



Oakland Steiner School Newsletter

October 13, 2010

School Calendar

Wednesday, October 13

Picture day- Children's Center,
Grades 2, 3 & 5 (individual
only for 5th grade)

Parent Council Meeting
6:30 – 8 pm

Thursday, October 14

Picture day- Grades 1, 4, 5, 6,
7 & 8 (group only for 5th
grade)

Friday, October 15

OSS Beautification Day
2 – 6 pm

Saturday, October 16

The Board Meeting has been
canceled.

Sunday, October 17

AWSNA Team tour 3 – 4 pm
AWSNA Team Welcome
Reception 4 pm
(parents and alumni welcome
to attend)

Friday, October 22

Resource Day, NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 28

Parent Teacher Conferences
School ends at 12:30
Children's Center 12:15

Friday, October 29

Parent Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL

Friday, November 5

Fall Grades Assembly
6 pm

OSS Beautification



Please come one and all!

We need all hands available to come help make our school beautiful. There are many tasks on our list and extra hands will lighten the load. After pick up, stop by the 8th grade bake sale to get a snack and you will be ready to clean, clean, clean!

OSS thanks you in advance for your wonderful community service.

**Friday, October 15th is the day and the time is
2 - 6 pm.**

2010 – 2011 Directory

Your school directory was put in your mailbox earlier this week. We need to remind everyone that this information is made available only to our parents, faculty and staff, and all the information should be kept for you to use to be in contact with the school or fellow parents. There should be no one using this information, nor our email address, for the solicitation of business or other non-school activities. We need to respect parents' wishes to be left free of unnecessary emails and other correspondence.

Thank you for your cooperation.

For Your Support

Please note that Uta and Janalee, our administrative support team will gladly (help you) direct your questions and concerns to the appropriate person or group. You can also leave a note or message with them, for your child's teacher, the administrator or faculty chair, who will respond as soon as they are able.

Enrollment Coordinator

OSS is pleased to welcome Toni Kovach as the Enrollment Coordinator. Toni was our Community Development Coordinator during the 2008/2009 school year and was one of the assistants in our Children's Center last year.

Building & Grounds Logbook

Just a reminder that there is a logbook in the office in which you can record any grounds or maintenance issues.

Eurythmy Field Trip

We are very excited to welcome Eurythmy Spring Valley to Michigan for performances in October. Oakland Steiner students in grades 2-8 will be attending a student performance at the Detroit Waldorf School on Monday, October 25. You should have received information from your class teachers about specific arrangements for the field trip earlier this week. Permission slips and money can be given to your class teacher. Please see the feature article on the art of eurythmy in the Renewal magazine put in each parent mailbox.

Eurythmy Adult Performance

The Greater Detroit and the Great Lakes branches of the Anthroposophical Society
announce a performance by

EURYTHMY SPRING VALLEY

"Sailing to Byzantium"

Eurythmy program for adults centered on Yeats poem "Sailing to Byzantium".
Evoking an image of the "holy fire as in the gold mosaic," it movingly portrays the
journey of deepening, of understanding that, "An aged man is but a paltry thing, a
tattered coat upon a stick, unless Soul clap its hands and sing." Through its ancient
pictures, it tells of the search we each face to find what lies beyond our "everyday self."
Original music by Marcus Macauley is interwoven in the telling of Yeats' dramatic tale.

Surrounding this journey are pieces on the theme of "light" by such poets and
composers as Wendell Berry, Meister Eckhart, Debussy, Massenet, and Messiaen, and
the last panel of the Foundation Meditation by Rudolf Steiner.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 4:00 p.m.
DETROIT WALDORF SCHOOL
2555 BURNS,
DETROIT, MI 48214

Tickets can be purchased at the door for: \$15/each \$20/ family, \$10 student.

Donations are welcome and encouraged.

For tickets call: Susann: 248.945.9039 or Andree 734.971.6217

Email: greatlakesanthroposoppy@comcast.net

Alarm Codes

We have changed the alarm codes for all non-employees. Please see Katherine if you
need a new alarm code. If you do not have a new code, please do NOT come into the
building when no one else is here, as you will set off the alarm. Likewise, you cannot be
the last person remaining in the building because you will not be able to set the alarm.
Please also turn in building keys if you do not have a new alarm code.

Who has a Green Thumb?

We are looking for someone to take care of the plants in the lobby. If you would like to
put your green thumb to work, please notify Janalee or Uta.

