





First Annual 8th Grade Egg Hurl Competition!



The 8th grade is hosting an egg hurl competition for students in grades 6-8 and 9-12 on October 13 at noon. There will be two categories: one in which the student designs a container for an egg that will allow it to survive being hurled at a wall by a skeet shooter, and another in which the student designs a device that can launch a tennis ball as far as possible. The entry fee is \$10.00 for teams of one or two students, if received by October 5. Entries received after this date will be \$20.00. Instructions for entering and rules for design are posted on Winterberry's website under "announcements".

Please invite your middle school and high school friends to participate in this sure-to-be-fun event! All are welcome to attend and cheer on your friends!

School Site Work Parties! We need YOU!



Site update

We've got some upcoming work parties! The first is **Saturday, September 29th** from 10 am – 2 pm, which is also the *Green Apple Day of Service*, sponsored by the Center for Green Schools. The theme is "Come planting with us." We'll celebrate the award of our *Schoolyard Habitat Grant* from the US Fish and Wildlife Service and get some plantings in! We'll also have another work party on **Tuesday, October 2nd** from 3pm to 5pm.

Our recent weather has gifted us a lot of wood chips... and mud. If you have a little spare time (after drop-off, before pick-up), please take a look at the "Grounds Crew" bulletin board in the entry and spread some chips. There are wheelbarrows and pitchforks behind our dragon mural. The 2 areas that need it are the bit of pile left near the amphitheater just

straight back to make that nice and thick, and the area behind the dumpster enclosure. Those need to be a good 4-6" thick in that back

corner going back into the play yard as far as they'll stretch. We'll be piling snow there once the time comes and having a firm pad there will make that task easier. It will also be better in the spring.

Many thanks to those that have come out to help. Craig Lyon and Jeff Jablonski took the lead on building our storage sheds. Kindergarten parents were a stand-out at the last work party with the parents of Alea, Caleb, Cedar and Nathan getting a lot done, including the new stairway into the woods! Special thanks to parents and children who worked hard picking up, cleaning up, packing away, spreading chips and repairing storm damage to our northern fence.

There are plans for later in October to do some re-grading in front of Kindergarten and the enclosure of the early grades play yard. Stay tuned for updates!

Many hands make light work. Thank you!

Winterberry to Zero Waste (continued)

What is a waste sort and why do one?

A waste sort is a formal, structured process used to quantify the amount and types of waste being generated. Information from audits will help identify current waste practices and how they can be improved. Being waste-wise can mean:

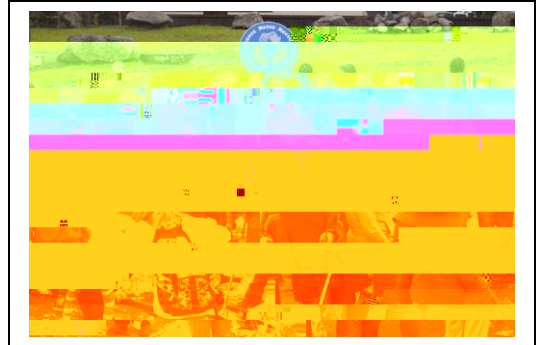
- x A more efficient and effective school
- x Reduced waste and management costs
- x Better use of limited natural resources

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It's not as bad as you think. The waste audit was carefully planned and the safety of people conducting the sort was paramount. Sorting waste was done outside and was carefully controlled. Our sorters listened to a safety briefing and used protective equipment such as tongs and gloves. Waste was never handled with bare hands.

What were the objectives of the audit?

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Trash

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Classroom Coordinators

One great volunteer opportunity is being the classroom coordinator for your child's class. Although the needs of each individual teacher are different, there are some duties that all classroom coordinators perform. Please refer to the September newsletter if you are interested in more information about the responsibilities involved in being a classroom coordinator.

