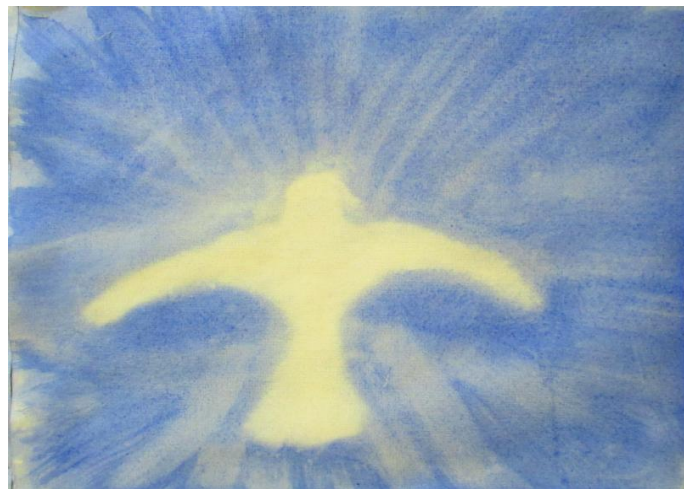




## NEWSLETTER

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### ***Upcoming Events***

#### ***Friday May 27***

Library Open  
8:30 - 9:00 am

Handwork Circle  
9:00 - 10:45 am

#### ***Monday May 30***

Class 8 Field Trip  
Returning Friday June 3

#### ***Wednesday June 1***

PA Meeting in the portable  
8:45 - 10:15 am

Library Open  
3:15 - 3:45 pm

#### ***Thursday June 2***

Class 2 Parent Evening

### ***News items***

#### ***Celebrating Ruth***



Sunrise Waldorf School will never be the same. Ruth Ker is retiring. Ruth has been more than just a teacher at our school. She has served as a guiding light, a mentor, and a friend to so many families and colleagues. Her years of experience, patience, and dedication to Waldorf Education have brought our school through its many stages of growth to where we stand today as a community. Frankly it is hard to imagine SWS without her. My hope is that though

she may be retiring as a teacher, that she will continue to offer her presence and wisdom to our school and many others throughout the world through her work with WECAN (Waldorf Early Childhood Association of North America). Thank you Ruth for your incredible knowledge, for your hard work over

7:00 - 9:00 pm

### Friday June 3

Handwork Circle  
9:00 - 10:45 am

Library Open  
8:30 - 9:00 am

Class 6 Field Trip

Class 5 Play  
7:00 - 8:00 pm

### Monday June 6

Class 3 Field Trip  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

### Tuesday June 7

Class 3 Field Trip  
8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Class 7 Field Trip  
Returning Friday June 10

### Wednesday June 8

Library Open  
3:15 - 3:45 pm

Class 6 Field Trip  
Returning Friday June 10

### Thursday June 9

Class 5 Field Trip  
8:45 - 2:00 pm

### Friday June 10

Handwork Circle  
9:00 - 10:45 am

Library Open  
8:30 - 9:00 am

Class 2 Play  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

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## From the Office

### Comfort Packs

For those that prepared comfort packs in September, it is now time for those packs to go home. Comfort packs will be available for pick up starting Tuesday May 31st after school until Wednesday June 15 at the office.

**Parents please note that comfort packs that are not picked up by the deadline will not be kept or available in the fall.**

the years and for serving this community, its children and families.

- Mr. McDuff

## You are invited to Celebrate Our Dear Ms. Ruth



After 35 years of loving service to Sunrise Waldorf School, our beloved Kindergarten Teacher, Ruth Ker is retiring.

Please join us for a picnic on the upper field for an afternoon of celebration and affirmation. This will be a special day recognizing a special person.

### SAVE THE DATE!

**Saturday June 25th, 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
at Sunrise Waldorf School.**

Please bring finger food potluck dishes to share, make sure to bring a blanket or lawn chairs, plates and cutlery. Coffee, tea, juice and a special retirement cake will be provided.

An open mike will be available or feel free to bring your own written greetings to Ruth.

As there will not be any organized children's activities, children who are accompanying adults will need parental supervision.

