



ACACIA WALDORF SCHOOL

Educating the Child: Head ~ Heart ~ Hands

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MESSAGE FROM THE COLLEGE OF TEACHERS

November 7, 2014

Dear Acacia Community,

Welcome back to school and to a new semester! We hope you all had a restful break and were able to gather renewed strength and enthusiasm for the second half of our school year.

October marked the beginning of the annual class plays. The value of this class activity can never be overstated. It is always an unforgettable experience for the students as they learn many valuable lessons. The memory is stretched. So is patience. They exercise their imagination and their skills in organization, sequencing, problem solving (often on stage in front of a full audience) are honed. The laughter and joy shared in teamwork and community building and the confidence gained after such an arduous challenge, these are the priceless fruits of their labor.

Early that month, the Camia Class 4 presented a Waldorf favorite, *The Theft of Thor's Hammer*. The sweet voices of the children in their musical numbers filled the hearts of the audience. Laughter abounded as the proud and manly Norse god, Thor, agreed to dress up as a bride to retrieve his mighty hammer stolen by the giants.

On the last day of the semester, the Guava Class 9 and 10 also presented a hilarious but challenging Shakespeare romantic comedy, *Twelfth Night*. In this play, it is the beautiful lady Viola who disguises herself as a man to serve in the house of the Duke, Orsino. Malvolio, a self-absorbed male servant brought the house down that evening appearing in crossed gartered yellow stockings to please the lady Olivia. Despite the laughter, the brilliance and wisdom of Shakespeare's words came through to the audience.

This month, Hasmin Class 8, the grade school graduating class, will be performing the joyful and wholesome musical, *The Sound of Music*. We hope you will all be there to grace the event and support these hardworking students who have been preparing for this play since the start of the school year. There will be special participation from some children from the lower grades as well.

The second semester always flies fast with all the scheduled activities. Advent and Christmas are just around the corner. We find the spirit of the coming season echoed in some of Shakespeare's words:

"In nature there's no blemish but the mind;
None can be called deformed but the unkind."

Antonio, *Twelfth Night*, Act 3, Scene 4

May kindness reign in all our hearts as we approach the coming season.

With our warmest regards,

Trina Galvez
For the College of Teachers



FEATURED EVENTS



The Advent Spiral

excerpt taken from the Nevada Sage Waldorf School's website
(www.nevadasagewaldorf.org/event/advent-spiral-festival)

In this reverent and beautiful ceremony of light, one by one, children walk along a spiral path of evergreens. At the center, they light a candle then place it on a golden star on the floor before walking out of the spiral. Slowly the darkened hall becomes illuminated with candle light as the children quietly participate and watch. The evening is quiet and moving. With the winter days being short, and the nights long, this festival celebrates a kindling of our inner light, and holds a promise that spring, light, and life will begin again.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES



November

4	Upper School: Regular classes resume
5	Kinder and Grade School: Regular classes resume
15	Open House / Parents' Orientation (9–11:00am)
25	Market Tuesday at AWS (10am–3:00pm)
25	Demo and Open Forum on Biochar
28-29	Hasmin (Class 8) Play: <i>The Sound of Music</i> by Rogers and Hammerstein
30	Kinder: Advent Spiral

December

7	Advent Fair
12	Kinder: Last day of school
15-16	Kinder: Doll workshop for Kinder parents
17	Christmas Festival / Grade School and Upper School: Last day of school

January

6	Upper School: Regular classes resume
7	Kinder and Grade School: Regular classes resume

Open House / Parents' Orientation

Our open house and orientation for new parents will be held next weekend on Sat, November 15, 9–11am. We do encourage all parents and teachers to extend the invitation to our open house to any friends of theirs who have had any thoughts about enrolling their children in our Waldorf/Steiner school. This will be the perfect opportunity for them to learn more about our school and curriculum, have their questions answered, and meet a few individuals from our existing community. You may also refer them to the Admin Office through Lenifer Carlos at (0917) 554-0435.

2015 Calendar Revision for Upper School

For all those with children in the Upper School, please note that the first day of school in 2015 will be Tue, Jan 6, rather than Wed, Jan 7, as earlier published in the school calendar released at the beginning of school year.

Demo and Open Forum on Biochar by PBiA

Members of the community are invited to a demonstration and open forum on biochar on Tue, Nov 25 at 1:00–4:00pm in the Upper School Hall. Biochar, or charcoal made from biomass (i.e. agricultural/forest/garden waste, such as fallen tree branches, wood chips, rice hulls, dried grass), has been gaining traction for its potential to mitigate climate change through locking carbon that might have otherwise been released into the atmosphere into the soil, while at the same time addressing issues of food security through improved soil quality.

