



The Anchorage
Waldorf School

Awakening Wonder

WALDORF WEEKLY

March, 9th 2022



**WE HOPE YOU ALL
HAVE AN ENJOYABLE
SPRING BREAK!
SEE YOU BACK AT
SCHOOL ON
MARCH 21ST.**

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **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



LOOKING AHEAD FOR AFTER SPRING BREAK...

- Spring Class Photos
- Eurythmy: Mar 21 - April 7
 - Preschool-8th grade will do eurythmy for these 3 weeks
- 8th grade: Intensive Platonic Solid and Glass with visiting teachers, Hans & Mary

Upcoming Celebratory Events

- Wednesday, April 6 (6:00–7:00 pm) – **8th Grade Project Presentations**
- Thursday, May 5 – **5th Grade Pentathlon**
- Saturday, May 7 (11 am–3 pm) – **MayFaire**
- Wednesday, May 18 (6pm) – **8th Grade Rose Ceremony & Graduation**



May Faire

SATURDAY, MAY 7
11AM-3PM

Join us!

CHILDREN'S FAIR • MAY POLE
INTERNATIONAL FOOD
MUSIC • CRAFTS & GAMES
FACE PAINTING • BOOK SALE
FLOWER CROWNS



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Parent Resources

What is the Best Age to Learn to Read?



"In some countries, kids as young as four learn to read and write. In others, they don't start until seven. What's the best formula for lasting success? Melissa Hogenboom investigates."

READ FULL ARTICLE BELOW

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220228-the-best-age-for-learning-to-read>

The Secret of Arctic 'Survival Parenting'

"For centuries, Sámi reindeer herders have used a unique parenting philosophy to prepare their children for survival in the Arctic. Here's what we can learn from them..."



READ FULL ARTICLE BELOW

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20220105-the-arctic-parenting-style-that-fosters-resilience>

Dear AWS Community,

A current 10th grader (graduated 8th grade from the Washington Waldorf School) is looking for a place to stay in Anchorage the night of July 16th to July 17th before starting a NOLS course. He'll have his own sleeping bag!

If you might be interested in hosting a visitor from the Washington DC area, we'd be grateful. We are happy to pay, make a donation to the school, etc. And of course--we are always open to hosting visitors!

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FIRST GRADE

The first graders had a busy week! We've been practicing our skip counting by 4's, 7's and 8's using our jump ropes. Nearly all the first graders are now able to enter a big rope that's already in motion and begin jumping! In main lesson, we worked through the 2's, 4's and 8's patterns and practiced counting by 8's with the help of Anansi and his family of spiders. Lastly, we've finally completed our 500 piece puzzle! We've been working on it most mornings before class begins, and we've now begun another one!



GRADE 4/5

The Grade 4/5 class has had a busy week. Students worked together to make aromatic play dough with Indian spices and then sculpted their play dough into buddhas. They drew beautiful mandalas after ice skating in the sunshine. The class has been enthusiastically practicing their play lines for their drama performance of the Epic of Gilgamesh. The students are finishing off their Ancient Mythologies block with wonderful presentations that include beautiful 3-D displays of their Ancient Egyptian research topics.



HANDWORK



The first graders are moving right along with their knitting projects!



The 2nd and 3rd Graders made bookmarks and origami dolls for Doll's Day.



Some of our Happy Knitters and their wonderful Gnome creations!



6th Graders are hand stitching stuffed animals this semester.



Northern Forum Eco-Art Submission

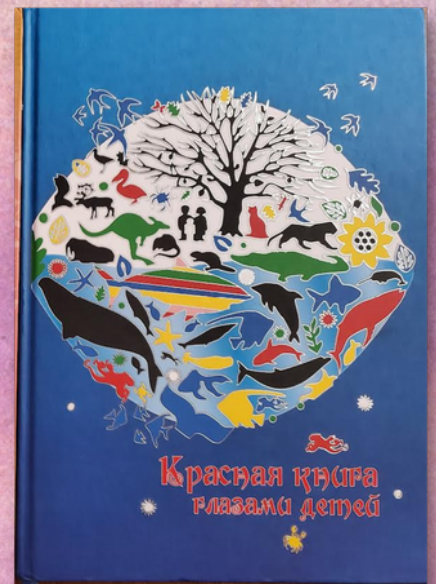
Alaska is a long-time member of the International Organization "Northern Forum". This organization has multiple working groups and amazing projects. Our school has been participating in the international ecological project contest exhibition of children's creative works "Red Book through Children's Eyes"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

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|------------|-----------------------------|
| 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.