



**Green Woods Charter School**

THE WORLD IN OUR HANDS

## **WEDNESDAY BULLETIN**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**

**PTA Food Drive:** The PTA will be collecting donations to benefit the North Light Community Center Food Bank at this year's annual Yule Log Celebration. Please see attached flyer for more information.

**SLT Food Drive:** From December 5 through December 15, our Student Leadership Team (SLT) will be collecting nonperishable food donations for the Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry. **Please bring only one food item per student.** Then, on December 19, the SLT will volunteer at the GACM, and help them to put together holiday food baskets. The GACM is a collaboration of congregations, schools, and private sector organizations, whose mission is to, "to connect Northwest Philadelphia residents to resources within themselves and the community that resolve their crisis, stabilize their lives, and equip them to take the next step(s) toward self sufficiency." We welcome the opportunity to help people in need within our own Northwest Philadelphia community. Please see attached flyer for details about the food drive and suggestions of what types of food are needed.

**Calendar Change:** Please note that this Friday, December 9, 2011 has been changed to a half day, 12:00 dismissal. Additionally, the class trip listed on the calendar for December 22, 2011 to the Franklin Institute will also include the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

**Holiday Gift Giving:** Please see attached letter from CEO, Jean Wallace. Thank you.

**Kid Stuff Coupon Book:** PLEASE, if you are not going to purchase the book return it ASAP!!!! If there are any questions contact Amy Stallbaum at [amys1218@comcast.net](mailto:amys1218@comcast.net) or 267-879-6100.

**Pizza Day:** Attached please find the flyer for the remaining pizza days for this school year. Contact the PTA with any questions.

**GWCS-PTA:** Everyone is welcome to come out to the PTA meeting being held on Thursday, December 8th at 7pm in the Science Trailer. The PTA has a lot of great things happening and we need your help to carry them out successfully!! Please see the attached agenda concerning this month's topics of discussion. We hope to see you there!

**Quaker City Raffle Fundraiser:** The PTA in partnership with the Philadelphia Mummers will continue selling chances to win the grand prize of a V.I.P. trip for (2) to the 2012 Super Bowl in Indianapolis. The cost of the chance is \$10.00. Time is running out!!!!

**Family Fun Ideas for December:** December can be a busy month for a lot of people. We decided to share a few websites for families that are looking for something different to do this month. Feel free to attend with another GWCS family or just explore on your own. **Happy Holidays** from the GWCS PTA Family Fun Committee! Hope to see you at the Yule Log, Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm at GWCS.

Get TARGET 2 for 1 discount tickets on select performances of **Charlotte's Web** at Arden Children's Theatre through Jan.29th. Call [215.922.1122](tel:215.922.1122) or go to <http://www.ardentheatre.org/2012/charlottesweb.html> ,

Feel free to check out: [http://www.phillyfunguide.com/event/detail/440799859/Holiday\\_Light\\_Show](http://www.phillyfunguide.com/event/detail/440799859/Holiday_Light_Show) at **Shady Brook Farms**, or visit: [www.wanamakerorgan.com/xmas.php](http://www.wanamakerorgan.com/xmas.php) for show times for the **Macy's Light Show** in Center City.

If you have any other family fun ideas/events that you would like to share with us, please email Jill or Amy of the PTA Family Fun Committee at [PTA@greenwoodscharter.org](mailto:PTA@greenwoodscharter.org)

**Toad Detour:** On Saturday, December 10th the Schuylkill Center will be hosting a free screening of the Toad Detour documentary that was filmed in the area last spring. For more information log on to: <http://toaddetour.com/>

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Holiday Food Drive Collection Monday, December 5, 2011 through Thursday, December 15, 2011

PTA Meeting – Thursday, December 8, 2011 – 7:00 p.m. – science trailer

12:00 p.m., Noon Dismissal – Friday, December 9, 2011

Pizza Day – Friday, December 16, 2011

Yule Log Celebration – Tuesday, December 20, 2011 – 6:00 p.m.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- PTA Agenda
- PTA Yule Log invitation and Food Drive information
- Holiday Food Drive
- Schuylkill Center Day Off Programs
- Pizza Day
- Holiday Gift Giving
- Schuylkill Center Events Calendar
- Nutcracker Show

