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**WOODLAND STAR CHARTER SCHOOL**

*Learning to think, to care, to create.*

17811 ARNOLD DRIVE, SONOMA, CA 95476

## Just the Facts

March 3, 2010

Chalk Art by 6th Grade,  
Teacher, Sharon Williams

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### **Walk through The Grades Wednesday, March 3.**

Experience a day in the life of  
a Woodland Star student.  
Adults only please. Spanish  
and English speaking tracts.  
R.S.V.P. greatly appreciated.  
Free childcare provided. Two  
chances to invite your friends

## Upcoming Events

Walk Through the Grades, Wednesday, March 3, 6:00 to 9:00

Epicurean Connection Wine and Cheese Reception, Thursday, March 4, 6:00 to 8:00 pm

First Grade Class Meeting, Thursday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Sixth Grade Class Meeting, Thursday, March 4, 6:00 pm

Second Grade Class Meeting, Monday, March 8, 5:30 pm

### **Online Auction Opens! March 9, 2010**

Fourth Grade Parent Evening, Tuesday, March 9, 2010, 6:00 pm

School Tour, Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Eugene Schwartz, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, 6:00 pm

Mini Golf Committee Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 8:30 am

Parent Council Meeting, Thursday, March 11, 2010, 6:30 pm

Third Grade Play, Thursday and Friday, March 10-11, 2010

### **Two 5th Grade Students Win Poetry Contest!**

Ilana Rossman and Maeve O'Reilly are winners in the Sonoma County Beethoven for Arts Contest. The contest, part of the Keeping Score Music Program, was open to all grade schools in Sonoma County. Requirements for the poetry were to write about Beethoven's life and/or music, in poem form, and with no rhyming. The winners will read their poems on KRCB.

#### **Ilana's Poem**

Beethoven's music sounds like teardrops on the roof.

Thunder roaring like drums in the sky.

A thousand storms echoing.

Birds twittering in the spring.

#### **Maeve' Poem**

What's that I hear pounding on my window?

It is strong and powerful.

It opens my heart to the world and mind

As it's melody fills my ears with joy.

It is a message of influence, of joy and sheer happiness.

And the messenger is Beethoven.

Though death of his own hearing he seems to

Know his music changes the world.

And even though he has passed,

People will always remember the word Beethoven!

to see the school:

- 6:00 to 9:00, Wed., 3-3-10

For more information or to RSVP call 996-384.

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### Parent Teacher Conference Week:

The week of **March 15-19** is Parent Teacher Conference Week. The school day for this week only is from **8:20 to 1:00** for grades 1 through 8. Kindergarten schedule remains the same. Please sign up with you teacher to attend a conference for your child.

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### Donors Choose:

Fifth Grade currently has an active Donor's Choose request online. The request is to help them pay for the Greek Games in Summerfield. Donor's choose is matching all donor's choose requests in March until they reach \$100,000. So if you do go online and contribute to the 5th grade Donor's Choose request your donation will be matched! [Click Here to Donate NOW!](#)

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### Open Forum on Child Abuse Prevention:

This forum was well attended. Thank you Ms. Reilly for organizing such an informative and helpful event!

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### Sponsorship for Mini Golf Tournament.

Sponsorships on sale now. We have a level of sponsorship for everyone. [Buy a sponsorship now and be included on the poster.](#) [Click here to purchase one.](#)

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### Monthly Lunch Order Forms

Monthly Order Form and Pizza Order form available online. Parent Council is hosting the Market again this Thursday. [Form forms click here.](#)

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### Gratitudes:

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## Eugene Schwartz's is in Town! Wednesday, March 10, 2010 (6:00 to 9:00)

Attainable and Sustainable: Education and Child Development with Waldorf master educator, Eugene Schwartz.

A Waldorf charter school faces a dual challenge. On the one hand, it is required to educate children according to California state standards that are based on an ever-changing set of goals that children are meant to attain. On the other hand, it works with a developmentally-based curriculum that tries to imbue children with capacities and values that will sustain them throughout their lives. This course will explore the exciting way in which Woodland Star works with this dynamic tension to give its students a unique educational experience. Through lectures and hands-on workshops we will go through the child's eight-year experience in the grades.

This unique workshop will provide the opportunity to experience the Waldorf curriculum in a hands-on manner. Participants will be painting, form drawing, doing movement games, physics experiments and more. Following the hands-on portion, Eugene will be explaining the importance of how the Waldorf curriculum is delivered and why we do what we do in a Waldorf-inspired charter school. There will also be ample time for Q & A. This interactive workshop experience will provide participants with a rich and deep foundation for understanding Waldorf education.

This has been a very popular series, but there are a few spots open. The cost to attend is \$20 per session. Call the office to save your spot ASAP, 996-3849.

