



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

Summer Camp Begins June 15!

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Dear Families,

As we launch into summer, I wanted to provide you with an update from our faculty in-service at the close of this school year, given all the oddities of closure this time around.

First and foremost, we appreciate your feedback in regard to distance learning. Since most parents found themselves with the near-impossible task of simultaneously working and teaching their children, teachers have acknowledged that our approach must differ should the need to teach remotely arise again. In response, we have drafted a plan that includes various learning models for the upcoming school year. As prevailing health conditions change, we will apply pertinent contingencies of the plan. What I can offer now is a peek into some of the knowns within our plan, namely, ideas that will stand.

We anticipate resuming on-site classes in the fall. Our campus layout, with separate classroom cottages, is well suited for social distancing. Our small class size grants teachers the freedom to innovate and to personalize instruction. To that end, we:

- will be prepared for three possible scenarios: **on-site classes with advisories**, **on-site classes with mandates**, and **personalized distance learning**. (The following colored text denotes the scenario(s) to which each applies.)
- are **restructuring classroom spaces** and **rethinking activities** to maintain health and safety as a priority.
- will adopt an **Outdoor Learning program**, applying ideas from both AWSNA

and local outdoor educators, as the safest extensions of our curriculum. K-8 classes will largely meet in outdoor classrooms.

- have formed a relationship with the Anchorage Parks Foundation to engage our students in community service opportunities.
- are writing grants to either partner with organizations, or to help cover the costs of additional supplies and equipment.
- are devising procedures to keep shared spaces to a minimum, including bathrooms, and keeping students' belongings and materials in designated personal space areas. Specialty teachers will rotate to classroom spaces.
- will conduct in-vehicle screenings at drop-off. We will also designate a room for quarantining a child who gets sick during the day. Children who are sick or who display any Covid-19 symptoms must be kept home.
- will regularly prepare learning packets during distance learning. We will provide hard copy instructions and all necessary materials for families, designed to meet the needs of individual students and families.
- will choose electronic means only when deemed necessary or most efficient, and will limit their use. Instructional videos will be recorded, to allow families flexibility in accessing lessons.
- will arrange parent check-in times that take family routines into account.
- will help families maintain as much rhythm and balance as possible, setting parameters, etiquette, and expectations at the onset of distance learning.

If you would like a more detailed look at our current draft of the plan, please contact me. When it is finalized, all community members will be given a copy for reference.

Come the end of June, I will no longer serve as the school's Pedagogical Director. I am excited to teach our third and fourth graders, having already arranged trips and activities for them in the fall, masks and all.

Here's to a safe, healthy, and sunny summer!

Warmly,

Donna Levesque
Pedagogical Director



Congratulations to our Graduating Class of 2020!

8th Grade – Anchorage Waldorf School

Tristan Evanoff-Stickman

Aubrey Ingle

Maddie Sivils

Carson Skeel

Clara Thomas

12th Grade

Talya Barnes – West High School

Lily SlatonBarker – West High School

Jackson Williams – Steller Secondary
School

Adrienne Godet – West High School

Welcome to Our New Families

TEN new families have enrolled or are in the process of enrolling for next year. Several more families have begun the application process. We welcome you and look forward to getting to know you in the fall!

If you have about enrollment, questions, please call [907-333-9062](tel:907-333-9062).



Enroll Now

The Anchorage Waldorf School 2020 - 2021

(draft 05/24/20)

August 2020 - Story

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6-9: All School Campout Eklutna Lake
 13: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 12-14: Inservice
 19: First day of school for grades
 21: Flower ceremony, 2:00 pm
 All School Ice Cream Social, 3:00 pm
 24: First day of school for preschool & kindergarten
 26: All School Welcome, Potluck at 6:00 pm

1-3: Winter break, no school
 4: Classes resume
 9: Alumni Panel Discussion & Brunch
 11: Parent Council, 2:00 pm
 14: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 18: Martin Luther King day, no school
 29: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm / Inservice

January 2021 - Seek

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September 2020 - Reflect

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1-4: Upper Grades Expeditions
 7: Labor day, no school
 10: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 9-11: Wilderness Experience Days
 14: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 26: Michaelmas Fall Festival

School pictures - TBA

1: Parent Council, 2:00 pm
 3: Grade 4 - NYO Games
 5: Barn dance and Chili Cookoff
 6: Open house
 11: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 11-12: Parent teacher conferences, no school
 15: Presidents' day, no school
 26-28: Grade 7/8 Fur Rondy Snow Sculptures
 26: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm / Inservice

February 2021 - Love

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October 2020 - Courage

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5: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 8: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 10: Annual Giving Kickoff Fall Gathering
 28: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early dismissal, 12:30 pm / Inservice
 29-30: Parent teacher conferences, no school

Makeup school pictures - TBA

1: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 1-7: Grade 7/8 Fur Rondy Snow Sculptures
 8-19: Spring break, no school
 29-30: Re-Enrollment days
 Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm - TBA

March 2021 - Listen

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November 2020 - Gratitude

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2: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 12: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 14: Martinmas Lantern Walk
 25: Grandparent's day
 25: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm / Inservice
 26-27: Thanksgiving holiday, no school

5: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 5: Open Enrollment
 7: Grade 8 Presentations
 8: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 28: All school meeting, 6:00 - Potluck Meeting, 6:30 pm
 30: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm / Inservice
 Annual Gala - TBA

April 2021 - Grow

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December 2020 - Peace

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5: Winter Craft Faire
 7: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 10: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 12: Advent spiral
 18: Assembly, 11:30 am
 Early Dismissal, 12:30 pm
 19 - Jan 3: Winter break, no school

3: Parent Council meeting, 2:00 pm
 4: Spring orchestra concert, 6:00 pm
 6: Grade 5 Penthalon
 8: Mayfaire
 13: Board of trustees meeting, 6:00 pm
 20: Field day for grades
 21: Last day of school for preschool & kindergarten
 21: Last day of school for grades
 Early Dismissal, 12:00 pm
 All school picnic, 6:00 pm
 24-26: Inservice
 31: Memorial Day

Rose Ceremony & Graduation - TBA

May 2021 - Breathe

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"The Dream Keeper"
by Langston Hughes

Bring me all of your dreams,
You dreamer,
Bring me all your
Heart melodies
That I may wrap them
In a blue cloud-cloth
Away from the too-rough fingers
Of the world.

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