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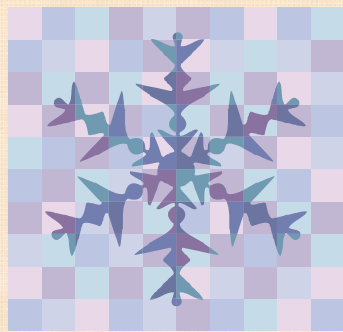
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The Joining of Two Tribes!

First and second grade have had a big event happen upon the return from winter break. We have joined classes. First and Second grade still have separate main lessons, then join afterwards for the remainder of their day. For the integrity of our school and the health of our classes, the decision to combine first and second grade was decided the week before we went on break. Mrs. Golingo and I spent a good deal of time reflecting and planning on making the transition a healthy and positive experience for the children in our classes. We chose to tell a story of two tribes separated by a river. One day a bridge is created and the two tribes come together and realize that together they are stronger, happier, and wiser.

The two classes really imagined and experienced the story with openness. Then they received the news of the classes combining just like the tribes in the story. It gave the children an opportunity to live into the story what is happening for them in real life. It was a very effective and joyful way to make the transition.

I am happy to write that we have combined and all has gone as smooth as possible. The First Graders were so brave and open in the process and the Second Graders had so much grace towards the change. I can't tell you how exciting it is to look upon my classroom from my desk and see it filled with students desks!

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TWS Calendar of Events

January 2010

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| Tuesdays, January 12, 19th, 26th, and Feb 2nd | Scrip Orders Due | 3:15 | |
| Thursdays, Jan 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and Feb 4th | Knitting Circle | 8:45 am—? | Mandolin Cafe |
| Friday, Jan 15th | Living Literacy | 6:30—7:30 pm | Greenwood |
| Saturday, Jan 16th | Kindy Morning | 10:00—11:30 am | Starlight |
| Monday, Jan 18th | MLK Day—No School | | |
| Friday, Jan 22nd | Grades Assembly | 9:00 am | Social Hall |
| Friday, Jan 22nd, Monday, Jan 25th & Friday, Jan 29th | No School—Early Childhood Parent/Teacher Conferences | | |
| Thursday, Jan 28th | Auction Potluck—Childcare provided | 5:30 Potluck 6:30-7:30 pm Mtg | TBA |
| Wednesday, Feb 10th | All School Board Meeting—Childcare provided | 6:00 pm | TBA |



Knitting Circle day and time
is moving back to
Thursdays!

We will continue to meet at the
Mandolin café after drop off
until whenever we are through.

We have a lot of fun sipping coffee, socializing and
even manage to get some work done!
Come and join the fun!



In The Classroom And From The Board...

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I would also like to acknowledge that this change has had an impact on all of us involved in these children's lives. For some teachers it meant a sacrifice for the greater good and I can't tell you what amazing strength of character we have in the teachers at our school. For parents it meant having the trust and flexibility to adapt their vision of our classes. Finally, for the children it meant expanding their adaptability to change and strengthen the love in their hearts to allow for more friendships to be fostered. When I think about the big picture, this change has had a very profound effect in strengthening our school and ourselves on many important levels.

Blessings on Our New Beginnings in this New Year!

Mrs. Nelson

**Mark Your Calendars!
Board Meeting
February 10th at 6 pm**

The Board is welcoming everyone to come!

Soup provided after the meeting
Guest Speaker and Childcare Provided

We will speak about our beloved school, enrollment,
TAP, aftercare, and relocation

Grade Three News

December was a busy month for grade three which has meant that we came back to school to finish our Language Arts block. It turns out that it is great to come back to a block, especially after a long break. Not only were we able to pick up right where we left off, but I could see real progress in their use of and understanding of the punctuation and parts of sentences that we have been finding our way with for the last four weeks. Their writing skills have improved, spelling has become more accurate, and their use of basic punctuation is more reliable. But we will be moving on next week to a math block on measurement; linear, volume, weight, and temperature.

