

**A DAY TRIP TO  
HAWTHORNE VALLEY  
FARM**

**Saturday, April 18  
From 8:00 am to  
4:00pm**

A day trip to Hawthorne Valley in Columbia County for students and parents to learn more about the farm and its educational program. Each year our Lower School and 10th grade students visit the farm for a week and participate in its well-known biodynamic agricultural practice. Buses will leave the Lower School and arrive at the farm's Main House for an orientation. A full day filled with hands-on farm chores, lunch and a chance to do a little shopping at the Farm Store before heading home.

**CHARACTERIZING  
VERSUS DEFINING:  
STORYTELLING  
THROUGH THE  
GRADES  
ELIZABETH HALL**

**Tuesday, May 19  
7:00pm, Lower School**

Storytelling is part of the Waldorf teacher's and students' journey through the early childhood years and into the grades, whether sharing fables, reflection on animal behavior and human morality, or exploring biographies and great themes of history in the older grades. Elizabeth Hall, who has been working in Waldorf Education for over 20 years, will explore storytelling as a powerful medium for providing information in a way that students can discuss, ponder, and wrestle with the content rather than solely memorize. Hall is the current 8th grade class teacher at the Green Meadow Waldorf School, a member of the Sunbridge faculty, and a crafty storyteller.

All events and lectures are open to the community at large.

The Rudolf Steiner Lower School is located on 15 E 79th Street,  
The Rudolf Steiner Upper School is located on 15 E 78th Street.



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# COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENTS 2019-2020



**HEARTS AND MINDS  
(RECLAIMING THE  
SOUL OF SCIENCE  
AND MEDICINE)  
WALTER ALEXANDER**

**Tuesday, October 29  
7:00pm, Lower School**

**EURYTHMY  
WORKSHOP  
ALEXANDRA SPADEA**

**Tuesdays and Thursdays  
until November 21  
8:30am – 9:15am  
Upper School**

**VISUAL CONDITIONS  
AND FIRST-GRADE  
READINESS  
DR JEFFREY WINTROB  
MODERATED BY  
ANKE SCHEINFELD**

**Tuesday, December 10  
7:00pm, Lower School**

**“ENCOUNTERING THE  
SELF”: THE EMERGING  
CAPACITIES OF THE  
FOURTH AND FIFTH  
GRADER  
CAROL BÄRTGES**

**Tuesday, January 21  
7:00pm, Lower School**

**Book Presentation**

In conjunction with the release of his book, Walter Alexander, former Waldorf and public school teacher, RSS trustee, writer and veteran medical journalist, will offer a perspective on today's advances in medicine, biology and neuroscience. His new book addresses the need for a more human-centered approach to scientific and medical research.

Would you like to invigorate your start into the day? Join Alexandra Spadea for some fun Eurythmy time! Each session is designed to give every participant an introduction into the harmonizing art of Eurythmy. No previous experience required. Eurythmy slippers will be provided.

A properly functioning visual system and the integration of vision with other senses in an effortless way is essential as children begin elementary school. Dr. Jerry Wintrob, a Developmental Optometrist and a former schoolteacher, will share from his experience of over 30 years in private practice working with children. He will discuss the undiagnosed but easily treated visual conditions that affect development and learning. The talk will be moderated by Anke Scheinfeld, who has been a member of our Early Childhood Faculty for 15 years. Prior to teaching, Anke worked as a physician and her main interest is aligning the healing impulse of Waldorf education with preventive medicine.

The Fourth and Fifth grades are a time of great change for the growing child in all three realms of thought, feeling and volition. Carol Bärtges, Upper School Humanities teacher and author of numerous articles on Waldorf education, will share a view of how the curriculum of these years acknowledges both the visible and invisible transformations occurring within the developing human being.

**SOCIAL AWARENESS,  
GENDER AND  
SEXUALITY  
IN WALDORF  
EDUCATION  
LISA ROMERO**

**Tuesday, February 11  
7:00pm, Lower School**

**FIND COMFORT IN  
DISCOMFORT:  
NORMALIZING  
CONVERSATIONS  
WITH KIDS AROUND  
DIFFERENCE  
MONIQUE MARSHALL**

**Tuesday, March 31  
7:00pm, Lower School**

**THE KEY POETRY CAFÉ:  
CELEBRATING THE  
LITERARY WORK OF  
OUR COMMUNITY**

**Thursday, April 7  
7:00pm, Lower School**

Author, speaker and consultant for Waldorf Education and Anthroposophy, Lisa Romero, will present a talk that will cover how and when we work with children, from early childhood to adolescence, to support community understanding of sexuality and gender as it pertains to the developmental phases of growth during childhood.

Come learn to support young people in conversations around identity and diversity. How does our own comfort with difficult topics or lack thereof impact the children we are raising? We will discuss developmentally appropriate ways to help normalize conversations around difference.

In this lively evening presented by The Key, the school's literary magazine, we will showcase the love of poetry and literature that lives deeply in our community. It features original student work from grades 6 through 12 as well as faculty and parent contributions. This year, the event will be dedicated to the Nobel Prize recipient for literature Toni Morrison who passed away in August.

**A MATHEMATICAL  
EVENING**

**Wednesday, April 15  
7:00pm, Upper School**

**A night hosted by the students and the Math Department.** Join us for an evening of student presentations from their work this year in mathematics. Past presentations have included Senior Math Elective work with Taylor Series, Tenth Grade Computer Science work with decision-making structures, seventh grade work with the Golden Rectangle, and sixth grade work with the Lightbulb Problem. Hosted by Marisha Plotnik and Dan Marsch.

**PROGRAM CONTINUES ON BACK SIDE**