

Radius

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A newsletter for Camphill Special School families

"Receive the children with reverence, educate them with love, send them forth in freedom" - Rudolf Steiner

We need your help on November 29th

Start your holiday season by **giving the gift of an extraordinary education!** Your gift allows us to continue providing a well-rounded education; arts and pre-vocational programs; innovative therapies; homes where extended family envelops each child into the community; and a social network of peers who know, understand, and appreciate one another.



This year we are introducing [Personal Fundraising Pages](#). Donors will be able to form a team or join an existing one. Team and individual fundraising pages can be personalized to include photos and stories. Participants can set personal goals, share their progress, and recruit others to join their fundraising team. This is a great chance for other children to do something for their sibling's school. It's also a fun way to have some friendly competition for a very good cause!

Social media sharing is very important to the success of this one day campaign. Please like, comment on, and share our posts on Facebook. Retweet, like, or comment on [Twitter](#). You can also interact with us on [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#). The more interactions that take place, the wider our reach.

Calendar

Saturday, Nov. 26	Residential students return Christmas Café: 10:00-1:00
Monday, Nov. 28	Classes resume
Tuesday, Nov. 29	#GivingTuesdayCSS
Thursday, Dec. 22	Early Dismissal 12:30PM
Friday, Dec. 23- Sunday, Jan 8	Winter Break
Sunday, Jan 8	Residential students return
Monday, Jan 9	Classes resume

Thursday Concerts: 3:00 PM in the Blue Room, all are welcome

If you have any questions about the campaign or how to promote [#GivingTuesdayCSS](#) through your accounts contact [Cara Schmidt](#). If you'd like a custom image or banner for your page she's happy to do that for you as well.

Thanks in advance for your support and participation in what's promising to be a very exciting day!

All gifts made on or before November 29th for #GivingTuesdayCSS, will be matched up to \$27,125.00* by our [Board of Directors](#) and Bill and Jodi Keller (parents of an alumni student)! Please join the campaign and help us take full advantage of this incredible opportunity.

*As of 11/23/2016

International connections

By Becky Rutherford

Say what you will about Social Media, but sometimes it can connect us in unexpected ways. Camphill Academy faculty members regularly offer workshops to other like minded organizations, often internationally.

Two years ago I lead workshops in Cebu in the Philippines. Olibs Mendoza, mother of a son with autism and a parent at the Acacia Waldorf School in Manila attended. Later I got to meet her family and work a little with her son Enzo. Since then- on Facebook of course- I have followed Olibs' projects with interest: an organic garden and a new brand of jam all designed for her son's program and participation.

It seems like a real success , providing a meaningful activity in which Enzo is heartily engaged. When I saw Olibs' post of her family at the Statue of Liberty I quickly got in touch. She hadn't realized that she was so close to Camphill Special School. With the help of Roselyn at Beaver Farm, we arranged a visit

It was truly wonderful to see her. It is inspiring to think how far around the world Camphill Special School touches lives.



Congratulations!



Narkie, who works with the third grade class, and Jon, who works with the Transition Program were married in mid-November in a beautiful and intimate courthouse wedding.



The Kimberton Waldorf School won the Tri County League Cross Country Championship.

Ginny shares, "It's no small feat for such a small school and such a tiny team!" Lucy (middle) celebrates with her teammates, including her German exchange student, Marie Deichmann (third from left).

Classroom Happenings

For the golden corn and the apples on the tree,
For the golden butter and the honey in my tea.
For fruit and nuts and flowers that grow along the way,
For bird and beast and flower we thank thee everyday.

Kindergarten celebrated our Autumn Harvest festival at the end of October. We began in the early evening with carving pumpkins outdoors and once the pumpkins were finished we went indoors to share our harvest meal. We had a delicious menu of Autumn soup with muffins and breads and for dessert we ate rosy apples cut horizontally for us to see the beautiful star inside. The evening drew to a conclusion with a puppet show of the story "The Giant Turnip." It was a lovely evening and when we all left to return to our homes the big harvest moon was high in the sky shining down on us.

Third grade has been studying Abraham and the week before break we looked at Giving Thanks and what this means for us.

The **seventh grade** has been studying chemistry. We had a campfire outside to learn about combustion, and the students enjoyed roasting hot dogs and marshmallows. In our study of acids and bases, we used a cabbage juice indicator to test various substances. In our nature studies we observed the color changes of the autumn leaves, and did a series of tree paintings. We had fun enjoying the mild weather, and making new friends.



Happenings...continued

In the last two weeks before Thanksgiving Break the **ninth grade** class studied the life and times of Benjamin Franklin. We tried our hands at printing, because Franklin was a printer from childhood onwards. We also tried to fly kites on a windy day, because Franklin did several experiments with kites. We went on a class trip to Franklin Court in Philadelphia where we visited a colonial era printing shop and the Benjamin Franklin Museum, which houses many of Franklin's artefacts and inventions.



The class at the **Transition Program** has been studying how to identify trees during this beautiful fall weather. In the photo below, we are by a 300 year old English "Penn" Oak at Springton Manor.

Land Crew: We are always looking around for places that we can improve and now we found this old trail that is almost gone next to the land shed that we are going to clear up and build a new bonfire place with a hammock and a shelter when we come back from Thanksgiving Break.

On Saturday **Rowan** put aside time for walks in order to help clean up one of the hiking paths that circle the community. We cut vines, moved stones and raked leaves. We hope to continue these projects throughout the year with the aim to beautify the paths that we as a community share and enjoy.



