

Radius

A NEWSLETTER FOR CAMPHILL SPECIAL SCHOOL FAMILIES

"RECEIVE THE CHILDREN WITH REVERENCE, EDUCATE THEM WITH LOVE, SEND THEM FORTH IN FREEDOM" - RUDOLF STEINER

Ribbon cutting at the Transition Program at Beaver Farm

By Cara Schmidt

On Saturday, September 24 approximately two hundred people gathered at Beaver Farm to celebrate the ribbon cutting and official opening of a new student residence, Silver Maple, and The Sarah Jane Herman Education and Resource Center.

Attendees assembled in the multipurpose room where they were welcomed by Warren R. Gleicher, President of Board of Directors. Guy Alma, Director of Development, gave the history of the Transition Program and expressed the community's gratitude to the many friends who supported this endeavor.

In appreciation for their decades of support, the Camphill Foundation chose to recognize Bill and Betsy Herman by naming the new education and resource center for their daughter, Sarah Jane. A portrait of Sarah Jane now hangs in the atrium of this state-of-the-art "green" building. The spirited event came to a close with music, refreshments, and self-guided tours.

With the completion of the two new buildings, the program now can accommodate additional students. Those at the Transition Program are taking full advantage of the educational, life skills, and vocational opportunities available at the 56-acre biodynamic organic farm.



(L to R) Taylor, Betsy Herman, Bill Herman, and Nicholas cut the red ribbon at the Sarah Jane Herman Education and Resource Center.

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Sun. October 2	"33 1/3 Years as an Approved Private School," Bernard Wolf 8:30 PM, Rainbow Hall
Fri. October 7	Yom Kippur begins at sundown
Mon. October 10	Columbus Day: School in session
Sat. October 15	Admissions Open House 10:30-1:00
Sun. October 16	Camphill Challenge Bike Ride See page 4
Tues. October 18	Meet the Teachers Night 7:00-8:00 PM, Karl Koenig Schoolhouse
Sun. October 30	"The Curative Education Impulse of Rudolf Steiner," Jan Goeschel 8:30 PM, Rainbow Hall
Mon. October 31	Halloween
<i>Looking ahead:</i>	
Tues. November 1	All Saints' Day
Wed. November 2	All Souls' Day
Sat. November 19	Residential students leave for Thanksgiving Break Parents' Workshop
Mon. November 21	First day of Thanksgiving Break
Thurs. November 24	Happy Thanksgiving
Sat. November 26	Residential students return Christmas Cafe
Sun. November 27	Advent Garden
Mon. November 28	Classes resume

Introduce a friend to life at Camphill Special School

If you know someone interested in finding out about Camphill Special School, please let them know about our Admissions Open House.

Planning a visit to our school on October 15 is a great way to explore the offerings of our program. Guests will have opportunities to meet faculty, tour our beautiful village and learn about the benefits of extended family living.

For more information contact Cass at 610.469.9236 or email information@camphillspecialschool.org

Welcome to our new students!



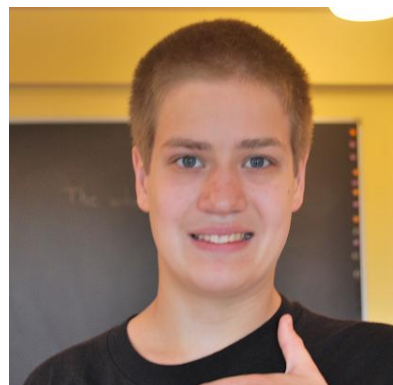
Yarimar is five years old and a student in Annika's kindergarten class. She lives in Downingtown with her parents Jose and Yadira and younger brother Jesiel.



Five year old **Matthew** also is a new student in kindergarten. He resides in Schwenksville with parents Diane and Craig, twin brother Christopher and little brother Luke.



Ellie is yet another new student in kindergarten! She is five years old and lives in North Wales with her parents Colleen and Brad and siblings Molly, Gavin, and Delaney.



Jacob is fifteen years old and a new day student in Sally's ninth grade class. He lives in Elverson with his parents Melissa and Keith and older sister Sarah.



Thirteen year old **Jack** is a new day student from Lansdale. He is in Sally's ninth grade class. His younger sister is Leah and his parents are Christine and Robert.

Good luck to our old friends

By Ashley Mildon

September has come again and the school year is in full swing. We have welcomed into our midst many new faces, but also have said good-bye to many friends.

Anne, a houseparent and parent at Beaver Run, moved to Triform, a Camphill community for young adults in New York. Houseparent **Hermina** moved to Hawaii to help start a Camphill initiative. We also said good-bye to nurse **Jennifer**, and to **Corina** and **Nicole**, who left but stay close. Corina is completing her training in massage therapy and we still see Nicole in the school house often as she has changed course from houseparent to music therapist.

We wish you all the best on your new adventures!

Classroom happenings

The children in **kindergarten** are preparing for harvest time and Michaelmas. They have been gathering apples and making applesauce for the winter. The new students are adjusting very nicely.

