

September 2023 Parent Circle - Minutes

Admin: Beth/Sam will share updates and information

- Local business directory being created for families; to include GOS family business' – To have your families business added to the directory please complete the Google Form on the parent portal
- GOS Facebook page clean up – Sam has been working to cleanup the GOS facebook page, if you or a family member have been removed please rejoin and answer security questions to be readmitted in the group.
- Committees – Sign-ups still open; if interested sign up through the parent portal
 - o Gala Committee – Committee is starting up for the 2024 Annual Gala, this particular committee is composed of multiple sub-committees.
 - o Michaelmas Committee – Chaired by Ms. Kay & Ms. Hernandez.
 - Introducing a Pop-up Thrift Shop this year – Proceeds go towards the 8th grade trip. Donations including books, games, clothing etc. to be collected next Friday (Sept, 22nd) at pickup.

Parent Study/Enrichment:

Recommended Reading: *Simplicity Parenting* by Kim John Payne

The Whole-Brained Child by Daniel J Siegal and Tina Payne Bryson

- Great book recommendation to all GOS families especially if this is your first year in Waldorf education and its lifestyle.

Parent Circle (book club reading): *Parenting in the Present Moment* by Carla

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(Ch 1-3 will be discussed at our next meeting)

- For anyone interested we will be having a book club discussion (10 minutes or so) at the end of the next Parent Circle Meeting on the above referenced book including the first 3 chapters. Next meeting will be at the end of October, schedule to be released.

Calendar of Events:

- Friday, September 15 (and every Fri!) - Pizza Friday is Back for our Grades Students! (The 8th grade is excited to offer their Pizza Friday Fundraiser)
- Friday, September 29 - MICHAELMAS Pageant and Festival (Noon Dismissal)
- Friday, October 6th and Monday, October 9th - FALL BREAK - NO SCHOOL (Grades class meeting dates and times will be communicated directly from your class teachers.)

Upcoming Festivals:

Michaelmas ~ 9/29

Committee: Natasha Poitinger, Lexi Bell, Christin Freeman, Taylor Womac, Mary Rivas

Faculty Partner: Ms. Kay (6th Grade)

Preparation for Committee:

- See Ms. Kay (games, art project set-up)
 - Volunteers needed; if interested in helping please sign up in the parent portal or contact Ms. Kay
- Potluck coordination & Set-up
- Needs from community (Sign-up Genius): folding tables, disposable bowls, plates, forks, spoons, Food (soups, breads, fruit salad – with ingredient list attached & with serving utensils)
 - Admin working on signup genius for the potluck (will be available in the parent portal) – Items needed will be listed out per grade, please ask everyone to label their dish and to include an ingredient list.
 - Parent request – Gluten-Free, Dairy Free items to be available.

Festival Schedule

10:00 – Committee set-up

10:30- Community arrives to set out food, blankets, chairs

11:00-Play begins

11:20 – Games/Art Project & Picnic begins

12:00-Begin Clean-up

- Thrift Store Popup – Tent will be open during the festival, all proceeds will go towards the 8th grade fundraiser)

Parent Support Circle:

- EC Parents are interested in starting up a Playdate spot for any EC families who would like to join. Local parks are being looked at as a meeting point, more information to come.
- Meal Trains – Old tradition we are looking to start up again, if you know of anyone who is in need of a meal train please let your class parent know and we can make arrangements. This includes families who have recently had a new baby, suffered a close loss, experiencing

health problems, recently moved, etc. – We are a community that is here to support each other.