graders—had spent several class periods scooping out the winter manure from the cow barns, with considerable help from the second grade. The sixth graders helped cut and roll the seed potatoes in a biodynamic ash bath and put them into the shed to sprout and be ready for the third graders to plant the next Tuesday. Several

flats of sunflowers, zinnias, and strawflowers were potted by the sixth graders, a fresh crop of purple star thistles in the pasture were removed by feisty first graders, and the seventh graders came back from break and asked me, “If sleep is so important, why does school start so early?” They made the brilliant suggestion that we come up with a new day off each week between Saturday and Sunday.



The animals of the Farm continue to thrive with the dependable cleaning care of the fourth graders. We now have over seventy chickens and, after the break, there were thirteen dozen chicken eggs and five dozen duck eggs available. There's a new calf due around May 10th, a dozen hearty Buff ducks are splashing in their pond, and the two Angora bunnies continue to furnish fur for extra-talented spinners and knitters in the handwork classes. With the weather moving into the 70's, it was also time to shear the flock of sheep, so we have some funny-looking newly shorn sheep with four baby lambs and a pile of



lovely fleeces that will be bagged and cleaned and combed, also to be used by the students in their handwork lessons.

With each new season of spring comes the memory of this special poem, often used in the third grade of Waldorf schools near and far, and nice to close with:

I Will Go With My Father a-Ploughing

by Seosmh Maccathmhaoil

*I will go with my father a-ploughing,
To the green field by the sea,
And the rooks and the crows and the
seagulls
Will come flocking after me.
I will sing to the patient horses
with the lark in the white of the air,
And my father will sing the plough song
That blesses the cleaving share.*

*I will go with my father a sowing
To the red field by the sea,
And the rooks and the gulls and the
starlings
Will come flocking after me.
I will sing to the striding sowers
With the finch on the flowering sloe,
And my father will sing the seed song
That only the wise men know.*

*I will go with my father a-reaping
To the brown field by the sea,
And the geese and the crows and the
children
Will come flocking after me.
I will sing to the weary reapers
With the wren in the heat of the sun,
And my father will sing the scythe song
That joys for the harvest done.*

Summerfield Community Business Profile

Another profile of one of our family businesses, showcasing the abundant resources and skills in our community:

Wine Emporium *By James Haug*

By now you have probably seen or visited The Wine Emporium in downtown Sebastopol. I am the parent of two SWSF graduates, Katherina '07 and Lena '09 Haug, who attended from K-12. Their mother, Isabel Wundsam, is a Summerfield teacher.



The impulse for The Wine Emporium came from my desire to work for myself after 14 years in wine sales. I wanted to: provide people with high quality wines from around the world at fair prices; help people, including the next generation of wine professionals, learn the language of wine; have an art gallery which represents rising and prominent northern California artists; be in the center of town so the business would serve as a cultural hub.

One of the benefits of running my own business is it provides me with almost endless opportunities for growth and development. Every day I get to learn something new! When I make a good decision, I win a prize of sorts. When I make a mistake, I get to pay tuition at the school of life. Either way, I am always grateful to this life for providing me with the opportunity to be a part of it and to make something of it.

I like to think that the knowledge and appreciation of fine wine is the mark of a cultivated life, like the appreciation of fine art, music and the social graces. Science teaches us taste is learned like any other aesthetic, so what we like we tend to know already. What's interesting is 90% of what we taste we actually smell. So for us to learn to like something new, we have to hone our sensory evaluation skills and tap into what we are smelling and tasting, and the emotions and the memories the tastes bring up in us. That's why it's so important to be open to new experiences and to cultivate one's tastes! So eat your veggies!



MORE INFO: WWW.THE-WINE-EMPORIUM.COM

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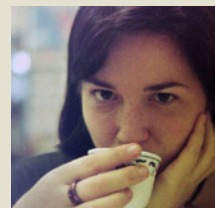
was a key outside shooter, and Mari Stusser and Samantha Woo kept laser focus on the ball, with great passing and strong defense. We were also delighted to include 6th grade post Maya Humphreys and forward Chloe McCormick, who played up to fill out our roster, and both were strong contributors to the success of the team.

What a thrilling season. I feel so blessed to have had the opportunity to coach this amazing group of athletes, and am so proud of their accomplishments and growth as a team. I want to thank all of the parents for their strong support and willingness to shuttle to games and practices, team parent Deborah Pulido for organizing snacks and carpools, and Ella Buller for being a great coaches' assistant and chief booster. We came together this year and demonstrated the strength of Summerfield's commitment to fair play, competing with honor, and winning with grace. Watch for the dynasty to continue in 2014!!! Go, you Mustangs!!!

Alumni updates:

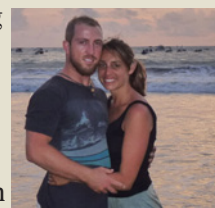
Alexandra Perry, 2009:

Alexandra is finishing her third year at Cal Arts this May as a Scenic Designer. She has often remarked that if it were not for Summerfield, she would never have had the opportunity to attend such an extraordinary college!



Garth Leavens, 2003:

Garth is working for Gulfmark in Louisiana on the ship Slam dunk, as third mate. Garth graduated from the California Maritime Academy in Vallejo as a dynamic positioner. He graduated from Cal Poly in Forestry and then went three more years to the MA so he could work on boats. He is on a rotation of 28 days on a ship and then flies home for a two-week break, then starts all over again! He also has a wonderful, understanding girlfriend who holds down the fort while he is gone.



KEEP ALUMNI UPDATES COMING...

Please email any facts or tidbits you'd like to share to messenger@summerfieldwaldorf.org. Pictures are also most welcome! We love to hear what's happening with our Alumni!

