



# EMERSONIAN

A newsletter for families and friends of **Emerson Waldorf School**

## This Week

- May 11** 12:30 pm  
Woodland Shop Craft Day
- May 11** 7:30 pm  
Talk by Nancy Blanning
- May 11** 7:00 pm  
Finance Committee
- May 13** 12:30 pm  
Early Dismissal for May Faire Setup
- May 14**  
May Faire
- May 16-20**  
11th Grade Internships
- May 17** 6:30 am  
ABC Meeting
- May 17** 7:30 pm  
1st Grade Parent Evening

## Coming Up

- May 19**  
PO Elections Close
- May 20-21**  
Kim Payne Visits EWS
- May 20**  
HS Wellness Day
- May 27** 4:00 pm  
Tennis End of Season Celebration
- May 30**  
Memorial Day (No school)
- June 9**  
Last Day of Kindergarten
- June 10**  
Last Day of Classes

## Woodland Shop Hours

- Tuesday 8:30—12:30  
Wednesday 8:30—1:30  
Thursday 8:30—4:00  
Friday 8:30—4:00  
Saturday 10:30—2:00

## May Faire This Saturday

*"[The] cares of the world are left outside the grove of trees and for one day, everyone comes together to play, eat and laugh."* - reprinted from article in *Southern Neighbor* (see article on page 2.)

Please join us for our annual May Faire this Saturday 10:00 am—4:00 pm. The dragon swing will be swinging and the peppermint lemons will be sweet. Strawberries will be served with a side of fresh whipped cream, face painting will be done among the trees and the puppet show begins at 2:00 pm. Artisans from all over the area will be showing their wares and music will fill the air - such a truly magical day.

Parking will be at the Eubanks park and ride lot (see article below), and all those riding the shuttle will receive a coupon for a free lemonade at the Faire! Admission prices are \$3 adult, \$1 child or \$5 family. Those purchasing a family ticket will receive a free Emerson Waldorf 20th Anniversary T-shirt!

Tell one, tell all—bring your neighbors, bring your friends, bring your neighbor's friends! See you there!  
—Alyson Ramesh, PO President

## May Faire Parking

I need your cooperation and understanding to help make parking for the May Faire safe and successful.

Attendance at our May Faire has been growing in the last few years (that's a good thing!). Our athletic fields have been tilled and seeded to put a top quality playing surface into place (another good thing!). However, now that the athletic field has been worked, at a cost of several thousands dollars (from a very kind donor), we must avoid parking on it. And parking the number of cars on the road that we anticipate having would be hazardous, most of all to small children.

Therefore we have contacted Orange County and been told that visitors to the May Faire can park in the park-and-ride lot on Eubanks. Please do that when you come to the May Faire. There will be shuttle vans in continual transit, and everyone boarding the van in the ride-and-park lot will be given a coupon for a free lemonade to help quench the thirst of getting to the Faire quickly.

Thanks again for your help this May Faire. Parking off-campus will be a minor inconvenience, but it will be compensated by heightened safety and enjoyment for everyone.  
—Edward Schuldt, Administrator

## **May Faire Is a Celebration of All Things EWS**

It hardly seems possible that May has arrived, but here it is. And with May comes the grand party we throw for ourselves each spring: May Faire! This year's fair will take place this Saturday, May 14, from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm at the school.

May Faire is a party. This annual event is a time for us to celebrate Emerson Waldorf School and all the good things that being a member of this school community brings. It is also a time for us to share EWS with the greater community. More than one student at our school found us because of an introduction at May Faire. I expect to have many guests on hand throughout the day on Saturday.

This year, news about May Faire is being broadcast on *WUNC*, the local NPR affiliate radio station. You can see our ad and announcement in *Carolina Parent*. *Southern Neighbor* published a full length article and photo about May Faire. The *News and Observer* just call me today [Monday] to inform me that they will also be including a news story about the event.

Don't forget that there will be no parking on campus, unless you display a handicap parking decal on your car. Parking will be at the Park & Ride lot on Eubanks Road with shuttles provided to campus. Please set a good example for our guests by observing these new parking rules.

Our Parent Organization is sponsoring the Faire for the first time this spring. Alyson Ramesh and Karen White have done a Herculean task of putting it all together, along with the help of many hands. Thank you in advance for all of the hard work that everyone is dedicating to May Faire. Planning, organizing, setting up on Friday afternoon, manning the booths and cleaning up on Saturday evening are enormous tasks. It will all be a success for one reason. That reason is the enthusiasm and community spirit exhibited by so many volunteers. Many, many thanks.

