



The Anchorage  
**Waldorf School**

*Awakening Wonder*

# WALDORF WEEKLY

March 27th 2022

## Re-Enrollment Begins March 28th

How to Enroll – Anchorage Waldorf School

waldorfak.org/how-to-enroll/

DISCOVER SUMMER CAMP 2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY GIVING CONTACT

### HOW TO ENROLL

Pre-Kindergarten – Grade 8

We also consider mid-year applications by class and as space permits — please contact our office at 907-333-9062 to inquire.

Open enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year begins March 28 for current students and April 5 for new students.

Please email: [enroll@waldorfak.org](mailto:enroll@waldorfak.org)

If you have schedule a Tre-C at 907-333-9062

The Anchorage Waldorf School is an equal opportunity institution. We do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, national origin, or ethnicity in any of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarships, tuition assistance programs, staff hiring, or other school programs.

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Happy Birthday!!!

- Robert H. - 4/5
- Lewis P. - 4/6
- Aurora M. - 4/13
- Roger P. - 4/15
- Ayela M. - 4/18
- Gabriel M. - 4/21
- Penelope P. - 4/29

**WE'RE HIRING!**

- Summer Camp Instructors
- Lead Caregiver (April start)
- Grade 2 Teacher (Fall '22 start)

Tell a friend!! Visit [waldorfak.org/employment](http://waldorfak.org/employment) for more details.

## Upcoming Events

### April:

- 5th (7-8pm - Zoom) - Parent Council Meeting
- 6th (6-7pm) - **8th Grade Project Presentations**
- 7th (7pm) - Board of Trustees Meeting
- 28th (6pm) - All School Required Parent Meeting and Potluck

### May:

- 5th - **5th Grade Pentathlon**
- 7th (11 am-3 pm) - **MayFaire**
- 18th (6pm) - **8th Grade Rose Ceremony & Graduation**
- **20th--End of School year day at Eklutna Lake.** (If you want to camp, reserve a campsite. Or, come for the day. Hike, bike, hang out and celebrate the start of summer.)



## SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Register by using the link below:

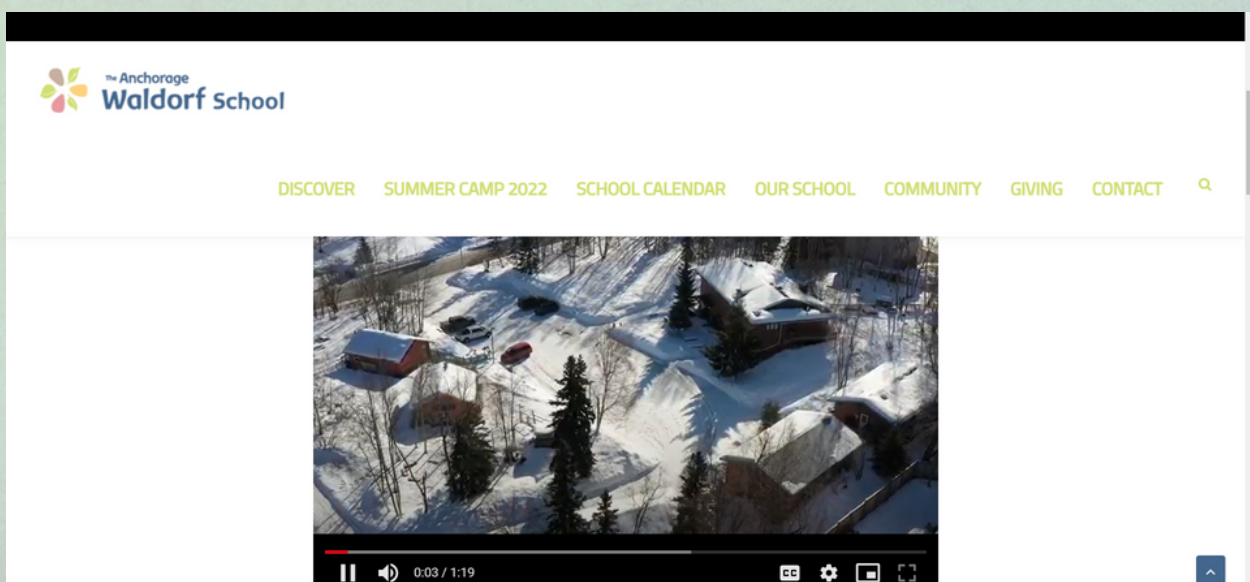
<https://waldorfa.org/summer-camp-2022/>

