



**Green Woods Charter School**

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

## **WEDNESDAY BULLETIN**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**

**LOCATION CHANGE!!!!**: Our Open House for prospective families, scheduled for this Saturday, January 28, 2012 will now be held at The ACE Conference Center, Lafayette Ballroom, 800 Ridge Pike, Lafayette Hill, Pa. Please see our website at [www.greenwoodscharter.org](http://www.greenwoodscharter.org) for more information.

**Sibling Applications**: Please note that applications will be sent home through backpacks for siblings of currently enrolled Green Woods students who had filled out their sibling enrollment letter this past October. Please remember that siblings do not have to attend the open house to be held this weekend.

**YEARBOOK INFORMATION**: Have you heard the news? We're doing our planet a favor this year, while giving your child a chance to customize his or her own yearbook! It's all through a great new online program called TreeRing. We'll be sending out more information in coming weeks, so be on the lookout. If you're curious what it's all about, visit <http://www.treering.com>. Keep your eye out for a brochure soon!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Noon Dismissal – Report Card Conferences – January 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- Teens for Jeans Flyer
- Philly Material Science and Engineering Day
- Schuylkill Center Upcoming Events
- Wissahickon Environmental Tree House (4 pages)

## **PTA MEETING DATES**

February 9, 2012 - March 8, 2012 - April 12, 2012 - May 10, 2012

*PTA Meetings start at 7:00 p.m.*

## **8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE DRESS DOWN DATES**

April 13, 2012 - May 25, 2012

## **PIZZA DAY DATES**

February 24, 2012 – March 23, 2012 – April 13, 2012 – May 25, 2012

**BRING YOUR JEANS TO**

**TO**

**1/16/2012 TO 2/12/2012**

**JEANS FOR**

**AÉROPOSTALE**

**DO SOMETHING  
.ORG**

**p.s.  
from the pros**

**1.5 MILLION JEANS**

**HELP US MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE IN  
PEOPLE'S LIVES**

**COLLECT YOUR GENTLY WORN JEANS,  
ANY BRAND, AND DROP THEM OFF AT YOUR LOCAL  
AÉROPOSTALE OR P.S. FROM THE PROS STORE  
THE SCHOOL THAT COLLECTS THE MOST JEANS  
WINS**

**www.teensforjeans.com**



Drexel University & the University of Pennsylvania present

# PHILLY MATERIALS SCIENCE & ENGINEERING DAY

*You're Invited To  
a Free Day of Hands-On  
Science & Engineering  
Fun For All Ages!*

**When:** 10am–4pm

Saturday, February 4, 2012

*Build A Carbon  
Nanotube*

*Learn How Nature  
Inspires Science*

*Mix Hip-Hop,  
Science, and Fun*

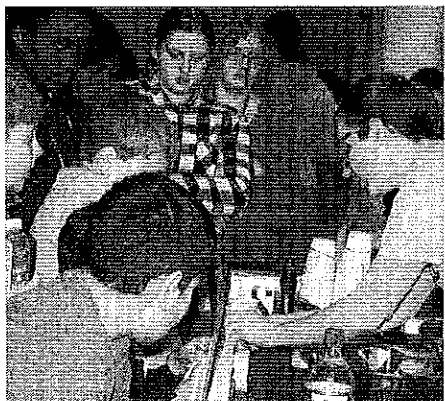
*Make Liquid  
Nitrogen Ice Cream*

*Try to Stump  
a Scientist*

**Where:** Drexel University  
Bosson Research Enterprise  
Center, 31<sup>st</sup> and Market Sts.

Free and open to the public

[www.phillymaterials.org](http://www.phillymaterials.org)



**The Schuylkill Center invites Green Woods families to join us  
for these upcoming events.**

**Owl Prowl**

**Saturday, January 28, 4:00 – 6:00 pm**

Late January is a busy time for local owls, as they court their mates and prepare their nests. Join us for a hike to the Center's Pine Plantation to search for owl pellets and perhaps catch a glimpse of an owl in flight. A great program for both children and adults, you'll get to meet our owl wildlife ambassadors: Jackson the great-horned owl and Loki the eastern screech owl.



**Cost:** FREE for Schuylkill Center members; \$8.00 for non-members

**Seedlings: Groundhog Day and Signs of Spring**

**Thursday, February 2, 10:30 am - 11:30 am; 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Will the groundhog see his shadow, or is spring near? Join us for a special celebration of everything woodchuck. We'll crawl through a groundhog tunnel, make shadow drawings, learn about the woodchuck's life, and take a nature ramble to search for signs of spring.

For children ages 3-5 and their parents and caregivers. Your choice of a morning or afternoon session. Adult participation required.