Come and enjoy the party!

—Jeff Ware, Director of  
*Development & Public Relations*

## **May Faire Feature Article**

*Southern Neighbor* Newsmagazine has featured May Faire at Emerson Waldorf School in the issue now on area newsstands. The page 28 article was written by our UNC Public Relations Intern, Lauren Musiol. It includes a photo and quotes from Parent Organization President Alyson Ramesh. *Southern Neighbor* has a distribution of 18,000+ in Orange County with home delivery to select neighborhoods and retail distribution at the following fine establishments: The Arts Center, AC Fitness, VisArt Video, Elmo's Diner, Crazie Mae's, Market Street Books, Ladies Fitness & Wellness, Tripointe Properties, Caribou Coffee on East Franklin, Chapel Hill Tire, Toy Corner, Meadowmont Club, Hangers Cleaners, Plum Spring Clinic, Dina Porter, Women's Workout Club, Womencraft, Whole Foods, Center Carolina Bank at the Exchange and Fearington Village Shops, Refinements, Amantes, Governor's Club POA, Weaver Street Market, Rams Plaza, Carolina Cafe, in Pittsboro at Second Bloom, in Hillsborough at Tupelo's and in Cary at Whole Foods and Blockbusters.

—Jeff Ware, Director of  
*Development & Public Relations*

## **Drivers Needed**

Bus drivers are needed for the May Faire this year. We will be running a shuttle of two buses from the Eubanks Road parking lot to our school. Any certified drivers are highly encouraged to call me. BUT, if you are not certified and are still willing, Tom is willing to train people before the big day. Contact Alyson at 383-7405

## **Set-up Help Needed**

Friday starting immediately after school dismissal (12:30 pm), we will begin setting up for May Faire. Strong men are needed to help hang the dragon swing. Tables and tents need to be assembled. Please consider staying a while after pick-up to make this set-up go faster.

## **Puppet Show at 2:00 pm**

There will be only one showing of the puppet show this year. Be early to get a good seat! The show begins at 2:00 pm in the Music Room.

### Advertise May Faire

Spread the word—share with everyone you know, either by word or send them a flyer. May Faire is the largest contributor to the General Classroom fund, so all of us benefit from a good attendance.

### Clean-up Crew Needed (Pizza Served!)

After May Faire is closed, it must all be put away for next year. Pizza will be delivered at 5:30 pm and we will need an accurate count of people. Please see the sign up sheets to sign up for a slot.

### Bar-B-Que at May Faire!

Plan on enjoying some great North Carolina Bar-B-Que on Saturday. We will have pork sandwiches with baked beans and cole slaw. Vegetarian Sloppy Joes will also be available with beans and slaw. Serving starts at 11:00 am and when is gone, it's gone!

### Maypole at May Faire!

Something new this year—a community Maypole dance. Have you ever wanted to try the dance yourself? It sure looks pretty easy, but can you remember to weave in and out at the right times with your ribbon? This year, the May Faire will open with a community Maypole dance. Sign up on the bulletin board so we can see how many groups we have and come learn something new!

## And In Other News

### PO Elections

Nominations are now open for all PO officers. A nominations box is in the office for your convenience. Please write down the person's name and the position you are nominating. Nominations will close May 19 and elections are held at the June PO meeting. This is your chance to speak.

—Alyson Ramesh, PO President

### Art Experience Cancellation

Here is notice that we are canceling the last classes of the *Community Art Experience*. We will not be doing the Eurythmy classes on May 17 or 31, 2005.

—Mariposa Linden

### Summer Standing Order Scrip Drive

To cover our summer obligations (school bus payments!), the PO will again be running a Summer Standing Order Scrip Drive. A summer standing order applies for the summer months of July and August. Families can still use scrip over the summer months, providing FREE MONEY to EWS! For more information about the Scrip Drive and other Scrip News, see page 1 of the *Community Pages*.  
—Joyce Felder, Scrip Coordinator

## INVITATION TO GRADUATION

The EWS 8th grade class of 2005 invites you to their graduation ceremony on  
**Friday, June 10, 2005.**

Time: 4:00 pm.

Place: Church of Reconciliation, Elliot Rd., Chapel Hill (Near Whole Foods)

Optional buffet dinner to follow at 6pm also at the church. Advance reservations required \$5 per adult or child over 5 years of age.

