

# THE WALDORF WEEKLY

A WEEKLY PUBLICATION OF THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August

- 21 Volunteer Work Day, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.
- 27 Registration Forms Due
- 29 Volunteer Work Day, 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

### September

- 8 First day of school, Grade School
- 9 First day of school, 5 Day Early Childhood Programs
- 13 First day of school, 3 Day Early Childhood Programs  
Boo Hoo Breakfast—Kindergarten Parent Coffee Hour, 8:30 a.m.
- 14 Back to School Night, 7 p.m.
- 22 Welcome Picnic, 4-6 p.m.
- 25 Fall Family Open House, 10 a.m.
- 29 Michaelmas (in-school festival)

## Welcome New Families and Students

We warmly welcome the following new students and their families to The Waldorf School of Philadelphia community:

### *Early Childhood*

Minya Barnes, Snowdrop  
Garrett Fleming, Snowdrop  
Cole Fosnot, Snowdrop  
Jesse Haaf, Snowdrop  
Ronia Bacon, Snowdrop  
Lola Stinson, Snowdrop  
Nevo Ben Aroush, Daisy  
Issa Kenney, Daisy  
Cedar Lawn, Daisy  
Nathaniel Root, Daisy  
Ivy Stinson, Daisy  
Avahrie Bingham-Custis, Sunflower  
Henri Heath, Sunflower  
Elijah Paine, Sunflower  
Grace McAdams, Oak Tree  
Henry Root, Oak Tree  
Amelia Stinson, Oak Tree  
Hana Abdullah, Lilac  
Kayla Baykara, Lilac  
Corbin Larsen, Lilac

Frances McIntyre, Lilac  
Saira Mirsky, Lilac  
Tristan Price, Lilac  
Nico Trombetta, Lilac  
Evelyn Quinn, Lilac

### *Grade School*

Gilad Ben Aroush, 1st Grade  
Tyler Davis, 1st Grade  
Everette Greenberg, 1st Grade  
Angelica Nair, 1st Grade  
Phoenix Tremblay, 1st Grade  
Leayja Worthy, 1st Grade  
Téa Salvatori, 3rd Grade  
Julian Mendelsohn, 4th Grade  
Jordan Sampson, 4th Grade  
Liam Mann, 5th Grade  
Connor Hauptert, 6th Grade  
Brianna Salvatori, 6th Grade

## HOW DO YOU DO? MY NAME IS...

Beginnings can be tough, yet delightful. A new house, a new job, a new school can all cause a great deal of excitement (and a little anxiety) in a person, even if the change is welcome. Who hasn't wondered, "Did I make the right choice", after a life-changing decision? For families new to The Waldorf School of Philadelphia community there are likely to be a few butterflies in the stomach and some second-guessing. We want you to know that you are definitely not alone with these feelings. To help you meet other families and to become acclimated to our community, a couple of events have been planned to ease your transition.

On Tuesday, September 14th, all families are invited to "Back to School Night" at 7 p.m. Please join us for an opportunity to meet new and returning families, key community members, staff and faculty as you learn a few pointers about navigating the first weeks at our school.

One of the things you will learn quickly is that Waldorf families love to party or picnic! Clear your calendars for the Parents' Association's annual Welcome Back Picnic on Wednesday, September 22nd, from 4-6 p.m. Bring food to share and a picnic basket with beverages and serving ware for your family.

Lots of fun and friendship are promised!

## THE WALDORF WEEKLY

Is published every Wednesday during the school year for the parents and friends of The Waldorf School of Philadelphia.

The next newsletter will be published on **Wednesday, September 15, 2009.**

Submissions are due on **Monday, September 13, 2009 at 12 noon.**

Submissions after the deadline will be included at the discretion of the editor.

Classified ads are published bi-weekly as a free service to the community. Publication in the classified section is available as space allows.

Submit all entries to:  
p h i l a w a l d o r f  
@verizon.net

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## FACULTY AND STAFF OF THE WALDORF SCHOOL OF PHILADELPHIA FOR 2010-2011

### FACULTY

#### SNOWDROP NURSERY

Kerry Hoffman, Lead Teacher  
Roxanne Anthony, Assistant  
Claire McConnell, Assistant

#### KINDERGARTENS AND KINDERGARTEN ASSISTANTS

Patricia Cornelius, Lead Teacher, Oak Tree  
Lisa Wallace-Larkin, Assistant, Oak Tree  
Lucy Martinez-Zuviria, Lead Teacher, Daisy  
Kasea Myers, Assistant, Daisy  
Erin Şemin, Lead Teacher, Lilac  
Loretta Borko, Assistant, Lilac  
Jill Zihar, Lead Teacher, Sunflower  
Ava Sonnenthal, Assistant, Sunflower

#### PARENT-TODDLER PROGRAM

Erin Şemin, Lead Teacher  
Jim Brannon, Assistant

### GRADES

Cynthia Way, 1st Grade  
Dori Persinotti, 2nd Grade  
Karl Andrek, 3rd Grade  
Susan Stevenson, 4th Grade  
Samantha Campo, 5th Grade  
Oleksandra Parashchuk, 6th Grade  
Cristina Shiffman, 7th Grade  
Amy Kennedy, 8th Grade

### SPECIAL SUBJECTS

Isabel DeBeary, Spanish  
John Fiorella, Woodworking  
Treacy Gallagher, Movement & Games Education  
Nicole Kielblock, Handwork, Drawing and Sculpture, Faculty Chair  
Eliza Cho, Orchestra  
Amanda Rogers-Petro, Music and Chorus  
Anna Ziegner, Eurythmy  
Aaron Irwin, Recorder Instructor