## **PTA MEETING DATES**

December 8, 2011 - January 12, 2012 - February 9, 2012 - March 8, 2012 - April 12, 2012 - May 10, 2012

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

April 13, 2012 - May 25, 2012

## **PIZZA DAY DATES**

December 16, 2011

# GREEN WOODS CHARTER SCHOOL PTA MEETING AGENDA



Thursday, December 8, 2011  
7:00 pm  
Science Trailer

## Agenda

- I. Call to Order -
- II. Roll Call - Executive Board
- III. Approval of October and November Meeting's Minutes
- IV. Executive Board Reports
  - a. New Meeting Criteria - Robert Rule's & Mission Statement
  - b. Committee Reports
    1. Fun Family Events Update
    2. Uniforms
    3. Kid Stuff Coupon Books
- V. Old Business
  - a. PhilAbundance
  - b. Yule Log Celebration - Holiday Food Drive for North Light-  
Conflict with SLT Food Drive
  - c. Fundraising Changes/Ideas -Final Revision for Voting Selection
  - d. Start up Website -
  - e. Winter Cards for Sale
  - f. Board Meeting Attendees
- VI. New Business
  - a. Meeting with Jean Wallace about Parent Input for New School
  - b. PTA Meeting with Board about Connecting
  - c. Start PTA binder/Hard Copy of PTA Rules, Regulations, and Operations
  - d. Goggle Docs- Organizing Parents
  - e. Any comments or questions about new business?
- VII. Public Comment
- VIII. Please join us for our Next Meeting on Thursday, January 12th
- IX. Adjournment

You are invited to come join us for  
**Green Woods' Annual  
Yule Log Celebration**  
**Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**Beginning at 6:15 pm**

(suggested arrival by 6pm)



This year we would like to ask our community to reach into their generous hearts and help us to support North Light Community Center. They are looking for non-perishable food donations for their Food Bank.

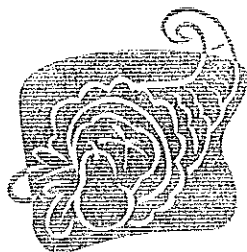


So we are asking for our families to bring donations out to the Yule log! Our goal would be to bring at least one (1) non-perishable item per family member! Please help us provide North Light with the supplies to supply our community with the much needed assistance.

The North Light Community Center supports our local areas and their food bank provides for those families and individuals who cannot afford it. Due to this Economic Crisis, *their cupboards are bare...* They are reaching out for any assistance that they can get! All donations go directly to our surrounding communities. Monetary donations are also welcome (Checks can be made out to North Light Community Center; 175 Green Lane; Philadelphia, PA 19127)

**Green Woods Charter School**  
**2011 Holiday Food Drive to benefit**  
**Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry**

*Sponsored by the GWCS Student Leadership Team*



Help Germantown Avenue Crisis Ministry fill their holiday baskets and stock their pantry for the cold winter ahead.

**Please bring only one nonperishable item per student.**

**Donations will be collected from 12/5-12/15**

**Non-Perishable Donation Suggestions:**

*While all food is welcome, they particularly need the following items:*

Canned Green Beans, Peas, Corn \* Canned Fruit \* Gravy \* Cranberry  
Sauce \* Stuffing \* Jello \* Sweet Potatoes \* Pie Crust \* Pie Filling  
\* Potatoes \* Turkey Broth \* Rolls and Cornbread Mix \* Seasonings \*  
Sugar \* Flour \* Juice \* Iced Tea \* Macaroni & Cheese \* Peanut  
Butter \* Jelly \* Tuna \* Hearty Soups \* Rice \* Cookie Mix \* Cake  
Mix \* Icing \* Dry Milk \* Protein Products

***If YOU eat it, we need it!***

Items low in salt or light in sugar are great too!



*Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others? -- Martin Luther King Jr.*



## The Schuylkill Center Day Off Programs

*What can you do when school is out of session but you still have to work?  
Get your kids out into nature with the Schuylkill Center's day-off programs!*

### **Friday, December 9**

**Special half-day program for Green Woods Charter students**

### **Friday, December 23**

**Take advantage of a day of our Winter Break Camp**

#### **Friday, December 9th, 2011 Half Day Program**

Time: 12:00—3:00 pm (with extended day option to 6:00 pm)

Cost: \$15

Extended Day Fee: \$15

#### **Winter Break Camp (Monday, Dec. 19—Friday, Dec. 23, with the option to buy a single day)**

Time: 8:00 am—3:00 pm (with extended day option to 6:00 pm)

Cost: \$45/day for Schuylkill Center members; \$55/day for non-members.

