

# 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*

## Monthly Musings: Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

On Monday, January 18, the entire school assembled in the Blue Room to celebrate the life, spirit, and achievements of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Eighth grade teacher Becky spoke on the beginnings and growth of the United States and the freedoms that citizens are entitled to enjoy. She noted, however, that at one time not everyone in our country had the same freedoms and Dr. King worked to make every man, woman, and child equal no matter what their race.

To honor the memory and work of Dr. King, the high school choir lifted their voices to sing "Ezekiel's Wheel;" eleventh graders performed a spirited and energetic version of "When the Saints Go Marching In;" Becky led the entire school in singing "This Little Light of Mine" and "We Shall Overcome;" and eighth graders Mada, Jared, Jeremy, and Alasdair played tone bars while the school sang "Keep the Dream Alive."

The junior class performed "When the Saints Go Marching In"



The High School Choir sang "Ezekiel's Wheel"

## FEBRUARY 2010

Tue. Feb. 2	Candlemas
Wed. Feb. 10	6:30 to 7:30 pm Parent-Staff Group meeting (Blue Room)
Fri. Feb. 12	<b>Senior Class presents <u>Gilgamesh</u></b>
Sat. Feb. 13- Mon. Feb. 15	Optional weekend for home visits; activities for those who stay
Sun. Feb. 14	Valentine's Day - see pg. 4 for a great gift idea!
Mon. Feb. 15	Presidents' Day - School, Office, and Maintenance closed
Tue. Feb. 16	Fasching (Mardi Gras)
Wed. Feb. 17	Ash Wednesday

*As always, if you would like to participate in any events, please contact your child's houseparent or teacher.*



**Welcome new student!**

Glenn is nine years old and a new day student in Maureen’s first grade class. He lives in Lafayette Hill, PA with his parents Christine and John.

**Ninth Grade Presents *Three King Play***

On January 7, the ninth graders staged the *Three Kings* play for the entire school. Everyone agreed that the entire class did a wonderful job!



Eddie and Anita await their time in the spotlight



The Three Kings played by Bud, Jesse, and Isa



Issie spreads her wings as the Angel



**New Baby!**

Matt and Jessica Van Rensburg, coworkers in Whitestone, welcomed their first child, a son, Sasha Jakob, on December 21, 2009.

*Congratulations  
Matt and Jessica!*



## Classroom and Transition Program Happenings

**K:** Kindergarteners welcomed a new class aide, Emma. The children are doing lots of winter crafts and hope for more snow to build snowmen and go sledding.

**First grade:** First Graders are happy to be back together after the long holiday vacation and welcomed a new student, Glenn. During main lesson the students are enjoying the story of *The Frog Prince*, followed by form-drawing activities. In handwork class each child is felting wool to make their own ball. Having snow on the playground has been a special treat at recess time!



Third grader Marcus

**Third grade:** Third graders are continuing to hear stories from The Old Testament. They also have been busy caring for their goats and looking forward to choosing their names.

**Fifth grade:** Fifth graders are learning about ancient civilizations in Mesopotamia and hearing the story of Gilgamesh. Students also have been enjoying playing dominoes to practice math and other skills.

**Seventh grade:** Seventh graders are hearing the story of Paul Bunyan and beginning to work on their puppets for a summer puppet show. In music class the students are singing spirituals, thinking of Martin Luther King, Jr., and trying to keep warm in the winter cold.



Seventh grader Victoria



Eighth grader Franki

**Eighth grade:** Eighth graders are learning about the different rivers, animals, and people on the great continent of Africa. The students also will be writing to children at the Mbagthi Waldorf School in Kenya and will take a field trip to the Philadelphia Zoo.

**Ninth grade:** Ninth graders are discovering creation myths from different cultures. The class began with Raven, the creator from Eskimo legends.



