



The Watershed Community School

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Dear Parents, Students, Faculty, and Friends of the Watershed Community School,

Year three is off to a strong start. We have 26 students (4 in adjunct programs), 20 different classes are offered this fall, and we have a great group of new students.. Student and faculty intention to do good work and create a great learning community is very clear! We're also pleased at the growing interest from prospective students and parents. Please help us keep this opportunity healthy and growing. Let others know about the Watershed Community School whenever you can.

At the Common Ground Fair last weekend, a customer at our quesadilla stand asked, "What kind of a school is Watershed?" There was some hesitation as students tried to sum-up our learning community in a few words: "...the teachers really care..., ...I'm finally learning something..., ...we have a real community..." and then finally someone said "it's just a great school to be part of." The fact that so many of our students, faculty, parents and friends were able and willing to create and run our little outdoor restaurant speaks for itself. It was wonderful, however, to overhear those candid testimonials from our students! Their competence, and commitment is worth every bit of the time, money, and hard work we've all invested.

With appreciation, Phil Gerard

Common Ground Fair

We served quesadilla's to more than 800 people! The final income tally is awaiting return and sale of excess supplies (see reverse). It was a fantastic outreach event with many customers taking our information cards and asking questions about our school. Thank you to all of the students, parents and others who helped. Major thanks to Shlomit Auciello, Nancy Lubin, Sherry Frazer, Mike Mayo, Joe Auciello, Gregory Moore, and George Bagget. An amazing effort!



Beautiful unused, unopened (refrigerated at all times) organic food for sale

Tortillas made from organic, Maine-grown flour are available at only \$2.00 dozen. They freeze perfectly. Organic apple-cider vinegar - great flavor \$11/gallon .These will go fast! Call Laura at 594-1873 .

Auction!

Watershed is collaborating with The Lincoln Street Center on their upcoming October 8 auction. LSC has generously offered a percentage of the proceeds in return for our help: advertizing the auction to our community and providing student/faculty volunteers at the auction. A suggested donation of \$25 will buy a membership in LSC. We're told that there will be a very nice spread of things to eat and drink. Work by Ron Frontin, Jamie Wyeth, and many other painters will be auctioned along with jewelry, sculpture, furniture, and other items. Kaja Veilleux is the auctioneer. Please come to this lively event. Spread the word! We want to expose more people to the Lincoln Street Center's programs. Refreshments 5:00-7:00 p.m auction at 7:00 p.m.

Fall Semester Courses

French, Spanish, Latin, Russian, Japanese, Hebrew, Algebra 1 and 2, Geometry, Trigonometry, Cell Biology, Physics, Observation, Chinese History, American History, Thoreau and the Nearings, Ethics, T'ai Chi, African Dance, Studio Art, Illustration, Videography, Photography, Music Composition.

Photo and Video course fees

-Photography students need to pay a fee to cover film, photographic paper, developing chemicals, and enlarger supply costs. This enables students to take dozens of rolls of film and develop 100's of photos. The fee for the semester is \$70.00.

-Videography students have a required lab fee of \$35 for the use of the latest digital equipment - at home and at school - and the latest editing software.

Web Site

After our third attempt with volunteer web site designers, our faithful math/science instructor, Pete Kalajian, has taken on the task. Take a look! We intend to have all links in order withn a few days. If you have suggestions for the site please email - pete@watershedcommunity.org. Pete is creating a forwarding system to make all faculty and students at school available, regardless of their usual email address, through (person's first name) @watershedcommunity.org

We would like to have student and parent statements on a page titled "What Parents and Students Say About Watershed." Perhaps some of you

would be willing to email a brief statement? Send to Phil
@watershedcommunity.org.

Tennis

Malcolm Brooks has been working with the Midcoast Recreation Center to organize tennis instruction as an after-school opportunity: Monday and Thursday afternoons 4:00 -5:30. Cost is \$80 for up to 16 sessions. Five students have signed up. More spaces are available. Call Malcolm with questions 236-8251.

Observation Class

Pete recommends that parents do one set of observations with your son or daughter to see what they're up to. It's a big commitment on their part to do every day's observation. Connecting with this effort is a good way to keep in touch with the school and your students development as observers.

PSAT

We are administering the PSAT test on October 12. The fee is \$12. The test is available for Juniors and Sophomores. Will Galloway already met with 10 students interested in taking the test. They received practice test booklets. In addition there will be study groups during Friday's 1 hour lunch break. The PSAT is a good practice for the SAT and is the only route for receiving National Merit Scholarships or Commendations. Please contact Will Galloway with any questions.