Extended Day Fee: \$15/day

For more information or to register, please call 215-482-7300 x 110 or email [scee@schuylkillcenter.org](mailto:scee@schuylkillcenter.org).

# Pizza Day

2012 Schedule

The PTA is once again having pizza day for the new year.  
Volunteer parents will be needed to organize the pizza/drinks.

To make pizza days a success, please sign up below.

Thank you for your support.

For more info detailing pizza day duties please email: megan.keel@gmail.com

Make payments with cash or check: payable to GWCS PTA

STUDENT First NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Last NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

## PIZZA

<u>Pizza</u>	<u>Cost/ slice</u>	<u>Number of slices</u>	<u>Pizza cost</u>
Cheese	\$2.00		
<u>Applesauce</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Number of cups</u>	<u>Applesauce cost</u>
Cinnamon	\$.50		
Plain	\$.50		
<u>Capri Sun Juice</u>	<u>Cost/ juice box</u>	<u>Number of juices</u>	<u>Juice cost</u>
	\$.50		

**Please circle the Pizza Day(s) included in this order:**

**Forms are due BY January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

January 20th      February 24<sup>th</sup>      March 23rd      April 13<sup>th</sup>      May 25th

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 COST / Pizza Day      # of MONTHS      DONATION (?)      TOTAL PAID

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

I can volunteer to organize and hand out pizza and drinks on..... (please circle)

January 20      February 24th      March 23rd      April 13th      May 25th



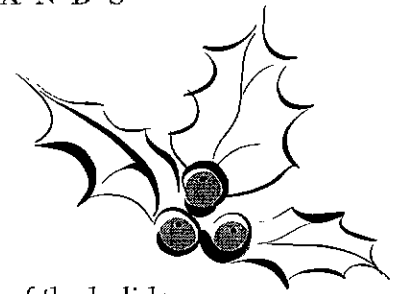
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November 21, 2011

## A TRADITION OF HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING

Dear Green Woods' Families,



How quickly time flies when you are having fun! Once again, the spirit of the holiday season is here and, both as parents and educators, our experience tells us that the month between Thanksgiving and winter break can be a very energizing time with your children. Our students' individual and collective enthusiasm for the season reaches an all-time high as our winter break approaches. The many wonderful family traditions of the holiday season seem to occupy their every thought.

This very special time of year also includes a wonderful tradition of holiday gift giving that we hold dear at Green Woods. As a community, we believe that everyone at Green Woods works equally hard to contribute to your child's safe and supportive learning experience. In addition to the incredible instructional staff that works directly with your children, our multi-talented maintenance person, Joe Bauer, always makes sure that the heat is working and the driveway is cleared. Our nurturing school nurse, Mimi Wainwright, helps make all of our bumps and bruises feel better. As you can imagine, there are many people at Green Woods who play an active role in the academic, social, and emotional life of your child. The holiday season is the perfect time to remember all of those who give so much to make your children feel safe and successful at school.

As this very special season quickly comes upon us, we ask that our families please show your support of the efforts of everyone at Green Woods by giving to our Staff Holiday Gift. Your gift will be equally divided among everyone on staff. You can either send cash or a check made out to GWCS. Place your gift in an envelope addressed to Staff Holiday Gift. Sign your name or send it anonymously, if you'd like. Please be sure that your gift is received no later than Wednesday, December 15th so that we have time to distribute this gift and allow our staff the time to recognize the generosity of our community.

The winter months are always a magical time for students at Green Woods! The time that we spend with your children is precious to us and goes by much too quickly. The holiday season is the perfect time to stop...pause...and remember all of the people who make Green Woods the very special place that it is.

In closing, we look forward to seeing everyone at our annual Yule Log Celebration on December 20th at 6:15PM!

Happy Holidays!

Jean M. Wallace

# Events Calendar



December / January / February 2011-12

## FAMILY FUN

### Merry Making, A Winter Craft Event

Sunday, December 4 | 11:00 am - 4:00 pm | Free\*

It's a day of sustainable holiday shopping, craft workshops and treats. Local crafters using eco-friendly materials offer handmade gifts for sale and host kid-friendly workshops on making gifts and decorations. Seasonal beverages and snacks.

