



# WALDORF WEEKLY

February 28, 2022



## CONGRATULATIONS AWS STUDENTS!



8th grade class  
were awarded  
**FIRST PLACE** in the  
schools division!!

### Note from Office: Spring Break Camp is Full!

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Tues, Mar 1** - Parent Council Meeting (Zoom) 7pm
- **Thurs, Mar 3**- Board Meeting via Zoom/in-person 7pm
- **Fri, Mar 4** - All School Skate @ Cheney Lake, hosted by grade 6 (if conditions aren't skate-worthy, we will have a Social at the school)
- **Mon, Mar 7 - Fri, Mar 18** - SPRING BREAK - NO SCHOOL
- **Spring Break Camp Mar 14-18** - Full!
- **Sat, Mar 19** - Workshop with Torin Finser - "A Call To Teach" (10am - 4pm)



**Mrs. Herda - 2/29**  
**Nora B - 3/7**  
**Jack H - 3/12**  
**Oscar L - 3/17**  
**Scarlett M - 3/19**  
**Grace V - 3/26**  
**Hank H - 3/13**





## 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](http://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

### Caution in our parking lot & sidewalks!

Though we use gravel & salt to help with the slick surfaces, it's not fully effective - we advise you to keep a pair of spikes handy, and use caution when walking around campus.

### Upcoming Celebratory Events

#### Mark your calendars!

- Wednesday, April 6 from 6:00-7:00 pm, **8th Grade Project Presentations**
- Thursday, May 5, **Grade 5 Pentathlon**
- Saturday, May 7, **May Faire**
- Wednesday, May 18 @ 6pm, **8th grade Rose Ceremony & Graduation**



## CAMPUS NEWS & UPDATES

### FREE LEARN TO KNIT CLASS

at the Great Hall-next week

Wednesdays 8:30-10:30am

Next Class - March 2nd

All Skill Levels Welcome!

Come help make items for May Faire!!



## 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:

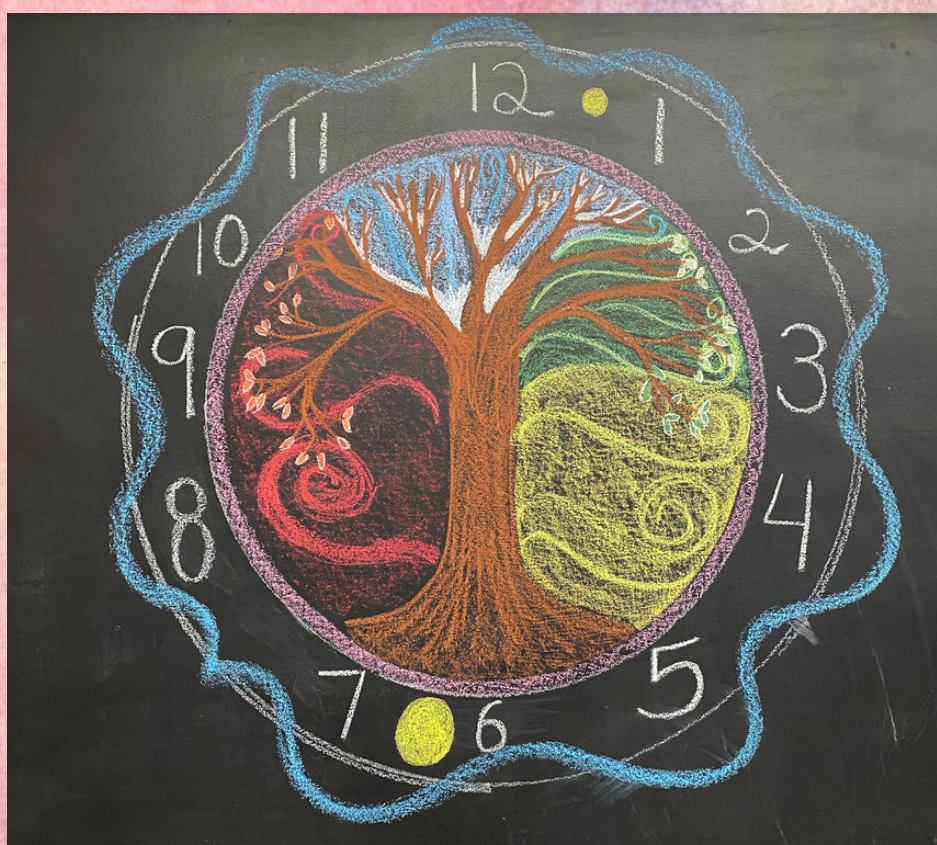
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**"The Power of Awe and Inspiration"**



## GRADE 2/3

Time has gone by fast in 2/3's Time Block! The class has had a blast making their own calendars during Main Lesson and have enjoyed learning all the months in a year, the amount of weeks in a month, and the number of days in each month.







Grade 4/5 wrapped up their study of Ancient Egypt with students individually researching and writing reports about an Egyptian topic of interest such as pyramids, mummification, and pharaohs. The class is now studying the rich myths and gods of Ancient India. As part of their studies, the class has been starting each morning with yoga poses.





## GRADE 6

Dear community,

Class 6 is finishing up their studies of the Roman Empire with a deep dive into the reasons behind its decline. A brief debate brought the struggles of the senate to life for the students as they discussed what might bring such a once mighty empire to its gradual disintegration. Our play will be our next project as we are looking forward to an April 1st presentation of our play, Roma Amor!

