

# The Paper Lantern

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## WELCOME!

Welcome to the 2007/2008 school year. While the end of summer vacation is bitter sweet, it is a joy to come together in our wonderful school community to renew and begin friendships and work together.



We have many new faces to welcome: new faculty, new staff, new students and their families.

**Denise Wright** is leading the Kindergarten. She comes to us from Boulder, Colorado and has been teaching in Waldorf Kindergartens for eighteen years. She was inspired to move to Santa Barbara while visiting here with her daughter, Krystal, who is a student at Occidental College in Pasadena. She also has a son, Eli, who is a sophomore at Dos Pueblos High School.

**Ann Mullen** will be wearing several hats in her work with our school. She will teach our parent/child classes, assist in the Kindergarten on Mondays, oversee our

Early Childhood After School Care along with Liz Emory and also be our Director of Licensing. In addition she will be involved in the school's outreach programs. Ann is from our area, although she spent the past three years in Pennsylvania where she was a regular substitute teacher at the River Valley School Kindergarten. She has a son, James, who is joining our school as a 6<sup>th</sup> grader. She will begin her formal Waldorf training this November.

**Diana Estep** has returned to our school to teach this year's grades 6 & 7 class. Diana began her teaching career in her hometown of York, England. She was a founding parent of the York Waldorf School where her three children attended through 10th grade. She taught a class from 5th grade to 8th grade at the York school. After their graduation, Diana moved to Santa Barbara and began teaching 5th grade at our school. In her career at our school she took on several classes mid-stream and saw them through to graduation. She also was with one class the full eight years.

*Dear Waldorf community,*

*I just want to say how touched I am by the wonderfully warm welcome back that you have given me since my return to the school. I am so pleased to be here again with everyone, and to see so many familiar faces and to witness all the great work that has been going on in the two years I have been gone. Blessings on our school and its great community!*

*With warmest wishes for the new year,  
Diana Estep*

**Jill Davis** has joined our school to teach games to grades 4 through 7. She has a degree in physical education from UC Berkeley. Her family moved here several years ago when her husband, Marty, was offered the job as tennis coach at UCSB. She started a Waldorf Kindergarten in Florida when her children were young and she is a great believer in Anthroposophy and Waldorf Education. She has two boys at Dos Pueblos High School, Taylor (age 17) and Kyle (age 15).

**Heidi Goodwin** is taking on a new role at our school, working part time in the office assisting Joni McGoldrick. She is a familiar face at our school, having been actively involved as a parent. Her children are Deja (Grade 5), Will (Grade 2) and Devin (Kindergarten). She has also served as a Trustee on the Board for the past year.

**New/returning families and additional members of continuing families:**

**Early Childhood:**

- John Abraham & Karen Anderson-  
Abraham, daughter Kaia Abraham
- Summer Baker,  
daughter Arielle Maxwell
- Kevin & April Cooper,  
son Trey Cooper
- Alan & Bryn Crutchfield,  
daughter Elyssa Crutchfield
- Jason & Kerstin Horneman,  
son Cooper Horneman
- Noureddine Laanaoui & Yasuko Takemoto,  
Mona Laanaoui
- Maru Soler & Maryejo del Meyer,  
daughter Julia Soler
- Leslie & Kate Bisno,  
daughter Elizabeth Bisno
- William and Heidi Goodwin,

son Devin Goodwin

**Grade 1:**

Rachel Distelzweig,  
son Franklin Distelzweig

**Grade 6:**

Ann Mullen,  
son James Mullen  
Thomas & Marla Van Stein,  
son Haley Van Stein

**Grade 8 special studies:**

Rachel Anderson & Patrick Kjos,  
daughter Ammaria Kjos

Welcome to all.

**BACK TO SCHOOL PARENT MEETING**

A back to school meeting will be held this **Wednesday, September 12 at 6:30 pm.** All families should have a representative at this meeting. It will be held at the **Goleta Library** directly across from the Fairview Campus. Childcare will be provided at the Fairview site.

We will hear important information from the faculty, staff and Board of Trustees and have an opportunity to ask questions. Information packets will be handed out.

**MICHAELMAS**

With all the recent hot weather it is hard to believe that fall is on our doorstep. But even as I write this the weather has begun to cool, thoughts of slippers have been mentioned and the trees have begun the process of dropping their leaves.

It is at this time of the year that we celebrate our first seasonal festival, Michaelmas, the feast of St. Michael, patron saint of the sea and maritime lands, of ships and boatmen, of horses and horsemen. Because it falls near the equinox, it is associated with the beginning of autumn and the shortening of days.

The Archangel Michael is one of the principal angelic warriors, seen as a protector against the dark of night, the administrator of cosmic intelligence, the Angel who hurled Lucifer down from heaven for his treachery.

Because of the strong good vs. evil theme in this heritage, the story of a similar figure, St. George and the dragon, is appropriate at Michaelmas and is reenacted at our annual Michaelmas day of observance which will be held at Goleta Beach. Details follow in the "Upcoming Events and Activities" section.

You may hear the children singing the following song over the next few weeks:

### ***ST. MICHAEL***

*The autumn wind blows open the gate;  
St. Michael, for you we wait.  
We follow you, show us the way;  
With joy we greet this autumn day.  
Good morning, good morning.*

## **UPCOMING/ONGOING EVENTS**

### **Michaelmas Day**

The Michaelmas Festival will take place **Friday, September 28, 2007** at Goleta Beach. This is a school day activity for the grades children. Parents are welcome to

stay and observe, however the children are expected to participate in the festival activities. Drop off and pick up will be at the beach rather than the Fairview Campus. It will be a short school day, with pick up at 12:30 (no after school care for the grades). The children should bring along a snack and plenty of water.

