

# Introduction to the NURSERY

**Thursday, March 14th**

**6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

**Mrs. Giumenta's Nursery**

**W**e invite you to attend a special Nursery Information Session (parents only please) where you will meet two of our Nursery teachers Mrs. Karen Giumenta and Ms. Monica Gallardo. The topics to be covered will include: daily activities in the Nursery, separation, toilet training, food and food allergies, media, discipline, rest and nap time, the Afternoon Care Program. Teachers address your questions about taking the big step to a Nursery program. *At the Waldorf School, children must be 3 years old by September 1st in order to join the nursery.*

**RSVP online at: [www.waldorfgarden.org/admissions/events](http://www.waldorfgarden.org/admissions/events)**

**For more information Contact Carol Proctor at (516) 742-3434 x301**



**Karen Giumenta**, Nursery Teacher. Ms. Giumenta spent over a decade as the proprietor of a successful Health Food store, before she joined the School. She completed her undergraduate work in Computer Science, has completed both the Foundations Studies program through the Winkler Center for Adult Education and is a graduate of the Sunbridge Institute's Early Childhood Teacher Training program. Her children Joseph ('23) and Francesca ('25) attend the School. She is a gymnastics coach for children ages 9-13. Her favorite memory at the School is from last year's class play, *Johnny Appleseed*, where "the deep sense of kinship among the children and their teacher was palpable."



**Monica Gallardo**, a nursery and parent-child teacher is an Early Childhood Specialist and Parent Educator offering professional training to local day cares through the Educational Incentive Program of the State of New York. She also offers family support and one-on-one coaching to many parents. She received her master's in early childhood education with Waldorf certification from Antioch University New England and has done coursework on Birth-Three with Sophia's Hearth Family Center in Keene, N.H. Before coming to the Waldorf School of Garden City, Monica did social work in Brooklyn, taught interpersonal skills to medical students and assisted in the kindergarten at the Lake Champlain Waldorf School. A native of Ecuador, Monica has traveled the Andean countries extensively.