



CIRCLE OF SEASONS

A Waldorf-Methods Charter School

## November 2015 - Newsletter

### Parent Circle Meeting

Monday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 6:00pm

Looking for volunteers for upcoming events!

For information on how you can participate:

[parentcircle@circleofseasons.org](mailto:parentcircle@circleofseasons.org)



### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

Wednesday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> – 1:15 Dismissal

Thursday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> – 1:15 Dismissal

### Lowhill Food Pantry

COS will be collecting non-perishable food

Now through Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>

Donation Box is located at the front desk

### Stone Soup + Lantern Walk

Sunday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> @ COS

Stone Soup Event begins at 3:00pm

Lantern Walk begins at 4:30pm

<http://www.circleofseasons.org/#!/school-news/c1jom>

### Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

Friday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL

### COS Board Meeting

Thursday, Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Meeting minutes are posted on our website:

<http://www.circleofseasons.org/#!/board/cmkm>

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## Looking Ahead...

### December 2015

*Parent Circle Meeting*

December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

*Winter Fair Caravan*

December 12<sup>th</sup> 11am-4:30pm

River Valley Waldorf School

*COS Board Meeting*

December 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

*Winter Break*

December 19<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup>

### January 2016

*Winter Break*

January 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>

*Parent Circle Meeting*

January 4<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

*Enrollment Event/Open House*

January 6<sup>th</sup>

Kindergarten @ 5:30pm

Grades @ 7:00pm

## Circle of Seasons Welcomes Anglo-Nubian Goats to the Campus! By Pamela Lagler, Assistant Teacher/Substitute

Circle of Seasons has recently welcomed two new kids to our school (the four-legged kind that is)! Within the past few weeks, two Anglo-Nubian goats have joined our happy menagerie here at COS, thanks to the Simpson Family (parents of a Mt. Laurel Kindergarten child)! The goats are both wethers (altered male goats) and are still youngsters. At this time, the goats have not yet been named -- we are waiting for their names to emerge as their personalities become apparent.

Mr. Dave Palazzo, Facilities Manager, along with help from others, has created a cozy corner for the goats to reside. The students are excited to visit with the goats each day, and recently, the goats have been joining some classes during their nature walks!

The goats are very friendly, social and vocal animals and are happy with many visits from kind, gentle friends. And boy do they like to eat! Goats will eat many different foods, and plenty of it--even foods that may not be good for them to eat and they will eat until there's no more food! To maintain happy, healthy goats, their diet is carefully selected and regulated. So when you come to visit the goats, please do talk with them, give them some gentle scratching, but *please don't feed the goats!*



## Chickens! By Hannah Jones, 4<sup>th</sup> Grader at COS

Many people don't know that COS has their very own chickens. We hatched a gray chicken last year and kept her in the classroom until she was old enough to be outside. While she was in the classroom, we build a safe chicken coop for her. When she was old enough we put her into her new home behind the school. This year we received five new hens. Everyone in the fourth grade volunteers to take care of the chickens for one week. Every few days we move their coop to give them fresh grass. Our class cleans out the chicken coop every two weeks. 4<sup>th</sup> grade is happy to announce the chickens have laid 5 eggs! When we have enough eggs we would like to start selling them. We hope you stop by and say hi to the chickens but don't let them escape.



## COS Building Fund Campaign

A Waldorf-Methods education extends far beyond the classroom and into the natural world, providing a richer, deeper, broader understanding of traditional subjects – literature, mathematics, science, art, music – and how they are connected. Circle of Seasons is located on the former Pennsylvania State University Lehigh Valley Campus in Fogelsville, Pa. The 45,600-square foot facility sits on more than 40 acres that are central to the Waldorf experience. The campus affords opportunities for gardening, hiking, picking apples, raising animals and outdoor instruction, and our students make full use of the open spaces, wooded areas and trails.

Circle of Seasons is currently in a campaign to purchase the campus from Penn State. We seek funding from our Trustees, parents and friends, as well as corporate support and grants from private foundations. We have secured 100% campaign participation from our Trustees, and 21% from our parents as of October 2015. Our *“Evening of Support”* event on September 30, 2015, raised \$27,000 for the campaign!



*To read more about the Building Campaign and the Evening of Support Event, please visit our website:*

<http://www.circleofseasons.org/#!/evening-of-support/cept>

*To make a donation to the Building Fund, please go to:*

<http://www.circleofseasons.org/#!/donate/c16p>

***Thank-you for all who participated in the Evening of Support Event!***



### Stone Soup Event & The Lantern Walk – Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> 2015

We welcome COS families to come celebrate fall, its harvest and our school community! The Stone Soup Event will begin at 3:00pm. Story will be told at 3:30pm. After that we will feast on our homemade & delicious communal soup! BYOBS (Bring Your Own Bowls & Spoons). \*Please consider signing up to bring an ingredient for the Stone Soup event. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d4fadac2da0f85-stone>  
Donations must be delivered to the school by Friday 11/13.

The Lantern Walk will begin at 4:30. COS students will light up the night with their lanterns and walk together across our beautiful campus. Feel free to join us for one or both events!

Learn more: <http://www.circleofseasons.org/#!/school-news/c1jom>

### Fundraising for COS, November 21st!

Many businesses in the town of Emmaus will be fundraising for Circle of Seasons! *Let's Play Books* has gathered businesses from all over town to donate a portion of their sales to COS that afternoon:

*Let's Play Books, The Amber Connection, South Mountain Cycle & Café, Sugar So Sweet, Switchback Pizza Company, 187 Rue Principale, and The Big Red Barn.*

Each business has their own hours and percentage of sales that they will be donating, so be sure to keep an eye on your inbox for all of the details. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and support local businesses, and also send some of that money back to the school. All you have to do is tell them that you're there for the Circle of Seasons Fundraiser, and they will take care of the rest!