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## Online Auction Starting March 9, 2010

Our online Auction will start on March 9, 2010. It's not too late to make a donation to the auction. [To Donate an item](#)

Thank You so much for people who came forward and turned in donations. We have some exciting items to shop for:

- ~ Two Year Vertical of Opus One Wines 1988 and 1989
- ~ Tickets to Beach Blanket Babylon, Infineon Raceway, Great America Theme Park just to name few
- ~ Hand made wood table, on display in the Main Hall, by our Woodworking Teacher
- ~ Handmade jewelry, knitted hats and toys

You still have time to donate.

- Gift Certificates for Restaurants, Massage, lessons, etc.
- Art, pottery, paintings, wood carvings, blown glass, etc.
- Experiences: special party, hike with a teacher, dinner party,
- Handmade items: knitted scarves, toys, dolls, clothes, jewelry, etc.

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## The Epicurean Connection benefit for Woodland Star Charter School

# DINE AND DONATE

Sheana Davis, the Epicurean Connection, is hosting a non-profit day for Woodland Star Charter School on **Thursday, March 4th, all day**. Stop by The Epicurean Connection for lunch or pick up dinner, 10% of your purchases will be donated to Woodland Star. **Starting at 6:00 pm their will be a complimentary wine and cheese reception from 6:00-8:00.** The Epicurean Connection is located on Hwy 12 in the same business complex at Rocket Cafe and Heritage Salon.

Working with a community like ours, is more than a gift, it's a way of everyday living. Being with a community like ours, is a true blessing. With heartfelt appreciation I wish to thank:

Samantha Edwards (1st grade) and Dawn Melberg (5th grade) for their hard work in creating a database that tracks all volunteer hours and a database that tracks family interest/experience which compliments school volunteerism.

#### Thank You to:

Evelyn Melendez (2nd grade)  
Jaime Love (5th/7th grade)  
Kelly Dillman (8th grade)  
Emmy Kaplan (2nd grade) and  
Melanie Heffernan (1st/5th grade) for **baking delicious treats for our "Walk Thru the Grades" events this past Saturday and Wednesday.**

Thank You to Kathy Lee for handwriting all the thank you notes to all our end of the year donors!

Thank you to Anthony Abate for driving all the way to St. Helena to pick up wine for our auction!

Thank you to all the faculty for putting on the Parent Appreciation Tea.

#### Work Shop by Karen Rivers

Workshop on March 13, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., **Talking to Children about Human Reproduction and Sexuality.**

This workshop is for parents of children of all ages. Karen will be going through the stages of child development in relation to this topic. She will also discuss Body Image, a major issue for many girls and boys. Workshop is at Marin Waldorf school in San Rafael.

**The Epicurean Connection**  
Stop in for a hot sandwich, fresh soup and of course some artisan cheeses!  
Open Wednesday through Saturday plus special events

See you in the Springs!  
**Délice de la Vallée**

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#### SCHOOL GARDEN SEED FUNDRAISER ~ Now thru March 5, 2010.

Please support Woodland Star School's 7th Grade class as we fundraise for our 8th grade class trip.

Woodland Star School 7th Grade Garden Seed Sale ~ 25 varieties to choose from, \$1.60 per packet. All seeds are non-treated (no pesticides, no fungicides, no gmo's) and include organic and heirloom choices, from [Fedco Seeds](#).

Fedco Seeds is a cooperative, one of the few [seed companies](#) so organized in the United States. Because Fedco Seeds does not have an individual owner, profit is not the primary goal. Consumers own 60% of the cooperative and worker members 40%. Consumer and worker members share proportionately in the cooperative's profits through our annual patronage dividends. Fedco Seeds has been in the seed business since 1978. Fedco Seeds supports school and youth groups in learning about gardening and fundraising through seed sales.

Fedco Seeds offers a wonderful selection of certified organic cultivars and regional heirloom varieties. All seeds are non-treated (no pesticides, no fungicides, no gmo's). Fedco Seeds are so committed in their conviction against genetically modified seeds that they dropped one of their suppliers when that supplier (Seminis) was purchased by Monsanto. You can read the story at <http://www.fedcoseeds.com/seeds/monsanto.htm>

**Online order forms are available to print out at <http://www.fedcoseeds.com/forms/woodland.pdf>**

Print out your order form, make your selections, include a check made out to "Joan Medan" (class treasurer), and return to Kathy Lee, c/o Woodland Star School, 17811 Arnold Drive, Sonoma, CA 95476. Orders can be turned in to the office, or to Mr. Stone's 7th grade class as well.

All seed packets are \$1.60 each.

Add up the number of seed packets you want on the form, multiply by \$1.60 for your total.