**OAKLAND STEINER SCHOOL
IS SEEKING
ACCREDITATION AND FULL MEMBERSHIP
IN THE ASSOCIATION OF WALDORF SCHOOLS OF NORTH AMERICA
(AWSNA)**

This process involves a peer review, conducted by those who understand and appreciate Waldorf and independent school qualities and contributions to education.
The Oakland Steiner School Peer Review Visit by the AWSNA Visiting Team is

October 17th to 20th, 2010
The AWSNA Accreditation Visiting Team will visit
Oakland Steiner School

This team has reviewed the Oakland Steiner School Self-Study document that was developed from the Self-Study process the school completed last school year. (A copy of the OSS Self-Study document is available for review to all members of the school community and is in the office) During this four-day visit, the Visiting Team meets with faculty, board, parents, visits classes as well as other activities to make its independent assessment on the degree to which the AWSNA Shared Principles are being met and the congruence between the school's stated mission and its practices. (A copy of the AWSNA Shared Principles is posted on the Accreditation Bulletin Board by the Educational Support Room at the end of the lower grades hallway) The Visiting Team also issues its observations, commendations, and recommendations in its report to AWSNA and our school.

During the visit, the Visiting Team members will work in the Fireplace Room/Before & Aftercare Room. Before & After-Care will be relocated from Friday afternoon, 10/15 to Wednesday 10/20. You may also see the visitors in our school during the visit, please help them feel welcome and assist in answering any questions they may have.

We welcome the entire school community to participate in the visit, please see the events listed below and also sign-up to help with specific tasks on the Accreditation Bulletin Board

(The board by the Educational Support Room at the end of the lower grades hallway)

Welcome Reception for the Visiting Team
Sunday, 10/17, 4pm

Individual Meeting Sessions

Available for any parent, teacher, administrative staff seeking an individual meeting with a member(s) of the AWSNA Accreditation Visiting Team

Tuesday, 10/19 between 3:15pm – 4:00pm

(A prescheduled appointment is not necessary, just go to the Fireplace Room at 3:15pm and a Visiting Team member will direct you from there)

Gnome Home Updates

The lamb's pride wool yarn has arrived. Due to the increase in the cost of mohair, the cost per skein has gone up to \$8.00. The Gnome Home now carries every color available in the bulky weight and 20 different colors in the worsted weight.

There is now a book corner available in the Gnome Home for everyone to come and sit and look at a book. You may pick up one of the books from the table or from one of the many book shelves in the store.

Cloth bags with Oakland Steiner's logo on it have arrived! There is a sample hanging outside the Gnome Home for everyone to see. The cost is \$28.50 so stop by and purchase one or more today and spread the word about how great OSS and Waldorf education really is.

Attention Kroger Community Rewards Participants: Please remember to Enroll or Re-Enroll!

Did you know that you can make contributions to Oakland Steiner School simply by doing your grocery shopping at Kroger and using your Kroger Plus Card? This is an easy way to support your school. Don't forget to sign up your family members, friends and neighbors.

It's easy to enroll or 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.

Scrip available in the Gnome Home

Right now we have the following cards in stock:

\$25 AMC	\$20 Mongolian BBO	\$10 Subway
\$25 Speedway Gas	\$25 T J Maxx/Marshalls	\$100 Walmart/Sams Club
\$10 Noodles & Co.	\$25 Walmart/Sams Club	
\$25 Applebees	\$25 Qdoba	
\$25 Aeropostale	\$100 Whole Foods	
\$25 Bravo/Brio		

If you shop at Hiller's please stop by the Gnome Home to get a card. This card has no money on it until you put it on at the store. At that time OSS will get 5% of the amount put on the card.

Please stop by the office and get a new list of all scrip cards available from Great Lakes Scrip Center or go to their website www.shopwithscrip.com. To place an order you can pick up an order form in the office or the Gnome Home, fill it out and bring it back with your payment. Orders placed by Tuesday at 10am can be picked up on Friday of the same week. Or you can complete your order online at www.shopwithscrip.com; you will need to enter a code to ensure

that OSS gets the credit for your purchase. The code is 13CCDA11323. You will need to bring your payment to school or set up to do the presto pay online. If you have any questions, please contact Janalee Sehi at janalees@oaklandsteiner.org or stop in the office Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday.

Family participation is the key to making this an effective program to help raise money for OSS. Thank you for your support!

Janalee is looking for parent volunteers to help her expand and grow this program to its fullest potential.

Personal and Parent-to-Parent



Madame Souamy is looking to purchase a used computer or laptop. If you have one please leave a note for her in the office.



For Sale

½ size violin (used) \$75.00 –Please contact Paula Wishart

Free

Dark wood upright piano, beautiful condition (was given to me – so I want to pay-it-forward). Must have it moved. Call Paula (248) 457-9313 or place a note in the Wishart mailbox.



Piano Lessons

Jazz & Classical, Beginning to Advance.
Located 10 minutes west of OSS in Auburn Hills
(can occasionally travel)

Call or email: Bob Schneeweis (612) 229-2915 or rschneeweis@gmail.com