

March 2025 Parent Circle Minutes

Informed, Involved & Excited!

*** Teacher Talk (10 min)-** Community Question

Ms. Hayley Kay (Lead Teacher) answers the following question from our community:

“How do we continue to foster our kids artistic and creative juices at home during breaks, summer or as they get older and are pulled toward technology or other main stream forms of entertainment?”

Ms. Kay talked about the difference between being artistic and being creative and explained that being creative is what we intend to foster within a Waldorf Education. Creativity comes primarily from being bored or problem solving and being able to think outside the box. She encouraged parents to let their kids be bored and also when faced with a problem, encourage them to find a solution (instead of doing it for them). There was some discussion from other parents about methods for this and it was asked if Ms. Vanessa could be invited to the next meeting to share her talk on screen time.

***Administrative News & School Updates (10 min)**

Spring Fest: next Saturday, April 5th from 9 AM to 12 PM on the field.

- Committee is looking for flower donations
- Bring cash (Pocket Lady, bake sale, coffee bar, and face painting), blankets/chairs, sunscreen, bug spray
- Reach out to Angela Harris for any inquiries: angela@greatoakschool.org

Gala: Journey down the yellow brick road to OZ - Saturday, April 26th

- Early bird pricing ends Friday March 28 (\$125/pp)
- Tickets will be \$150/pp March 29-April 11, ticket sales close April 11
- Silent auction donations needed
- Sponsorship opportunities still available – please share with friends, family, businesses
- Craft Circle to create fun gala decorations: Please join us!!!
 - Sunday, March 30 from 2-4 pm 25402 Kidwiler Dr, Tomball TX 77375
 - Sunday, April 6 from 10 am – 2 pm 10218 Lost Path Ln, Magnolia TX 77354

8th Grade Project Presentations April 9th & 10th 1:30-3pm Bollinger Hall

- Open to all in the community

School Gardens

- We will need some helpful hands with spring garden cleanup and planting during spring break. If you will be available, please reach out to Becky Sykes at handwork@greatoakschool.org
- Also need volunteers for summer watering (three times per week unless it rains) – a sign-up genius will be sent out soon. Please consider volunteering a week of your summer to watering our gardens a few days.
- **PARENT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**
 - Shweta – Beginners Anthroposophy Reading Group meets every other Friday at 5:30 (reading begins at 6 PM). Next group meets April 4th. Please reach out to Shweta if you'd like to join!
- **TEACHER APPRECIATION COMMITTEE**
 - Teacher Appreciation Week is the 1st week of May
 - Sunni Harbert is coordinating with Beth on ways to take care of teachers during this week
- **FAMILY CARE COMMITTEE**– Welcome & Invite to Mtgs/Events § -Meal Drops/GOWS
 - **-New Parents**
 - Angela to look at process for sharing new family info with committee
- **-Meal Drops/GOWS Community Sympathy Cards** – Who should people reach out to if they have a need? Teacher? Admin? Class Parent?
- **CLASS PARENTS/PARENT ADVOCATE COMMITTEE**
Friday, April 11: Family Park Play Date at Jerry Matheson Park immediately after school

Meetings for 24'-25' School Year: (4th Wed)

- April 23rd @ 6pm via Zoom
- *****No May Meeting** Melanie planning a Parent Social in May to bring our school year to a close.***