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What's going on around Asheville...

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Rainbow Community Connector

As a community focused organization, we want to keep you informed about some of the great things that are happening in and around Asheville that you, as a compassionate, engaged parent and citizen may want to know about. Hopefully you'll find this newsletter full of great activities for you and your family.

Happening This Week...

RAINBOW'S THIRD GRADE CLASS FUNDRAISER FOR HURRICANE RELIEF: Come witness the compassionate, caring hearts of our dear 3rd grade students as they put those less fortunate first.

With the help of their amazing teachers Melissa and Kai, our children have put together a huge assortment of home-made crafts to sell. All proceeds will benefit the victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

Where: Rainbow Community School, Front Deck

When: September 19, 8-9:15 a.m. and 3-3:45 p.m.

More Info: melissa.scott@rainbowlearning.org

WONDERS AT NC ARBORETUM: This beautiful exhibit continues through the month of September and into the Fall. It features a chrysalis-rearing chamber and a butterfly house which you can walk through and enjoy a multitude of butterfly species. \$14 parking fee/no admission fee.

Where: NC Arboretum, 100 Frederick Law Olmstead Way

When: September 19, 9-5 p.m., ongoing

More Info: <http://www.ncarboretum.org/events/category/exhibits/>

PAINT YOUR OWN CERAMICS AT WHOLE FOODS GREENLIFE: Greenlife hosts Fired Up! Come paint your own ceramic creations! By donations, which support the Whole Kids Foundation, dedicated to creating and supporting school gardens and salad bars.

Where: Greenlife, 70 Merrimon Ave.

When: September 21, 5-8 p.m.

More Info: 254-5440 or <https://fireduplounge.com>

PEACE MEDITATION

Thursday, Sept. 21 is the official International Day of Peace. To mark the occasion, we will be hosting a peace meditation in the RCS auditorium from **5:30pm - 6:30pm**. You can stop in and stay the whole time, or just stay for a short while.

We'll begin with sounding a singing bowl and candle lighting, Cynthia will read a poem about peace as a centering, and then we'll move into silent meditation.

Bring a cushion or just find a spot to sit on the carpet.

RAINBOW BARN DANCE AT HICKORY NUT GAP FARM: Come enjoy an evening of square dancing, fiddle tunes, and dinner! Featuring live music by The Cane Creek Hellbenders. \$6 admission, kids 4 and under are free. Dinner available 6-8pm \$8-\$12.

A benefit show for Rainbow Community School.

Where: Hickory Nut Gap Farm, 57 Sugar Hollow Rd., Fairview

When: September 22, 6-9pm

More Info: <https://www.hickorynutgapfarm.com>

ASHEVILLE'S GREEK FESTIVAL: Some of us wait all year long for the delicious treats of this fun, creative and educational festival! Watch traditional dancing, explore the art of Greek cuisine, and browse the extensive market of crafts and jewelry. The kids have lots of inflatables to play on, and there is a plethora of really good food! Highly recommended is the baklava, which you can buy in bulk and freeze to and bring out later! Free, crafts and food for sale.

Where: Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 227 Cumberland Ave.

When: September 22-24, Friday and Saturday, 10-9 p.m., Sunday 11-4 p.m.

More Info: <http://holyltrinityasheville.com/greek-festival/>

COLD MOUNTAIN CORN MAIZE!: It's back! Not for the faint at heart, this maize celebrates the coming on of Fall. Hayrides also available. Ages 4-up \$8/ under 4 Free.

Where: Corn Mountain Corn Maize, 4168 Pisgah Dr., Canton

When: September 24, ongoing, Wednesday through Friday, 4-9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 1-9 p.m.

More Info: <http://www.coldmountaincornmaize.com/home.html>

YOU'RE A GOOD MAN, CHARLIE BROWN: Your last chance to get the kids out to this family classic! Flat Rock Playhouse puts on another outstanding performance in this performance. Enjoy all the silliness and fun, along with all the problems of Charlie Brown and his companions. Tickets \$12-\$25.

Where: Flat Rock Playhouse Downtown, 125 N. Main St., Hendersonville

When: Now through September 24, 7 p.m.

