

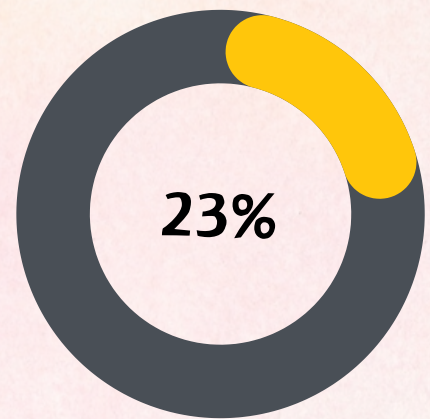
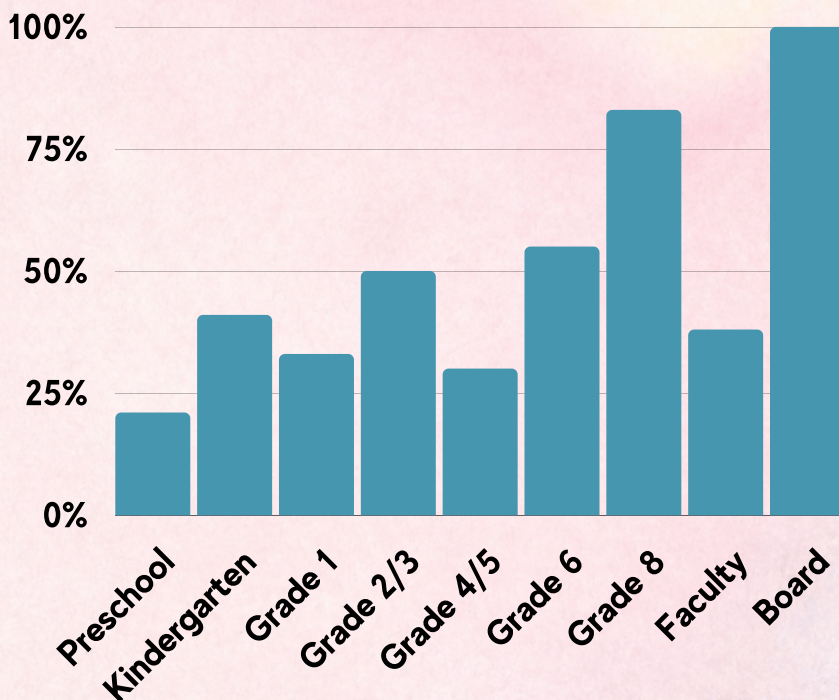


# WALDORF WEEKLY

November 21st, 2021

## GIVING CAMPAIGN 2021 PROGRESS

Class participation by grade



We're at **23%** of our goal  
with a total of **\$17,265**  
raised as of Friday,  
November 19th!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE:

- Early Release is on **Wed, Nov 23rd @ 12:45**
- If you're interested in the possibility of a **2-day winter camp**, please email **office@waldorfak.org** by **Nov 24th. (last chance!)**



If your child is experiencing **any** symptoms of an illness (coughing, runny nose, fever), they must stay home and be free of symptoms for **24 hours** before returning to school.



The first graders were stretching during circle, and they suddenly discovered the beauty and harmony of making space for each other. When each one had enough space, a lovely form emerged.

Tori and Nora washing dishes after a cooking lesson.