This can also be found under the "enroll" tab on our website.

## Register before April 15th & receive 10% off!

## CHECK OUT THE LATEST UPDATES ON WALDORFA.ORG

We just uploaded our promo video to our Home page!



# What is MayFaire, and why do we celebrate?

In Waldorf schools the elements of festival – light, food, song, and story – permeate the life of the school, and help establish the cadence of the year.

May Day (MayFaire) is a beautiful festival honoring the changing of the seasons from darkness to light. The tree of life was part of this ritual and is now represented by the Maypole.

The May Pole Dance is a joyful experience, and often the center of the May Day celebration. The May Pole often bears garlands and symbolizes the tree of life and growth of spring vegetation. This festival is celebrated as an entire school community. In most Waldorf schools, children from each grade take turns doing a May Pole dance. The patterns get more complicated as the children mature.

By celebrating the passage of the seasons through art, music and story, we strengthen our connection to the rhythms of nature.



# A NOTE FROM MRS. HERDA

Dear Community,

It's that time of year when we can see the light coming back, feel the warmth, and get itchy feet just thinking of some of the fun that lies ahead.

With celebrations like:

- May Faire - May 7th
- Auction - May 7th
- Pentathlon (grade 4/5, May 5th )
- Graduation - (May 18th)

The call for volunteers is landing in your "inbox"!

Can you volunteer, what does it even mean to volunteer and what is possibly in it for you?

- **Are you possibly able to make some phone calls for us to businesses?** (We need to procure gifts and donations for every class auction basket.)
- **Are you someone who loves to organize things?** (We need sheds cleaned out and tents put together for Pentathlon and May Faire.)
- **Would you like to get to know the teachers and administration a little better?** (We need parents to suggest and help with ideas for class auction gifts.)
- **Would you like to make a much appreciated meal once a week for teachers?**
- **Do you like to build things and have fun during a one day event?** (We need people who want to build the best reed boat course ever for May Faire.)
- **Do you like crafting and having fun meeting your community during a one day event?** (We need people who might want to help kids create their own sand art or maybe paint medallions or something else for May Faire.)
- **Do you love to bake?** (We need a selection of delectable cakes and or desserts for May Faire.)
- **Do you love theatre or sewing?** (Class 2/3, class 4/5, class 6 and class 8 are all putting on plays in April or early May.)
- **Do you love to think strategically and big picture?** (Our board needs H.R., legal and accounting specific individuals as well as critical thinkers.)

The above list is incomplete in many ways but if you can think of something you love, we probably have a need where you can fit! Letting us know or asking a teacher or administrative contact is a way we can connect with each other and for our little non-profit school, every volunteer is more valuable than gold. You benefit, your child benefits, and your community/school benefits.

Go for it - answer an email, say yes and meet your community in a new light in the next two months! :) Write to [office@waldorfak.org](mailto:office@waldorfak.org) with any and all ideas.

with warmth, Shannon Herda ( faculty chair)

# MAKING A DIFFERENCE



## PIROSHKI

### AVAILABLE FILLINGS:

BRAISED CABBAGE, POTATOE AND  
ONION, EGGS WITH RICE AND CHIVES

\$3 A PIECE

Please place your order by Monday each week  
directly to Svetlana Burton at  
[svetlana.burton@waldorfak.org](mailto:svetlana.burton@waldorfak.org) and pick up your  
order the following Friday at AWS from 2 till 3:30  
p.m.

