



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

WALDORF WEEKLY

February 21, 2022



FREE LEARN TO KNIT CLASS

at the Great Hall-next week

Wednesday, Feb 23rd

8:30-10:30am



Indigo G. - 2/1
Eliana M. - 2/3
Teagan M. - 2/5
Rio P. - 2/15
Nico F.- 2/25
Kendall S.- 2/26
Kylie W.- 2/27



DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Mon, Feb 21** - Presidents' Day - NO SCHOOL
- **Thur, Feb 24** - after early release - All School Ice Skating Social (hosted by Grade 6) - POSTPONED
- **Feb 20-27** - Fur Rony Snow Sculptures for Grades 6 and 8
- **Tues, Mar 1** - Parent Council Meeting (Zoom) 7pm
- **Mon, Mar 7 - Fri, Mar 18** - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Camp Mar 14-18

CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

Dear community,

Shannon Herda is looking for an available room and car for two visiting teachers, Hans and Marcy Schepker. Hans and Marcy have visited us before and loved Alaska so much they are coming back to teach our 8th graders platonic solids and also help our handwork teacher, Ms. Wiley.

They will be arriving March 19th and leaving March 29th. Hans is an accomplished glass worker and mathematician, (glassgeometry.com). They are wonderful people and are looking forward to visiting us. Please let Shannon or Tre-C know if you think you might be able to host them, (they are very low key guests).
with warmth, Shannon Herda

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
FOR
SUMMER OF WONDER
CAMP 2022!

9 weeks of fun starting on
June 6
More details to follow!

Student Opinion:

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE
BOOK & WHY?**

**Makena, third grade says:
"Magic Treehouse books,
because they're exciting!"**

**Charlotte, first grade says:
"Skippyjon Jones, because
it's hilarious."**

AWS LOGOED HATS FOR SALE!



A Grassroots Hat Company RECAPHATS.COM

Recaps is certainly grassroots. It is all about capturing the joy we find in our daily pursuits. Recaps is small and have stayed committed to the lifestyle. We focus on creativity uniqueness and art. Each style of our one-of-a-kind hats is designed from the ground up. Outdoor-inspired images are hand-carved into blocks, and printed on recycled and reclaimed fabric.

Recaps was born from the desire to create a totally unique product that took a material destined for the landfill, and giving it a new unique value. After 10 years of operation, we currently operate out of the Eastside of the Cascade mountains, in Cashmere, WA.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH NEWS

Dear Community--

We have been monitoring COVID in the greater Anchorage community and in our AWS school community. **56%** of students/staff have reported a positive COVID test in the last 5 weeks. So we are continuing to do our best to keep classrooms well ventilated. We are also still washing hands, sanitizing surfaces, wearing masks, and reminding students to keep a distance between each other. We continue to remind students to avoid wrestling and contact games during recess and in after care. Thank you for all of your efforts and please continue to keep your child/ren home when they display signs or symptoms of illness. Rest is best!

-Your faculty and administration at the Anchorage Waldorf School

Parent Resources



Weekly insights on children and parenting from Simplicity Parenting author Kim John Payne.

<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/the-simplicity-parenting-podcast-with-kim-john-payne/id1407320921>

Waldorf in the News

Check out the article linked on the AWSNA website:

<https://www.waldorfeducation.org/news-resources/newsarticles-of-interest/articles-detail/~board/member-news/post/the-power-of-awe-and-inspiration>

"The Power of Awe and Inspiration"

2/3 has had lots of fun exploring the winter wonderland of the Bog! We marveled at the way the wind made snow waves and conducted a science experiment. Some of my second and third graders decided to experiment with snow. That is, they decided to see what would happen if they threw snow into their faces. On some, the snow stuck to their faces and on others, the snow simply fell back to the earth. They all agreed though that it was a very cold experience!

2/3 also had a little bird visit them last week during their closing circle. The little dear landed on Aurora's head before taking off to the nearby tree for food.



GRADE 8 NEWS

It's been a great block for the Eighth Grade in which we studied Possibility/Probability Theory, the branches of mathematics that are used in numerous fields and subjects. We use probability every time we make a choice or decision, every time we predict the weather, or make a bet, or invest our money. This is a great block for the students to delve more deeply into fractions, ratios and percents. For our community service we cooked for the faculty and staff - hot meals for busy people! Our First Grade buddies received decoupage boxes for Valentine's Day too.

GENETICS

THE PUNNETT SQUARE


GREGOR MENDEL'S WORK:
 Gregor Mendel was the father of genetics. He was born in 1822 and died in 1884. During this time he experimented with genetics using peas. He manipulated seven different traits of the pea plant throughout multiple generations of plants to change the seed shape and flower color.