Kendall with her beeswax gingerbread person

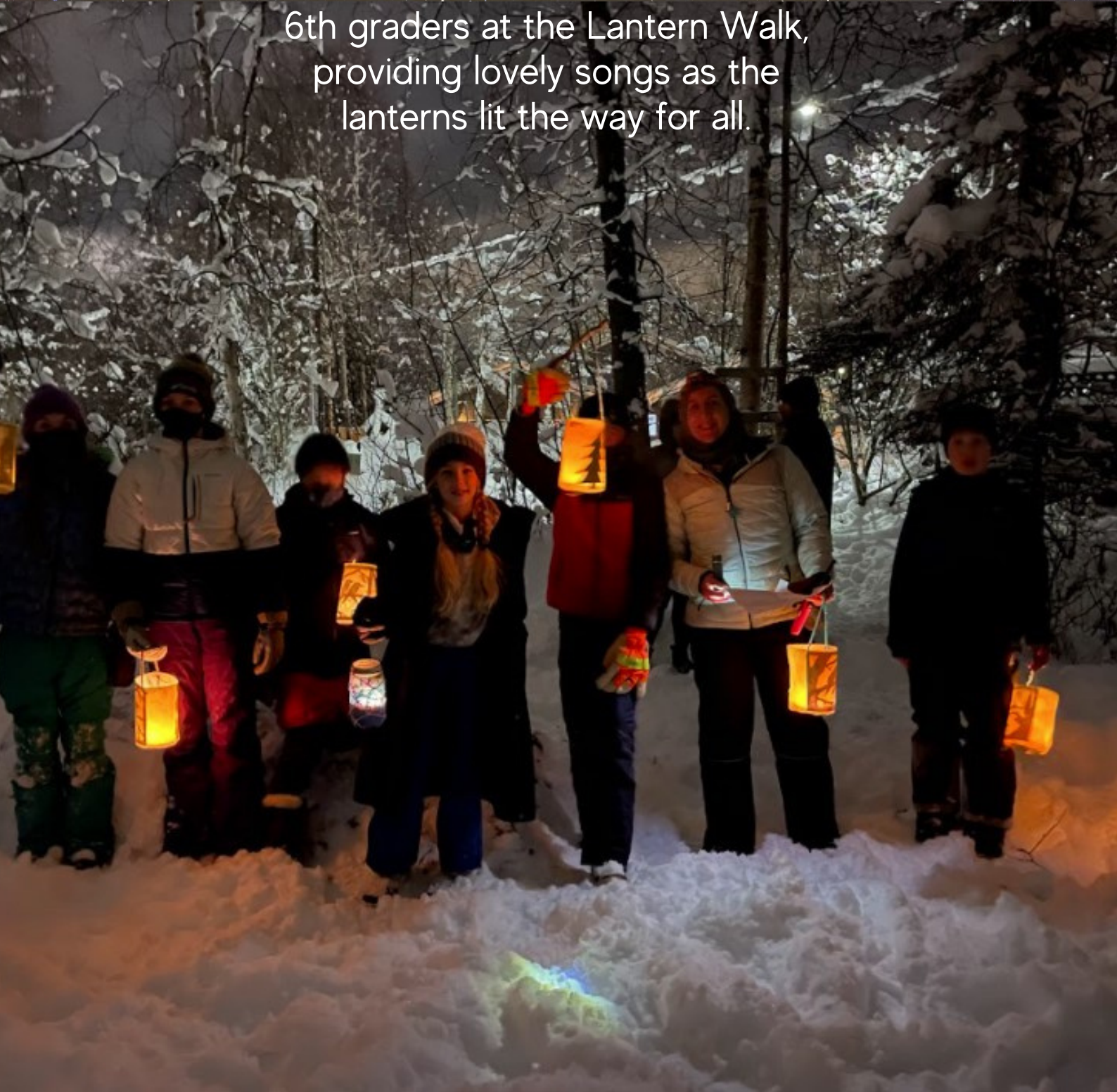
Some of the 2/3 class with their gingerbread people.



GRADE 4/5



6th graders at the Lantern Walk,  
providing lovely songs as the  
lanterns lit the way for all.



Dear community,

We have 40 Waldorf 2022 Calendars made by Sunbridge arriving  
after Thanksgiving. We will sell them for \$20 at the front office.  
They truly are an inspiration and I recommend one for every  
household!

<https://summerfieldwaldorf.org/2022wallcalendar/>

# COMMUNITY BOARD

Anchorage Waldorf School strives to maintain the highest duty of care to all families that we serve. If your child is injured, shows signs of illness or is in need of a disciplinary break from school then staff and faculty will use the emergency numbers that you have provided to us. In the event that you personally cannot be reached, we will attempt to contact the emergency numbers until we reach someone. If no-one is able to respond then our final efforts will be to contact the office of child services and the police so that your child will be cared for as best as possible. Throughout this time we will make every effort to keep your child as safe, comfortable and happy as possible. Hopefully we do not have to use these emergency numbers ever, but please ensure they are kept as up to date as possible for the benefit of our community as a whole.

## THURSDAY FACULTY MEETING SNACK

**Our faculty really appreciate a hearty snack during their meeting so if you like to make food, please consider signing up for a slot.**

- A simple crock pot of soup and a chocolate bar is so appreciated!
- Due to some dietary restrictions, please make something vegan.
- We are asking each class to be in charge for one month. Reach out to your Parent Council Rep or call/text Wendy Turner at 907-222-1920. (She will be out of town Nov 27 -Dec 5).
- You can drop this off during morning drop-off or at 12:45(pick up) on Thursdays. Crock pots can be plugged in during the school day for warming up if needed. Label any dishes or items so we can return them to you!

Thank you to those who have already made a meal! Grade 8 started out the year with 4 meals and a handful of other parents have helped. The slots below are looking for a snack to be filled.

**Our faculty really THANK YOU!**

- Fireweed Preschool for January 6, 13, 20, 27
- Kindergarten for February 3, 10, 17, 24
- Grade 1 for March 3, 24, 31
- Grade 2/3 for April 7 (Thank you Lindsay and Woodrie for signing up for other April dates!
- Grade 4/5 for April 28, May 5, 12

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Phoebe- 11/2  
Khalilah- 11/8  
Eli- 11/18  
Ms. Tre-C- 11/22  
Ms. Wiley- 11/25  
Elijah- 11/29

## CRAFT GUILD

**Join craft guild on Tuesday mornings from 8:45 to 10:45 am at King Street Brewery!**

- Supplies provided!
- Masks are required & social distancing will be observed.