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The Rosebud Summer Preschool

Now accepting applications. Sessions run from 6/10 – 8/15. Come and join Ms. Catherine and her assistant Amelie in the Rosebud preschool play yard and classroom for relaxed mornings of verses and song, imaginative play, simple crafting, an organic snack, gardening and puppet shows. 4 mornings per week; \$165 per session. Registration forms are in the Main Office or in the Rosebud preschool foyer. Questions? Call Ms. Catherine at 575-7194 X322.

Waldorf Summer Camp at Marigold Playgarden

Summer fun for children aged 3.5- to 7-years-old. Each week we offer a nature craft, such as, wool felting, dyeing, herbal creations, beeswax candle making, or cooking up jam or sorbet from summer fruits. The children enjoy time for imaginative play, storytelling, berry picking, outdoor play and games, and organic snacks. Monday - Thursday, 9am-1pm, 6 sessions to choose from: June 24-27, July 1-4, July 22-25, July 29- Aug 1, Aug 5-8, Aug 12-15 - \$160 per session. Please contact Jennifer Bowen (former Summerfield kindergarten teacher) 824-9127, or jennybee@sonic.net.

Community Enrichment

The Christian Community

Fri., May 17, 4pm study group at Anne Cook's house (595-3103); 7:30pm lecture by Sanford Miller in the Eurythmy Barn, "The Threatened Self: Who are you?" Sat., May 18, 9:15am children's religious instruction (1st - 6th grades), 10am children's service, 10:30am adults' service, The Act of Consecration of Man (childcare available) followed by a potluck lunch afterwards. All events are in the Eurythmy Barn except the Fri. 4pm study group. For confirmation classes for children 7th grade and up or for baptisms, call Rev. Miller at (916)965-9112. For further information or to be put on our mailing list, call Elinor Biller at 542-5744. All are welcome!



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Flea Market Donations Needed

Spring has sprung! Time to clean out your closets; de-clutter your house. SWSF Class 8 is hosting a flea market Sunday, May 5, and are seeking donations. Waldorf toys, used athletic equipment, farm and garden tools are especially welcome. Please bring your clean, gently used small items to Class 8, or arrange for large items to be picked-up by calling Martina: 546-0422 or Sarah: 834-4525. Please note: Class 8 cannot accept TV's, computers, monitors, printers, or large furniture. Donations will be accepted through Thursday, April. 25. Proceeds from the event will be used to support Class 8 field trip to Catalina Island.

SWSF Staff Looking for Rental

Sita Janda (of aftercare fame) is looking for a new home, for her family of two, possibly in or around Sonoma or Agua Caliente. Rent around \$950-\$1000. Move in date around June 20? 542-8952 or 235-8183.

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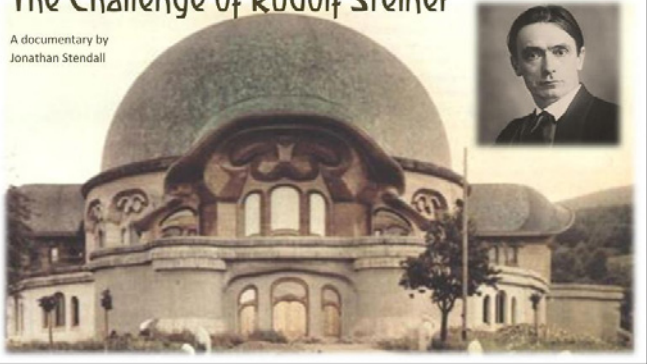
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The Challenge of Rudolf Steiner

A documentary by
Jonathan Stendall



Summerfield Waldorf School and Farm

Sunday, April 28th

Sophia Hall - Refreshments available from the 11th Grade

Part 1 - 12noon - 1:30pm

Part 2 - 2:15pm - 4:30pm

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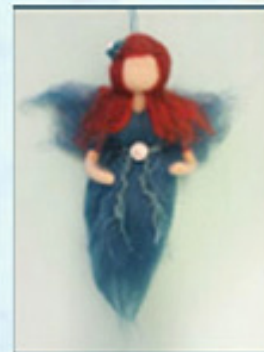
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REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED

Summer Farm Camp

REGISTRATION DEADLINE EXTENDED TO MAY 1ST!

There are still a few spaces in all six weeks of Farm Camp (June 17 – July 26), but sessions are filling up fast so get your registration forms in as quickly as possible! Registration forms are available in the Summerfield Main Office, Finance Office or on our website at www.summerfieldwaldorf.org. Click on “Summer Programs” where you will find links to the registration and emergency forms.

Our program for 4 – 5 year olds makes its home in the Kindergarten complex with daily visits to the Permaculture Garden and Farm. Leading the way this year will be our very own Summerfield Early Childhood teachers, Line Westman and Sarah Whitmore, assisted by Elizabeth Emory and Melissa Wood.

The program for 6 – 10 year olds meets at the Farm every day. This year’s teachers will be Ashley Radzat and Chris Rubino! We would also like to welcome our new Farm Camp assistant Kaelyn Ramsden.

*Aftercare is available until 3:30pm by advance registration for both age groups.

Even older kids need something fun, creative and exciting to do over summer! If you have a child age 10 – 13, then Earth Ecology and Farm Camp is the perfect choice. Summerfield offers two one-week sessions, June 17th through June 28th, 8:30am-3:00pm, Monday-Friday. At the helm of this amazing program will be 7th Grade Teacher, Cody Smout.

Send in your registration forms and forward any questions to our Farm Camp Registrar, Lisa Hensley, at farmcamp@summerfieldwaldorf.org or call 575-7194, ext. 103.

by Ronni Sands and Farmer Dana Revallo, for Farm Camp