MONOHYBRID CROSS

BB	Bb	B-Gene for red flowers
bB	bb	b-Gene for white flowers
bB	bb	Red gene dominant

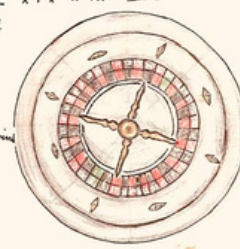
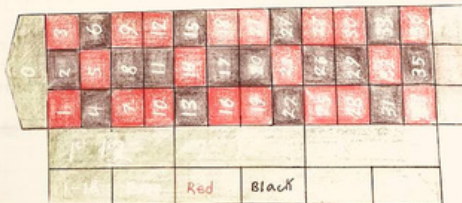
RA	Rr	R-Round seed
Rr	rr	r-Wrinkled seed
Rr	rr	A-Yellow flower
rr	rr	a-Green flower

DIIHYBRID CROSS




ROULETTE

Bet	for	odds	payout
even	18/38	47.4%	1:1
odd	18/38	47.4%	1:1
Red	18/38	47.4%	1:1
Black	18/38	47.4%	1:1
Green	2/38	5.3%	house win
1-12	12/38	31.6%	2:1
25-36	12/38	31.6%	2:1
1-18	18/38	47.4%	1:1
19-36	18/38	47.4%	1:1
single	1/38	2.6%	35:1
spl'd bet	2/38	5.3%	17:1
# column	12/38	31.6%	2:1


HANDWORK



Grade 1 - Nalu finished his Kitty and made a snake for fun.



Grade 2/3 - Grace and Jax finished their lambs.



Grade 6 - Allie finished her first small hand sewn stuffed animal.



Grade 6 - The first three completed humpback whales for 2021-2022



Mia and "Big Boy"



Students used the backstitch, running stitch, ladder stitch, and blanket stitch.

Northern Forum Eco-Art Submission

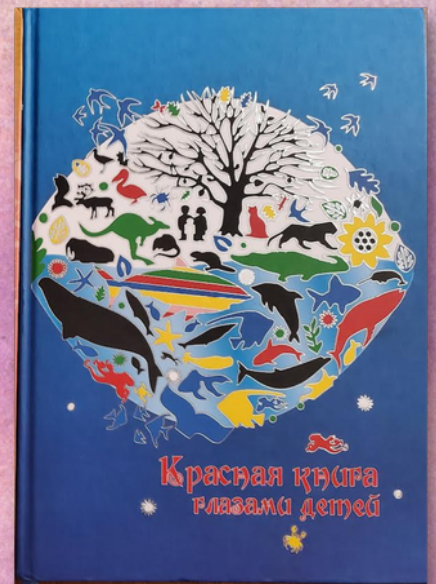
Alaska is a long-time member of the International Organization "Northern Forum". This organization has multiple working groups and amazing projects. Our school has been participating in the international ecological project contest exhibition of children's creative works "Red Book through Children's Eyes" and "We Are Responsible for Those Who Have Been Tamed" within the international ecological action "To Save and Preserve". Children (age 5 through 17) submit their drawings/paintings/photos of their own pets, animals, birds, fish, and/or flowers before the end of March each year. Endangered species are preferable but not strictly required. I have a few hard copies of the books from previous years for demonstration in class and a few pictures attached here. You can e-mail a photo, or a high resolution picture of your child/children's work directly to our Russian teacher Ms. Svetlana Burton (the facilitator of the project on Alaska side) at svetlana.burton@waldorfak.org or bring the original to her. All the original work will be returned to all the participants shortly. In the past our students who submitted their art work received certificates of participation and the electronic copy of the book. The ones who were chosen during the contest were published in the year book. Some years ago when Northern Forum took place in Anchorage we had a great international children's art work exhibition set up at Captain Cook where our students proudly presented their work. It always feels so good to be part of something big, good and important! Let's keep this tradition!



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A CALL TO TEACH: AN INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE PRACTICES WITH TORIN FINSER FOR WALDORF TEACHERS/FAMILIES AND POTENTIAL WALDORF TEACHERS

SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH 10AM TO 4PM

**ANCHORAGE WALDORF SCHOOL -
COMMUNITY HALL
3250 BAXTER ROAD - ANCHORAGE**



- 10:00 WELCOME WITH TORIN FINSER**
- 10:15-11:30 PRESENTATION ON A CALL TO TEACH: RESTORATIVE PRACTICES FOR TEACHERS DEALING WITH THE "NEW NORMAL" IN EDUCATION**
- 11:30-12:00 RESTORATIVE MOVEMENT**
- 12:00-1:00 LUNCH BREAK AND SOCIAL TIME - PLEASE BRING A POTLUCK ITEM TO SHARE (AND A PLATE/UTENSILS FOR YOUR USE)**
- 1:00-2:15 RESTORATIVE ARTISTIC ACTIVITY**
- 3:00-4:00 RETURNING TO THE THEME OF THE MORNING AND OVERVIEW OF NEXT STEPS, EXPLORATIONS AND BUILDING BRIDGES.**

MASKS ARE CURRENTLY BEING WORN INDOORS.

**NO CHARGE FOR THOSE SERIOUSLY INTERESTED IN EXPLORATIONS OR BUILDING BRIDGES
TEACHER TRAINING PROGRAM.**

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