Sophomore Sammi

**Tenth grade:** Tenth graders returned to school with a bang! What kind of bang? The bang of various balls and objects hitting the floor as Manfred demonstrated one of many experiments in their mechanical physics block! With these experiments the class is trying to experience and understand the laws that govern movement. Next, they will discuss different

kinds of machines, how they work, and how they are used.

**Eleventh grade:** Eleventh graders began a block on Modern Biographies. They will learn about Nelson Mandela and Amelia Earhart, among others. Some of the students will be doing their own research and presenting a biography on a person of their choice. They really enjoy learning about the lives of famous people.



Junior Andy weaves

**Twelfth grade:** Twelfth graders are very busy working on their graduation play. They will be performing Gilgamesh. Students are learning lines and creating scenery and costumes.



Jonathan is in the Transition Program

**TTP:** Transition Program students have started in their new Winter Crews. Some of the students are going to Beaver Run in the morning as Tamara has a Pottery Crew in the Craft House; they are making tiles. The other crews at the farm have been busy emptying the old garages that will be taken down, and helping to clear branches from felled trees. The academic group has started a main lesson on the United States Government in preparation for their trip to Washington D.C., which will include a tour of the White House!



# The Camphill ProAm will be here before we know it! May 7 and 8, 2010



The 2010 Camphill ProAm is just three months away! Support from parents, grandparents, and friends of Camphill Special School students is vital to the success of our signature fundraising event.

## Support Camphill Special School and the ProAm by...

**sponsoring the events!** Sponsorships range from \$500 to \$20,000 and include great benefits like admission to the Tennis Ball and ProAm Tennis Tournament, an ad in our event program, and a tax-deductible donation to the school. **Now you can become a sponsor at [camphillspecialschool.org](http://camphillspecialschool.org)!**

**advertising in our program!** Ads cost as little as \$125 and are a terrific way to promote your business or honor your child, or a teacher, houseparent, or other community member who has touched your life.

**donating an auction item!** We always are looking for significant, high-quality items to include in our silent and live auctions.

**attending the events!** Just \$125 each or \$200 per couple rewards you with admission to the Tennis Ball (includes delicious food by Sage Catering, auctions, and dancing to Jump City Jazz), and admission to the ProAm Tennis Tournament (high energy tennis and lunch). Encourage your family members, friends, and colleagues to join you. ***Look for your invitation in March or purchase your admissions through our website!***

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### Mission Statement

*Camphill Special School's mission is to create wholeness for children and youth with developmental disabilities through education and therapy in extended family living.*

Do you have material you would like to have appear in the *Radius*?

Deadline for submission of items to appear in the March issue of the *Radius* is February 17. All material should be submitted in electronic form, either by e-mail or on disk, to Courtney in the Office or at [cstoffman@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cstoffman@camphillspecialschool.org).

Thank you!

Please note that all material submitted is subject to editing and is included on a space available basis.

**purchasing raffle tickets and encouraging others to do so!** You could win a seven night Alaskan Cruise! Feel free to make copies of the enclosed flyer for your family, friends, coworkers, and neighbors. ***Raffle tickets are available through our website!***

**providing a picnic salad, condiments, or dessert for the ProAm Tennis Tournament!** Prepare cole slaw, potato salad, green salad, condiments, or individually wrapped treats to accompany the main course served at the ProAm Tennis Tournament on Saturday, May 8.

If you have any questions or would like to provide food for the Tournament, contact Courtney at 610.469.9236 x132 or [cstoffman@camphillspecialschool.org](mailto:cstoffman@camphillspecialschool.org).

**NEW FOR 2010**

Now you can purchase admissions to the Tennis Ball, become a sponsor, make a donation, and buy raffle tickets on our website: [camphillspecialschool.org](http://camphillspecialschool.org)!

*Looking for a gift for your Valentine's Day Sweetheart?*

Why not buy them raffle tickets for the chance to win a romantic Alaskan Cruise? Use the enclosed form or visit our website:  
[camphillspecialschool.org](http://camphillspecialschool.org)