

Tamarack Waldorf School Calendar and Announcements

2/7/2012

Calendar

<u>Wed, Feb. 8</u>	<u>Town Hall Meeting, 6pm</u> (in place of TPA-CC meeting)
Mon, Feb. 13	Fund Development Committee, 10:30am; Finance Committee, 5pm; Grade 8 Potluck and Meeting, 5:30pm
Tue, Feb 14	Site Committee, 4:30pm
Wed, Feb. 15	Grade 2 Class Play, 6pm
<u>Fri, Feb. 17</u>	<u>Re-Enrollment materials due in the office</u>
	<u>Choice February Open Enrollment applications due</u>
<u>February 20-24</u>	<u>No School, Mid-Winter Break</u>
	<u>School resumes 8:00am Mon, Feb. 27</u>

Link to our online school calendar:

<http://calendar.yahoo.com/tamarackwaldorf/6754da7df8dbcc9ab77ce2cd953394ab?od=131>

Important “Town Hall” Meeting on School Finances

The Board of Trustees is organizing an informational meeting about Tamarack’s current financial situation. The school is facing a deficit this year, and we all need to face this challenge together. A Town Hall meeting will be held by the board at the school on Wednesday, Feb. 8, at 6 pm. This meeting will take the place of the monthly parent association (TPA-CC) meeting. At the meeting, we will learn about the factors contributing to the deficit, have questions answered, and contribute ideas for a plan to address this situation. If you hope to keep Tamarack’s programming at its current level (with all the specialty classes we currently have), please come to this important meeting to share your thoughts and ideas. Childcare is available; please sign up in the office.

Tamarack School Store Raffle

Beginning this week, and in the weeks to come, the School Store will be raffling off some wonderful in-stock items. Raffle tickets can be purchased in the school office, with prices varying depending on the value of the item. The winning raffle ticket will be pulled on Friday afternoon.

This Week’s Raffle Item:

**Royal King
6’ Doll House Doll
Retail Value \$18**

Raffle Tickets \$1 Each



Tamarack Seeks Full-Time, Lead Kindergarten Teacher

Tamarack is seeking a full-time, Lead Kindergarten Teacher for the 2012-2013 school year. The qualified candidate must have a B.A. and must have completed or be making progress on AWSNA-affiliated Waldorf Kindergarten/Early

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Childhood training. This faculty position involves collaboration with kindergarten and grades faculty, committee work, and some classroom administration and staff supervision skills. Love and patience for the young child is a must. Tamarack offers competitive wages and benefits.

Please send a school application (available in the office or on our website), full resume, a letter of interest, a short biography, and references including someone who has observed your work with children, to: Tamarack Waldorf School, 1150 E. Brady Street, Milwaukee, 53202, with attention to Ceal Hunter. You may also email materials to: ceal.hunter@tamarackwaldorf.org. Application deadline is February 17, 2012.

Re-Enrollment Paperwork for 2012-13

Re-enrollment commitment forms went out in family folders last week. Forms are also available in the school office. Please carefully read the information that pertains to your family as there are changes in details for all financial categories of students: Milwaukee Parental Choice Program voucher, Tuition Reduction and Private Pay. As interest in a Waldorf education at Tamarack grows for classes at all levels, it is imperative that parents complete the paperwork without delay. Because of larger class sizes and the anticipated lack of open seats for Choice and Private Pay students, we cannot guarantee any returning students a seat unless we receive re-enrollment materials by the **deadline of February 17.**

Revels of Spring!

Information packets for the Benefit Party will go into family folders this week. Please take some time to review all the details. We already have much to celebrate this year, and it is our hope that the Benefit Party will be an event that helps conclude this academic year with gratitude for all that has been accomplished. We hope to harness these positive feelings and generate some much needed additional sustaining financial support for Tamarack's future through raffle ticket sales, event ticket sales, silent auction donations and sponsorships. Parents from two classes are grouped together and asked to work on a project for the raffle sale, as well as to contribute some time and energy towards aspects of the party planning. Please think of this as a way to demonstrate to our families, friends and community how much fun we can all have for a good cause.

If you have any questions, please contact any one of us, and thank you in advance for your contributions of time, energy, funds and more! We look forward to working with everyone on this important event.

Sincerely,

Erin Grace (2nd grade parent) erinthomasgrace@gmail.com or 414-688-2080

Ami Bedi (2nd grade parent) amibedi@gmail.com

John Fitch (2nd grade parent) jfitch3@wi.rr.com

Courtney Robinson (6th grade parent) robinsoncourt@gmail.com

Parent Crafting Day

Saturday, February 11, 2-5pm

Bring what you are working on and hang out with other Tamarack parents. Tea and snacks will be provided. Location: 731 E. Center St. in Riverwest. Entrance is to the right of Stonefly Brewery's front door and then up the stairs. Contact Hansi Bryan with any questions hansibird@yahoo.com.

Environmental Film by Tamarack Parent

Rubin Whitmore, parent of Nile Hendrix-Whitmore in Grade 8 and professor at the Milwaukee Art Institute, has invited Tamarack students in grades 4-8 who feel strongly about earth preservation to contribute to a film he is submitting to a national competition. If the film wins, he will split the \$4000 prize with Tamarack Waldorf School.

Interested parents of children in grades 4-8 should email Rubin today at profwhitmore@gmail.com. He will be setting

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up a filming time individually with these families as soon as possible (there is a quick deadline for submission). Children will be filmed speaking "from the heart" about their particular area of environmental concern. Rubin will edit the film for submission to the IPIC Theaters Film Competition (link below.) Tamarack will not be featured per se in the film, but one of Rubin's motivations in doing this is to benefit Tamarack with the award money, if the film wins. <http://www.ipictheaters.com/ipic-membersfilmfestcontest.aspx>

Samba Classes

Individuals 9 and older may sign up for the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music's Samba Unit classes. Classes are 6-8pm Tuesdays at Elm Creative Arts School, 900 W. Walnut. No prior experience necessary. Cost for 15 week course is \$10 for Milwaukee city residents/MPS students, and \$30 for non-Milwaukee residents. Classes began Jan. 31, but there are still openings. Participants will learn instrument playing, note reading, ensemble performance technique, Brazilian cultural history and Brazilian chants/songs. Call 414-276-5760 for information and to register.