



Detroit Waldorf School

Consuming Kids Future Events & Panelists

Future Film Screenings/Events

Consuming Kids

- Wednesday, December 2, 2009, 8:30am, Detroit Waldorf School, www.detroitwaldorf.org, 313-822-0300
- March 5, 6, 2010, Lecture-Workshop-Movie with Susan Linn the Founder & Director of Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood, presented by Oakland Steiner School, www.oaklandsteiner.org, 248-299-8755

The Future of Food

- Friday, January 29, 2010, 6:30pm, Detroit Waldorf School, Film Screening with Panelists, www.detroitwaldorf.org, 313-822-0300
The film offers an in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled U.S. grocery store shelves for the past decade.

Talk & Tour

- Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 8:30am, Detroit Waldorf School, www.detroitwaldorf.org, 313-822-0300

Panelists

Dr. Elizabeth Goodenough has taught English and American literature since 1976 at Harvard College, Claremont McKenna College and the University of Michigan Residential College. A scholar and activist in the emerging field of children's studies, she has published numerous articles on children's literature and culture. She co-edited with Mark Heberle and Naomi Sokoloff *Infant Tongues: The Voice of the Child in Literature* (Wayne State University Press, 1994) and with Mitzi Myers a special issue of *The Lion & the Unicorn* on "Children's Literature and Violence" (2000). Her other books include *Secret Spaces of Childhood* (University of Michigan Press, 2003), *Where Do the Children Play: A Study Guide to the Film* (Michigan Television, 2007) and *A Place for Play and Under Fire: Childhood in the Shadow of War*. A Fellow of the Society for Values in Higher Education, she is an assistant editor of *The Michigan Quarterly Review* and editor of the *Landscapes of Childhood* series at Wayne State University Press.

Dr. Linda Williams is an Assistant Professor of Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University where she teaches courses on literacy to undergraduate and graduate students. She was a Waldorf class teacher for nearly 20 years at Detroit Waldorf and Urban Waldorf in Milwaukee. She holds a doctorate in Teacher Education from Michigan State University with a specialization in literacy studies. Her current research interests include craft knowledge and literacy, historiography of early Black teachers in Detroit, and critical foundations of literacy and school achievement.

Lottie Spady is the Education Director of the East Michigan Environmental Action Council. She has been working with young people and adults around media creation, activism and literacy for the past 7 years. Ms. Spady utilizes a framework rooted in popular education, social justice, and social entrepreneurship to help develop relevant 21st century skills that community residents can translate into community and economic development in underserved and underrepresented urban areas. For the past year, she has been focusing on the creation of an immersive community-based transformational environmental justice media program, "ReMedia". The ReMedia program integrates environmental education, art, multi-media production, media literacy, green technologies, popular culture, social networking, civic engagement and social consciousness as a means to trigger systemic change on individual and social levels. The program is being deployed in SE Michigan to address environmental justice issues and help make disenfranchised communities visible and vocal.

Dr. Joan Lessen-Firestone is the Director of Early Childhood at Oakland Intermediate School District in Oakland County. She is one of Michigan's leading educational experts on brain development and brain compatible learning. She has spoken on this topic at the Michigan Legislature, Ready to Succeed Forum, Detroit Regional Chamber Conference and the Governor's Education Summit, as well as to thousands of teachers, administrators, parents and others across the county. Joan received her Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology from Wayne State University and is currently the Director of Early Childhood at Oakland Intermediate School District. There she oversees programs to support parent education, reduce the need for special education and improve programs for early learners in the twenty-eight school districts of Oakland County. A past president of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children and past Board Member of the National Association for the Education of Young Children, Dr. Firestone has written and spoken extensively on the development and education of young children and their families. Thousands of copies of her CD "Building Children's Brains" have been distributed throughout Michigan. She is married, the mother of three and the grandmother of four young children.



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Consuming Kids Additional Resources

From the Panelists

Joan Lessen-Firestone, Ph.D., Director, Early Childhood, Oakland Intermediate School District

- Jane Healy's *Endangered Minds*
- David Elkind's *The Power of Play*
- Golinkoff, Hirsh-Pasek and Eyer's *Einstein Never used Flash Cards*

Linda Williams, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Teacher Education at Eastern Michigan University

- Richard Louv's *Last Child in the Woods*

Websites

Brave New Theaters <http://bravenewtheaters.com/>

- Provides world changers with films and organizing tools to bring attention to, raise money for, and take action around the issues you care deeply about.

Media Education Foundation <http://www.mediaed.org/cgi-bin/commerce.cgi?display=home>

- Produces and distributes documentary films and other educational resources to inspire critical reflection on the social, political, and cultural impact of American mass media.

Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood <http://www.commercialexploitation.org/>

- A national coalition of health care professionals, educators, advocacy groups, parents, and individuals who care about children. Headquartered at the Judge Baker Children's Center in Boston, CCFC is the only national organization devoted to limiting the impact of commercial culture on children.

TRUCE (Teachers Resisting Unhealthy Children's Entertainment) <http://www.truceteachers.org/guides.html>

- A national group of educators deeply concerned about how children's entertainment and toys are affecting the play and behavior of children in our classrooms.

Books & Guides

- *Beyond the Rainbow Bridge: Nurturing Our Children from Birth to Age Seven*, by Barbara Patterson & Pamela Bradley
- *Festivals Family and Food: Guide to Seasonal Celebration*, by Diana Carey & Judy Large
- *The Children's Party Book: For Birthdays and Other Occasions*, by Anne & Peter Thomas
- *Toymaking with Children*, by Freya Jaffke
- Alternatives to TV Handbook, <http://wholehumanbeans.com/>, 303 995-6996
- Toys, Play and Young Children Guide, http://www.truceteachers.org/toyguides/T_Guide_web_09.pdf
- TV and Your Child, http://www.truceteachers.org/TVandChild/flyer_1.31.06.pdf
- 10 Things You Can Do to Reclaim Childhood From Corporate Marketers, <http://www.commercialfreechildhood.org/events/screenings/actions.pdf>

Stores

North Star Shop, Detroit Waldorf School, 313-822-0300

Hours (when school is in session): Tue-Fri: 8am-9:30am; Mon, Wed-Fri: 2:15pm-3:45pm; Special Events