If you have questions, please email: [Jennifer.sivils@att.net](mailto:Jennifer.sivils@att.net) or [katiakingry@hotmail.com](mailto:katiakingry@hotmail.com)

**Hope to see you there!**

## PIZZA WEDNESDAY

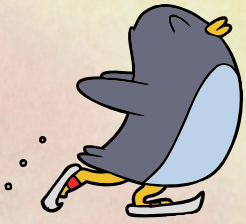
- sign up on mon/tues
- cheese or pepperoni
- \$5 a slice
- grades 1-8 only
- please sign up a week at a time



## COMMUNITY FORUM

Last week's results:

### Do you like ice-skating or skiing better and WHY?



More students chose skiing than skating this round: 13 to 9. There were a fair few "I love both", a nice thing to hear for the Movement department! Here are the other comments

"In my opinion, skiing is better, despite all the unknown factors. Let's begin with the aspects of ice skating. Whether the weather is colder or milder, or it is hockey or figure skating, ice skating brings with it no sense of joy. Indoor rinks are too crowded, but do you really want to try to put skates on outside? This brings me to skiing. Cross-country is both warmer and it is easier to do for a longer portion of the year. Downhill, the best option, needs no explanation for its superiority!"  
- From Lovely, Loquacious L.

"It really depends. I really like downhill skiing because it is freeing and fun. However, I also like ice skating. If it were cross-country skiing, then I'd still probably pick skiing. So, long story short, I'll pick skiing."  
- From Marvelous Miss M.



### DEAR COMMUNITY,

- We are lucky enough to be hosting an intern student, Scott Misching, from Antioch University in New Hampshire for his Waldorf teacher training program. He has asked to be placed with us in Alaska as he has always wanted to experience this amazing state.
- **We are looking for help in housing him while he is here.**
- Scott arrives on **January 15th** and will leave around **April 11th**. During this time he will observe a variety of classes and be responsible for teaching classes in both grade six & grade one. His background is in fine arts, he has also served in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia where he taught English. He is currently enrolled in the leadership and administrative course that both our Executive Director, Tre-C and Faculty Chair, Shannon have been involved in. Even if you feel you could host him for a portion of time it would be helpful - we already have an offer for the first two weeks. He would also like to contribute to the cost of housing. Please let Shannon, Michele or Tre-C know if you think you might be able to help us in this search. Thank you!



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**  
*Awakening Wonder*

# PARENT/TODDLER CLASS

Parent-child classes offer a gentle introduction to a group setting. Held in a warm, home-like environment, your children will experience circle time, free play, and a warm snack. Parents will enjoy learning about Waldorf Education & their developing child, as well as a seasonal craft.

## 4 WEEK SESSION

*held at:*

**Anchorage Waldorf  
School**

3250 Baxter Rd

**\$150 for 4 classes**

## TUESDAYS

February

1,8,15 & 22

11:00-12:30 pm

## THURSDAYS

February

3, 10, 17 & 24

11:00-12:30 pm

**tear here and return along with payment & drop in deposit box**

*make check payable to Anchorage Waldorf School*

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age of child as of Feb 1 \_\_\_\_\_

mailing address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Chosen Session - please circle**

Tuesdays      Thursdays



# WINTER SPIRAL *Friday, December 10th*

Preschool- 5:00 pm, Kindergarten- 5:20, First Grade- 5:40,

Grade 2/3- 6:00, Open to the Community- 6:30

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The Winter (Advent) Spiral is a celebration that is unique in our calendar of the year. There are no presentations by the grades, no speeches by the administration. Instead, we sit in silence with the night and listen to lovely harp music as a candle is lit in the center of a spiral of evergreen boughs, a symbol of life amidst the dead of winter. Then, as quiet music plays, each child in turn takes an apple with a golden candle into the center of that spiral and lights it, then places the apple on a star along the path. The lights brighten the path for those who come after.

Each child walks alone, at his or her own pace, in his or her own way.

This is a celebration of quiet confidence, of carrying light in darkness, of sharing that light with others. You are invited to attend this festival, not only to watch your own children, but to watch how they are in the community of their peers. How does each child approach the candle at the center of the spiral? Are his footsteps halting or rapid? Does she stop along the way to consider each golden star in the path before placing her candle near the way out of the spiral, or does she set it down right away and hurry on without looking back? Being a witness to this journey can be a moving experience, for adults and children alike.

We are entering the darkest days of the year. Holiday preparations are in full swing, and our minds swirl with up coming plans. When we look out into the natural world, we see the opposite of this constant, hurried motion. The earth is growing quiet. The plants and animals are storing away food for the cold months or preparing to sink into dormancy. As the snow comes, the quiet becomes even deeper. Celebrations of light, community, sharing — remind us to carry the gifts of summer with us into the quiet of winter. At the time of the longest night, we find joyful celebrations of returning light.

- Arrive on time. Your student will gather by their classroom. Then we will wait quietly until it is our turn to walk.
- For safety please don't wear long flowy skirts or pants & have your hair tied back!
- Please enjoy the moment. We ask that you don't use your cell phone or takes photos.
- If younger siblings are attending, please bring something quiet to entertain them.
- Once the entire class has completed their walk, they will come to you. You are free then to quietly make your way back to your car and enjoy a gentle evening together.

