

# THE FARM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008

## Farm School Main Campus Dates

- 9-9 Tue:** Holiday Bazaar Meeting, 3:45 pm  
**9-12 Fri:** All-Day Off-Campus Permaculture Class  
(See below for details)  
**9-26 Fri:** Farm School Satellite Campus Day  
**9-30 Tue:** PTSA Meeting, 4:00 pm  
**Late Oct.** - Farm School Bike-A-Thon, date TBD

## **IMPORTANT:**

### High School & Middle School Parents:

Friday, September 12 will be a day-long, off-campus Permaculture Class. All Main Campus High School and Middle School students will meet at The Farm School at 8:30 am. We will then travel to the building site of Chris & Cara's new house on Walker Road. Students will return to the school by 6:30 pm. Students should bring bottles or other sealable containers for water and enough food for 2 or 3 meals. We will be able to return to the school for a brief lunch from approximately Noon – 1 pm. Optional weekend classes available in blocks from 8 am – Noon and 1 pm – 6 pm. Instructors request attendance within the full block(s) of time. Please contact [Peter](#) for more information.

### Farm School Satellite Campus Day 9/26

Our first FSSC day of the new school year is scheduled for Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>. It is planned as an all day Permaculture-focused event with activities & workshops for all ages, including a faculty meeting. Registration information posted on [thefarmschool.tv](http://thefarmschool.tv)

### Our First Early Childhood Field Trip!

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, the Early Childhood Enrichment Program will visit the Hohenwald Library for Story time! Students will leave school at 9:45 and return by Noon. Story time at 10:30.

### Request: Bring A Change of Clothes

From spilled food to a slip and splash in the creek, accidents can and do happen! It seems a wise idea for students of all ages to bring a change of clothes to store at the school in case of that "once-a-year" type emergency. Please place in a sealable plastic bag or container and label with name. Thanks!

## Special Permaculture Speaker - Mon. 9/8

This Monday we are happy to welcome Marty, a special guest speaker from Adelaide, Australia. He will be joining us to speak about his experiences building his own straw bale house in Adelaide as well as his experiences this past month in the States building Earthships. An Earthship is a dwelling built using tires, cans, bottles and other recyclable materials. Marty will join us to speak to the Elementary class from 10:30 – 11 am and will then join the Secondary Class from 11:00 – 11:30 am.

## School Meeting Notes - Wed. 9/3

**Agenda:** 1) Bamboo by the school, 2) Murals in the art room, 3) Bike-A-Thon, 4) Daily Responsibilities  
**Discussion & Resolutions:** 1) There appears to be no evidence that the spreading bamboo near the southern entrance is effecting the growth of the tree there. Peter has already effectively made an effort to keep the bamboo within a certain area and it was agreed to "Let It Grow" within that boundary. 2) The current Art Room is in the process of getting repainted. Students agreed to paint over the solid colored walls, but to leave the existing mural(s) on the south and west walls and preserve a bit of NCACS and Farm School History. 3) There were no objections to the idea of a Bike-A-Thon fundraiser for The Farm School, which has been suggested by Bob Davis. We agreed to hold a Bike-A-Thon in late October to be coordinated by Bob. 4) Since our discussion of accountability regarding students' daily responsibilities seemed to center around the actions (or lack thereof!) of a particular student who was not present in School Meeting, it was motioned to be tabled until the next meeting. Upon unanimous agreement, meeting was then adjourned early... inducing smiles all around and happy birthday wishes for Principal Peter Kindfield!

## Two Friendly Reminders:

1) Unless other arrangements have been made, your September tuition is now due. Thanks in advance for your timely payment! 2) The students who were found to have lice infestations last week are due for their second treatment this weekend.