Enjoy Russian-Ukrainian famous hearty soup.

If you haven't tried it before now is the time. You  
will fall in love with that soup with the first spoon.

**32oz soup container - \$20**

We will have beef and vegetarian options available.



## BORSCH FEST

AWS have had pen pals from Waldorf Free School "ASTR" in Odessa, Ukraine. We have been friends for the last 3-4 years. This wonderful school, its teachers and students are going through a very difficult time and need lots of support. It's a non-profit school that depends on tuition. Many parents lost their jobs and unable to pay. The faculty made the decision to continue teaching without the compensation and finish the school year. Those extraordinary teachers have families too, but they love their students. Please help to support them!

Pre-order your borsch directly with Svetlana Burton at [svetlana.burton@waldorfak.org](mailto:svetlana.burton@waldorfak.org)

**by Monday** and pick up your order at school (2-3 p.m.) the following **Friday**.



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Dear colleagues ... Dear friends ... brothers and sisters!

In this difficult time for the people of Ukraine, when millions of people have left our country because of the war, and thousands of civilians have lost their lives, the greatest pain is the suffering of children! Children cannot go to school because all of their parents' money now goes to the defense of our country. Teachers are willing to teach children even without salaries, but it cannot last that long, because teachers also have their families and their children! In order not to lose schools and to enable teachers to continue to teach children and at the same time be able to support their families, we have written a message to all corners of the world. We are so happy that you, the teachers and students at the Waldorf School in Anchorage, and many others in the United States responded! We are very grateful to Svetlana Barton, a teacher at the Waldorf School, who took it upon herself to organize a fundraiser for the school from Ukraine. In no time at all, \$800 was raised, which was instantly given to us! People from all over the United States gave their money so that children in Ukraine would have the opportunity to learn! This is Dignified and Noble!

We are not strangers. The children of our school and the children of the Waldorf School of Anchorage have been corresponding for three years now. We are true partner schools, school friends. And that is what friends are for, to help each other, because timely help is much more valuable than many thousands of dollars promised by someone sometime later!

You are now our guardian angels!

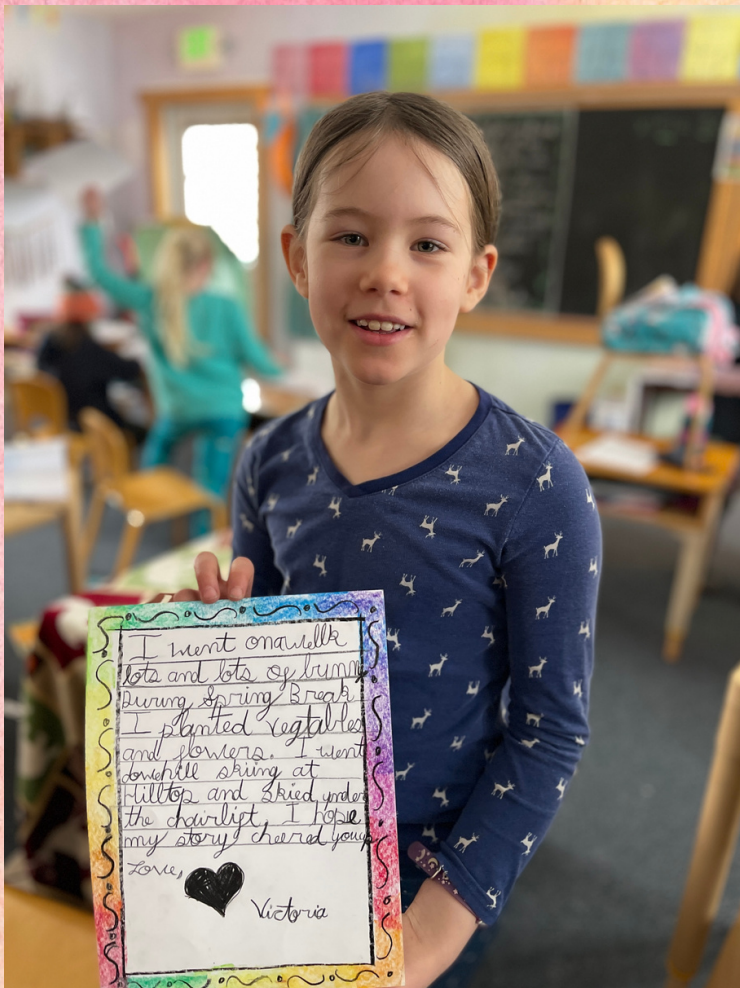
May there be Peace! May God bless you! May God bless America! May God keep Ukraine!