Sixth grader Leo's cookbook

[Cooking with Leo: An Allergen-Free Autism Family Cookbook](#) is a mother's love letter to and inspired by her son. This heartfelt cookbook also tells the story of a mother desperate to heal and to connect with her severely autistic son. A story of a mother finally connecting with her hard to reach child through the most vital everyday activity--cooking.

For many years, Erica Daniels had been out to find a successful dietary intervention for her eleven-year-old son Leo, who suffers from significant food allergies, gastrointestinal disease and autism. Through trial and error in her own kitchen, she finally hit her gastronomic stride of preparing nourishing meals for her entire family without gluten, dairy, soy, nuts, additives, or GMOS--with Leo by her side.

Cooking with Leo is a family-inspired collection of over 60 allergen-free and autism-diet friendly recipes to be prepared and shared by your whole family together. **Make meaningful connections with your child and nurture their passion for cooking with nutritious recipes such as:**

- Teff-Tough Honey Waffles
- Football Sunday Turkey Chili
- Grandma's Healing Chicken Soup
- Leo's Italian Artichokes
- Nanny's Rhubarb Sauce
- YouTube Organic Gummy Candies, and more!!

Learn not only to cook nutritiously for your whole family, but also to connect with your children, find their gifts and develop their strengths, impart life skills, and tie the family together with healthy food and happy guts.



Photos from around the school



Join us for the Christmas Café

Visit the Blue Room on Saturday, November 26 from 10:00am until 1:00 pm to pick up some gifts and share a cup of coffee and a holiday treat with friends at Camphill Special School. Our students and homemakers offer handmade ornaments, pottery, woven rugs and table covers, wooden spoons, cutting boards, and much more. Beaver Farm brings a variety of jams, jellies, relishes, and other tasty food items. In addition, other local artisans and crafters (including other Camphill communities) bring their items to sell.

Contact [Andrea Janisch](mailto:andrea.janisch@camphillspecialschool.org) by email with questions or to reserve a table for your wares.



Volunteers wanted

We are always looking for volunteers. Currently we have some specific needs:

- Eurythmy: Tuesday/Thursday mornings
- Horseback riding: Tuesday/Wednesday mornings
- Academics: Wednesday mornings
- Reading: day is flexible, mornings
- Laundry & cleaning: flexible
- Lead a hobby or club for students: Tuesday/Friday evenings

If you're available and interested please contact [Cara Schmidt](mailto:cara.schmidt@camphillspecialschool.org) by email or 610-469-9236 x133 for more information.



Above: the children at Beaver Farm— Everett, Raffy, and Lyla



Our mission is to create wholeness for children and youth with developmental disabilities through education, extended family living, and therapy so that they may be better understood, they may more fully unfold their potential, and they may meaningfully participate in life.

Items for the next issue of *Radius* must be submitted by the third Monday of the month. Materials should be submitted to cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org

All material submitted is subject to editing and is included on a space available basis.

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THE 2017 CAMPHILL GALA WANTS TO SEND YOU TO ...



Testimonial from trip winner: "Belize was really a trip of a lifetime. The four of us totally enjoyed ourselves and learned so much. We loved the location and enjoyed every evening and morning sitting on the deck, having our coffee, and looking out at the beautiful water. The restaurants in Palencia were great and the people both interesting and hospitable. We think of the condo often as one of those great memories of special times."

-T.O. Epps (Grandfather of 12th grader Cassidy)



Belize is a diverse and welcoming nation bordering Mexico and the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea. Tucked away on the lush Placencia Peninsula in southern Belize, Laru Beya is the perfect place to both do nothing and experience everything. The quiet and modern beachfront resort is built for relaxing: with hammocks on every balcony, and the pool, restaurant, and bar mere steps from your room.

The resort is just a short walk from the Garifuna village of Seine Bight and three miles from the restaurant and nightlife-filled town of Placencia. And when you're ready to really go exploring, Laru Beya is also conveniently located for adventure, allowing you to easily go snorkeling or scuba in the barrier reef; visit Mayan archeological sites; explore caves; thrill at local wildlife; and delight in delicious cuisine that is distinctively Belizean.

DONATED BY MATT AND ANN SIEFERT

**RAFFLE TICKETS
ARE \$50 EACH
OR THREE FOR
\$100!**

YOUR WEEK-LONG TRIP IS VALUED AT OVER \$4,500 AND INCLUDES:



Accommodations for four in a two-bedroom unit for one week; unit boasts full kitchen and beach-front balcony



Welcome cocktails and one dinner at the resort restaurant



\$1,500 to use for airfare

Winning ticket will be drawn at the Gala on Friday, June 2, 2017 . YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!

TERMS AND CONDITIONS: All proceeds from the Camphill Gala and this raffle will benefit the students at Camphill Special School. Camphill Special School coworkers, employees, and any persons living in their households are not eligible to win. Travel package is non-refundable. Travel to be coordinated with donor for a mutually agreed upon week. Flights and ALL travel arrangements must be booked by winner. Trip must be taken within one year from Gala date.

Name Phone Email

Address City, State, Zip

- One (1) Ticket (\$50)
- Three (3) Tickets (\$100)
- _____ Tickets

I have enclosed a check made payable to Camphill Special School in the amount of \$

Please charge \$ to my Visa MasterCard Discover American Express

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