**Cost:** \$6 members; \$8 non-members



**And don't forget our new kids program *Saturdays @ SCEE*. every Saturday from 10:30 - 11:30 am. FREE!**

Take a break from the cartoons and video games on Saturday mornings and get your kids into nature! No registration needed, just drop in any Saturday at 10:30 for story time or nature exploration. This Saturday, January 28, we'll meet in the bookstore for a story, games and hands-on exploration, all with a nature theme for the little ones.

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300 Northwestern Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19118

215.685.9285  
[wec@phila.gov](mailto:wec@phila.gov)

## STONE SOUP

**Saturday February 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am -12pm**

Be a part of the story, *Stone Soup*, as we create a vegetarian soup over the campfire. All participants are asked to bring a vegetable to contribute to the soup. While the soup simmers, we'll take a short hike to explore the different rocks in the area. Afterwards, warm up around the fire with our Stone Soup and bread. This event is **FREE. All ages.**

\* If you require special dietary considerations we ask that you provide your own alternative.



## Maple Sugar Day

**Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00am - 3:00pm**



Join us on Forbidden Drive (near Northwestern Avenue) for our annual MAPLE SUGAR DAY. There will be ongoing maple sugaring demonstrations, pancakes served with real maple syrup, a taste test of many different pancake toppings, as well as freshly made maple candy to taste. Pennsylvania maple syrup products will be available for purchase. This event is **FREE. All ages. Registration NOT NECESSARY:)**

**Pre-Registration is required for all programs. Space is limited, so register early!**  
**(Registration is not required for Maple Sugar Day)**

**Unless otherwise noted, all programs are FREE, last approximately 90 minutes, & begin at the Tree House. For information and registration, please email your name, how many people attending, age of child/children, and your phone number in the case we need to cancel or reschedule.**

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**Maple sugar Time for Tots**  
Monday March 5<sup>th</sup>



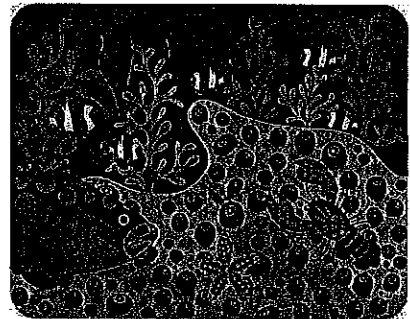
1:00 - 2:00pm

Spend the afternoon with your young child discovering how maple syrup is made. Taste the fresh sap as it drips from the tree, and warm up near a fire as the sap is boiled into maple syrup. Top off the day by enjoying our home-made syrup on pancakes. **Ages 3-5. \$2.00/person.**

**OCEAN COMMOTION**

Saturday March 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-11:30am

Shed the winter blues and learn about the Big Blue! Take a deep sea dive and learn about what crazy creatures live in our darkest waters. Then we'll return to the surface and examine what makes sea creatures unique! \*This class will include dissections and we ask that children have no known allergies to shell fish! **Ages 7-11**  
Space is limited \$5/per child



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**Open House Second Saturday of Every Month**

10:00am ~ 4:00pm

Stop in and say hello to our Eastern Box Turtles Phil and Philis. Yes, they are Philly fans!

We also have a wonderful selection of nature books to read on premise. Or take time for a brisk hike in the winter woods and check out the spectacular open view.

We look forward to seeing you!

Come out and Explore...

## Fairmount Park Environmental Centers

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH

Come explore the Tree House visitor center at Wissahickon Environmental Center and discover why it's called a tree house! See the 200-gallon native fish aquarium, wildlife exhibits, and floor-to-ceiling mural of the Wissahickon. Discover the children's activity center. Enjoy the bird feeders where you'll see many visitors such as woodpeckers, goldfinches and hummingbirds. Environmental education programs are offered on Open House days. Call for information. Wissahickon Environmental Center is in the Andorra Natural Area of the 1,800-acre Wissahickon Valley Park. FREE

Hours: 10AM-4PM

**PENNYPACK  
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**  
8600A VERREE ROAD  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19115  
215.685.0470

**WISSAHICKON  
ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**  
300 NORTHWESTERN AVENUE  
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19118  
215.685.9285

Come visit Pennypack Environmental Center situated at the western end of 1600-acre Pennypack Park. Inside you will find exhibits on local wildlife and history of the site, including a display of Native American artifacts and a 300-gallon aquarium with fish native to the creek. A reference library is available for public use. Hike the trails in search of wooden sculptures, including "Thoreau's Hut," an artist's interpretation of the hut as a dwelling place. Bird watch (indoors and out) at the bird feeding stations where you'll see many of our resident birds including nuthatches and an occasional hawk. Our picnic areas are also available for families to enjoy! FREE

Hours: 9AM-3PM

Open House