Please fill out the order form with your contact info plus the following:

Student Name: (your child - this is who the seeds will be delivered to)

School: Woodland Star

Grade: (your child's grade at Woodland Star)

Teacher: (your child's teacher)

Seed orders due by March 5th. Make checks payable to "Joan Medan".

Seed orders will be filled and delivered back to each student in their classroom, in about 3 weeks.

For any questions, please call Kathy Lee, WSS parent, at (707) 537-5780. Woodland Star School 7th Grade Garden Seed Sale Coordinator.

Thank You for your support!

#### **Pennies for Peace Campaign ~**

We are delighted to share with you that our students will participate in a Pennies for



### **Kim John Payne coming to Summerfield.**

Kim John Payne will give a talk about: "Twens and Teens: The Power of the Peer Group" .

Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 to 9:00 pm in Sophia Hall, Summerfield Waldorf School. Tickets on sale at Summerfield or Copperfields for \$10. Kim John Payne does workshops all over the work on Social Inclusion.



### **Volunteer Coordinator Corner:**

Looking for help with:

**Mini Golf Team  
Gardening Committee  
eScrip: Mailing print  
cartridges every 3 to 4  
months**

If you want to help with any of the above, contact Andrea Gregory, our awesome volunteer coordinator at 529-2600.

Peace campaign from March 1<sup>st</sup> to April 1st. Pennies for Peace is a service-learning program designed to broaden our students' cultural horizons while teaching them about their capacities as philanthropists – one penny at a time. This program inspired second grader Elijah Lakritz who brought Pennies for Peace to our community. Elijah's note to the community follows this announcement.

Pennies for Peace is a program of Central Asia Institute (CAI), founded by Greg Mortenson – author of the #1 New York Times best seller, *Three Cups of Tea*. CAI is a registered 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that promotes and provides community-based education and literacy programs, especially for girls, in remote mountain regions of Central Asia. Founded in 1996, CAI has built, to date, nearly 100 schools in Afghanistan and Pakistan, which serve more than 28,000 students – over 14,000 of whom are girls.

How can a penny bring peace? It doesn't buy much in our community. However, in the villages of Pakistan and Afghanistan, a penny can buy a pencil, start an education, and transform a life. In a region where terrorist organizations recruit uneducated, illiterate children, that pencil can empower a child to read, write, and learn. The Pennies for Peace program goal is to encourage our students, who are ultimately our future leaders, to learn the value of philanthropy by collecting pennies for global peace.

Our schools will join tens of thousands of students around the world who are participating in the Pennies for Peace program and who are working together to become members of a global family dedicated to peace.

If you have any questions about our Pennies for Peace campaign, please feel free to contact Sheila at 996-3849.

Elijah's letter:

I am Elijah and I am a second grader. I would like you to help me donate pennies, only pennies, to a village on Mount K2 that needs a school. They are very poor and need our help. One penny will buy them a pencil to write with and in our country it buys nothing. One hundred pennies will help one child go to school for one month! So, can you help me build them a school?

Please bring your pennies to the office and dump them into the Pennies for Peace jar.

Thank you for helping,

*Elijah*

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### **Springtime Laughter Yoga at the Kenwood Depot**

314 Warm Springs Road. Kenwood, CA. 95452

**NEW SERIES STARTING** Tuesday MARCH 2nd.

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Five Sessions in March for \$60.

Sign-up now to reserve your place!

Mail your check to P.O. Box 296. Petaluma.CA 94953.

If you cannot attend a session, send a friend to laugh in your place.

Drop-ins = \$15 / class.

We do warm-ups on the floor with yoga mats and practice laughter exercises standing, stretching and

moving around. Diverse levels of fitness accomodated. No previous yoga experience necessary.

Join us

for your dose of joyful laughter. All of the side-effects of extended laughter are the good ones to get your

springtime mojo roused for the season ahead. This class is for adults. Please wear comfy, loose clothing

(layered); bring your own yoga mat, pillow to sit upon and water bottle.

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***Ralph Cetola Guitar Instruction.*** Guitar, Bass, or Violin. At your home or in my "Music Room" on Malet street in Sonoma . Look me up in the Woodland Star Business Directory. Half hour and hourly

classes available. Ralph also teaches Rock Band Classes for groups of 3 or more students. Call 938-1357 or email [rctola@sonic.net](mailto:rctola@sonic.net). online [click here](#)

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### **BUSINESS DIRECTORY! IS HERE!**

Do you want to advertise your business to the school community and help the school at the same time? We have set up a Business Directory to allow you to do just this. Also appropriate for this Business directory is to advertise wine sales. We occasstionally get wine request to advertise wine deals on the school newsletter. We just can not do this as a public school. But if you want to include information on the [Business Directory](#) that is hosted by Woodland Star Educational Foundation this would be the plae to do it.

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