



# Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

April 29, 2010

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## School Calendar

### 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

### Saturday, May 22

Board Meeting  
9 am – 12 pm

### Friday, May 28

Reports Day  
NO SCHOOL

### Monday, May 31

Memorial Day  
NO SCHOOL

### Wednesday, June 9

In-school graduation  
11 am

### Thursday, June 10

Last day of school—School  
ends at 12:30  
NO AFTERCARE  
Rainbow Bridge Ceremony  
End of School Picnic

## MAY DAY

The celebration of May Day goes all the way back to the Roman festival which was held in honor of Flora, goddess of flowers and springtime. It was known as Floralia, a joyous festival lasting from April 28th to May 3<sup>rd</sup>. The first person to place a wreath or garland at the temple was assured of good luck throughout the year.

To the English people of the Middle Ages, May Day was the happiest day of the whole calendar. After the long, cold winter, by May Day spring had really arrived. Though in the U.S. May Day has never had the same background of tradition and customs as it has enjoyed in England and other countries, at Waldorf schools around the world we see the May Pole with its ribbons streaming and children dancing around it. In Michigan as we celebrate the greening of Nature after a long, cold winter – it is not so different from those old English festivities of four or five hundred years ago.



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## 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

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!