## Jessica Winfield and Graham Nugent - Grade 8



Another two interviews with our amazing graduates from the Class of 2016. Meet [Jessica](#) and [Graham](#).

## A Story to Share



Grandparent Linn McKeown is deeply inspired by the book *The Different Drum, Community Making and Peace* by M. Scott Peck. She asked us to share the Prologue with the whole community. It's a good one so grab a cup of tea and have a read.

## Class 6 Visits the Medieval Games

## Convenient Ways to Pay Tuition and Fees

SWS is now accepting deposits, fees, and tuition via **Paypal and e-transfer**. Paypal can be accessed from our website and e-transfers can be directed to: **bookkeeper@sunrisewaldorfschool.org**

**Please note that if you are paying full tuition fees by July 4th using Paypal, the 2.5% discount will not apply in order to offset the cost to SWS for the transaction.**

## Facilities - Help Needed

The Facilities Committee is looking for one or two volunteers to build a new paint rack for Class Five and a wooden frame around a small chalkboard in Class Four. The school will cover the cost of the supplies. We would also like to sincerely thank John Lohsen who shared his fine woodworking skills with us last summer to build us two wonderful paint racks and boot racks. We are most grateful to all our parent volunteers! Sincerely,  
The Facilities Committee.

## More News

### Mothes Summer Camps



We are excited to announce that we will be offering 3 two-week summer camps at Sunrise Waldorf School this summer. Only a few weeks from now the conch shell will be sounding up in the big

field!

Please [read here](#) for dates and details. We will also hang posters, flyers, and registration forms at the main entrance of the school. Take advantage of our Early Bird Special and feel free to pass the information onto friends. We do offer some financial aid - please talk to us! We have never turned anyone away.



On May 18th, Class 6 from SWS, Vancouver, and Salt Water Waldorf Schools met in Glenora at the Bowman's Archery Club to participate in some fun and friendly competition in the first Medieval Games in our region. The young squires from many shires were asked to step up to the challenges presented to them. It was a

wonderful day of jousting, archery, javelin, obstacle courses and poetry writing. There was a hearty lunch provided by generous parents and many new friendships forged. We hope these games become a yearly tradition.

## Graduation Events, Dates, and Times



**Please note the list of events that will be happening to mark the graduation of our Class 8 students.**

**Monday June 13** - Class 8 Final Project Presentations  
7:00 pm - All are welcome in the Hall

**Wednesday June 15** - Graduation and Rose Ceremony  
1:25 - All are welcome in the Hall

**Thursday June 16** - Faculty Tea Hosted by Class 8 Students  
3:30 pm - for Faculty and special guests only in the Hall

**Friday June 17** - Class 8 vs. Faculty Softball Game  
All are welcome - Time TBA

## The Parent Body - We Make Fun Things Happen!



Coffee and Chai tea will be served at drop off this Friday May 27 starting at 8:30 am

Everyone is welcome... even to grab some in your to go mug and take off! Thank you Szos and Jarriet for spearheading this lovely initiative.

Our next and final PA meeting for the year is a daytime meeting on Wednesday June 1 at 8:45am. We will be needing some new executive members next year, so please attend if you can - or reply to express interest (positions start in October)

## Art Cards for Sale




**It's not too late to get your Art Cards order in!**

Class 7 & 8 are raising funds for the Mbagathi Waldorf School in Kenya as a part of the grant application that allowed them the opportunity to exhibit their work at the Robert Bateman Centre. All proceeds from the sale of the cards will go towards the purchase of art supplies for the Mbagathi School.

Cards are \$2.50/each and you can order as many images and in any quantity that you like. Perfect timing for end of the year "Thank You's" or you can stash them away for upcoming Birthdays and Christmas. **Orders and payment are due by May 31st** so [click here](#) to print an order form if you missed the one in your cubbie.

## CLASSIFIEDS



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**Camp 3:** Aug 1-5 Hip Hop Intensive Ages 10-12 \$200  
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**Camp 4:** Aug 15-19 Arts Day Camp Ages 5-9 \$250  
**11am-3pm:** dance, drama, art, reading, play, math and life skills lessons  
**Camp 5:** Aug 22-26 Dance Intensive Ages 8-12 \$200  
**11am-2pm:** 8 techniques and building core strength through dance

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