\*The event is FREE with a suggested donation to the Schuylkill Center; workshops may have a materials fee.

### Winterfest

Thursday, December 22 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm | Members free / \$5 non-members

WXPN's Kid's Corner joins us for a solstice celebration. Stargaze with the Franklin Institute's Derrick Pitts, walk with Mike Weilbacher, the show's "All-Natural Science Guy," join librarian Joe Hilton for story time, or play Dr. Lisa Chirlian's "science fact and fiction." Host Kathy O'Connell presides over the festivities. Refreshments served around the bonfire.

### SCEE Trip: Lakota Wolf Preserve

Saturday, January 21 | 12:30 - 7:00 pm | \$25 members; \$35 non-members

The controversial reintroduction of wolves in the American West makes us wonder what our own forests looked like when wolves roamed free. At the Lakota Wolf Preserve in the Delaware Water Gap, meet wolves up close, and learn about their packs, eating habits and history in the region. Pre-registration is required.

### Owl Prowl

Saturday, January 28 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm | Members free; \$8 non-members

Winter is a busy time for owls; it's when they court mates and build nests. We'll search for owls, their signs, and maybe see one. Meet Jackson the great-horned owl and Loki the eastern screech owl.

### Winter Wildlife Tracking

Saturday, February 18 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Members free; \$8 non-members

Our woodlands are full of animals, even in the winter. Join the wildlife clinic's Rick Schubert for an introductory course

in wildlife tracking. Children can make tracks of their own on a separate kids' hike in search of animal prints left in the mud or snow.

### The Great Backyard Bird Count

Monday, February 20 (President's Day) | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Free

Each year we participate in a nationwide count of bird populations, sponsored by Audubon and the Cornell Ornithology Lab. Learn to identify common feeder birds, to differentiate between bird songs and calls, and how to attract birds to your yard.

## SATURDAYS @ SCEE

New! Take a break from the cartoons on Saturday mornings and get your kids into nature. Every Saturday morning from 10:30 - 11:30 am, FREE.

### Story Hour

2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month

Gather in the bookstore for a story, games and hands-on exploration - all with a nature theme for the young ones.

### Nature Exploration

1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month

Join us in the Discovery Center for a naturalist-led exploration of artifacts, followed by an outdoor walk. We'll explore different nature themes each time.

## DAY OFF PROGRAMS

What to do when the kids are off, but you're not!

### Primitive Skills & Ancient Living - Winter Break Camp

Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 23 | \$200 members; \$225 non-members

How did indigenous people survive cold winters? What did they eat? Explore our woodland in search of answers, while building shelters and a fire! We'll cook outside, and search for winter animals to see how they adapt to the cold.

### Wild about Winter

Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King Day | \$45 members; \$55 non-members

We'll follow animal tracks, climb rocks, see what's happening in our winter ponds, and more. Plan on being outside for most of the day, especially if there's snow!

Info & Registration: Email: [scee@schuylkillcenter.org](mailto:scee@schuylkillcenter.org) Tel. 215.482.7300 x110

For more detailed event descriptions, visit [www.schuylkillcenter.org](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org)

# Events Calendar - December / January / February 2011-12

## DAY OFF PROGRAMS, CONTINUED

### Kitchen Science

Monday, February 20th - President's Day | \$45 members; \$55 non-members

Molecules are everywhere, interacting in and around us all the time. Use everyday kitchen ingredients to create silly slimes, goo and gasses, exploring the power of molecules.

All Day Off programs (including Winter Break Camp) are designed for kids ages 5-12. They run from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, with an extended day option available until 6:00 pm. The extended day fee is \$15 per day. Pre-registration is required.

## SEEDLINGS - NATURE FOR THE YOUNG

The Seedlings program encourages children ages 3-5 and their parents/caregivers to explore the natural world together. We'll share stories, songs, crafts, activities, outdoor experiences, and lots of fun. Programs are offered every other Monday, with your choice of a morning or afternoon session. Adult participation and pre-registration required.

