



## February 2016 Newsletter

### Parent Circle Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

We are currently looking for raffle items for the upcoming Spring Faire (valued at \$50 or more). The raffle will be in the form of baskets focused around themes such as gardening, wellness, family activities, and arts/crafts.

*\*To donate an item for the raffle please email:*  
[parentcircle@circleofseasons.org](mailto:parentcircle@circleofseasons.org)

The Spring Faire Entertainment Committee is looking for Musical Parents/Families! Would you like to volunteer your talent at our open mic/coffee house area? We'd love to hear from you! Interested families should contact parent coordinator: Julie Setliff: [bugsnshow@yahoo.com](mailto:bugsnshow@yahoo.com)

*\*Monthly Parent Circle meetings are held in the Multipurpose Room first Thursdays.*

### Presidents' Holiday – No School

Friday, Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – No School

Monday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> – No School

### Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> (4:30pm-7:30pm)

*\*See flyer on page 2 for more information*

### COS Board Meeting

Thursday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Meeting minutes are posted on our website:

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



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## Looking Ahead...

### March 2016

#### *Parent/Teacher Conferences*

March 1<sup>st</sup> – No School

March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 1:15 normal dismissal

March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1:15 dismissal

#### *Parent Circle Meeting*

March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 6:00pm

#### *Movement & Mathematics*

March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm

#### *Spring Break*

March 19<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> – NO SCHOOL

#### *COS Board Meeting*

March 24<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

### April 2016

#### *Spring Break*

April 1<sup>st</sup> – No School

#### *Parent Circle Meeting*

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

#### *Dr. Stephen Sagarin*

April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm

#### *COS Board Meeting*

April 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

Please join us for our annual

# Spaghetti Dinner!

Saturday Feb. 13th, 2016

4:30pm - 7:30pm

8380 Mohr Lane Fogelsville, PA 18051 | Multipurpose Room

All you can eat!

- \* Miss Lizz's Homemade Sauce Recipe!
- \* Limited quantity of Gluten-Free Spaghetti



Bring the whole family or invite your friends! There is no set cost per family, however donations are greatly accepted.

Please RSVP approximate # of guests by Feb. 8th to Mr. Phil: [info@circleofseasons.org](mailto:info@circleofseasons.org)



## COS Welcomes Dr. Sagarin!

Save the Date!

4.13.16 @ 6pm

We are excited to welcome the renowned Waldorf educator and author of *The Story of Waldorf Education in the United States: Past, Present, and Future*, to COS for an intimate discussion with our community. Some of the topics include:

How the definition of Waldorf Education has evolved and how will it continue to progress in the future? What are some of the chief similarities and differences among Waldorf schools, both public and private, and how do they fit into the overall configurations of education as a whole? What are some of the core principles in Waldorf education? What challenges do we face today and how can we overcome them in order to continue to grow and develop into a healthful existence?

Dr. Sagarin has been a Waldorf teacher for most of his career, including twelve years at the Waldorf School of Garden City, NY, the high school from which he graduated. He also serves as the Associate Professor and former Director of the M.S.Ed. Program in Waldorf Teacher Education at Sunbridge Institute, NY.

## COS Book Club Upcoming Meet-Ups!

Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Panera Trexlertown

Book: *Phases of Childhood* by Bernard Lievegoed

Mar. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Panera Trexlertown

Book: *The Story of Waldorf Education in the United States* by Dr. Stephen Sagarin

## Save the Date! (March 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm)

### Movement & Mathematics Parent Education Night

Join COS teachers, Ms. Sherman (2nd Grade) and Mrs. Moore (3rd Grade) for a night of Movement & Mathematics. The will and emotional life of the child play a much bigger role than intellect during the first years of school. The Waldorf teacher strives to awaken these qualities as allies of arithmetic through movement, music, art, and imagination. This approach lays important groundwork for more intellectual activity in the upper grades. The Movement and Mathematics evening will explore the use of the will and emotional life, the heart and hands, in the implementation of Waldorf-Methods education in mathematics for Grades 2-4.







## Show COS the Love in February



*Consider making a donation today!*

We're delighted to report that the COS Building Fund reached \$38,393.50 in January! Parent giving makes up \$23,000 of that total and parent participation has reached 43% (137 out of 318). Three sets of COS parents have made matching gifts through their employers.

We are so grateful to all the parents who have already demonstrated their love and support for this extraordinary school!

If you haven't made a gift yet, it's not too late. We need just **22 more families** to reach **50%**

It's easy to make a contribution. Consider donating today to help Circle of Seasons reach their Building Fund goal. There are many ways to give:

♥ **Tax Return:** *Please consider donating a portion of this year's tax return to COS ☺*

♥ **Cash:** *Please give your contribution to your child's teacher in an envelope marked with your name and amount enclosed (no amount is too small!)*

♥ **Check:** *Made payable to Circle of Seasons with "Building Fund" in the memo line.*

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

♥ **Matching Gifts:** *Many employers will double or even triple the value of your charitable contributions. Check with your Human Resources office.*

♥ **Stocks/Appreciated Securities:** [giving@circleofseasons.org](mailto:giving@circleofseasons.org)

*"We were so excited to make a gift to the Building Fund – and to double it with a matching gift from Joe's employer! There are so many ways to make a donation; if every parent gave what they could, COS would be able to make the down payment to purchase the building in no time. Love, light and COS forever!"*

*- Jessica and Joe Ramirez, Sunflower Kindergarten Parents*

*Thank You for  
the Support!*