Class six will be looking forward to hosting our community skate event at Cheney Lake on Friday, March 4th. Bring your skates on down after school and we will have some treats, hot drinks and lots of good company.

when: Friday March 4th 3pm onwards

where: Cheney Lake

## 6th and 8th graders busy at work building snow sculptures





## FUR RONDY SCULPTURES



**Thank you to All who came out to help.**





## FUR RONDY SCULPTURES

So proud of our six 8th graders in completing their snow sculpture this past week as part of the annual Fur Rondy event at downtown Ship Creek. We sculpted during Main Lesson, movement class, after school and until late Saturday night and Sunday morning. The sculptures were judged Sunday at 10:00am and at noon our 8th grade class were awarded first place in the schools division! This was not a good year for carving conditions but we made the best of it, with joy and positivity. This class did an amazing job!

Big thanks to 6th grade class for their help and the parents of 8th graders who were so supportive with food, hot drinks and labor!

Thank you all who came down.

Please go visit ours and the other incredible sculptures fit this week only and cast your vote for people's choice.

Thank you, Mr. Unterberger





# Northern Forum Eco-Art Submission

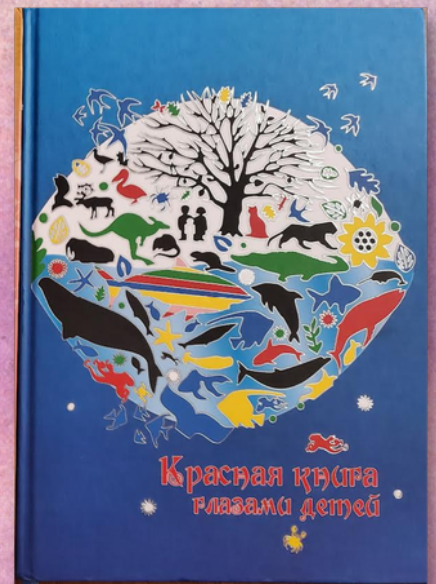
Alaska is a long-time member of the International Organization "Northern Forum". This organization has multiple working groups and amazing projects. Our school has been participating in the international ecological project contest exhibition of children's creative works "Red Book through Children's Eyes" 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](mailto: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!



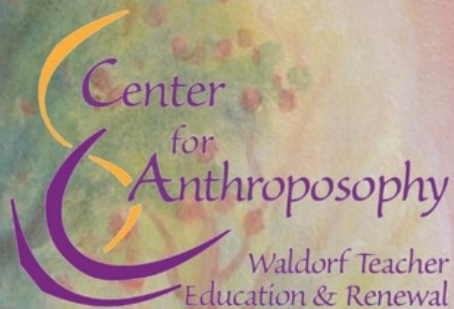
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# A CALL TO TEACH: AN INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE PRACTICES WITH TORIN FINSER

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 Finsler
- 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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The Anchorage  
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# LET'S MAKE MAY MAGIC!

**HELP COOK, HELP CREATE  
HELP FUNDRAISE \$60,000  
FOR A SCHOOL VAN**

The Anchorage May 7th Event will feature a silent auction to help raise \$60,000 for a new school van to transport students for early education programs, and K-8th grade field trips across South Central Alaska and beyond.

## CALL TO ACTION TO THE PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL

### Taste the World Waldorf International Smorgasboard

- Create 10 different types of international food dishes for participants to sample.
- Highlight a Waldorf school from each last specific country, and reach out them to learn about them to create new relationships and connections.
- 10 people bring one dish to feed approx 20-50, recipe to share, and label.

### AWS Awesome Auction

- Assemble 10 high level baskets for the May 7th event.
- People will be allowed to bid on-line, or in person.
- Baskets can include gift cards, descriptions, and have different themes. (See other side)
- The baskets have to have a transparent foil wrap and ribbon.
- Note the value on the basket.
- A minimum bid will be required.

**SIGN FORM ON  
THE OTHER SIDE**







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## SIGN ME UP

### ☉ Taste the World

#### CULINARY THEMES/NATIONALITY

- |            |                             |
|------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Chinese | 6. Latin American / Spanish |
| 2. German  | 7. Russian                  |
| 3. Dutch   | 8. Romanian                 |
| 4. English | 9. Filipino                 |
| 5. African | 10. Canadian / French       |

Title of Dish: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### PLEASE RETURN BY MARCH 11

All baskets should be complete  
by April 20, 2022

For questions please call  
Gretchen at 907-617-7635

### ☉ AWS Awesome Auction

#### SUGGESTED BASKET IDEAS AND THEMES:

- Pet supplies and products
- Gardening products
- Hiking and Camping
- Art classes and supplies
- Dinner and Theatre
- Luxury Care and Spa Day
- Get Outdoors and Explore
- Biking & Kayak Adventures
- Gardening and House Repairs
- Rafting Adventure Packages

Title of Basket: \_\_\_\_\_

Value: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## THANK YOU!

*Today, there are more than 1,090 Waldorf / Steiner schools in 64 countries, and 1,857 Waldorf kindergartens in more than 70 countries, plus Waldorf associations and teacher-training centers for Waldorf educators and Waldorf teachers around the world.*