### **Board of Trustees Meeting**

The next Board meeting will be held on **Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.** in the handwork room on the Fairview Campus. Visitors are welcome.

### **Class Meetings**

There will be a **Grades 2 & 3** parent meeting Monday, September 17 at 6:30 p.m.

The **Grades 4 & 5** parent meeting will be Thursday, September 20 at 6:00 p.m.

### **Parent-Toddler classes**

Parent-toddler classes begin **Monday, October 1**. Classes are held at the Hollister Campus. Parents and their toddlers come together for a morning of play, crafts, circle games and songs, cooking and puppet shows. Through these activities we strive to gain understanding of the child's development, as well as sources of inspiration for life at home. Six weekly classes meet from 9:30 to 11:30. Cost is \$140. **Contact Ann Mullen for more information and to enroll: 967-6656.**

### **Picture Day**

School picture day will be Thursday, October 11.

### **Needle Felting Class**

Needle felting classes will begin **Thursday, November 1, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.** at the

Hollister Campus. Cost is \$10 for each class and includes all materials. No experience is necessary. Come once or come every month. A project can be completed in one evening. There are so many items you can make...animals, pumpkins and beautiful dollhouse sized people, among other things, will likely be appearing magically out of fluffs of sheep wool. **Contact Kathy Neely for more information (969-6037).**

### **School “Store”**

Come to the office to shop for Waldorf oriented items. We have gathered some materials, supplies and other items for sale. Come on in and check out what we have.

### **Wednesday Morning Gatherings**

You are invited to stop by the office on Wednesday mornings for coffee and conversation. The office is open at 7:45 AM.

## **ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

### **Daily Schedule, Fairview Campus:**

Drop off is at 7:45 at the flagpole for children in grades 2-7. There will be a faculty member there to greet the children. The children will then proceed to the play area where faculty and staff will be on site. Grade 1 children should be walked back to the classroom where they can drop off their lunch and then join the play outside.

First bell as at 7:55. If you arrive after 7:55, please park in the front parking lot and walk your child to the office for a passing slip.

Please have your children on campus by 7:45. The time between arrival and first bell is considered part of the school day and a

transition time for your children before they enter the classroom.

Pick up is at 1:40 for grade 1 and 2:30 for grades 2-7 each day of the week except Thursday. Thursday pick up is at 12:30.

After school care hours are from pick up time until 5:00 pm. The after school care is overseen by Geoffrey Barber, who joined the program last year. He is beginning Waldorf teacher training this fall.

**There is no parking or drop off in the back parking lot at any time of day.** The space allotted to our school for parking and drop off/pick up is in the front lot. Please be respectful of this rule in order to avoid congestion problems on the campus and to keep us in compliance with our lease agreement.

### **Daily Schedule, Hollister Campus:**

Drop off is at 8:30 a.m.; pick up is at 12:30 p.m. Please walk your child to and from the classroom. Naptime is offered until 2:30 p.m. for the younger children. Afterschool care is offered to the older children (4 years, nine months and older) until 3:00 p.m.

There is parking available in both the front and back lots at this campus. Please do not park in spaces specifically reserved for others.

### **Tuition**

Please make sure you are current with your tuition. **Monthly tuition payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month.** We rely on timely tuition payments to meet our expenses.

## Thanks

Much appreciation to all of you who helped get the office, classrooms and grounds ready for the new year.

*Joni McGoldrick*  
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## FACULTY LISTING:

Morning Rose Nursery: Kathy Neely  
teaching, Rachael Anderson assisting  
Kindergarten: Denise Wright teaching,  
Liz Emory and Ann Mullen Assisting  
First Grade: Carolyn Kaster  
Second and Third Grades:  
EveLynn Debusschere  
Fourth and Fifth Grades:  
Pat Caverly  
Sixth and Seventh Grades:  
Diana Estep  
Spanish: Marcela Stamulis  
Handwork: Lisa Huebner  
Strings: David Malvini  
Woodwork: Ken Kutcher  
Games: Lisa Huebner grades 1-3,  
Jill Davis Grades 4-7  
Afterschool Care:  
Liz Emory and Ann Mullen  
(Hollister Campus),  
Geoffrey Barber (Fairview Campus)

Congratulations to Liz Emory for completing the Early Childhood training at the Rudolph Steiner College.

## SCHOOL SONG

Our school song is entitled "Golden Meadows". The lyrics were written by one of our former faculty members, Peter Chin, and are set to a melody by Franz Joseph Haydn:

## GOLDEN MEADOWS

*Golden meadows gleam from sunlight,  
Dewdrops fill the field so bright;  
Seasons change and hearts awaken  
Summer, Spring and Winter, Fall.*

*Love overflowing,  
Garden flowers growing,  
From the earth we drink from all its bright  
and sparkling streams.*

*Hands and heart sing,  
Life bestows a blessing,  
We all together share our life as one.*

## CALENDAR

A printout of the calendar for September follows. The calendar is also regularly updated and available on our website, [www.waldorfsantabarbara.org](http://www.waldorfsantabarbara.org).

## LOCATIONS/CONTACT INFO

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