



The Anchorage
Waldorf
School

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Awakening Wonder

Dear AWS Families, Alumni, and Community,

Fall has arrived, making the air cool and crisp. It's a time for reflection of how we have changed and grown over the past year. In our school garden, only the apples remain; waiting for the nip of Jack Frost to make them sweeter. Our thriving students, like our bountiful apple trees, are evidence of a wonderful school and supportive community, where their holistic educational needs are met and they are well taken care of everyday.

In this time of reflection and gratitude, I would like to share some of our own sweet accomplishments over the last year:

-We are maintaining our total enrollment count, despite Alaska's recession, and have many new students at the beginning of their journey enrolled in our two robust kindergartens.

-Our upper grades have been re-established through eighth grade, after more than four years of not having a middle school.

-We are accommodating working parents by having earned our Childcare License from the municipality of Anchorage, allowing younger children to stay at our school a longer time during the school day.

-We are furthering our social mission by putting a tailored tuition model in effect that determines tuition according to a family's ability to pay.

-Our pedagogical quality is deepening with our impressive faculty bringing a wealth of experience and Waldorf credentials, along with the involvement of a newly hired pedagogical director.

-The dignity of our campus is shining through improvements, like new flooring in the Great Hall and cottages, and re-lighting our school sign.

-We are collaborating with Winterberry School by absorbing their students into our aftercare program.

These changes have enabled our school's Waldorf community to develop beautifully, and we need your help to keep that momentum going! For the Anchorage Waldorf School to continue to thrive, we are asking families and friends to support our school's Annual Giving Fund by contributing a meaningful gift towards reaching our goal of \$60,000 by Christmas Day.

Your support will allow our school, much like the apple tree, to continue to be fruitful with each coming season.

In Gratitude,

Stacy L. Durych
Executive Director