2012/2013 Classroom Coordinators

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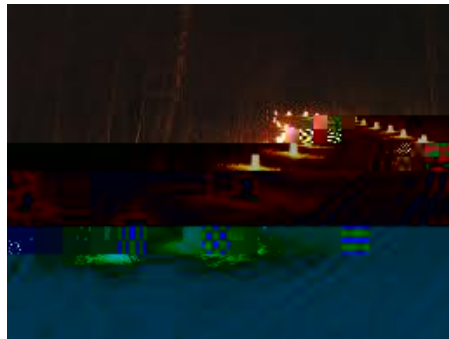
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Lantern Walk

One of our wellloved festivals November 2nd, 2012

The intent of this festival is that, as we enter the darkness of our winter, we create a reverent space for the children to face the darkness with the warmth and beauty of the sparks they carry in their lanterns. The hope, each year, is to deepen the experience for the classes, for the children, and for our community. Let's face it, we all face the darkness and, together, we can light our way!

There is always a buzz of excitement as class specific lantern creations come alive! This year, the faculty, in conjunction with the WCC, will continue to grow the Lantern Walk into our new space. Please watch for e-mails from the faculty to inform you of the opportunities to help nurture the growth of this festival in our new school home.

There are many ways to help as a volunteer. Please watch for notices in the lobby and outside your child's classroom. We will need adult help in the younger grades as they create their unique lanterns. Each student will need to bring three (3) votive candles to the school to help light their own lantern and the path before them. In the past, warm cider has been provided for the children following the walk and, of course, pot-luck baked goods have been the crowning touch. If you have a portable fire pits we may ask for a loan again this year so that all of the children can enjoy the warmth and so that the littlest

The Lantern

There was once a boy called George who had been outside in the garden all through the Summer running after the butterflies, jumping like a grasshopper, singing like a bird, and trying to catch the sunlight. One day when he was lying on his back in the meadow gazing up into the sun-filled sky, he said, "Dear Brother Sun, soon the Autumn winds will blow and wail, and Jack Frost will come and make us all freeze, and the nights will be long and cold."

Brother Sun pushed the clouds aside and said, "Yes, it will be dark and cold. In the deep midwinter, warmth and light live deep within, hidden from sight. In the time of dark and cold, you will tend the Light Within."

"But," said George, "How will I tend this Light when it's dark everywhere around me?"

"I will give you a spark of my last Autumn rays once you have made a little house for it, for this spark must be guarded well. It will light the way for you to tend the Light Within throughout the time of dark and cold."

And then Brother Sun once hid again behind a cloud.

George went home and wondered how best he could make a little house for the spark of the sun. He took a thick piece of paper and painted a beautiful blue and yellow watercolor upon it. When it was dry, he cut windows into his painting. Then he placed colored tissue paper on the back of his watercolor - and - he formed





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ALL 3APC ' GATHERING SUMMARY

There was an informal gathering for “All APC’s” (Academic Policy Committees for every charter

BoxTops Coordinator : This is the perfect take home job! Collect the BoxTops at the school, take them home and trim if necessary, package in groups of \$5 value and mail in quarterly.

Faires and Festivals:

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Contact Lynne at: lynnejeffrey@yahoo.com. Take home projects are waiting for you in the lobby.

Winter Faire 2013: Organizing meeting on Monday, October 8th at 8:40 am. The event date is Saturday, February 9th! What is your favorite part of the Faire? Committee heads are needed. Contact Cheryl at: cheryllyonmail@gmail.com.

Escrip Coordinator : Another super take-home volunteer opportunity! Get people signed up for Escrip and every time they shop at a participating vendor, the

Winterberry nurtures and promotes the development of healthy, responsible and creative human beings. Our aim is to provide a holistic learning environment and demonstrate that all children are natural and inspired learners who can achieve. Inspired by Waldorf educational methods, our integrated curriculum seeks to provide each student with meaningful, hands-on, developmentally appropriate experiences that inspire learning and personal growth.