### AFTERCARE PROGRAM

Jim Brannon, Program Coordinator  
Marci Lane, Assistant

### ADMINISTRATION

Pam Benton, Business Manager  
Brenda Ridley, Administrator  
Alexandra Borders, Director of Admissions  
Barbara Hogue, Director of Development  
Eileen Apostolico, Bookkeeper  
Carrie Harris, Administrative Assistant  
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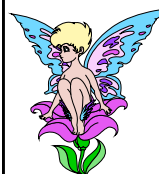


### PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Debra Basso, Convener  
Hillary Burdette, Co-Convener  
Anne-Marie Fore, Secretary  
Sophia Simpson, Treasurer

#### Class Representatives

Snowdrop: TBA  
Sunflower: TBA  
Daisy: David Barnes  
Lilac: Linette Kielinski  
Oak Tree: TBA  
1st: Nate and Gretchen Wright  
2nd: Amy Kunkle and Rachel Kern  
3rd: Nina Letherer  
4th: Connie Sterner and Mark Gallagher  
5th: TBA  
6th: Shannon Stevens and Kathy Rittler  
7th: Leslie McLaughlin and Kim Soles  
8th: Lisa Philips



### THE FAIRY'S WING

Your school store is seeking volunteers to staff the store during the school year. 10% discount on purchases available to store personnel. If interested, please contact Debra Basso, store manager, at (215) 842-1880.

**Store Hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday  
8-9:30 a.m. and 1-3:30 p.m.**

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

The Board of Trustees of The Waldorf School of Philadelphia is pleased to announce that three new members have joined the Board. All three are parents of current students ranging in age from kindergarten through 8th grade. They bring a wealth of experience and energy to the Board, and we are happy to welcome them.



**Scott Seibert** is a real estate developer and builder with a focus on sustainable residential urban infill. He is currently working on Bancroft Green, an award winning 11-unit townhouse project in Center City that is projected to achieve LEED Platinum certification. As one of the leaders of the green building movement in Philadelphia, particularly

in regard to energy-efficiency, he is passionate about creating superior homes that save people money every day. He is an active member of the USGBC, DVGBC, and the Sustainable Business Network. Born and raised in the Philadelphia area, Scott attended the Westtown School, where he sits on the Westtown Alumni Association board. He is also a graduate of Carnegie Mellon University where he recently finished the role of local chapter president. He and his wife Jamie have a daughter Ivy who absolutely adores WSP and another child due at the end of July. He is looking forward to helping the Waldorf School of Philadelphia in any way possible.

**Pat Fiorella** is the mother of two WSP students, Roman in the 8th grade, and Sondra in 5th grade. The Fiorellas joined the school community in 2000 and Pat has strong roots in Mt. Airy, growing up not far from where our school is now located. John Fiorella, Pat's husband, also grew up within walking distance of the school and is currently teaching the woodworking program for grades 4-8 at WSP.



Over the years, Pat has volunteered in many capacities, first as a parent representative in her children's classes, and then as chair the Parents Association for 3 consecutive years. She has served as chair of the Holiday Fair several times and also has chaired the spring auction evening. Most recently she has served on the Board's development committee, working closely with the development office on all fundraising events.

Pat works part time as an office manager for Fiorella Woodworking, offers catering services, and helps to run their small family farm in Roxborough. With her husband John and teacher, Nicole Kielblock, she has also established a summer camp program involving children in farming and crafts.

**Jim Crotty** is married to Fran and is father of Maura, who is entering 5th grade. Fran and I are both originally from Long Island; however, we have lived in the Philadelphia area for the past 12 years, currently residing in Glenside. Prior to moving to Philadelphia, we lived in Michigan and New Jersey.



I have worked in the consumer products industry for over 20 years and I am currently a Customer Team Leader for Tom's of Maine. My undergraduate degree is from Villanova University and I have a MBA from Adelphi University and a MS in Food Marketing from St. Joseph's University. In addition to spending time with my family, my other pastime is that I am an avid tennis player.

For a complete list of Board members and officers, please read on.

## 2010/2011 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### OFFICERS

**Jason King, President**

**Development Committee, Nominating Committee, Site Search Committee**

*Project Manager, Bostock Company*

Parent of Gwyneth Stevens-King, Class of 2007; Tristan Stevens-King, Class of 2010;

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**Amanda Mitchell-Boyask, Secretary**

**Chairperson, HR Committee**

*Director of Development, Penn Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology*

Parent of Jason Mitchell-Boyask, Class of 2008; Oliver Mitchell-Boyask, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

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### MEMBERS

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**Jim Crotty**

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Parent of Maura, 5th grade

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**Pat Fiorella**

**Chairperson, Development Committee**

Parent of Roman Fiorella, 8th Grade; Sondra Fiorella, 5th Grade

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**Daniel Hoffman**

**Chairperson, Facilities Committee, Site Search Committee**

*Associate Program Director, Mid-Atlantic Centers, Outward Bound*

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*Travel Consultant; Community Activist*

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**Nate Wright (Parents Association Representative)**

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Coming this Fall...

## ARTS ENRICHMENT SERIES FOR ADULTS AND FOR CHILDREN

- ◆ **Color From the Inside Out**  
*Drawing and clay modeling as a path to human development*
- ◆ **Dollmaking**  
*Design and make your own Waldorf-style doll*
- ◆ **Sheep to Shawl**  
*A fibers block for grown-ups*
- ◆ **After-school Handwork Classes for Children**  
*Learn knitting, embroidery, felting, and plant dyeing*
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*Make yummy snacks and lunches that you won't want to trade with friends!*

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