



Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

May 4, 2011

School Calendar

Thursday, May 5

Grade 2/3 Play
6:30 pm

Tuesday, May 10

May Day Celebration
Children's Center 11:15
Grades 1 - 8 2 pm

Friday, May 13

Spring Grades Assembly
6 pm

Monday, May 16

All School Meeting
6:30 - 8 pm

Friday, May 20

Pentathlon (Grade 5)
Ann Arbor

Saturday, May 21

Board Meeting
9 - 12 pm

Friday, May 27

Reports Day
NO SCHOOL

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, June 8

In-school 8th grade
Graduation
11 am

The 7th and 8th graders composed this poem the first week of their Creative Writing Block, based on their observations.

PLAYGROUND

Mischievous swings whispering quietly in the frosty wind
Littered debris across the soaked, muddy ground
Wet grass moving in the breeze
A worm-inhabited dirt smell
Water gurgling in a drain
Trees waving the cold weather farewell

Worn-away grass where athletes have fought
Dirty, cold snow lumps on the muddy, saturated field
The chilly wind crawling up your spine, making you shiver
A small garden in the middle of the blacktop,
like a tiny monument to a random, anonymous cause
A plethora of pebbles, each one cut different
Spring flowers longing for a hot, sunny day

Birds in beautiful formation, like fighter jets
Brilliant flowers on dark, moist earth
Twelve pine trees staggered in a series, like telephone poles
The dilapidated compost pile, like an old abandoned Detroit building
Curious faces, compelled to examine a disturbance beyond the glass, like puppies
The lull of creaking swing sets where ghost children play

By Cleo, Mitch, Ray, Vincent, Holden, Olivia,
Ryan, Josh, Noah, Alice, John, Nathan,
Austin, Miyo, Lynzie, Andrew, Montana and Savanna

April 19, 2011



*See who is back in town,
in parent to parent section.

Spring Assembly

May 13th at 6 pm

Students will showcase their work in the special subjects: Foreign Languages, Violin and Gym!
Students should wear proper assembly attire. Parents, please inform Frau Martina if your child can not attend. (martinap@oaklandsteiner.org) String players please arrive 20 minutes early.

All School Meeting

May 16th at 6:30-8:00 pm

Mark your calendars, there will be an All School meeting on Monday, May 16 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. More details will come next week.

5th Grade Pentathlon

Come in honor of Zeus
All ye well-trained athletes.
Come in peace and friendship,
Banish all quarrel and strife
And invoke the blessing of Zeus
Whoever excels in skill and grace,
Let him/her wear in honor
The olive wreath.

The fifth grade is often characterized as "The Golden Age of Childhood." It is a time when many children seem to strike a healthy balance between early childhood and approaching adolescence. It is appropriate, therefore, that the Waldorf curriculum for grade five seems aglow with balance and harmony. The 5th graders have been preparing all year and are now making plans to go to the Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor to participate in the Greek games!

Grade 5 Class Play: Perseus

Wednesday, May 25th at 11:45 am
Thursday, May 26th at 6:30 pm

Administrative Assistant

We have an opening for a part time, hourly Administrative Assistant beginning June 2011
For more information and to submit resume please, contact Martina at martinap@oaklandsteiner.org.

Attention Kroger Community Rewards Participants: It's Time to Re-Enroll!

Please remember, everyone must re-enroll every year. It's easy to re-enroll in Kroger Community Rewards. Visit www.krogercommunityrewards.com, click on "Michigan" and click "Enroll." All participants must create a valid online account at Kroger.com and must sign up online to participate. Shoppers can no longer scan an organization's barcode at the registers or service desk. The code for Oakland Steiner School is #83192.

OSS Yearbook

The yearbook has been sent to the printer! Make sure you have reserved a book or two for your family, there will not be another chance to order. The deadline to order is Thursday, May 5th. Please respond to this email if you have not already done so.

Missing

Frau Martina's favorite black knit cap (north face) is missing from the basket in the handwork room. Please return if you find it! Thank you

OSS Dad and Daughter Dance

With heartfelt appreciation and gratitude I proudly share that the first ever OSS Dad & Daughter Dance was a huge success!