Times: 10:30-11:30 am; 2:00-3:00 pm

Cost for each program: \$6 members/\$8 non-members

Ready for Winter - Monday, December 12

Winter Sensory Ramble - Monday, January 9

Whose Tracks Are These? - Monday, January 23

Groundhog Day & Signs of Spring - Thursday, February 2

Animal Valentines - Monday, February 6

Backyard Birds - Monday, February 20th

## EVENTS FOR ADULTS

### Sustainability & Your Local Coffee Shop

Thursday, December 8 | 7:00 pm | \$5 per person

At Mugshots Coffeehouse in Fairmount, explore the environmental impact of coffee and tea. Hear how this local chain embraces a triple bottom line and sources sustainably.

### The Toad Detour Movie

Saturday, December 10 | 4:00 - 5:30 pm | Free

It's *The Toad Detour Movie*, a documentary about Roxborough's famed toads and the volunteers that protect them. Burgess Coffield, the movie's writer-director, and its stars, local volunteers, introduce the movie.

### Winter Bird Census

Saturday, January 7 | 7:30 - 11:00 am | Free

Help collect important data about SCEE's winter birds. No prior expertise required. We'll provide coffee, tea and light breakfast foods.

### Giants of the Forest

Saturday, January 14 | 1:00 - 3:00 pm | Free

Meet the very largest trees in our forest, some over 10 feet wide. Learn why these trees grew so big, and how they managed to escape the saw blade! Learn simple ways to identify these species by their winter characteristics.

### Book Discussion: The Great Disruption

Thursday, February 2 | 7:00 pm | Free

Co-sponsored by Grid magazine.

It's the maiden voyage of a new series of conversations introducing you to regional leaders in discussions of important issues. Executive Director Mike Weilbacher and Grid's magazine's Alex Mulcahy team up to wade into *The Great Disruption: Why the Climate Crisis Will Bring On the End of Shopping and the Birth of a New World*. Written by Paul Gilding, it proposes an impending planetary collapse will kick-start a transformation to sustainability. Buy the book in our gift shop or at Big Blue Marble bookstore in Mt. Airy, and come prepared for a lively interactive evening.

### Worm Composting Collective: Urban Composting Made Easy

Saturday, February 4 | 12:30 - 2:30 pm | Members: \$20/person, \$30/couple; Non-members: \$30/person, \$40/couple; \$5 discount for donating finished compost to the Center

Worm composting is easy, fun, takes little space, and helps the environment. Build a worm bin while learning about decomposition, worm biology, and how to care for your worms. When ready, use your compost in your garden OR bring it here to enrich our farm's soil. Pre-registration is required; spaces are limited.

## WINTER BIRDSEED SALE

Saturday, December 10 | 8:30 am-4:30 pm

Pre-order and save! Members save 20%, non-members save 10% off regular prices.

Stock up to keep your feathered friends fed throughout the winter. For details and an order form, check out the ad in this season's Quill or visit our website.

### Schuylkill Center for Environmental Education

8480 Hagy's Mill Rd.  
Philadelphia, PA 19128

For more detailed event descriptions, visit [www.schuylkillcenter.org](http://www.schuylkillcenter.org)

Yanmin & Andrew Lukov  
& Family  
215-508-2340  
[yanminwuz@yahoo.com](mailto:yanminwuz@yahoo.com)

## **The Nutcracker Show**

*Present by the International Ballet Exchange (IBE)*

On December 17, 2011; 6:30pm and December 18, 2011; 2:00pm; **The Nutcracker** will be performed by twenty profession ballet dancers from **The WORLD RENOWNED DONETSK BALLET of UKRAINE** and fifty local students in the area at **White Marsh School, Plymouth meeting**. And our daughter Naomi Lukov will be one of the cast students.

**THE INTERNATIONAL BALLET EXCHANGE (IBE)** is sponsoring this performance. The **IBE** is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide an environment and opportunity for inner-city children to perform and appreciate ballet while at the same time fostering understanding of distant cultures.

Ticket prices will be \$18.00 student/ senior and \$28.00 adult, at the door. However, as one of the families of students in the cast, (Since all the cast families are helping to sell tickets) our ticket selling prices are \$15.00 student/senior and \$25.00 adult.

The tickets are on sale now and it is based on first come, first service. If you decide to see the show, please contact us as soon as possible, so we can get you the best seats possible.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. Should you have more questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely

Yanmin Lukov + Family