The new **first grade** class is enjoying the process of getting to know one-another. Everyone is doing well.

Third graders welcomed two new students to the class, **Kair** and **Ziora**. The children have enjoyed gathering apples, making applesauce, and listening to stories from the Old Testament during main lesson time.

Grade five welcomed **Glenn** to their class this fall. The class had a good beginning to the year. Everyone begins the school morning by sitting behind their desks and has made the transition well. Students are studying Botany and have created a Botany Garden outside their classroom where they will watch what will happen to the grass and what plants actually grow there.

The **sixth grade** class began the year with geography. They are working both free handed and with tools. Songs and stories from Native Americans help to form the pictures. This all-girl class is a great group!

Seventh grade began the year by studying the travels of Marco Polo. They also said goodbye to **Kathy** who was with the class for two years but moved to the Poconos. We will miss her smile, her enthusiasm, and her laugh. **Julie** put it best at Newstime with her observation, "Something's missing." When we asked what she was talking about, she replied, "Kathy, we must find her!"

Ninth graders started the year studying geology. They are learning about the formation and movement of the Earth. The students are excited to learn more as they construct their own volcanos.

The **tenth grade** began the new school year with a block in Ancient History. Students are learning about the beginning of civilization, the growth of communities, and the history of writing. They look forward to a field trip at the end of the block.

Students are beginning their **eleventh grade** year by turning to the study of medieval history. Before becoming involved in medieval history they discovered the causes and events surrounding the decline of the Roman Empire, taking turns dressing up in soldiers' costumes, and forming a traditional Roman "tortoise shell" formation with shields. In the coming weeks they will learn about some of the important archetypes of the Medieval period such as the Knight, the Monk, and the Merchant.

The **twelfth graders** began their senior year with Manfred and the study of Color and Light. By experimenting with prisms, flashlights, projectors, big tanks of water, black boxes, and the colored windows in Rainbow Hall, students experienced the many amazing phenomena of the scientific branch of optics. In the meantime, thoughts are turning to individual and group senior projects, a graduation play, and, of course, graduation itself!

Everyone at the **Transition Program** at Beaver Farm is extremely happy to start the year off together at one location! Everyone has moved into their new houses and students are beginning to use our new education center. Preparations to host the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony kept everyone quite busy.

Honoring Rudolf Steiner's sesquicentennial with a series of talks

Camphill Special School has scheduled a series of talks in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of Rudolf Steiner's birth. Various topics are covered and all are about the work arising out of Anthroposophy.

These talks take place on Sunday evenings, beginning at 8:30 PM at Rainbow Hall. Camphillers and friends are heartily invited to attend.

October 2 – "33 1/3 Years as an Approved Private School"
October 30 – "The Curative Education Impulse of Rudolf Steiner"

November 6 – "The Point and Circle Meditation,"

January 15 – "Rudolf Steiner as Social Revolutionary"

February 5 – "100 Years of Eurythmy"

IEP Office has new home in Oak Hill



The Camphill Challenge bike ride on **October 16, 2011** will offer 50, 25, and 10 mile routes as well as a family ride. An estimated 450 cyclists will wind their ways through Chester County during peak autumn foliage with astounding views of horse farms, historic homes, and covered bridges. A picnic will round out the day.

This year's ride includes new routes where the first and last halves of the twenty-five mile route also are the first and last quarters of the fifty mile route. This permits riders of various fitness levels to start their rides together. The more advanced riders can continue spinning out twenty-five more miles before rejoining the recreational riders to finish a day of joyous cycling.

Riders who register before September 30 will receive a t-shirt. All registered riders will enjoy beverages and snacks at water stations along the way and live music and a picnic lunch at the end of their rides.

New this year...

Participants can create a personal or team fundraising page and invite family, friends, and colleagues to support their team's participation in the Camphill Challenge.

For registration, sponsorship opportunities, or to create your own fundraising page, please visit camphillchallenge.org. For questions or additional information contact Courtney at 610.469.9236 x132 or ccoffman@camphillspecialschool.org.

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Our Mission is to create wholeness for children and youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities through education and therapy in extended family living.

Items for the November issue of the *Radius* must be submitted by Monday, October 17, 2011. Materials should be submitted electronically, on disk or via email, to Cara Schmidt at cschmidt@camphillspecialschool.org

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



The next time you come to come to the school to meet with the IEP staff, remember to continue past the office and up to Oak Hill. Signs have been placed outside the building to guide you to the entrance.

Shown above is Supervisor of Special Education **Annette Lambeth's** office and the new conference area.

Beaver Tales

Our community is filled with talented people. Those who visited for the Ribbon Cutting had a chance to see some of this firsthand.

Kay Kinderman, coworker, created the beautiful portrait of Sarah Jane Herman now hanging in its new home at Beaver Farm.



The plaques and tiles found around the Education and Resource Center and the new residence, Silver Maple, were crafted carefully in the pottery workshop by students of the program.

The beautiful table in the conference room at Beaver Farm was handcrafted by **Paul Downs**, parent.

