



# Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

April 14, 2010

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## School Calendar

### Wednesday, April 14

Introductory Tour  
9-11 am

### Saturday, April 17

Board Meeting

### Tuesday, April 20

Early Re-enrollment is due

### Thursday, April 22

Grandparents Day  
8:30 – 11 am

### Tuesday, April 27

Parent Evening: Children's  
Center, Grades 1, 2, 3 & 4  
WISM Parent Enrichment  
6:30 – 8 pm

### Wednesday, April 28

Parent Evening: Grades 7 & 8  
6:30 – 8 pm

### Thursday, April 29

Parent Evening: Grades 5 & 6  
6:30 – 8 pm

### Friday, April 30

May Day Celebration  
2 – 3 pm

### Tuesday, May 4

Eighth Grade Play  
7 pm

### Wednesday, May 5

Eighth Grade Play  
7 pm

### Friday, May 7

Spring Grades Assembly  
6 pm

### Wednesday, May 12

Introductory Tour  
8:30 – 11 am

## QUACK! QUACK!

Can you see who is hiding in the dried leaves? During our Spring Break, a mama duck made her nest by the Children's Center entrance. Patty and Vivian Urda were the first to spot her on Monday morning, April 5th. Papa Mallard, with his brilliant green head, made sure his wife was settled in and then departed. Mama Mallard, so well camouflaged with her brown feathers, left the nest during the day to get a bite to eat, and then returned later in the afternoon to sit on one egg.

According to Nick at the Metro Park Nature Center, this is typical behavior for mallards. He says that in the next 21 days she will lay 6-12 eggs. He recommended roping off a ten foot area so she will not be disturbed. We will not feed her, though it is tempting. Any corn or food left outside will attract rodents and raccoons, and endanger her eggs. She is not a domesticated duck, and can manage quite well on her own. Her eggs will hatch in 28 days, right around May Day. What a wonderful Spring event for our children to see!

There is a Nesting Mallard Log just inside the Children's Center entrance. Take a look at it to see the latest report, and to make note if you see Mama, Papa or, in time, little ducklings. THIS JUST IN... there are now eight eggs in the nest, covered with leaves and soft tiny feathers. Soon it will be time to "Make Way for Ducklings!"



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## **Early Re-enrollment**

Contracts are due on Tuesday, April 20, 2010 together with a deposit of \$300 for each child. Early enrollment tuition rates are discounted by \$250 per contract.

## **Grandparents' Day**

We are happy to inform you that our 2010 Grandparents' Day will be held on Thursday, April 22 from 8:30 to 11:00 am. Each year we are honored and grateful to host this event on behalf of our families and the school. On this morning, we hope that each grandparent will have a magical glimpse into his or her grandchild's education which will not only foster many treasured conversations between the grandparent and grandchild but also encourage the grandparents to hold our school community closer to their hearts.

Please invite your parents to join us using the printed invitation cards provided. We would love to have your volunteer assistance for any number of things that need to be accomplished. Please see Kelly about how you can help for this event. A sign-up sheet is located at the Main Office including opportunities to donate refreshments, flowers and hospitality.

## **2010 EARTH DAY: It's outta this world!**

This year Oakland Steiner will be "rockin' & rollin" at the Michigan Earth Day Festival in downtown Rochester Friday-Sunday, April 23-25th.

They have "expanded" the event AND we will have a booth promoting our

Waldorf school program and summer camp, selling Gnome Home gifts and supplies and teaching lots of crafts!

Your support is needed...

Please consider volunteering for a 2-3 hour time slot to strengthen our presence at this insanely, well-attended event.

OSS parent and student volunteers will help make our presentation as "accessible and entertaining" as possible.

Please stop by the Main Office to view the weekend schedule and sign up for a couple hours of fun!

## **Summer Camp**

Our 2010 Summer Camp activities have been designed with great care and imagination. We have recruited the finest teachers to offer you a full 8 weeks of Waldorf summer fun. Our traditional Seeds and Sprouts Camp will serve 3-6 year olds in a half day program and our Adventure Camp will serve 7-12 year olds with a variety of "a la carte" activities. There's truly something for everyone.

For the first time ever, we are offering a special early enrollment incentive. Each family that reserves their child's space by April 30th with a registration deposit will receive a 10% discount on their child's total registration fee!

Please check your calendars now, refer to the program descriptions found in the attached brochures and invite all of your friends, family and neighbors to join us. With full enrollment, we will be offering an exclusive OSS Summer Camp t-shirt to all campers!

Summer Camp daily happenings will be shared on the wall at the main entrance to the right of the Gnome Home. Check it out!

## **May Day Celebration**

On Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate our May Day Festival in school. Please send flowers from your yards and gardens that morning for weaving into crowns. Flowering branches are also appreciated for decorating the classrooms. You are welcome to join us for the festivities from 2:00-3:00 that afternoon.

Thank-you for helping us celebrate Spring!

## **Knitting in the Gnome Home**

Knitting was a huge success Monday April 12. There were 5 novice knitters who all learned to cast on, knit and purl. They are proudly showing their accomplishments. For the remainder of the school year, knitters (or those wanting to learn to knit) will be meeting in the Gnome Home Tuesdays after drop-off. Knitting needles, yarn and books are available for purchase in the Gnome Home. Some knitting patterns will be provided free of charge each Tuesday.

## **Sale in the Gnome Home**

Wrapping paper made from recycled paper: buy 1, get 1 free

Plant It Note Cards hand made and infused with flower seeds: buy 2, get 1 free

Many books remain 10% off for the remainder of the year. A few new books are being ordered and additional new books can be purchased by special request.

550 Count Puzzles Made in Michigan of Recycled Paper: 20% off

Journals: 10% off

Paint, Paint Brushes and Jar Sets: 20 % off

All remaining wool yarn is buy 2 get 1 free. Additional colors can be ordered by request for full price with deposit paid.

Visit the Gnome Home and make a wish list basket for your child/ren in time for Grandparents Day.

*And don't forget the 50% off table.*

## **Support OSS Scrip Program**

Please support our school! If you shop at Kroger please register your Kroger Plus Shopper's Card on line and they will give Oakland Steiner 5% of that sale. After you register your card, it is as easy as a swipe of the card. All families, family members and friends can register their card on line. Go to [Kroger Community Rewards](#) and follow the prompts [Michigan](#), [Enroll](#) -make your account and then enter the code for Oakland Steiner School #83192.

Don't forget Scrip cards are available in the school store for many different stores.

## Personal and Parent-to-Parent

**Ready for spring planting?** Want to have a garden but don't have a sunny spot in the yard? Don't feel like turning over your sod or grown over plots this year? No problem. Vitale Farms and Jupazza Specialty Products is now offering plot rental at reasonable rates all within walking distance from OSS. Plots are pre-tilled ready to go. Garden set up and planning consultation included as is unlimited chicken manure!

Call or e-mail Julie for details or check out Jupazza Specialty Products on line.  
313-207-9196



House for rent with excellent view and access to Silver Lake- two bedrooms, fully equipped- includes washer, dryer, dishwasher and AC. Located across from the Pinckeney Recreation Area which has 4,000 acres of hiking and biking trails, swimming and fishing. No pets, \$500 a week. Please call (248) 543-2032