With love and gratitude, teachers, children and parents of the «Free School «ASTR», Odessa, Ukraine.

## GRADE 1

First grade jumped back into a Language Arts block and we are studying short vowels. The short vowel family, Fat Cat, Red Hen, Hip Little Chick, Todd Dog and Fun Bug are the keeper of the short sounds. They are an unusual family, but they have funny stories and amazing adventures together.  
All is well in First Grade!

## GRADE 2/3



2/3 worked hard this week on crafting letters to our pen pals at the ASTR Waldorf School in Ukraine. The children learned to write rough drafts and designed their own borders for their final letters. 2/3 sent off their letters and drawings to Ukraine on Friday via Mrs. Burton. Thank you Mrs. Burton!

## GRADE 4/5

This week Grade 4/5 has been learning about equivalent fractions. During class, the students became pieces in a giant fraction board game. They worked together in Fraction Bingo to find equivalent fractions. They will finish off the week using graham crackers and chocolate bars to find equivalent fractions and then making s'mores over a campfire.



## GRADE 6

Dear community,

Class 6 are in the weeds of their play practice this last week and coming week. The play in a Waldorf School is a social exercise that all students participate in. We do not have auditions as such and even reluctant students are coaxed and supported to present their best work. The work of memorizing lines and having to work together to create a finished and polished (somewhat!) play is difficult for all but the reward at completion is enormous.

Please feel welcomed to attend either at 2pm ( school performance) or at 6pm on Friday April 1st - Roma Amor by Class 6.

## SPRING BASKETS FOR SALE!

Dear community,

Class six will be providing lovely oases of greenery, (spring baskets) for your purchase by April 6th. Our spring baskets will include beautiful hand grown Athabaskan oat grass and some special decorations hand made by the students.



**\$15-\$20**

Look for a sign up sheet at the front desk if you would like to pre-order one for your family to enjoy - they will be priced between \$15 and \$20.





# NEED A TUNE-UP?!



**AWS IS PARTNERING WITH OFF THE CHAIN BICYCLE COLLECTIVE TO OFFER A FREE BIKE CLINIC!**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD**

## DO YOU WANT TO LEARN...

- When to put air in your tires?
- How to fix a broken chain?
- How to achieve a proper fit?
- Basic tune-up skills?

**MOBILE BIKE REPAIR SHOP AVAILABLE!**



Off the Chain is a low cost, volunteer run, 501(c)(3) bicycle collective open to the Anchorage community. Off the Chain teaches people of all ages and backgrounds how to repair bicycles and strives to increase bicycle ridership, awareness, and safety through community service and education.

## SCHEDULE

**10AM-11AM**

Group & Individual Maintenance

**11AM-12:30PM**

Campus ride-off in pods

**DONUTS WILL BE SERVED!**



**BRING YOUR OWN WATER!**



**SEE YOU THERE!**

**OPTIONAL BIKE SWAP!**  
BRING YOUR OUTGROWN BIKE TO TRADE OUT FOR A NEW ONE THAT'S BETTER SUITED TO YOU

**RAFFLED OFF BIKE ACCESSORIES & GEAR**