Hugs and thank you to the moms who cooked up a fantastic dinner!

Melissa Apfel

Denise Bigelow

Carla Gallini

Christy Hand

Barbara Mackaman

Jenny Rajda

Cheryl Turner

Patty Urda

Shannon Weidemann

Also to those who donated food items and dessert, there were no leftovers! A very special thank you to Katherine Thivierge for staying the duration in order to open the Gnome Home to allow the 4 winners of the raffle to "shop with Dad"! Thank you Ellen for your contribution to the raffle...I also want to include a "thank you" to the Administration for allowing this idea to come to life and to all the Dads who made this night possible! A giant hug to my "favorite OSS Dad" for covering the cost of DJ Sparky so that the majority of the ticket sales can go directly back to the school. The Dad & Daughter Dance raised just over \$700 to be put towards the OSS Playground Project!!

What people said.....

"What a great time the girls had with their dads! " P.U.

"It was magical! " J.R.

"My daughter and husband had such a fun time." S.W.

Newsletter Article Submissions

If you wish to send an article for the newsletter, please send it by email if possible. Send it to janalees@oaklandsteiner.org and put "newsletter" in the message line. Submit by 12 pm, Tuesday, May 17th to be in the next newsletter. Thank you!



Personal and Parent-to-Parent



Summer Day Care Needed

We are looking for summer day care for the charming and always cooperative Nathan (age 9) and Katie Coleman (age 7). We pay a good wage, are flexible, and pay mileage for outings. If you are interested or know of a referral, please call Ann @ 248 709-2332.



HELLO

We (Shana and Matt Henry) are back from Australia to stay and are living and working year round at a summer camp in Almont, Michigan. Right away when looking toward the summer, I contacted a few loved friends from the OSS community to find counselors and nannies to help care for our girls this summer. Mary Eddy and Genevieve Kukurugya-Rabaut will be counselors here for the whole summer. Ashley Faase, Makenzie Sehi, and Jasmine Brown will each spend a few weeks with Jacinta (6) and Genevieve (4) here at the camp. I just wanted to express my thanks to OSS for educating in such a way that Matt and I can be confident that these young people will be an amazing asset to the camp, by virtue of their upbringing and schooling.

On a separate note, Skyline is also a retreat center, just 35 minutes northeast of OSS, just off of Rochester Road, located on 156 beautiful and pristine acres. Matt and I actually met here 15 years ago, so it is quite a special return to the U.S.A. There are so many lovely places to be in this camp, my most recent favorite is the labyrinth spiraling around the pines and bird watching out my window with the girls. Come out for a visit and a hike someday or check out the website if camp or retreats interest you. Matt, my husband, is the Executive Director and I am the Program Director. Shana Henry at 248-830-5655, email shana@campskyline.org or check out the website at www.campskyline.org.



Are suffocating because your body is so tight?

- Constrictions create restrictions.
- Physical inflexibility creates mental and spiritual inflexibility.
- Where we are tight, we have trapped energy.

Release constrictions, restrictions and blocked energy in 60 minutes.

Learn technology to do this at your command.

Ever feel like your body was so tight that you were suffocating or going to break into little pieces if you moved the wrong way?

Or, has your mind been slowing down and you can't process very much information or hold onto it?
Old age doesn't start with chronological age; it begins with an inflexible spine and nutritional deficiency.

Here's what you can do about it:

- #1 Set your mind to take one Kundalini Yoga class per week
- #2 Contact Bonnie @ 248.396.4426 or gurutera@comcast.net and let her know you will be coming to class Fridays @ 12:30 pm
- #3 Show up Friday at Barbara Mackaman's house (address below) with a yoga mat and wearing loose, comfortable clothes
- #4 Acknowledge yourself for excellent self-love & self-care and commit to a life of feeling good!

"No experience is necessary, just an open mind."

Kundalini Yoga Class Details

- 12:30-2:00 pm, Fridays
- 204 Stoney Creek Rd., Oakland Township @ the lovely home of OSS parents, Thomas & Barbara Mackaman
- \$11 (Sliding scale available.)
- Bonnie Taube @ 248.396.4426 or gurutera@comcast.net