This past rainy week has been the perfect backdrop for listening to the story of Noah and the Flood. The story is living large in our hearts and minds, and as we listened to how the flood waters rose higher and higher, we all knew what that meant for everyone who wasn't on the Ark. We are making many of the kinds of animals, two of each, out of beeswax, and will have our work on display at the next grades assembly, January 22nd, at 9:00 a.m.

It is time to order their next flute, which is a C flute, with more holes and thus more music to play. There is an additional cost to the parents; but they will have this flute all the rest of grade school and we will continue to play our flutes everyday. The transition to a C flute will take some time, it will be a great challenge to them. We will keep the pentatonic flutes around for a while, but eventually they can go home. Already, in handwork they are crocheting new flute holders.

Happy New Year,
Miss Roulette

Committee News

The Auction Corner

Our Annual Gala and Benefit Auction will take place on April 3, 2010.

That is only 3 short months away!

Mark your calendar for Jan 28th from 5:30 - 7:30

Potluck/meeting Free childcare provided. All are welcome!

Help Wanted:

→ Someone to organize wine procurement for the wine grab

→ Help with procuring desserts for the Dessert Dash

→ Someone to organize parent group projects--woodworking, needle felting, etc. Please email auction@tacomawaldorf.org

Procurement

We need people to procure, procure, procure! Donation request letters and procurement forms are available in the office and online on our website. When you have a procurement ready to donate, please return it to the office along with the procurement form. This way, your auction chairs can quickly enter the information into the system!

Soon you will each receive auction procurement folders. We do not have a procurement team this year and so we are depending on the *school community to give 5 items or experiences per family* to the auction. The possibilities are endless!

Some quick procurement ideas:

Stay at time share or other vacation property

Hand made items

Unique experiences

Restaurant gift certificates

Tickets to sporting events

Christmas gift that you don't want but others would find highly desirable

Sponsorship Opportunities

The auction has plenty of sponsorship opportunities available. Letters are printed in the office and located in the auction basket. There are some really great opportunities for businesses to sponsor our auction and receive advertisement and exposure at the auction.

Thank you for your support,
Amy and Lorina



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Community Involvement Hours January Update

Hello TWS Families!

We have collected 427 hours (July 09-January 2010) of volunteering for our school. Thank you to all who volunteer. Thank you families who have logged their hours: Devlin, Djafarian, Dykstra, Gowland, Grinstead, Kosanovich, Marken, Mishko, Pascal, Pugh, Tomter, Weber.

There are a few easy ways to log you hours:

a) **Email:** you may send your volunteering hours to volunteer@tacomawaldorf.org;

b) **TWS website** – you may submit your hours at TWS website - <http://www.tacomawaldorf.org/volunteer.htm> - Volunteer Hours Community Involvement Hour FORM

c) or you may choose to use **Paper forms** located in the binders by the grades classrooms and at the school office. Please leave it in a binder or hand it to Sylwia Jones (Greenwood).

Thank you for sharing your gifts, talents and time! Your volunteer hours impact our ability to attract funds by documenting the high parent participation at TWS.

If you have questions, please contact volunteer@tacomawaldorf.org.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING CHANGE.

It has been decided that our newsletter is not only to be informative in articles and events, but should also reflect the diversity of our community. We would like to see, at the least, each self-employed family acknowledged and supported. We are therefore substantially lowering the yearly cost to run an ad to \$35 for publication for 12 months.

Please email newsletter@tacomawaldorf.org as soon as possible and put *your* business in print!