More Info: Purchase tickets- 828-696-0731 or at www.flatrockplayhouse.org

SHOZO: Unique and amazing, this Japanese-themed circus will take you on a crazy trip with the much-celebrated and respected Tim Alem. He uses mime, dance, puppetry and shadow to create this show, which will delight all ages. Tickets \$8 in advance, \$10/door

Where: The Altamont Theatre, 30 Breezeway Dr.

When: September 24, Doors 1:30/ Show 2-3 p.m.

More Info: <http://thealtamonttheatre.com/event/Shozo/>

Monday, Sept. 25- EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY presents....

How Do I Teach Equity? PART 1:

The Power of Storytelling: a March (the graphic novel about Civil Rights icon John Lewis) book discussion and curriculum build-out. This event, specifically (but not limited to) for local educators, features a book discussion of the graphic novel with a focus on using it in schools to teach equity and inclusion. In the spirit of equity, we are providing on-site child care. Please [register](#) and let us know if you'll need child care so that we can have adequate provider/child ratios. There will also be light refreshments served afterward.

Upcoming and Ongoing Events:

ATTIC SALT THEATRE COMPANY YOUTH PRODUCTION CLASSES: Do you have an especially dramatic child at home? This brand-new class for kids and teens is what you're looking for! Taught by RCS parent Marci Bernstein, the class will focus on basic and advanced acting skills and we will build a full-length show from scratch. We work our magic meeting each student at their own place of comfort and skill so they are fully able to grow as a creative individual. As a group, we will create an original show that will be performed at the Omega Auditorium for friends, family and the public. No matter your child's experience level, there is a place for them! Ages 8-16. Use the code RAINBOW at checkout for a 10% discount!

Where: Attic Salt Theatre Company, 2002 Riverside Dr., Suite 42-0

When: September 25-December 10, Mondays and Wednesdays 4:30-6 p.m. Performances December 8-10

More Info: Marci, 708-SHOW, or <http://www.atticsalt.org/for-kids--teens.html>

Americans Who Tell the Truth Events:

Friday, Sept. 29- [Bree Newsome](#), who climbed a flagpole and brought down the Confederate flag flying above the South Carolina state capitol, will be speaking at a free public event at AB Tech, Ferguson Auditorium, 340 Victoria Rd., Asheville. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Program begins at 5:30 pm.

We are hoping to get a strong showing from Rainbow and are even using the buses, so, please, sign up [HERE](#) if you're interested in going!

Saturday, Sept. 30- COURAGE. TRUTH. CHANGE. Please join us for the Americans Who Tell the Truth Opening Reception and [Bree Newsome](#) Portrait Unveiling w/ artist Robert Shetterly and activist Bree Newsome! Tickets are \$25 for adults and \$10 for students. RCS is able to pay for a limited number of faculty/staff (10), student (15) and RCS parent/guardian (5) tickets. If you'd like to participate, please sign up [HERE](#)!

Date TBD: **EDUCATORS FOR EQUITY** presents....

How Do I Teach Equity? PART 2:

Creative Curriculum Ideas for Teaching Equity: We hope educators throughout western North Carolina will join us for Part 2 of our How Do I Teach Equity series at **Rainbow Community School's Omega Middle School** (62 State St., Asheville, NC). In the spirit of equity, we are providing on-site child care. Please [register](#) and let us know if you'll need child care so that we can have adequate provider/child ratios. There will also be light refreshments served afterward.

SATURDAY MORNING SCIENCE PROGRAM: Hosted by Asheville Museum of Science (AMOS) and Asheville GreenWorks will explore the "4 R's" in the AMOS Stem Lab. Children will participate in crafts, games, along with hands-on demonstrations. Help your child learn about trash and recycling, and how to better take care of the Earth! \$8/adult, \$7/child; price includes cost of admission.

Where: North Asheville Library, 1030 Merrimon Ave.

When: Saturdays, 10-12 N

More Info: <http://ashevillescience.org/education/kids/>

Send Us Your Events!

Are you or your kids involved in a great event or activity that's open to the community? Is there something fun, educational, or just important happening in the area that we should all be aware of? Let us know by sending an email to Rainbow parent Tree First treeann@gmail.com or to the office: info@rainbowlearning.org.

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