



## **February Newsletter**

### **An Evening with Somer Serpe**

As the month of February flies by, it is time to look ahead to our upcoming events. On Tuesday, February 18, at 6:30 pm, Somer Serpe will be speaking to parents. Somer is a leader in Waldorf early childhood circles and is full of wisdom. This is an opportunity to engage with an expert and discuss the issues of our time. Please join us.

### **February Open House**

Our next open house will be Saturday, February 29, at 10 am. Our puppet show “Sweep It All Up” will start at 10:10. Afterwards there will be a parent-child activity followed by a visit to the outdoor classroom where the children can play while the adults chat. We welcome all current families and friends that may be interested to join us in the fun. This is also an opportunity for parents of rising first graders to learn more about the grade school program. Do you know anyone with a rising first grader? If so, please invite them to our open house.

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

I am pleased to announce that on Saturday, April 4, from 3 to 6 pm, our community has been invited to Meggitt for an Easter egg hunt. If you participated in our lantern walk festival, you understand that this will be fun. Put it on your calendar now as this is one event that your whole family will enjoy. Thanks in advance to Emily, Ryan, Eric, and Ms. Renee for hosting and all the preparatory work that goes with that role.

### **Enrollment Update**

We have had a surge of interest in our school! Our kindergarten is full for next year and we are working on starting a second kindergarten in August. Last year we did not fill up until August! Thanks to everyone who has completed enrollment. For those of you who have not completed the enrollment process please do so now as we have to have a firm count to know how many of the new families we can accept into our program.

### **Teacher Recruiting**

We have three open positions for next year. A lead teacher, an assistant, and a first-grade teacher. We now have applications for all three jobs and are going through the interview process with them. The Board is offering a paid internship for the assistant



position. The intern would work full time for three years while being mentored by our lead teacher. They will also be expected to participate in a Waldorf training program. This is an awesome opportunity for the right person, and we have several applicants already.

Dear Parents,

Valentine's Day has arrived, and we have an early Spring. We hope you are enjoying the Valentine mice the children brought home. They have been joyfully painting, drawing and gluing for the last week. We have settled into our winter rhythm with indoor play in the morning as well as our daily activities. The children are sewing flannel babies and little gnomes and birthday books are made for our February Birthdays, Stella, Remi and Hazel. Happy Birthday, dear friends.

Our snow peas, spinach and strawberries are happily growing in our garden and we are watering and tending them with love and care daily. We are getting ready to plant Kale and other good things once the fire ants are finding a new home.

In our morning circle we have met dwarfs, gnomes and giants and Ms. Katie is now leading us in a Valentine, woodland creature wedding as well as a Spring circle play about a little brown bulb that lay asleep in the ground and a sweet" Tisket-a-tasket a red and yellow basket circle game. Later this month we will celebrate Mardi Gras with a Music Man circle and parade and a pancake breakfast and we will meet the Maple sugar children gathering sap to make sweet syrup.

Stories and Puppet Shows told in February and March:

The Tomten  
The Pancake that ran away  
Little Moon and Little Star  
Sweep it all up  
Hedgie's Surprise

As always, your children are a joy in our lives, and we thank you for your trust as we guide them each day.

With Gratitude, Ms. Sigrid and Ms. Katie

