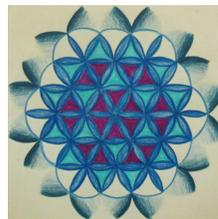




## NEWSLETTER

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#### **Friday March 4**

Class 5 Hiking Trip  
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#### **Monday March 7**

SSK Parent Evening  
7:30 - 9:30 pm

#### **Thursday March 10**

Class 6 Parent Evening  
6:30 - 8:30 pm

#### **Monday March 14**

Grade School Student  
Progress Reports Distributed

#### **Tuesday March 15**

Grade 8 Parent Evening  
7:00 - 9:00 pm

### *News items*

#### **The AWSNA Delegates Meeting**



During February Conference Week, I attended an AWSNA (Association of Waldorf Schools of North American) delegates meeting in Seattle.

Delegates representing Waldorf schools in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia and Alaska met in our Northwest Regional meeting to discuss common concerns. When issues need to be decided at these meetings, only full-member schools are given a vote. In British Columbia, Sunrise and Nelson Waldorf School are the two full-member schools; the other nine BC Waldorf schools are considered "developing schools."

One of the responsibilities of full-member schools is to support the other schools in their ongoing development.

## Wednesday March 16

PA Morning Meeting  
8:45 - 10:15 am

Board Meeting  
7:00 - 9:00 pm pm

## Thursday March 17

Class 7 Play  
Time: TBA

SSK Spring/Easter Festival  
SSK Parents Invited  
11:00 am - 1:30 pm

## Friday March 18

Parent Teacher Interviews  
No School

[View Calendar](#)

## Gordon Neufeld DVDs - A Reminder to All Parents

If you have borrowed one of the school library copies of the Gordon Neufeld DVDs, please be sure to return them to the office ASAP. We would like to ensure that all parents have access to this material and would appreciate a prompt return.

## The Parent Association



The Parent Association invites you to attend a Morning Meeting in March. This is in hopes of

accommodating parents who would love to participate, but are not able to come for PA meetings at night. Join us for our gratitude circle, as well as updates from Faculty, Administration, the Board, and Social Health. Wednesday March 16, at 8:45 - 10:15 am in the Eurythmy portable.

## No Classes and Early Dismissal Days

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In this context, I'll be visiting the Kelowna Waldorf School in the next month to meet with their Faculty Chair, Administration, Board, and parent body to offer guidance and support. The hope is that my experience as Head of School at Sunrise, and our experience as a school, can assist others in finding their way through the challenges that all Waldorf schools face.

At the delegates meeting, we had fruitful discussions surrounding topics such as finding and hiring experienced, qualified teachers, a true challenge for all Waldorf Schools in BC and beyond. Another topic was recognizing the incredible change in the parent bodies over the last 10-30 years and how those changes have impacted stress levels for teachers. There was also continued discussion around revisions to the AWSNA principles that all Waldorf schools must uphold. This summer at the AWSNA Annual Summer Conference in Detroit we expect to adopt a final version of these revised principles and I will share those with you when they are adopted.

I always find these meetings with colleagues from other schools highly energizing, and so helpful in understanding the challenges we are all facing. I look forward to keeping you posted on the developments of future meetings.

- Mr. McDuff, Head of School

## Basketball - An Interview with Milena Jojic



Milena Jojic (Class 8) has been playing basketball for as long as she can remember. It's no wonder that she is a star player, not only at school, but in local leagues. [Read our interview](#) with

this amazing athlete.

## Class 7 & 8 at the Robert Bateman Center



Thanks to Cheryl Galloway, SWS was successful in obtaining an Art Start Grant this year. The grant gives Classes 7 & 8 the opportunity to study art and painting under the guidance

of two professional local artists, Chantey Dayal and Linda Weech. Students will be painting acrylics on canvas, and their originals will be up for exhibit at the Robert Bateman Center later this Spring. The show is themed on Sacred Animals of Africa and Canada. Two weeks ago, Robert Bateman himself honored the students and teachers from Class 7 & 8 with a tour of his amazing gallery, which features Mr. Bateman's lifetime of accomplished works of art. Mr. Bateman also offered many colourful stories about life as an artist,

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## From the Office

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parents please look for the sign up sheet in the main foyer late next week.

### Child Care Income Tax Deductions for 2015

If you qualify for the Child Care Income Tax deduction, please fill out [this form](#) and return it to the office by February 28, 2016. Tax receipts will only be issued upon request.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Resthouse**  
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environmental issues, and how being a naturalist has impacted his art work. [Click here](#) to see some more photos of the tour.

### The Mothes Spring Camp is Back!



We are happy to announce that after three years, we will be offering two four-day camps during the SWS Spring Break. If you are working over Spring Break, and need care for your children, consider our camps as an unforgettable experience of hands on learning, in a safe and supportive

environment. We have so much fun! In March the weather is cold and unpredictable. Our Spring Camps spend more time inside, crafting, painting, singing, experimenting, playing games, and warming up/drying off between extensive outside games, and free play sessions. On cold and wet days, we enjoy hot apple cider, hot chocolate, baking, and cooking. The deadline for the Early Bird Discount is March 1st 2016, and the registration deadline is March 15th 2016. For more detailed information, please pick up a flyer and registration form at the front door. We do offer some financial aid - please talk to us! We have never turned anyone away.

Best wishes, Mr. & Mrs. Mothes

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