Please attach check made out to "EWS 8th grade" for \$5 X number of diners to this form and put into Mr. Moyers' mailbox by **May 27**.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people: \_\_\_\_\_ Total \$\$ check attached: \_\_\_\_\_

## High School Happenings

9th and 10th Grades have been involved in a “Leadership and Communication Development Program” as part of the Bond Park High Ropes Course in Cary. The 11th Grade recently completed an intensive weeklong Outward Bound course. These are pilot programs that we are exploring to support leadership, communication and team building in our HS students.

9th and 10th Grades have a Wellness Day planned the afternoon of May 20, beginning with a healthy lunch and then a choice of 6 to 8 classes, including yoga, dance, healing through sound, and other wellness topics.

10th Grade is working on a class play as part of a drama block with Mr. Levitt, with performances coming up soon. Look for announcements.

11th Grade students have weeklong internships beginning May 16. Some of the sites include: Healing Harvest Forestry Foundation, Carnivore Preservation Trust, Blue Moon Café, Chapel Hill Police Department, Human Kindness Foundation, Gary Caldwell’s metalwork studio, and Ms. Holley’s first grade classroom. 11th Grade is also immersed in the college prep process. Many took the SAT for 2nd time on Saturday. The class has toured Elon College together and will tour UNC-G this week. College admissions officers scheduled to visit EWS include: Warren Wilson, Duke, NCSU, UNC-CH, Guilford, and Durham Tech. —*Joanne Wood*

## Three High School Students Selected for Computational Science Program

Emerson Waldorf High School students, Molly Metz, Alex Kesling and Kate Brady have been selected to participate in the Shodor Scholars Program in Computational Science (SSP) at the Shodor Education Foundation this summer.

The SSP is a science, mathematics, and computing scholarship program for rising high school sophomores, juniors and seniors funded through a grant from the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. The program provides an academically intensive education and research experience for a group of up to 14 competitively selected area high school students.

SSP students learn to use advanced computational science technologies, techniques, and tools to study a wide variety of scientific events. During the program students will cover the following topics:

- General overview of computational science
- Basic numerical methods
- Scientific programming
- Model validation and verification
- Communicating science using computational science
- Research methods incorporating computational science

The scholars will then work in teams to solve several small-scale modeling problems using a range of computing tools.

Opportunities for informal and formal presentations are provided throughout the course. In the final week, students select a more substantial problem that they will solve using the design and computational tools they have studied.

The Shodor Education Foundation, is a non-profit education and research corporation celebrating its 10th Anniversary in the Research Triangle area. The Foundation is dedicated to the reform and improvement of mathematics and science education through the incorporation of appropriate computational and communication technologies into pre-college and college curricula. In addition to its many middle school and high school level workshops, Shodor also runs workshops for undergraduate faculty through the National Computational Science Institute , a program funded through a grant from the National Science Foundation. Shodor was recently selected to serve as a pathway to the National Science Digital Library , a program that is also funded by the National Science Foundation. —*Rob Rich, High School Teacher*

## Talk by Nancy Blanning Tonight

Tonight, May 11, at 7:30 pm Nancy Blanning will give a short talk on why it is important to do a 2nd Grade assessment. She will also explain other aspects of her work. Come and join us with your questions.

*Note:* The previously scheduled Kindergarten parent meeting for May 11 is canceled so that parents can attend this event.

Nancy Blanning has been teaching in Waldorf education for 23 years. Currently she is the Education Support teacher and Remedial and Therapeutic consultant at the Denver Waldorf School. She began this work 6 years ago after teaching 17 years in the kindergarten. She works with individual students, consults with teachers, and does developmental and academic assessments. Nancy obtained her therapeutic training through the 4-year Gradalis course. She also works as a therapeutic and developmental consultant with Waldorf schools in the US and Canada, as well as doing kindergarten teacher mentoring and working as a Waldorf early childhood teacher trainer. Nancy and her husband have four adult children (including one anthroposophical doctor), who are all Waldorf graduates, and one granddaughter.

—Ameli Fairman-Evans

## Middle School Spanish Teacher Sought

EWS is seeking an experienced Spanish teacher for Grades 6, 7, and 8. Each class has two Spanish lessons a week. This position would be ideal for a graduate student with a strong rapport with children ages 12-14.



### Emerson Waldorf School

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