Mr. Philip Camara, president of the Philippine Biochar Association (PBiA), will elaborate on the many benefits of this simple and easy-to-create material. The PBiA is a member of the International Biochar Initiative and promotes the production and use of biochar for rice farming and as a soil enhancer.

Admission is free and individuals are also welcome to invite family and friends. To reserve a slot or make inquiries, please contact Monica Reonisto at (0916) 214-5436.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Dismissal Time of 3:45pm

Beginning this semester, our new daily dismissal time will be at 3:45pm to allot more breathing time in between classes.

For the Grade School, dismissals on Thursdays will remain at 12:25 noon.

Call for Volunteers for the 2014 Advent Fair

Merely a month lies between now and this year's Advent Fair! The Parent Council invites all co-parents willing and able to share their time and energy to volunteer in preparation or on-the-day work for one of our busiest annual community events.

The Advent Fair will be on Sun, Dec 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm. Interested community members are requested to kindly contact Ina de Vera of the Parent Council (inadevera@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

A separate piece of communication has been sent out with other information on the event.

Market Tuesday on Nov 25

Our second Market Tuesday will take place on Nov 25. Parents are once again encouraged to share a little cash with their children to allow them to engage with our community vendors. Proceeds go towards funds for future community activities.

Auditions for Advanced Orchestra

Acacia's Music program looks towards growth by bringing together skilled students who are willing to be challenged by the discipline of advanced orchestra playing. Formal auditions for this initiative begin the week of Nov 10 and will run quarterly.

A separate piece of communication has been sent out with further details.

OTHER EVENTS

The Christian Community Movement for Religious Renewal in the Philippines
invites you to join us this November:

For Lectures with Rev. Pablo Corman:

In Celebration of Marriage

Saturday, 8 November 2014, 10:30-11:30 am

Marriage is a workshop in which a new human being is to be forged and in which a new community of Christians is to be created. A talk to prepare us to participate more fully in the celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

On Death and Dying

Saturday, 8 November 2014, 2:30-4:00 pm

Dying is something we do in many ways and every day. Some days we do it more intensely than others. It is arguably the most complicated, strenuous, valuable and richest of all our human processes that we can learn to do. And yet we need no license or degree to obtain that learning. And yet, if we choose to do it only as a natural process in the course of life that comes at the very end of our days, we pass up most of what this great gift of the Gods has to offer us, one of the finest opportunities to become truly human. In this talk we will look together at the process of learning to die in order to become truly human.

Advent, a festival of new beginning, of birth and becoming.

Sunday, 9 November 2014, 2:00-4:00 pm

How to prepare the mysteries of its content for our children and how to celebrate it to our own adult advantage.

For all talks, a donation of Php 300 per person or more helps us fund the travel and stay of the priests. Donations are welcome for all other activities.

For Sacramental Services:

Act of Consecration of Man (Adult Service)

Saturday, 8 November 2014, 9:30-10:30 am

Sunday, 9 November 2014, 9:30-10:30 am

Children's Hour:

Sunday, 9 November 2014

10:30-11:00 am, Storytelling

11:00-11:15 am, Children's Service

Consultations/ Sacrament of Consultation

By appointment, kindly contact Raph at 0917-5035996

All activities will be held at the Institute for Steiner's Ideas in Practice (ISIP), 6241 Manalac cor. Palma Sts., Brgy. Poblacion (near Rockwell), Makati City

The Movement for Religious Renewal – or the Christian Community, as it is more commonly known – was founded in 1922 in cooperation with Rudolf Steiner. The movement aims to revitalize the spiritual mood of Christianity. Members of any denomination or church are welcome to attend events.

Now in its 10th year!

15-DAY INTENSIVE BEGINNER'S COURSE IN WALDORF/STEINER EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION 2015

For teachers, parents & individuals interested in self-development

COVERAGE:

- ~ Foundation studies in Anthroposophy (the philosophical/spiritual basis of Steiner Education)
- ~ Overview of the processes of childhood & the Waldorf curriculum
- ~ Understanding the development of the child from conception to 7 years
- ~ Preparing yourself & your kindergarten
- ~ Biography work

+ INTRODUCTION TO: Group singing, pentatonic lyre playing, recorder playing, eurythmy, wet-on-wet painting, clay modeling, form drawing, story-telling, puppet making

DATES: January 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31
February 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20 & 21

TIME: 9 am - 4:30 pm


VENUE: 1086 Del Monte Avenue, Quezon City

FEES* *non-refundable
Early bird fee (paid on or before October 24, 2014): Php 13,000
Regular fee: Php 15,000

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15-day Intensive Beginner's course in Waldorf/Steiner Early Childhood Education 2015

Thursdays to Saturdays for 5 weeks
beginning January 15, 2015
9:00am–4:30pm
Quezon City