Living Literacy

*Learn about this holistic approach to reading
from Keynote Speaker—Sandra Roulette*

Friday, January 15th, 6:30-7:30 pm
3315 S. 19th St., Tacoma
housed in Gloria Dei Lutheran Church

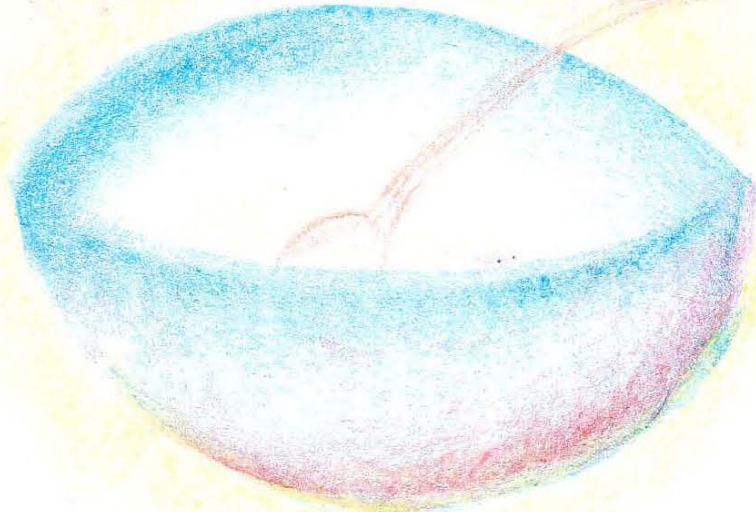
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Kindergarten Morning at Tacoma Waldorf School

Parents & Children

Come discover through story and movement how
the “Lonely Mixing Bowl” finds its purpose.



A story to encourage inclusiveness of
everyone and everything

Saturday, January 16th, 10:00-11:30

3308 S. 19th Street, Tacoma

Park in the parking lot on the side of the house
& enter through the side gate

Community Small Talk...

Teacher Wish List

The Parent Tot class is looking for a vacuum cleaner and knitters willing to knit farm animals and such. If you can help, please contact Wendy Werner.

A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE.....

JUST A REMINDER THAT 2010-2011 ENROLLMENT BEGINS IN FEBRUARY SO WATCH FOR YOUR PACKET!



20% off of all January Orders
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Dear Greenwood parents,

Thank you so much for your incredibly generous Christmas present. I was very touched and love every single item :-) I have so much fun working with your children and I am looking forward to a great 2010! Thanks again, Ms. Silke

Recipes Worth Sharing

Rena's Minestrone Soup

1 large diced onion
Misc leftover veggies like carrots, broccoli, green peas, zucchini, or green beans
3 Tbl olive oil
1 pound ground turkey
1 - 15 oz can white kidney beans
1 - 15 oz can light red kidney beans
1 - 15 oz can tomato sauce
1 - 15 oz can stewed Italian recipe tomatoes
1 can of water
1 26 oz jar Safeway Select Sundried Tomato and Olive Pasta Sauce
1/4 cup dry red wine
1 tsp oregano
1 tsp basil
1 tsp thyme
1/2 tsp pepper
1/2 tsp salt
1 1/2 cup dried elbow macaroni noodles

In a soup pan, sauté onion and any raw veggies. Add turkey and seasonings. Cook until done. When meat is cooked, reduce heat and add tomato sauce, stewed tomatoes and both cans of beans, draining some liquid, but not all. Stir in Pasta Sauce, red wine and add a can of water. Bring to a boil then reduce heat to simmer and let cook a few hours, stirring occasionally. About 1/2 hour before serving, stir in any canned or frozen vegetables.

Just before dinner cook the elbow macaroni. We like our noodles al dente so we add them into the bowls when serving, some people put them directly into the soup. Serve with yummy bread such as sour dough (or homemade if you are super ambitious) and don't forget the wine. Yum! Feeds 6 - 8.

Announcements from Sound Circle Center



Sound Circle Center wishes everyone a joyous and inspiring new year. All are invited to join the students of Sound Circle Center's Foundation Year for **Introduction to Anthroposophy Lectures** on essential themes in Anthroposophy. In January we turn to exploring life, death and human development.




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